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

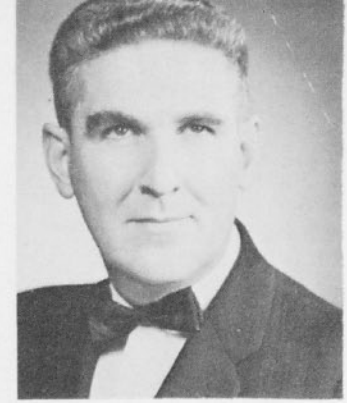
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Pentecost and Personal Evangelism

By BURTON W. PIERCE, *National Secretary, Department of Evangelism*

Acts 1:8 is as much a standard for a Pentecostal church as Acts 2:4

THERE IS EVERY EVIDENCE TODAY THAT THE HOLY Spirit is striving with the hearts of men in a manner unprecedented in Church history. There is an increasing conviction among many Christians that this may well be the final striving of the Holy Spirit to usher a victorious Church into the presence of the Lord.

In Dr. Ernest Wright's book, *The Rule of God*, the Harvard professor says, "In prophetic eschatology, the consummation of the Kingdom is to be marked by a great revival of charismatic happenings. In that day both leaders and people will be Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered on a scale hitherto unknown."

The discovery of such possibilities is becoming more apparent every day to church leaders. Evangelist Billy Graham says, "The time has come to give the Holy Spirit His rightful place in our churches. We need to learn once again what it means to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. I know we can rationalize and immediately ten thousand theological questions arise and we try to figure it all out, but I want to tell you we need to accept, we need to get something. Give it any terminology you want, but we do not have the same dynamic and the same power the Early Church had. They had the filling of the Holy Spirit."

Leaders of church denominations are voicing their sense of a desperate need of the Holy Spirit in their church. The Reformed Church in America, for instance, summoned its members to set aside a day of repentance to ask the Holy Spirit's forgiveness for stifling His fire and to seek in His baptism the fullness of His power. This action by the oldest denomination in America is indicative of a trend. A joint inquiry concerning the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit by the Protestant Episcopal Church and Assemblies of God leaders is further evidence of a deep hunger for the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Such happenings are outward evidences of a dynamic striving for the Holy Spirit that may well signal the return of our King. With such happenings in evidence, there is a renewed hunger among our Assemblies of God leaders to probe deeper into the Word and move forward under the unction of the Holy Spirit in the compelling power of Pentecost.

Individual witnessing is the emphasis of the seven golden opportunities (seven Sundays) of the 1963 Pentecost Crusade (April 21 through June 2). Particular emphasis is being put on renewing the Sunday night evangelistic rallies by inviting hungry souls to "come hear

our pastor." We believe this is the mind of the Holy Spirit and it might well result in a new move of the Spirit in all our churches.

This was voiced to me by a former member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect who has been recently saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He said, "The greatest need of the Church today is for Spirit-filled Christians to move out of the church circles under the compelling power of the Holy Spirit in a house-to-house ministry winning souls to Christ." Certainly the Jehovah's Witnesses have the method without the message.

A businessman recently told me that he spends every Saturday afternoon winning souls to Christ. I was thrilled when he stated he had been able to bring a new convert to church nearly every Sunday over a period of months. He said he learned soul winning from his pastor, also a great soul winner.

Another man stated he and his partners were endeavoring to win at least three souls a week and bring them out to the house of God.

The seven golden opportunities of the Pentecost Crusade call for personal involvement in winning the lost. Every Spirit-filled pastor feels a compelling urge to minister to lost souls and new converts in his Sunday evening evangelistic service. Nothing can satisfy one's heart like winning souls to Christ. There seems to be an equal stir among our laymen. Those who have been in contact with our Bible college students detect a general desire to be involved in reaching the lost. New spiritual fervor seems to be gripping the hearts of the youth as the Christ's Ambassadors are passing out tracts to their schoolmates. Action Mandatory, the soul-winning advance of Men's Fellowship, is putting particular emphasis on winning men at work.

This hunger for personal involvement is the key to the next great revival. The National Department of Evangelism has received information from several churches of a dynamic approach to evangelism as old as the Book of Acts. It is based upon the simple fact that if the unsaved do not come to us, we must go to them.

In this dynamic approach, the weekly church calendar is arranged to include an evangelism night. This night becomes the driving force behind the Sunday evening evangelistic service and the church's revival meetings.

Evangelism night is designed to reach hungry souls outside the church. The workers gather at the church and engage in earnest intercession for the lost. Then they go out and knock on doors, visiting homes that

are listed on carefully screened prospect cards. They have been taught how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. They have learned certain basic rules about approaching people. They go to strange houses confident that the Holy Spirit has gone before them and has prepared the way.

After making a certain number of calls the workers return to the church to report on the results of their work. What rejoicing there is when one team reports a soul was actually won to Christ, and another reports a family that has not been attending any church has promised to come next Sunday. The impact of these reports is amazing. A keen soul-winning appetite is whetted in every believer and faith rises in every heart.

Evangelism night will break the death grip on any church. It will bring Sunday services to life with the appearance of new converts who have come to sit under the ministry of the pastor. It will add new strength to every department of the church. Evangelism night is a tremendous compliment to all other evangelism methods such as mass meetings, Sunday school enlistment, youth outreach, and regular church promotion.

I challenge every Christian to take four simple steps:

1. Read what the Bible says about soul winning. Face up to the fact that the responsibility is not the pastor's or the evangelist's only, but is laid upon everyone who names the name of Christ.

2. Frankly confess that you have failed to fulfill your obligation. This is hard to do. It is easier to blame the minister, or others, than to blame oneself, but honest confession and repentance will change the situation.

3. Learn how to win souls. It is not difficult; it simply requires cooperation with the Holy Spirit. You do not need to attend a Bible college to become a soul winner. Just learn a few key Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to anoint them with His power.

4. Begin winning souls without further delay. I am convinced that no man will become a lover of souls until he begins doing it.

These four simple steps can revolutionize your life and transform your church too. A vast majority of our people have never had the joy of winning a soul to Christ. Let one man begin and others will follow his example. Let two or three attempt to win souls and a blaze of revival will sweep through the church.

It is amazing how many are leaving the soul-winning work to the "experts." They excuse themselves by saying they are not specifically called to personal evangelism. I know. I did too! The difficulty is that we confuse the ultimate with the various means of reaching the common goal. Acts 1:8 says, "And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8 is as much a standard for a Pentecostal church as Acts 2:4.

May God give us a true vision of His program for the Church, so that we realize that true Pentecostal experience involves a passion for the lost.

How can one rightly suggest we are Pentecostal if we do not compel souls to Christ?

Pentecost Crusade (April 21 through June 2) will see a bountiful harvest of souls if we begin today to pray, plan, and participate in a program of personal evangelism.



A New Book by Gene Edwards . . . Reviewed by Donald F. Johns

How to Have a Soul-Winning Church

SUPPOSE SOMEONE WERE TO ASK YOU, "WHAT IS THE greatest enemy of a soul-winning church?" What would you answer? Gene Edwards' answer is devastating, "The enemy is too much *activity*."

Too much activity in the church, that is. As the Israelites thought that sacrifice was a substitute for obedience, Christians think activity within the church is a substitute for soul winning.

"Almost every present-day, church-related organization was begun for the exclusive purpose of winning souls. . . . All this organization and activity was started with the thought in mind of producing a greater soul-winning movement. But through long years of growth it has evolved to the point where it is the greatest single *hindrance* to that goal." Keep in mind that Edwards is not a member of the Assemblies of God, though the book is published by the Gospel Publishing House, a department of the Assemblies of God. He is not specifically talking about Assemblies of God churches. You still have the uncomfortable feeling, don't you, that maybe he is looking just a few years into the future?

For we know that it could happen to us if we lose our sense of mission.

Is a loss of sense of mission inevitable? Not at all, according to Edwards. But each church must make a choice. It must choose between "doing many things poorly, or a few things well." If it is to maintain its sense of soul-winning mission, it must simplify its program to make room for visitation evangelism, for in a crowded program, visitation evangelism is the first thing to suffer.

"To have both a soul-winning church and a church brimming with activities is impossible. Exhausted Christians will never recognize the Biblical importance of soul winning and visitation, when it is sandwiched in between other activities, and *treated as though it were on the same level of importance*."

"If you want your people to engage in New Testament soul winning, then there is no alternative: **MANY OTHER TIME-DEMANDING ACTIVITIES MUST BE DROPPED.**" In building a church, the author argues, there is no substitute
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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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When Death Comes

Every one of us, sooner or later, must encounter death. A loved one who is very close to our heart is suddenly taken from us, and we probe again the age-old questions concerning human existence and the life to come.

Two factors will determine our emotions and reactions at such a time. One factor is whether the departed person professed faith in Christ. The other is whether we ourselves who survive are truly "born again" and whether we believe God's Word which, after all, is the only light we have to lift the heavy darkness of bereavement.

Briefly, here are Biblical answers to four questions that confront a Christian whose loved one has departed.

(1) *What has happened to my loved one?*

The Scriptures state very clearly that "the body without the spirit is dead" (James 2:26). At death there is a temporary separation of the spirit from the body. Your loved one has "moved out" of the "house" in which he was living. The empty "house" is laid to rest but the real person has departed to be forever with Christ if he was a Christian believer.

(2) *Why has God permitted this to happen?*

Though it may seem hard to understand, the Bible reveals that for a Christian this temporary separation is a definite manifestation of the love of God. The Psalmist said, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). And our Lord Himself testified that those who die in Him are "blessed" (Revelation 14:13.) The realization of this precious truth should enable you to say with Job of old, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

(3) *Where is my loved one now?*

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Your loved one has simply taken a journey from his earthly house to the heavenly mansion God prepared for him. The apostle Paul told us that to be "absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). And he said that to be with Christ is "far better" (Philippians 1:21-23). What a blessing that your loved one has been ushered into the loving embrace of our wonderful Saviour!

(4) *Will I ever see my loved one again?*

Yes, there will be a joyous reunion for all who trust in Christ. The Saviour promised He would come again and receive us unto Himself, that where He is there all His followers may be also (John 14:3). This is our blessed hope. Those whose bodies have fallen asleep in Jesus will be united with all Christian believers who are still living on the earth at the time of the Rapture of the Church, as described in 1 Corinthians 15. The "corruptible" (the dead in Christ) shall "put on incorruption." The "mortal" (the living Christians) shall "put on immortality."

Notice the glorious statement in 1 Thessalonians 4: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

These words offer comfort that is comforting indeed. Do not sorrow as those who have no hope. The separation from your loved one is only temporary. Your reunion with him will be eternal.

—R.C.C.

Cover photo by Paul Mignard shows Mrs. Craig Sobotka and daughter Alethea Gay.

CATCHING GOD'S EAR

In prayer the most important thing is to catch the ear of Him to whom you speak. Do not offer one petition until you are fully conscious of having secured the attention of God.

You need to have your heart filled by the Spirit with the consciousness that the everlasting, almighty God is indeed very near and listening to you.

—ANDREW MURRAY

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

In one home where I was entertained was a dear little four-year-old whom I delighted to tease. One day I asked, "Are you worth anything?"

She said, "No." And I asked, "What's the use of keeping you then?"

The little face grew puzzled while she felt for an answer. Then she blurted out, "Oh, I tell you why; Mama loves me." And not an angel under the broad heavens could have given a better answer. Love, divine love alone, makes us worth saving.

—THOMAS W. CHALMERS

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Earning—maketh an industrious man.

Spending—maketh a well-furnished man.

Saving—maketh a prepared man.

Giving—maketh a blessed man.

When a man gets rich—God gets a partner, or the man loses his soul!

The kingdom of God can never be established by raising money. But it can never be extended without raising money.

—C. K. GENTRY, in *The Free Methodist*



PROOF OF HIS LOVE

There was once a Roman girl of high culture and birth. "No one," she said, "shall ever win my hand, unless he gives me proof that he would die for me."

Years passed, and one day in one of the streets of Rome she heard an outcast Christian speaking of his Lord. When she heard what he said, with amazement breaking in on her soul she exclaimed: "Here is One who has died for me; to Him alone shall my heart's love be devoted forever."

—D. M. PANTON

REALLY PRAYING TO GOD

Much audible prayer is not to God. There is very little thought of God in it. We think of the audience; we think, it may be, of our need. But there is not a clear, deep sense that we have come into the presence of the all-holy, almighty, all-loving One, and are laying hold upon Him for His help.

This is one of the most frequent causes of failure in prayer. We do not really pray to God.

The first thing to do when we pray is to actually come into God's presence, to dismiss from our minds—as far as possible—all thought of our surroundings, and look to the Spirit to present God to our minds and make Him real to us. It is possible by the Holy Spirit's aid to have God so really present that it almost seems as if we could see and touch Him. Indeed, we do see Him with the spirit's eyes, and touch Him with the hand of faith.

—R. A. TORREY



Don't Worry - Pray!

Has worry ever changed a thing,
Or caused a broken heart to sing?
Has worry ever brought relief,
Or lifted man from pain and grief?
Has worry comforted the ill?
Or warmed a house? or paid a bill?
Or smoothed a rough and weary road?
Or ever lightened someone's load?
Did worry ever heal or mend
A broken life? or win a friend?

No! Worry is man's enemy;
It drives him to despondency.
'Twill age a man, his health impair;
Wrinkle the face and gray the hair.
It harms the mind; it agitates,
Distorts, confuses, irritates.
It makes imagined woes increase.
It robs a man of joy and peace.
It magnifies the poor man's plight
And gives the rich a sleepless night.

It makes a coward of the brave,
And of the free man makes a slave.
Yes, worry takes a molehill small
And builds a mountain wide and tall.
If worry is a foe so bad,
Where can an antidote be had?
The Bible gives a remedy
By which we can be worry-free.
It's simply this: TRUST GOD and PRAY,
Then watch the worries fade away.

God changes things, the sad heart cheers,
And from the mind confusion clears.
He lifts the burdens, smoothes the way,
Heals pain, turns darkness into day.
If to this rule we would adhere,
We'd never worry, doubt or fear.
For God is Lord of earth and sky;
And all our needs He will supply.
So do not worry, come what may—
Just praise the Lord, and trust and PRAY.

—Irene Burlew

We Conquer Through the Cross

God has given us an all-conquering weapon in the blood of His Son. He has sent the Holy Spirit to anoint us and to teach us to wield this mighty weapon in battling the forces of Satan.

By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

THREE AMAZING STATEMENTS IN THE SCRIPTURES SET forth the great need of man, the stupendous price that God paid to meet that need, and the fullness of the provision He made for us in the Atonement:

"For he hath made him to be *sin for us*, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

"Christ... being made a curse for us... that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13, 14).

"Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath *made him sick*" (Isaiah 53:10, literal translation).

How terrible must have been our spiritual condition that the Father, in order to redeem us from sin, should make His own Son to be sin in our behalf! The first statement implies that the man who is in the grip of sin is in the power of such a strong enemy that to deliver him from its clutches required the uttermost sacrifice on the part of God. If there was no other way of delivering some poor leper from the grip of his awful disease, would you make your only son to be a leper that leprosy's captive might be set free? God did this for us. When no other eye pitied, His holy eyes looked with divine compassion upon our terrible condition, and His Son brought us salvation!

How terrible, too, must have been the power of the curse that is upon humanity to make our Redeemer become a curse in our behalf! Because of sin the ground was cursed and brought forth thorns; therefore the symbol of the curse was the crown of thorns. Our blessed Saviour took those thorns upon His head, indicating that the curse rested especially upon the minds

of men! The thoughts, conceptions, and judgments that arise in our minds, the feelings that we entertain, are truly like thorns and thistles, piercing both us and our fellows. Mental hospitals are full of men and women and children whose minds are desperately sick. "O great compassion! O boundless love!" that would come down to a wretch cursed with a distorted mind and become a curse on his behalf!

Then think of the horror of the ills of men everywhere. The world is full of the sick, the lame, and the blind. Thank God, He has revealed to us in His Word that He has been moved by the terrible havoc of humanity's physical anguish. When we needed a true and all-sufficient physician, He did not withhold His only Son.

In the second place, the verses we are considering reveal the stupendous price that God paid to meet the spiritual and mental and physical needs of man. What tremendous desire must have arisen in the heart of God to deliver the souls and minds and bodies of men from all their ills. In adoring wonder, love, and praise, we stand before Him as He goes to Gethsemane, then to Gabbatha, and on to Golgotha! We listen with grateful, believing hearts as He tells how His glorious sacrifice has provided a full and free salvation.

In the third place, these passages assure us of the glorious and comprehensive redemption provided for us. It is unthinkable that healing provided through such great suffering and sacrifice would be impractical or unavailable! Instead we are assured that man can become every whit whole. The only condition required is faith.

How sadly disappointed God must be after providing divine righteousness for us that so few of His people have forsaken their own thoughts and yielded their minds to the health-giving control of the Holy Spirit. So few are appropriating the healing of His stripes and the health purchased by Him who was made sick with our sicknesses. May we let the Holy Spirit make real to us the terrible price that Jesus paid to make this three-fold blessing available to believers!

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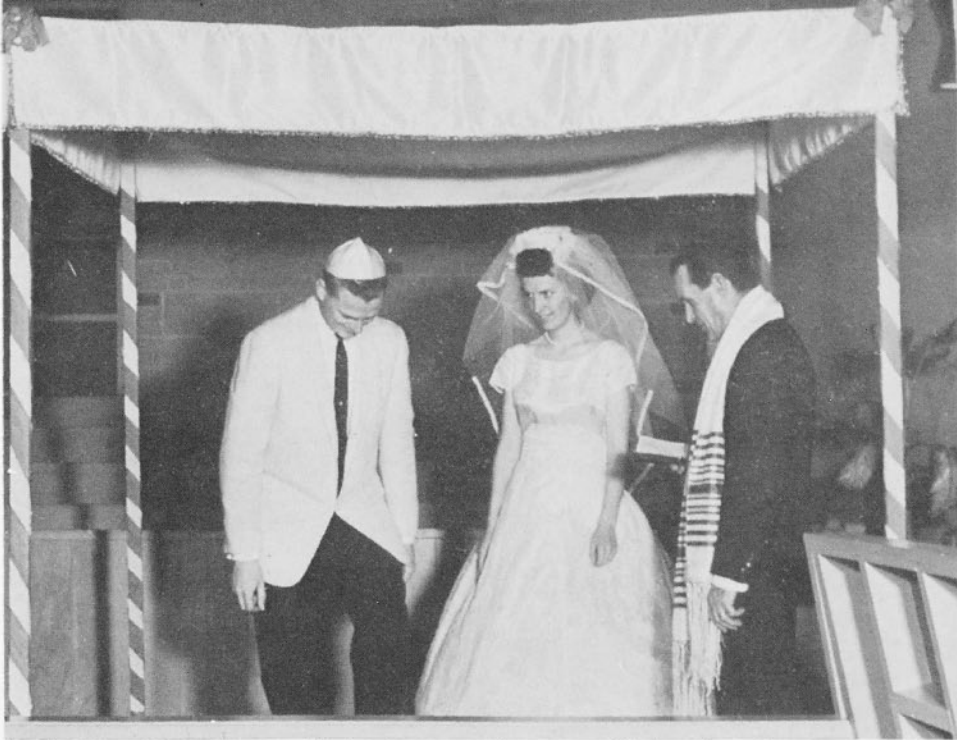
Some time ago when I was much troubled by the defeats that I and some of my friends had suffered at the hands of self and sin (even though we had been baptized in the Holy Spirit), I became conscious that God was talking to me. This is what He seemed to say, "Where did I defeat sin, self, the world, and the devil? In the Upper Room?"

"No, Lord," I replied, "it was at Calvary through the Blood."

Then He said, "Get back to the Cross and to the Blood if you really want victory over self and sin. Call my people back to the Cross and to the Blood, that they may become more than conquerors over the powers of evil. I sent my Holy Spirit to you not to take the place of the Cross, but to demonstrate to you and in you the glorious victory of the Cross over your sin and sickness. Does not my Word say that you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you shall BE witnesses unto ME?"

From this standpoint, I began to study the Word of

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At the Assembly in Renton, Wash., the evangelist used a lifesize chuppah to reenact a Jewish wedding. The groom is seen performing the breaking-of-the-glass ritual.

Evangelist Ruth (Specter) Lascelle is shown in the pulpit at Nampa, Idaho, with a model of the chuppah (canopy) under which Jewish couples are married.



A Lesson From the Chuppah

By RUTH SPECTER LASCELLE

CHRISTIANS MAY LEARN MANY RICH SPIRITUAL LESSONS from the customs of the Jews. The custom of performing weddings beneath the *chuppah* (canopy) suggests many precious truths.

The *chuppah* is a canopy of equal length and width, made of either silk or satin, supported by four staves (one in each corner) which four guests carry. Over each of the staves on the canopy there is printed one of the following phrases in Hebrew: "The Voice of the Bride, The Voice of the Groom, The Sound of Gladness, The Sound of Joy" (Jeremiah 33:10, 11).

This *chuppah* reminds the Jew of the litter in which the bride was carried in the processions of long ago. It also brings to remembrance the ancient tent life of Israel and stands as a picture of the future home of the couple. The groom (*chassan*) is taken under the canopy first. Then the bride (*cholee*) comes in and walks around the bridegroom seven times in the presence of all the guests. This number (seven) of circles stands for her purity—it indicates that she is a perfect bride for the bridegroom. What a picture of the Bride of Christ (the Church) who is described as holy, without spot, blameless, and some day to be declared *perfect* in Him before a countless number of guests at the greatest of all weddings!

As the saints of God look upon the canopy of Jewish custom, they can see the future home of the Bride and the Heavenly Bridegroom: "And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth. . . . The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal" (Revelation 21:16).

Silk or satin can hardly compare to the materials of which that city is made; for "the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones" (Revelation 21:18, 19). "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass" (Revelation 21:21).

The number "four" suggests the world: "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it." (Revelation 21:24). Yes, from the four corners of the globe, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south the company of the redeemed shall come and they shall enter into the New Jerusalem, that city that lies foursquare.

The Heavenly Bridegroom went first under the *chuppah*, but before He went away He encouraged His disciples who were then living, and all those who would believe in Him through their word, by saying: "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Soon, soon, my brother and my sister, there will be heard the "voice of the Bride." Soon, very soon the "sound of gladness" and the "sound of joy" and the "voice of the Bridegroom" will ring out! And we who have made ourselves ready shall go to be with Him for evermore! Hallelujah! ◀◀



FOR PARENTS WHO CANNOT ADOPT

SHE ARRIVED ONE BRIGHT MAY AFTERNOON, CARRYING a huge stuffed toy and grinning shyly. The next day we mailed announcements: "We have become the foster parents of blue-eyed, blond Marie, age six." That was seven years ago.

Last summer, we proudly watched her receive a two weeks scholarship to a camp for excellence in one of her school subjects.

Today Marie is a lovely teen-ager on the threshold of maturity. On the basis of response to her environment in our Christian home, we are confident that she will bloom into beautiful womanhood.

Many childless Christian parents who do not meet the requirements of adopting societies are unaware of the existence of a foster care agency which may help them satisfy their yearning for a child. At the same time, they can do a valuable service in helping a needy child.

This agency seeks to provide homes for children and young people whose natural parents are unable to care for them. The purpose is eventually to reunite the child with his family. However, if this is inadvisable or impossible the child remains in the foster home indefinitely or in some cases is offered for adoption.

Most foster children are insecure and greatly in need of loving care. Here then is the challenge and opportunity for Christians to undertake a unique service both to their state and to their God.

The happy Christian home, in which parents are living in right relationship with one another, their neighbors and their God, provides the ideal environment for a disturbed child or teen-ager.

Religion being the greatest force for molding character, a Christian home will provide the moral foundation which is basic to a child, who because of problems arising from lack of proper care and training in his real home, is a potential delinquent and charge to society.

The foster child needs to know that he belongs, that he is wanted, that he is loved and important to someone—all of which the substitute parents will provide.

But no foster parent can give the inner security resulting from a vital spiritual experience. In this area



they can become the channels through which the love of God flows to the child, as they guide him into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus as Saviour, friend and ever present companion.

Now the child knows he belongs. He belongs to his foster parents, to his church, but above all to the family of God.

Recently we had a teen-ager with us for just one month, pending placement in a girl's school. That she responded to our love and spiritual guidance was evidenced by her remarks: "If a person couldn't believe in God and go to Him with troubles, he would go cuckoo.... When you haven't any friends and no one

to understand you, then you can go to God.

Younger children are even more responsive. During her four-month stay in our home, six-year-old Jane prayed one day: "Dear Jesus, we have a picture of you in my room. You are holding a little child. You love the little child and you love all the kids in this house."

Another time she prayed, "Jesus, I know you love me even when I am bad. But you are sad when I am bad. Help me to be good. Amen."

Our own Marie, being a long-term placement, has indicated in many ways the positive and stabilizing influence of her acquaintance with the Lord. At bedtime prayers she confides in God as naturally as she does to us. As she grows older, she will feel rightly entitled to a private domain into which none can enter. At an age when "no one, *but no one*, understands" it will greatly add to her security to be able to confide in Someone who *does* understand. More than anything else, this assurance will undergird her for the complexities of life which she will face after leaving home.

Christian parents interested in the foster care plan can receive necessary information by phoning or applying to their local department of welfare. But for those who would like a general idea of what is involved, the following basic requirements are presented:

There must be sufficient income to maintain average standards of living.

The child must have his own room, or share one with someone his own sex and reasonably similar in age.

Working mothers are not eligible.

Parents must love children, be patient and understanding; willing to cooperate with the agency and with the natural parents, if they visit.

Age limits are between 24 and 60, but exceptions are made. The agency prefers placing very young children with younger parents. Parents with teen-age children or married ones often do well with teen-agers.

Parents must be in good enough health to discharge their responsibilities adequately.

The Welfare Department pays a monthly rate for room and board (differing in each state); clothing, medical and dental care are provided. Because standards of payment are admittedly low, foster parents must be willing to supplement when necessary and supply extras such as music lessons, toys, holiday gifts, etc.

Agencies endeavor to place children in homes of similar faith, under the broad designation of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish.

You may express preference as to sex, age, and type of child you would like.

You are expected to give character references.

If you are not ruled out on basic requirements, an investigator will visit your home. If you are approved, there may be a waiting period of several months to a year, depending on availability of a child to fit your family. It might be well to contact your agency every few months, to assure them of your continued interest.

When the happy day finally arrives, your caseworker will bring the child for a preplacement visit. If, for some reason, the child does not appeal to you, you may so indicate. Or, if after having him for a period, it becomes apparent it isn't going to work, you are not obliged to keep him.

(However at this point, as an experienced foster mother, I advise parents not to become too easily discouraged. Because removal of a child from his own home is bound to be upsetting, one must allow six months to a year for adjustments to be made. In time, prayer, love, and patience will produce rewarding changes.)

A challenging ministry awaits those willing to undertake foster care of teen-agers. Here is an opportunity to check delinquency at its source. It may be a difficult task, but a rewarding and badly needed one for those who qualify.

Although in most cases the agency does not permit more than four children at a time, some allow more.

A friend of mine has had as high as nine at one time, not siblings, their ages ranging from three to eleven.

She is a comfortable-looking mother type, forty-eight years old and a devoted Christian. Here is her explanation for taking in welfare children:

"I wanted to do something for the Lord. So I did the thing I loved best because I knew they needed my care. What a blessing it has been! Poor, ragged beggars they all are, but I love them every one; almost as much as the Lord does.

"Most of them had received no religious training. I began to read them Bible stories at bedtime, teach them to say grace at the table and prayers at night. I take them to Sunday school regularly. In the atmosphere of our happy Christian home, they blossom like little wild flowers."

This was her way of fulfilling the Scripture: "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

One of the rules of the Welfare Department is that "The foster home shall provide moral and spiritual guidance, a happy and stable home."




















If you qualify, why not contact your welfare agency?

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Further information on child-placement procedures may be obtained by writing to the Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

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Psalm 51:10

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Scriptures

Bible Society Taking on Forty New Countries

The American Bible Society, which already is giving regular support to Bible work in 104 countries, plans to take on forty more.

Faced with the fact that demands for Scriptures are skyrocketing throughout the earth as new millions become literate each month, and the tendency of other nations to look more and more to the U.S. for help, the American society is attempting to raise an additional half-million dollars in 1963 for this extra work.

This year's budget for translating, printing, and distributing Scriptures is \$5,382,000—a record amount. The society depends on contributions from all Protestant denominations to meet this budget as its Scriptures are sold at less than cost or, in some lands, given out free.

Last year the American Bible Society provided 60 per cent of all the Scriptures that were distributed by the various Bible societies throughout the earth.

Of the forty new countries it is adding, twenty-five are in Africa, six in Asia, and nine in the Caribbean area. At present the largest demands are coming from Latin American countries where the churches are growing rapidly and where great prominence is being given to the Bible both in worship and in witness.

Criminals

Slight Decrease Reported in Juvenile Delinquency Cases

For the first time in thirteen years, the number of juvenile offenders appearing in courts has shown a slight drop, according to Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, director of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

"Our figures for 1961 show a one percent drop," she said, "although in this year the number of children in

the population increased about three percent."

Although there was a two percent increase in the number of delinquency cases before juvenile courts in major urban centers, this was offset by a four percent decrease in the number of such cases in smaller cities, and an 18 percent reduction in cases coming before rural courts.

However, 1961 was still the second worst year on record. In 1960 a six percent increase occurred in the number of juvenile offenders.

Statistics for 1962 are not yet available.

Morals

Radio Station Loses Its License Due to Vulgarity

The Federal Communications Commission unanimously revoked the license of a radio station in Kingstree,

S. C., for permitting a disc jockey to broadcast material it described as "coarse, vulgar, suggestive, and of indecent double meaning." This was the first revocation of a license on such grounds in the history of the FCC, according to *Religious News Service*.

The FCC followed this drastic action by warning all radio stations to guard against the airing of indecent remarks by persons interviewed by telephone. It told of a number of recent incidents in which persons thus interviewed uttered profane or obscene remarks which went out over the air. It reminded the radio stations that the U.S. criminal code imposes fines or imprisonment on anyone "who utters any obscene, indecent, or profane language by means of radio communication."

The FCC action ought to help a situation which has been growing seri-



Representatives of fifty-six denominations attended the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society in New York City. Shown here discussing the Society's plans for 1963 are J. Philip Hogan and Thomas F. Zimmerman of the Assemblies of God, and Samuel B. Sales of the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

ous. If the President of the U.S. would set a good example this also would help. On December 17, 1962, he used the word "hell" on all three television networks. Other presidents before him have been guilty of the same offense but his immediate predecessor in the White House at least apologized when he learned that an oath he uttered on a political platform had gone out over the air.

Government's Use of Lying As Policy Is Condemned

The U. S. Government has been condemned for using lies as an "instrument of government policy." Pastor John L. Hunt of Frankfort, Ky., based a sermon on a statement attributed to Assistant Defense Secretary Arthur Sylvester in which the secretary allegedly said: "I think the inherent right of the government to save itself when faced with nuclear disaster is basic." The statement referred to the use of news as a "weapon" in American foreign policy during the Cuban crisis last autumn.

Such a philosophy—that the end justifies the means—"is the creed of the dictator," said Pastor Hunt. "Atrocities are always committed under the banner of good. If safety condones the lie, then we are not worth saving."

Foreign

Christian Missionaries Evicted

Seventeen United Presbyterian and Reformed missionaries from the U.S. were evicted by the Sudanese government in January. A new law passed by the predominantly Moslem country requires that every missionary or mission society be licensed annually to carry on any activity. Under this law, church schools have been confiscated, resident missionaries expelled or arrested, and contact restricted between Christian clergymen and their congregations.

"Dial-a-Thought" Brings 400 Calls a Day

A Baptist minister in Canada who started a "dial-a-thought" telephone service in his church three years ago says he now gets an average of 400 calls daily. Pastor Allen Crawford of Oakville, Ont., says he publicizes his telephone ministry with car bumper stickers. He dictates a new message into an automatic answering device every evening.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

In Ecclesiastes 7:20 we read, "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." In 1 John 3:6 we read, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." How can these verses be reconciled?

In Ecclesiastes 7:20 the natural man is described; in 1 John 3:6 the saved man. When God saves a person He implants in him the seed of righteousness, giving him a new, redeemed nature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God said, "Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck" (Exodus 13:13; 34:20). I do not understand why an innocent animal should receive such cruel treatment. Please explain.

I believe the Jews knew how to break the neck of an infant colt of an ass without causing it much pain. The truth portrayed here is that, while God desires the firstborn, and asks for first place in every life, He cannot accept the unclean. The unclean must be redeemed by the clean if it is to live. God desires us, but we were born in sin. He cannot accept us in our natural state. We must be redeemed by the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" or else perish.

Paul said, "Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ" (Romans 7:4). Did he mean Christians are no longer under the law of Moses?

He said that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness for every one that believeth." We are saved through believing in what Christ has done, not through trusting in our own ability to gain merit through seeking to keep the law. "Ye are not under the law, but under grace."

It does not mean that Christian believers are free to be lawless. In salvation the Holy Ghost comes into the life "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4). When we are saved the law is written "not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart" (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Is it true that believers in Christ, the Church, constitute the "firstborn" through whom the residue of men are to be saved after the Church is taken away? (Acts 15:14-17).

The "firstborn" was considered as belonging to God. The first of the flock and of the field was to be made an offering to God (Exodus 13:12). In this respect, Israel was considered the firstborn—belonging to God (Exodus 4:22).

In the New Testament, Christ is spoken of as the firstborn (Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15, 18). Christian believers are described as members of "the church of the firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23). Early Church believers (which probably includes us also) are spoken of as "a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18).

I believe Acts 15:16, 17 refers to the time, following the Church age, when Christ will restore the tabernacle of David which is fallen down, thus restoring the kingdom to Israel. From this kingdom blessing will be spread to all the nations of the world.

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

Korea Field Chairman's Report

BY JOHN STETZ

CHURCH EXPANSION

Four years ago, two of our Korea Bible school graduates saw the need of establishing a church near the Bible school campus. Cho Yonggi and Che Tashil held their first services under some pine trees on the edge of the mission compound—only a handful of children attended. Three months later, these boys took a step of faith and built a small house, arranging part of it for services.



Full Gospel Assembly in Tae Cho Dong which was started in a tent.

The neighbors stood somewhat aloof and very skeptical. Then it happened! Friends of a totally paralyzed woman asked Brother Cho to come to the stricken woman's house to pray for her. She had been paralyzed since the birth of her child. Everyone in the community knew of her condition. As the Korean workers prayed, God completely healed the woman! The spell of heathenism and the bondage of ancestral traditions were broken. Slowly the number of people attending the services grew until, by the end of the first year, twenty members crowded the little rooms.

These two graduates received no support from the missionaries nor from the national church. They simply launched out by faith and God proved Himself to them. A tent was pitched beside the house. More and more people were saved and healed by the power of God. Soon the tent became too small and had to be enlarged—not once, but three times. Buddhists, idol worshipers, drunkards, and a communist were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The congregation grew until it reached nearly 300.

Brother Cho was called into the Korean army. During his absence Missionary John Hurston assumed oversight of the church. Last spring he conducted a revival campaign in the new Global Conquest tent which was



Full Gospel Assembly's full house on dedication day. Maynard L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Far East, was guest speaker.



Mrs. Edith Stetz and the Korean orphans.

pitched right in the market place of the rapidly developing community. As a result of the successful tent revival, more than fifty new members joined the church.

The thrice-enlarged tent church could hardly hold the expanding congregation. So, an old revival tent was borrowed and pitched on the mission compound. With the completion of the new Global Conquest Revival Center in downtown Seoul, Brother Hurston with Cho Yonggi, now released from the army, left the Full Gospel Assembly tent in Tae Cho Dong to take charge of the Revival Center.

I was asked to become pastor of the Full Gospel Assembly, in addition to my other missionary duties. Brother So Kyomin became my assistant and he is carrying the major share of the pastoral duties.

With winter approaching, it was not possible to worship in the huge tent, because there was no way to heat it. By faith we launched a building program. By Christmas, we were worshipping in the half completed church. God marvelously met every need. When we needed \$1,500 to complete the roof, God laid it on the heart of a Christian couple in St. Louis to send us that amount. Former church property was sold to put in the floor, platform, and add two rooms.

April 29, 1962 was the dedication day for Tae Cho Dong Full Gospel Assembly. Maynard L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Far East, was our guest speaker. Immediately after the dedication we plunged into our first revival campaign in the new church with the Reid Evangelistic Party in charge. Revival fires burned brightly as people filled the church. Scores received healing. Each morning people sought the infilling of the Holy Spirit and each night many responded to the salvation call. On the last day of the campaign there was much rejoicing when one member pledged nearly \$1,000 to finish the interior of the church.

Tae Cho Dong Full Gospel Assembly is only one of many churches coming into being in Korea as a part of the Global Conquest program.

ORPHANAGE TO BE ENLARGED

How well I remember the first time we climbed the steep slope of a mountain on the edge of Seoul to visit two old army tents which were home to twenty orphans! As we climbed that wintry day, our feet slipped fre-

quently on the icy path. When we reached the tents we were awed at the condition under which these half-starved children lived. There were no stoves or beds; the children were poorly clad.

Miss Lois Yardley (now Mrs. Loren Beans) had discovered the orphans and had become burdened for them. Immediately she appealed to Christian servicemen of the 177th ASC Unit. These American boys interested their entire outfit in assisting the orphans by giving liberally each payday.

Obviously the children had to be moved to a different location and a permanent building erected for them. The American GI's made this a unit project. Our mission allocated about half an acre of its land for the building and the servicemen began *Operation Orphanage*.

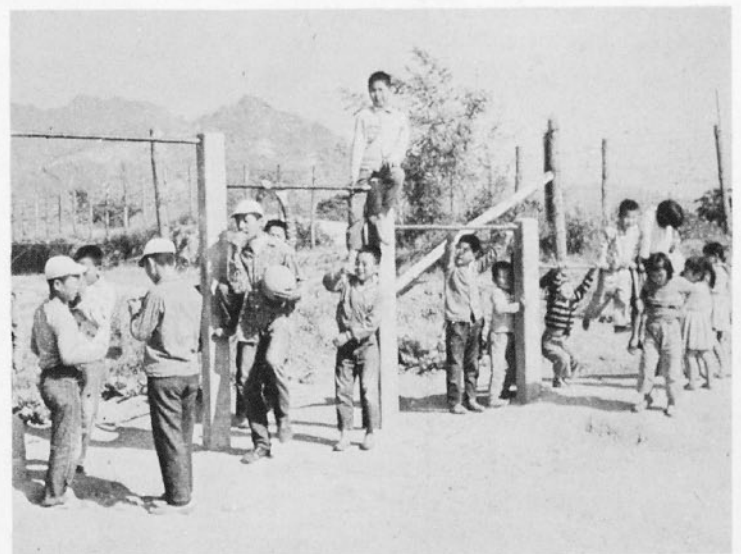
It did our hearts good to see the soldiers digging the foundation and laying blocks. After the last tile was laid on the roof and the Korean-type heated floors all finished, the soldiers proudly moved the children into their new home.

Today, under the direction of my wife, Edith, the orphanage is improving its facilities and efficiency in operation. The thirty children it now houses range in age from five to fifteen years. They are happy and well fed.

You would fall in love with the children if you could see them! They crave affection and attention. When I go to the orphanage they cling to me. Besides having daily devotions, the orphans attend Sunday school and children's services at the Full Gospel Assembly.

Now we are faced with a serious problem. The new Korean government is passing a law eliminating small orphanages. Unless an orphanage has at least fifty children and 3,200 square feet of floor space, the government will not renew its permit. We will have to close the institution or build a unit to house twenty more children. With cement and lumber, which we anticipate receiving from a U.S. military agency, it will cost us about \$1,500 for labor and other materials.

If you would like to have a part in providing a Christian home for Korea's homeless children, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Designation: *Korea Field, Orphanage Building*. ◀◀◀



Orphans at play near site of the proposed orphanage buildings.

Why Am I Here?

By GEORGE WELLS ARMS

WHY AM I HERE? WHERE DID I COME from? WHITHER am I going? WHAT is it all about anyway? There are no greater nor more profound questions that anyone may ask concerning himself.

One may be interested in the structure of the atom, or flight into space, or the cure of cancer. As profitable as the answers to such questions may be, yet they are of no help when it comes to answering these others which concern us most. Answer all other questions and leave these unanswered, and how great is that darkness. It is neglect to find the answers to these questions which leads to sorrow, frustration of spirit, disappointment, suicide.

These questions come to everyone of us; and strange as it may seem, how many there are who instead of trying to seek out the answers, seek to snuff them out and forget them. Yet the questions still stand. The matter is personal. It can't be avoided. Eternity hangs in the balance. Science has no answer, biology has no answer, psychiatry has no answer, evolution has no answer. Man in himself has no answer and never will have.

Only God has the answer, and He came down to earth in the Person of His Son that we might know. It is Jesus Christ who is the "Light of the world." As He said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

How earnest are you to really know the answers, rather than to slip off into utter darkness? You have heard about Jesus Christ. Have you ever cared enough about Him to read the story of His life when He was here among men? You will find it in the first four books of the New Testament. You can read any one of them in a little over an hour. It is well worth while to look into.

Here is One who was prophesied hundreds of years before His birth.



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"Where did I come from?" you may ask. But there would be more point in asking, "Where am I going?" for although we cannot alter the facts of our birth we can choose where we shall spend eternity. Life is a tormenting puzzle to a thinking man until He finds the answer in Christ.

He was born in a stable a little over 1900 years ago, and was a carpenter by trade. The last three years of His life He spent teaching and going about doing good. He never wrote a book. He didn't have to. He said He and His Father were one. He was God manifest in the flesh. He came to give His life a ransom for many, and accordingly shed His blood on the cross. The third day He rose from the dead, declared to be the Son of God with power. He is alive forever more; the same yesterday, today and forever.

He is either the Light of the world, or else the greatest deceiver who ever joined human ranks. Yet ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands have opened the doors of their hearts to let His light shine

in; they have come out of darkness into His marvelous light. No one has so influenced art, literature, music, and the whole moral order as He has. Yet men and nations still shut Him out. When that happens, nothing but darkness and despair remain.

He came into this sinful world to scatter the darkness, and blessings abound wherever He reigns, whether in groups of people or in individual hearts. Jesus Christ shall reign; and all who choose darkness rather than light will go out into outer darkness forever and ever.

Let Him in! He says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev-

elation 3:20). He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "The blood of Jesus Christ [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Pray! Read your Bible!

Turn on the Light! Let Him in!

We are here to glorify God and to know the joy of His fellowship.

We came from Him. He made us for Himself, and we shall never rest until we rest in Him. We are going either to a place to be forever with Him, or forever without Him. The one is heaven, the other is hell. This life is man's probation. We are here that we might choose to become sons of God. That's what it is all about, and our choice here determines our eternity. —American Tract Society

ALCOHOLISM CURED

WHEN THE DOCTORS CANNOT HELP, God can. This I discovered when, at twenty-five years of age, I found myself an alcoholic.

I had been brought up in a Christian family but by the time I was fifteen I had gotten away from the Lord. I drank a little then, but it was when I entered the army at the age of seventeen I really started. By the end of my first month I was drinking like a veteran.

Drinking caused my discharge from the army, so my father got a job for me in a factory. I did not work there long until I was "fired" because of my drinking. Poor dad, he had given such a good recommendation for me, and I had done this to him. But, because he was saved and loved God, he forgave me. My other jobs went the same way.

I do not know why the Lord put up with me as He did, but His Spirit, kept dealing with me. I would curse God for everything that went wrong. When it was lightning fiercely, I stood and dared Him to strike me dead. Only by His grace am I still alive!

It took God ten years to bring me to my knees. Only an alcoholic can understand what I suffered. But when I was told there was no help for me,

I was really frightened. For the first time in seven years, I asked my father's advice. But when he told me that my only help was God, I laughed in his face and said, "Go to God! He would never help me—not after what I have done to Him."

As I said that a big lump formed in my throat. The Holy Spirit began to convict me of my sins. I finally agreed to pray for help. I had a little doubt in my mind, but I started to pray. One week went by—two weeks—three weeks—then a month with no

results. Things were getting worse instead of better!

Looking back, I believe the Lord worked in that way to test me, for I had lied so many times before. On the Saturday night when God finally healed me, I told Him I was praying for the last time. With that prayer, I went to bed. The next morning I woke up a *new* man, praise God! The taste for both whiskey and cigarettes was gone.

This took place over four years ago. Not only did God save me and heal me, but He also gave me the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and called me to be a minister for Him. I pray that my story will reach men and women who are as I once was, and that they too will find God can deliver them.—Richard Smack, Muskegon, Michigan.

(Endorsed by Pastor Edward E. Froats, East Broadway Assembly of God, Muskegon, Michigan, who writes: "We have personally witnessed a mighty transformation in Brother Smack's life which lifted him from the slavery of tobacco, liquor, and cursing. Many of his former associates marvel at the change which has taken place in his life through this genuine experience of salvation.")

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News in Pictures



DULUTH, MINNESOTA—The Lundstrom Evangelistic Team poses outside Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Duluth. Pastor Harland W. Upton reports more than 50 decisions for Christ and many were baptized with the Spirit.



NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA—The Golden Anniversary of North Hollywood's First Assembly was launched in January with a public Bible Red-a-Thon. Picture shows Roy Madsen, regional secretary of the American Bible Society, joining Pastor D. LeRoy Sanders and church board in the reading of Genesis 1 in unison.



TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA—This is a view of the crowd at a meeting conducted at the Tecumseh Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Harold J. Baker of Duncan, Okla. Pastor Robert P. Rider reports a new all-time Sunday school record attendance of 211 was set. Four persons were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit.



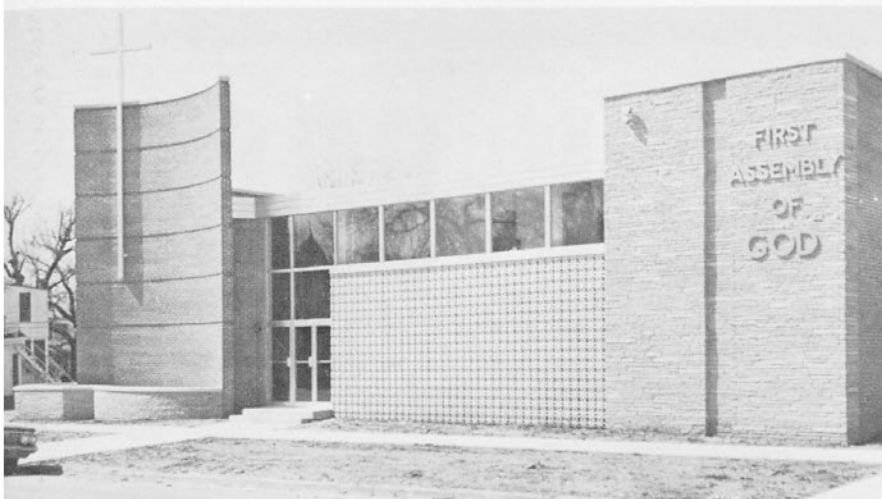
GREENFIELD, INDIANA—This new home of the Assembly of God in Greenfield, purchased last September, will seat 175 and it has an overflow annex. The Sunday school has increased since moving to the new location. The church was begun in 1954 by C. W. Syler. James F. Flower has been pastor since 1956.



ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY—This is the Primary Church of Evangel Church, Elizabeth, shown with the leader, Mrs. Hans Pedersen; the pianist, Mrs. Marilyn Culbert; and helper, Mrs. Pat Paterson. Pastor F. H. Huber is grateful for the \$40 donated to the church by these children.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA—First Assembly of God in San Bernardino completed their "Read the Bible Through in 1962" campaign with flying colors. Out of 200 who signed up at the beginning of the year, 140 completed the program. On Sunday, December 30, these were awarded their Bible Reading Certificates, as shown in the picture. The reading program was organized so that each Sunday, the readers were credited if they completed their 23 chapters for that week. Pastor Louis Hauff preached each week in the area of the 23 chapters that were read, starting Genesis in January and finishing Revelation in December.

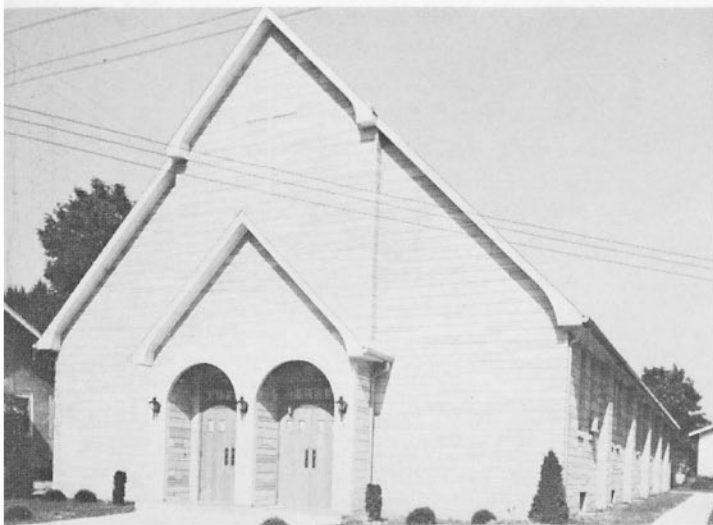




MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA—A two-story addition to First Assembly of God in Muskogee was dedicated November 11. The Roe Messner Construction Company enlarged the auditorium, provided a balcony, added seventeen classrooms, assembly rooms, nursery, etc. increasing the floor space of the church plant by 5,000 square feet. Pastor S. J. Colburn reports Sunday school attendance has grown from 137 in 1958 to 231 in 1962.



BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA—This new edifice of the Assembly of God was dedicated October 7-8 with special services featuring the Revivaltime evangelist, C. M. Ward. Others speaking in the dedicatory services were T. C. Cunningham, assistant district superintendent, W. H. Robertson, district secretary, and Leonard Campbell, the former pastor. A. K. Moore has been pastor since June 1961.



WASHINGTON, INDIANA—On the spot formerly occupied by a remodeled store building, Washington's First Assembly of God has erected this beautiful Bedford stone edifice with stained glass windows. Robert L. Covington, who has been pastor over three years, says the padded pews in the new structure will seat 340. The air-conditioned building contains the pastor's study, prayer room, baptistry, twelve Sunday school rooms and office.



HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI—Under the leadership of Pastor Blan M. Stout, the congregation of First Assembly in Hattiesburg demolished its old church and erected this beautiful new building on the same site. During the reconstruction the meetings were held in a school building across the street. Made of pink rock-faced brick, the structure contains 6,800 square feet of floor space including the educational unit. The sanctuary seats 300 with accommodations for 200 more for overflow crowd. The interior has stacked hadite block construction. It is air-conditioned and is valued at \$75,000.



ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA—A man-powered plow was used at the ground-breaking of the new Elsinore Assembly of God on November 4, 1962. While the pastor guided the plow, the board and church members all pulled on a long rope to make the ceremony very impressive and meaningful. D. F. Ferguson, sectional presbyter, stands at the left while Pastor L. L. Ammons exhorts the congregation to "keep pulling together."



TRIMBLE, TENNESSEE—This is the new home of the First Assembly of God in Trimble. Earl Blythe, district superintendent, was the dedicatorial speaker, and Wesley Payne, sectional presbyter, led the dedication prayer before an overflow crowd. Pastor Clyde McCullough says 216 attended Sunday school on dedication day. The new sanctuary is designed to seat 300.

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY

National Projects

Norwalk, Connecticut

Norwalk's new church will be dedicated April 29. It will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. Harvey Meppelink, pastor, writes, "Praise the Lord for four teen-agers saved in the Sunday morning service."

Tooele, Utah

Milton Newman, pastor at Tooele, writes: "Extremely cold weather has stopped all efforts to erect a building. Our plans now are to begin in the early spring. While there are promises and hopes, the finance for the building is not definite. We greatly appreciate your prayers for this as a building is urgently needed."

"Interest continues to grow in the community. Almost every Sunday we have visitors. For many of them it is the first time to attend a full-gospel church and indications are that they plan to return regularly. The response is a rich reward for every effort. Although severe cold weather has been with us since the first of the year, the Sunday school has maintained a 52 average. Our six teachers and three officers are very faithful. On a Sunday that registered 16 below zero, all nine were present. Almost every day we have opportunity to visit some home where interest has been created, either by church attendance or the witness of some of the church members."

Cincinnati, Ohio, Assembly Has Amazing Growth

An encouraging report comes from the new Tri-County Assembly of God. Hugh Rosenburgh, pastor, writes: "Within ten months the church has grown to an average attendance of 167 in Sunday school. The church has had 32 conversions, and has active

WMC, MF, and C. A. groups, as well as a Royal Rangers troop. The new church is making plans to begin building soon.

News from the Districts

West Central

"We were able to put most of our 'Sites for Souls' Program into full operation during the annual meeting of our Presbytery here in Des Moines recently."—T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent.

Mississippi

J. C. Burks, superintendent and district Home Missions representative for Mississippi, wrote, "I am setting up a day in the month of March and asking the presbyters to arrange for all the pastors to exchange pulpits for that night, and in each service they will receive a 'Sites for Souls' offering."

Wisconsin-Northern Michigan

From Wisconsin, D. H. Hueser, superintendent and district Home Missions representative, wrote that the District Presbytery had decided to set aside Sunday night, February 17, as a time when their pastors would be encouraged to exchange pulpits and receive special "Sites for souls" offerings.

Southern Missouri

Gene Putnam, pastor of Southern Missouri's Breakthrough church at Crestwood (a St. Louis suburb), reports excellent progress. Since the opening of the new church over four months ago the church income has averaged over \$100 a week. Several fine families have been reached and are now backing the project enthusiastically.

Rhode Island

The state of Rhode Island with

nearly one million population has not one Assemblies of God church.

Ohio

C. W. Hahn, superintendent and district Home Missions representative of Ohio, writes: "Just a line of explanation relative to the starting of a new church in our district. Two years ago the Council voted to inaugurate a program in which the Home Missions worker would itinerate the churches in our district for his pledged support on the same basis as the foreign missionaries. Then last year they voted to accept the *Ohio Breakthrough Program*. This plan called for all the various groups in the district such as the C.A.'s with their Speed-the-Light fund, the WMC's with their March of Dimes, and the MF with their Minute Men to contribute toward the new project, enabling them to purchase a

"SITES FOR SOULS" PROGRESSING

"Sites for Souls" is beginning to roll. Several interesting developments have come to our attention recently.

One Assemblies of God minister called in stating he personally was going to send a check for "Sites for Souls" which would amount to one dollar for each year from the time he was saved—twenty-nine years.

A layman wrote and sent along an outline for a suggested script for use with a visual presentation of the project. Another individual gave some excellent suggestions for promoting the program.

A pastor wrote, "I like *Sites for Souls* and plan to have my board make an appropriation of one dollar per active member in my church at our next meeting, with the thought in mind that we shall make this an annual donation. What a potential this has!"

property. This really is the first attempt to implement these two programs.

"We started this work in a school in Vermilion on December 2. There were about fifty out that morning. On December 30, the newly appointed worker took charge and there were 59 present. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Betzer are the workers and they are very enthusiastic about the prospects in Vermilion. They will start itinerating the district this week. We have a property under consideration that we hope will be available in the very near future."

Georgia

Brother and Sister Lincoln Weech, pastors of the new Georgia District Breakthrough church, arrived in Athens Thanksgiving week. They have recently announced the birth of a baby daughter. A new portable tabernacle has been ordered and plans are to assemble it and begin services shortly. A good lot on which to locate has been offered free of charge until the church is ready to purchase property.

Statistics

New York City Gaining

It is predicted that the New York City metropolitan area will grow as much in the next twenty years as it has grown in the past two hundred years!

Population Now 187,069,000

Washington (UPI)—The Census Bureau estimated the nation's resident population at 187,069,000 as of last December 1.

This was 1.5 per cent higher than the estimate for December 1, 1961.

EVANGEL COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Evangel College students will be available for vocational volunteer activities during the coming summer, Ralph Kay, faculty coordinator, has announced.

If you are interested, you may write to Brother Kay, 1111 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, Mo., and make known your needs and preferences. Plainly describe the fields where you need vocational volunteers, and give some indication of job opportunities available. You should also outline types of special talent needed, such as musicians, visitation work, and Sunday school teachers.

Your requests should be submitted as soon as possible, since it will take some time to process applicants. Evangel College cannot guarantee that sufficient students will be available to fill all the requests, so the letters received first will be given preference.

The figure also was 4.3 per cent above the population total recorded April 1, 1960—the date of the last census.

On the Move

Americans are changing their location at a stepped-up rate. Every year, it is reported, one out of five moves.

Counties Losing

One-half of the counties in the States are losing population each year due to the tremendous migration to urban or metropolitan areas.

Church Membership Down

"For the first time in 100 years, there has been a decrease in the per-

centage of church members in the nation.

"The 1961 membership is given as 116,109,929 for all faiths, 63.4 per cent of the population against 63.6 per cent one year ago.

"There was a gain of 1.2 per cent, or 766,131 members, among the 228 Protestant bodies reporting memberships in the 1963 *Yearbook of American Churches*. They represent a combined membership of 64,434,966.

"The Roman Catholic gain of 1.9 per cent also is a decline, in comparison with the 1960 gain of 3.2 per cent. The yearbook lists 42,876,665 as that church's reported membership.

"Not all churches use the same reporting system, it was noted by the National Council of Churches bureau of research, which compiled the yearbook. Some include all infants and family members.

"There was a loss of 3.1 per cent in Protestant Sunday school enrollment.

"For the first time since World War II, church membership percentage gains fell below the estimated population increase. They were 1.4 per cent in 1961, compared with an estimated 1.6 per cent rise in the population. The ratio had been 1.9 per cent against 1.8 per cent a year earlier.

"The yearbook lists Jewish congregations as having 5,365,000 members and Eastern churches 2,800,401. There were 572,897 members of the Old Catholic, Polish National Catholic, and the American churches. The Buddhists, who had 20,000 last year, reported 60,000 in the new yearbook, possibly indicating a change in their reporting system."



Signing the contract for the property at Crestwood, Mo. are (l. to r.) Bill Skaggs, realtor; Gene Putnam, pastor; N. Cleo Tapp, district superintendent; and James E. Griggs, district secretary.



Souls are being saved and added to this fine congregation of Southern Missouri's pilot breakthrough project at Crestwood, a suburb of St. Louis. The church is over four months old.



A Land of Rain and Fruitfulness

By MRS. FLEM VAN METER
Green Lane, Pennsylvania



DURING FORTY YEARS OF WILDERNESS wandering, Moses had stood between God and the men with whom he had journeyed. Many times they had sorely tried his patience and love, but he had faithfully borne them in prayer before the Lord.

Now they were coming to the Promised Land and soon would reach their journey's end. Although he knew, because of a moment of weakness in dealing with them, he would not be permitted to pass over into the land, Moses still loved them enough to spend many hours imparting the knowledge God had given him concerning it. And in Deuteronomy 11: 7-17, 22-25 are recorded some special words of warning and exhortation.

First he brought to their attention that he was not speaking to their children, but to them! Because their eyes had seen all the great acts of the Lord which He did, obedience to the Word of God was required of them. They **MUST** go in and possess the land. It might be difficult for these weary travelers to look beyond Jordan and make the plunge that would take them in to possess the land, but God had promised them nothing this side of

Jordan! Remember, it is one thing to be touched by the Spirit of God and to be almost persuaded, but quite another to press one's way through to a knowledge of the things of God.

As Moses pointed out, an entirely different land from that which they had formerly known awaited them. In Egypt, they had sown their seed and then worked long hard hours in the blistering heat of the sun to bring water to it by means of a crude pump operated by foot pressure. There was never a refreshing rain, and food supplies were limited. Now after years of aching muscles, the lash of the whip, and ill treatment, they were suddenly to come into a land flowing with milk and honey!

It was a land of hills and valleys where the soil drank water of the rain of heaven. It was a blessed land where in due season they might gather in their corn and their wine and their oil.

True, Moses warned, there would be battles until they had conquered the inhabitants of the land. God never promises His people freedom from test and trials. Moreover He laid down conditions for the ultimate blessing of

His people—"If ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments," said He. A prerequisite to blessing and fruitfulness is obedience.

Under this condition of obedience, God would give the rain of the land in due season. How lovely to have the showers when and where they are needed—at seedtime and harvest!

A real feast lay ahead for the Israelites! It meant a new menu and a "balanced" diet. There would be milk and honey—two of the most highly refined and nourishing foods, containing well-balanced portions of all food elements. Corn [of wheat] with its strong protein content, as well as other elements, was also promised. Then there would be oil and the strengthening, refreshing fruit of the vine, as a bonus God said, and He added, "I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full."

Nevertheless Moses warned: "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; and then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you." How dreadful to be without the rain from heaven, and to dwell again in a dry and thirsty land enjoying none of the promised fruits! And all this because His statutes were not kept.

This is also a most timely warning for God's people in our day. On every hand the enemy is seeking to wear out the saints and to offer them many alluring comforts and pleasures. If they fail to remain watchful and to preserve their separation unto God, they will find themselves deceived and led astray.

The enemy delights in the failure of any soul who would turn back after he has started for the kingdom. Responsibility rests upon the seasoned saints to labor in prayer until every seeker has truly experienced the new birth and has been firmly established.

To remain in the land of rain and fruitfulness one must practice absolute obedience. Obedience is bolstered by continuously keeping God's Word in the heart and mind, teaching it to our children, and speaking it to all with whom we come in contact. If

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ALL-DAY OPPORTUNITY

The 1963 Loyalty Campaign-Pentecost Crusade, April 21-June 2 is a resounding call to all-day stewardship—Sunday school through evening service.



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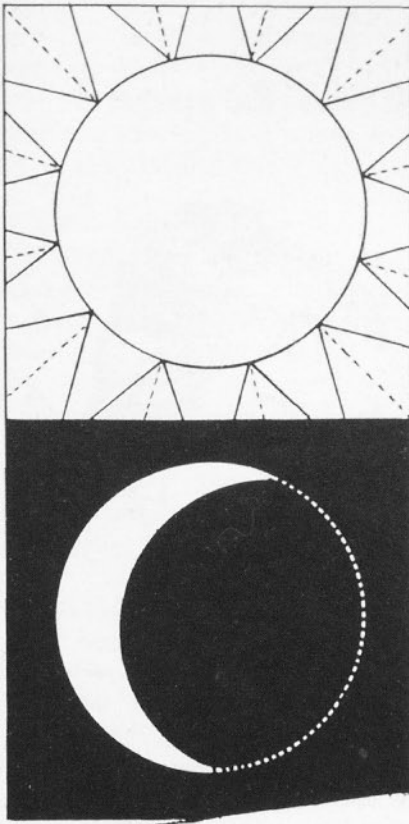
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How to Have a Soul-Winning Church

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for personal evangelism. Preaching, films, literature, radio, television—these are impersonal and in themselves will not get the job done. Personal evangelism, including visitation evangelism, is the answer.

An interesting theory, but does it work? The author says it does. He cites examples to back up his theory: attendance at one church grows from 50 to 220 in four weeks; at another place 67 new families are brought into fellowship in two months; laymen in one church win over 200 souls to Christ in less than three months.

"But he has the know-how!" you may object. Yes, he does, and he is willing to share it with you. The second section of the book is a discussion of the problems and principles of a soul-winning church. In this section he discusses the matter of leadership, the mechanics of a visitation program, and new concepts in soul-winning methods and training. The author in the last two chapters in this section emphasizes the necessity of depending upon the Holy Spirit.

The last section of the book is very specific. It sets

forth seven steps necessary for a personal evangelism campaign.

Step one occurs when it is realized that personal evangelism is part of the Church's mission and that the local church is responsible for evangelizing its community.

Step two is the taking of a religious census. Very specific help is given. No one can plead, "But I don't know how." He can learn.

Step three is the planning of the campaign. Here again the book is valuable because it is specific. The fourth step is spiritual preparation. Mechanics are not enough; it takes spiritual power to do spiritual work. Step five is a week of training for personal evangelism; a schedule for each session is included.

A week of visiting is the sixth step. Two kinds of witnessing are suggested: evangelism in institutions and house-to-house evangelism. The last step is the establishing of a sustained visitation program, not merely to invite people to Sunday school and church, but to talk to them about the Lord.

Do you need to read this book? Well, have you won anyone to the Lord lately? The price of this paperbound book of 249 pages is only \$2.50. Order it by title and also by number: HOW TO HAVE A SOUL-WINNING CHURCH, by Gene Edwards. Number 3 RV 1711. Mail your order to: The Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.



Teen-agers and Children Respond

REVIVALTIME IS FOR ALL THE FAMILY



TEEN-AGERS AND CHILDREN REPRESENT an increasing proportion of the broadcast's listening family. Monthly, along with the testimonies and requests from their parents, *Revivaltime* receives many letters from the "younger set."

These letters are often filled with prayer requests or thought-provoking

questions. Some tell of the new experiences gained as a result of listening to *Revivaltime*, while many relate that the broadcast has helped them in presenting Christ to their fellows.

It is especially heart-warming to receive simple notes like this one from a young listener in Ontario, Canada. "I am sending you \$1. I am a boy of six. I often listen to your program." This letter illustrates that *Revivaltime* is reaching more than the father or mother; it is reaching into the hearts of the world's children and teen-agers.

Here are a few other letters received from children and teen-agers who respond to *Revivaltime's* broadcast ministry in their own unique way.

Bloomington, Illinois

"I listened to your service on the 23rd of December. The sermon was 'Gifts I Would Like to Give for Christmas.' When I heard you say that you would like to give back the boy his father, I was deeply moved. My father died when I was six years old, and my mother and I moved to Illinois about seven years ago. I am now sixteen. I listen to your service every Sunday night I can.

"I felt close to God as I listened to you speak about the things you would like to give for Christmas. Please pray for my mother. She needs a companion to help raise me up right."
—Roger.

Portsmouth, Virginia

"I am twelve years old. I listen to your radio programs regularly. They

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give me the spiritual strength that I need so badly each day. I believe in the power of God to heal, to deliver, and to meet needs. I some day hope to be an evangelist like Brother Ward."

—Lanardo.

Huron, South Dakota

"I listen to your radio broadcast every Sunday I am able. It is indeed a rich blessing to me as a young person. Brother Ward delivers the message so plainly and wonderfully one couldn't help being drawn closer to Christ."

"Being a teen-ager, witnessing doesn't come easily to me, so I would like your 'little Bibles' to help me."

—Carol.

Intake, Montana

"I would like to become a member of your audience. My grandmother gave me a dollar for spending money and I want you to have it. I will save money each month and send it to you. I hope it will help."—Jean.

Birmingham, Alabama

"I would like to take the time to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the singing and the sermon. This is my first time to listen to your program but from now on I would

like to be one of your regular listeners. I will be praying for your mission in winning souls to Christ.

"I am a teen-ager and believe that the only thing that will make the world right is the spirit of Jesus Christ, which is free to everyone. I will be listening."—Joyce.

These listeners are not old, weary, or sin-ridden. They are the young, but they too need to accept Christ as their Saviour. They are those of whom Jesus said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

Revivaltime, with its message of life and salvation, is reaching "the younger set" while their hearts are tender. Through its radio ministry they are being introduced to the deeper and richer values of life.

The teen-agers and children who listen to *Revivaltime* form a very important part of the broadcast congregation, for we remember Isaiah's statement that "a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). Please support this ministry with your contributions. Send your letter to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

A Land of Rain and Fruitfulness

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one has strayed he must return to the Word of God in order to receive again the Lord's blessing.

The Land of Promise provides for more than the physical body. "For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments . . . then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves." The giants of habit must be defeated, and the storms that rage within and without must all be conquered in His Name.

God's Word to the Israelites had been: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord . . . the Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." In Zechariah 4:10 the prophet has expressed it so well: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." And Jude urges that we build ourselves up in the most holy faith, pray in the Holy Ghost, and keep ourselves in the love of God. Oh, what a strong bulwark for the child of God!

How wide was the scope of the new land to which Israel traveled? It was as wide as the need! The promise was: "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours; from the wilderness . . . even unto the uttermost sea." God also told them that no man would be able to stand before them, for He would place the fear of them and the dread of them upon all the land their feet should tread upon.

Beloved, the land is ours. Why stand we idly by, failing to claim all God has provided for us? We sing of the wideness in God's mercy being like the wideness of the sea. Why not plant our feet firmly upon every inch of the ground from the wilderness to the farthest sea, and claim it for ourselves? Why not move out into new power and authority under the Holy Ghost and meet the needs of lost men and women in these last days? It is all a part of the fruitfulness of *our* land of promise.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us . . . any of you should seem to come short of it!" ◀◀

Healed After C. M. Ward Prayed

NOW SINGS IN REVIVALTIME CHOIR



Bruce Dravneek

ONCE MINISTERED to by *Revivaltime*, Bruce Dravneek, a freshman at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, now helps to minister to more than twelve million persons weekly as a member of the radio choir.

"When I was twelve years old, I had a nervous condition which caused me to twitch my head quite frequently," he reports. "My parents and I stopped in Springfield on our way back from a vacation on the West Coast.

"We attended a *Revivaltime* broadcast one Sunday night. After the program, Brother Ward prayed for me. Healing came instantly, and I have had no recurrence of that condition."

Son of Bruce and Alida Dravneek of Asbury Park, New Jersey, Bruce was saved in 1957 at the district youth camp and called to the ministry in July, 1960, at the Eastern District youth camp, Green Lane, Pennsylvania.

His mother writes of his healing: "As Brother Ward prayed there seemed to be the presence of the Lord and he was healed. So I just want to say 'thank you' for the blessing you have been to our family."

Formerly Christ's Ambassador's president and organist at his church, Calvary Assembly of God, West Long Branch, New Jersey, Bruce is now a Bible major at CBI. As for his future plans, he says: "I am confident Christ will lead me. I plan to enter the evangelistic field, but God may have different plans for my life. My only desire is to yield to His will and calling."

Christ Gives Sight to Bartimaeus

Sunday School Lesson for March 17, 1963

MARK 10:46-52; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

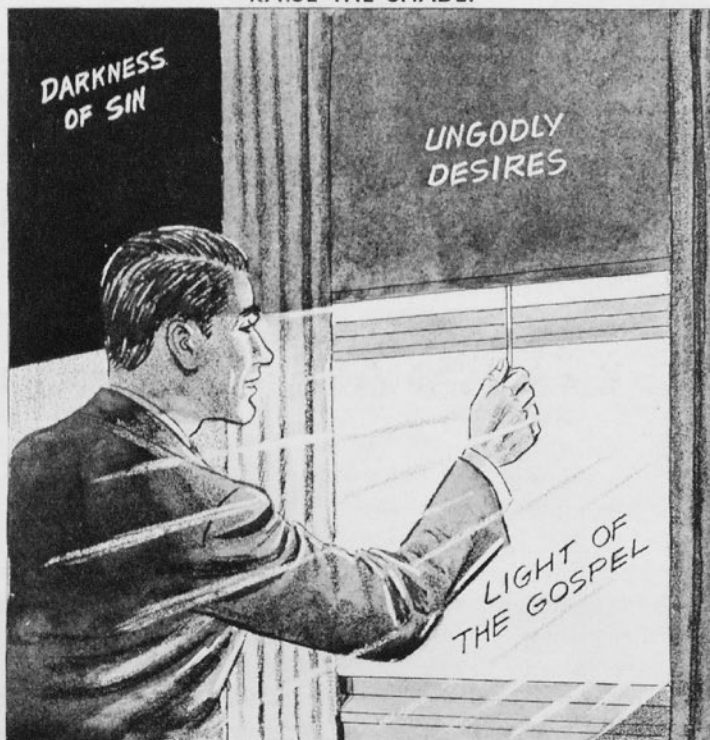
How often we allow the apparent hopelessness and difficulty of our circumstances to prevent us from seeking and securing the help which Christ is so willing to give! It is on this point that Bartimaeus sets us an example which should inspire our faith.

THE BLIND BEGGAR (Mark 10:46-48)

His Need (v. 46). "As he [Christ] went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus . . . sat by the highway begging." What a picture of human helplessness and hopelessness! Here was a man not only blind, but poverty stricken and friendless. He is representative of all who need not only physical healing but spiritual help of every kind as well!

His Cry (v. 47). Consider his actions and observe: (1) He took advantage of a passing opportunity. Jesus was passing by and would soon be gone. Since he had no guarantee of another day of opportunity he acted at once. How wise he was! And his wisdom is to be

RAISE THE SHADE!



THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. JOHN 3:19

Friday

imitated! (2) He ceased to desire material gain. Bartimaeus might have begged a small fortune from the crowd on this day. But he forgot alms-getting in his desire for sight-getting. Yet all their lives, multitudes of people in their pursuit of material gain and glory ignore the Christ who alone can give them the light which will relieve their spiritual blindness and save their immortal souls! Not only so, but Christians as well can blindly waste time gathering gold and pass up irretrievable opportunity for securing spiritual blessing and power which would make them a blessing to the world! (3) His prayer was a petition and not a dictation. "Jesus . . . have mercy on me." He did not say, "Lord, you healed others; you are obligated to heal me." We do well to remember that everything we get from God, regardless of our spiritual status, is a matter of mercy and grace and not of merit. God is not at all under obligation to us, but He delights to be merciful!

His Opposition (v. 48). Bartimaeus refused to be hindered by his circumstances. He was blind, poor, friendless, and surrounded by unsympathetic people. His voice would be almost lost in the swelling tumult of the crowd. Yet for all this, he was full of hope and lifted his voice in fervent expectation!

"And many charged him that he should hold his peace." The reaction of the multitude to the fervent cries of the beggar is typical of those who neither understand Christ nor appreciate His ministry and who have no sympathy with those whose spiritual longings are deep and genuine. Spiritually dull or indifferent people with carnal pride and human reasoning are "wet blankets" which would silence the voices of sincere and fervent prayer if they could. Knowing nothing of agonizing or Holy Spirit inspired intercessory groanings, the cold formalist criticizes the energetic and earnest praying of the truly consecrated ones whose prayers are a rebuke to his own heartless prayers.

His Persistence. "But he cried the more a great deal." No wet blankets could smother his cry nor quench his aspirations. What an example he sets for us all! How often we grow fainthearted and cease to pray because the opinions of others have discouraged or disheartened!

THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST (Mark 10:49-52)

Divine Invitation Extended (vv. 49-51). "And Jesus stood still!" How dramatic and thrilling! The cry of an insignificant and unknown beggar held up, as it were, the plan of God! Jesus was en route to Jerusalem and the Cross, yet He stopped to heed the voice of a needy soul! Two lessons are suggested: (1) We ought never to be in such a hurry that we cannot stop and do work for the Lord which for the moment is more important. (2) We ought to be convinced by this incident that the eyes of the Lord are indeed upon the feeblest Christian and His ears are attuned to his cry!

Divine Healing Accomplished (v. 52). Bartimaeus who knew exactly what he wanted from Christ and that Christ could meet his need persistently pressed his claim on the ground of mercy and received according to his faith. Blind Bartimaeus saw Jesus with the eye of faith. Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord, opens the door to the fullness of His supply!



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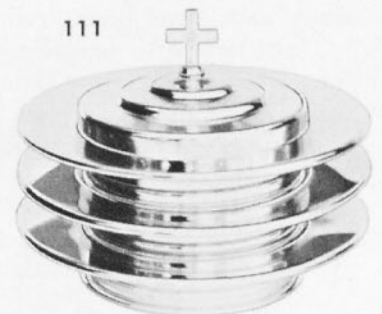
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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).

Healed of Bright's Disease

THEY SENT ME HOME FROM THE hospital to wait for death. The doctors said I had had *Bright's disease* for seven years and told me I had but a few weeks to live.

My body was swollen until I did not look like myself. I could eat very little. Big hives that itched all the time broke out all over my body. My feet and ankles were so swollen I could hardly walk.

But many were praying for me, and one night when I went to church a minister prayed for my healing. Praise God, I was instantly healed. The rash left, and by next morning the swelling was gone. I now can eat anything I want and have been feeling fine.

I am happy to be alive, thanks to the Great Physician.—Miss Wilberta Minor, Smithboro, Illinois

(This remarkable healing which occurred December 7, 1960, has been confirmed by the editorial staff and is still good as of January 15, 1963.)

Former Cancer Victim Testifies

ALTHOUGH I HAVE SUFFERED MUCH, the Lord has healed me. He has done a complete work in my body.

X rays taken in February 1954 revealed four small growths on the right side of the colon, but doctors said it would require two years to determine the development of the growths. Sure enough, just two years later I was taken violently ill. Since I worked for the railroad, I went to the M.K.T. Railroad Employees' Hospital.

When surgery was performed the

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

surgeon found ulcers. These when tested showed signs of malignancy. The incision was twenty-seven inches long. The doctor removed one-half of the colon and changed the entry of the small intestine.

However, I recovered rapidly and was back at work in ninety days. Then in the following December I had trouble with my other side. About this time I was examined by doctors in Kansas City. They discovered I had a double hernia and listed me as 42 percent disabled.

When early in 1960 my side began to pain me again I was prayed for. I felt the power of God, but the trouble persisted. My in-laws continued to believe for my healing.

Finally on April 20, 1960, I had a thorough examination at the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma. When they learned I had had cancer they checked very carefully. The radiologist informed me that the X rays showed the large right bowel which had been half removed lacked but one-fourth of being its normal size, and the doctor found no scars of ulcers nor any trace of a hernia. Praise God.—Bill Sketers, Parsons, Kansas.

(Endorsed by Pastor David Matweyiw, First Assembly of God, Parsons, Kansas. Now almost three years later Pastor Matweyiw writes: "I am pleased to report to you that Brother Sketers is in perfect health and has had no recurrence of the disease.")

No More Migraines

I WANT OTHERS TO HAVE FAITH IN God and trust Him for their healing, so I am sharing with them the story of what He has done for me.

For seven years I suffered with severe *migraine* headaches and took all kinds of shots, tranquilizing pills, and dope. I finally entered a hospital for tests by specialists. After many X-ray pictures, treatments, and more

pills, they told me that my nervous system had gone into shock and released me without any hope of becoming better. I knew that if I kept on suffering as I was, I would find myself in a mental hospital.

But on February 4, 1962, I attended church. When the altar call was given I went forward and knelt there, crying to the Lord. My pastor put his hand on my head and, with others of the church, prayed for me. God healed me completely. After all these months I still have the victory in Jesus.—Mrs. Mary Roland, 437 Harbor Street, Conneaut, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Earl E. Hart, Assembly of God, Conneaut, Ohio.)

Blind for Four Years —Now Sees

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO I BEGAN TO LOSE my eyesight. I went to an eye specialist who told me I had cataracts on both eyes.

In 1957 he performed surgery on my left eye. By the use of a strong lens I was able to see with that eye. But my right eye grew worse and was blind for four years.



Frank H. Glenn

Last year for several weeks I lay at the point of death with stomach ulcers, and God healed me in answer to prayer.

Then I heard of the revival meetings which were being held at the Long Point Assembly of God. I attended several services, listened to the preaching of Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, and heard the testimonies of those who had been healed by the power of God.

On May 29, 1962, I believed the time had come for my miracle! I was the last person prayed for that night. Brother Caldwell just laid his hands on my eyes and prayed. Then he removed his hand from the eye that was blind, and immediately I could see people all the way across the church. Now I am also able to see again with my left eye without using the lens!

How I praise the Lord for restoring sight to my eyes!—Frank H. Glenn, 1509 Walton, Houston, Texas

(Endorsed by Pastor J. C. Miner, Long Point Assembly of God, Houston, Texas)

God afresh. I found that Paul the greatest of all missionaries had only one text and one message. The text was Christ and Him crucified. The sermon was the gospel with these four points: (1) Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah; (2) He died for our sins according to the Scriptures; (3) He was buried (4) He was raised from the dead the third day according to the Scriptures.

Paul teaches us that it is the Word of the Cross that is the power of God unto salvation. He gloried in the Cross by which the world was crucified to him, and by which he was crucified to the world, to self, and to the Law. It is Paul who links up Pentecost to the preaching of the Cross and tells us that the Holy Spirit demonstrates the Cross with power. This is what we need—we need to get back to the Cross!

We are entering the final phase of the battle against the hosts of Antichrist. But too many of us are trying to fight the enemy in our own strength. It is true that we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, but some of us have misinterpreted the purpose of this enduement. The Spirit did not come to give us new weapons but to teach us to use our weapons. Sin was defeated by the blood of the Lamb; no other weapon was able to defeat it. Sickness and infirmity were conquered by the blood of His chastisement and scourging. The curse was

destroyed by the thorn-crowned King of kings. The power of the Law was broken by the blood of that Cross upon which every ordinance against us was put out of the way. Principalities and powers were utterly broken by the blood of God's great Sacrifice. The power of the devil was overcome and destroyed by the blood of the Lamb! Hallelujah!

What an all-conquering weapon we have in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us make it our daily prayer that the Holy Spirit will teach us to use this mighty weapon. When we learn to use the Blood as we ought, we shall never take up any other weapon for combatting the power of the devil. The Holy Spirit longs to anoint us and to teach us to wield the weapons of our warfare.

What a wonderful Redeemer who paid the price—being made sin *on our behalf!* What an inexpressible devotion that paid the price—becoming a curse *on our behalf!* With what words shall we ever suitably extol the Great Physician who paid the price—being made sick unto death *on our behalf!* Hallelujah!

Father, hear us for the sake of Him who purchased us with His own Blood; and sent upon Thy Church the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to possess our blood-bought inheritance! Amen! ◀◀

Special Announcement!

SOMETHING SPECIAL is being offered by the *Pentecostal Evangel* in conjunction with this year's Pentecost Crusade. A special CRUSADE ISSUE of the *Evangel* is being published for use during the Easter-to-Pentecost period and the following months. The two-color artistic format is similar to last year's attractive Outreach Issue, but the Crusade Issue is different in that its contents are slanted more directly to the unconverted. Man's need of salvation, Christ's plan of salvation, the results of salvation—these are the topics being emphasized by means of true stories, personal testimonies, and various feature articles in this new approach to literature evangelism.

The CRUSADE ISSUE will be released April 7, 1963. The price (cut in half to make a wide distribution possible) is only \$2.50 per hundred copies, postpaid to any U.S. address. Minimum order at this reduced price is 100 copies. Each church will find a liberal supply of the Crusade Issue useful for visitors, house-to-house calling, and other purposes during the spring and summer months.

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Texas, Pastor Perry asked us all to unite in faith and prayer for a miracle. As we stood there praying in one accord, I felt the divine hand of Jesus and His soothing, healing power. He healed me instantly and completely. Many witnesses saw the evidence that passed on Monday, August 27. The sugar diabetes also disappeared immediately and I am still free of it (December 28, 1962).

I give God all the praise. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8)!
—Rudy P. Diaz, Rudy Restaurant, Hurst, Texas

(Endorsed by Pastor W. M. Perry, Calvary Temple, Assembly of God, Grand Prairie, Texas)

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YUBA CITY, CALIF.—First Assembly reports a most effective revival with the Diehl Evangelistic Party of Beaver Falls, Pa. God used the preaching ministry of Fred Diehl, his wife, and two daughters in a special way during this three-week revival. The musical ministry of the daughters was especially well received. Several persons were saved, a number filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church greatly edified.

—Thomas B. Don Carlos, Pastor

WESTMORELAND, CALIF.—Arvel Kilgore of Visalia, Calif., preached throughout a very profitable campaign at the local Assembly of God in December. The young people especially were moved upon by the anointed preaching. Each night the altars were filled with people seeking God. —Viola Duncan, Pastor

SEYMOUR, TEX.—The last of four campaigns at the First Assembly of God here in 1962 ended in December with Leslie and Oleta Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif., as the evangelists. The church is enjoying lasting results from this 15-day meeting. Numbers were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and added to the church.

—Lloyd McIntosh, Pastor

AKRON, OHIO—Revival fires continue to burn at the Calvary Assembly of God following five weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Duane Wessman. Despite adverse weather and holiday shopping, the attendance was very good. Many testified that they had never experienced the power and presence of the Holy Spirit as strong as in these meetings. Daily prayer, earnest efforts, anointed preaching, and the blessing of God added up to a mighty move of the Spirit. Eight were saved or reclaimed and at least 25 filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—E. D. Speich, Pastor

CORTLAND, N. Y.—Parkside Assembly of God reports a successful revival with Evangelist Johnny Barton and co-worker of Granite City, Ill. More than 80 persons made decisions for Christ, 45 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and there were outstanding healings. Sunday school

attendance increased to an all-time high. Many new people and visitors from other churches in the area came during the two-month crusade. A mother, for whom prayer had been made for 23 years, was saved and healed. Her conversion resulted in the salvation of her son-in-law, who also received the Holy Spirit. A lady whose eyesight was impaired through contact with acid received a divine healing touch when prayer was made in her behalf. Another woman was delivered of schizophrenia. The special music and outstanding testimonies of the evangelist and co-worker were a great blessing to the audience.

—S. L. Cooke, Pastor

GRANDFALLS, TEX.—A very profitable three-week revival has been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Oleta Edwards and her son Paul of Monahans, Tex. Numbers were saved, filled, and healed by the power of God. The church rejoices in an increase in Sunday school attendance.

—W. D. Adams, Pastor

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS.—Many persons were saved or reclaimed during a revival at the local Assembly of God with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. The fine musical program was a great blessing as well as the anointed preaching of the Word. The attendance was excellent.

—Lyle E. Curtis, Pastor

ROCKFORD, ILL.—First Assembly of God enjoyed a profitable one-week revival with Evangelist A. F. Thornton of Saginaw, Mich. Sinners were saved and many reconsecrations were made in this Deeper Life campaign. The blessing of God was upon the music and ministry of the evangelist.

—E. A. Manley, Pastor

CLEVELAND, TEX.—A great time of spiritual refreshing was enjoyed at the Midline Assembly of God January 6 through 13 under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Charles McKnight. Five persons were saved and four filled with the Holy Spirit during the revival.

—Doyle R. Peeks, Pastor

ST. PAUL, VA.—A spirit of revival continues in the regular services at the Assembly of God here following recent meetings with Evangelist John Eller of South Carolina. During the meetings numbers were saved and some definite healings were reported. A man was completely delivered from the effects of a hip injury. Scores of new consecrations were made at the close of a special youth rally held on the final Friday night. The internationally known Cadd sisters were the featured singers in that service.

—Bob McCutchen, Pastor

Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and some marvelous healings were reported. The church appreciated the special singing and musical renditions.—J. C. Miner, Pastor

SWIFTON, ARK.—During a two-week revival held at the Sunny Valley Assembly of God here with Mrs. Glenna Byard one person was saved, two reclaimed, and two refilled with the Holy Spirit. There was a special moving of the Spirit of God upon believers. Considerable progress has been made in the church's expansion program with the addition of two



LEBANON, OREG.—View of crowd attending a Tuesday night service at the First Assembly of God during the four-week meeting with the Frank Lummer Evangelistic Party. Sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, sick were healed, and believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit or refilled. H. D. Robeson is pastor.

GIDEON, MO.—The soul-stirring ministry of youth evangelist Loyd Middleton of Vulcan, Mo., challenged the congregation at the Crossroads Assembly of God here recently. At least ten young people accepted Christ as personal Saviour, with four being filled with the Holy Spirit. The evangelist ministered to people of all ages and encouraged the entire church.

—Wesley J. Maddicks, Pastor

HOUSTON, TEX.—Longpoint Assembly of God reports great victory during meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn. The forceful and inspirational preaching brought strong conviction, and as a result six were saved and 20 reclaimed. One person received the baptism in the

Sunday school rooms, new pews for the auditorium, and the installation of gas heat.

—L. F. Fry, Pastor

SALEM, OREG.—A great visitation of the Spirit of God was enjoyed at Central Assembly during meetings with the Musical "Vanns" of Toledo, Ohio, resulting in a goodly number of conversions. Some 150 first-timers attended the services. On the last Sunday of the revival the attendance record was broken with 317 present. This number grew to include 330 on the Sunday following the special meetings. Present facilities for Sunday school are inadequate in spite of the fact that an enlargement program has just been completed.

—Fred Versolenko, Pastor

NCBC CHOIR ON SPRING TOUR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Evangelaires choir of North Central Bible College will present nine sacred concerts in Midwestern and Central states in March. Directed by Lawrence B. Larsen, the choir will present a broad repertoire of gospel music highlighted by a patriotic presentation in full color. The dates will be:

Sunday, Mar. 17, First Assembly, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Mar. 18, First Assembly, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mar. 19, First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mar. 20, Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.; Mar. 21, First Assembly, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mar. 22, First Assembly, Hutchinson, Kans.; Mar. 23, Assembly of God, Arkansas City, Kans.; Sunday morning, Mar. 24, Evangel Assembly, Wichita, Kans.; Sunday evening, Mar. 24, Evangel Temple, Kansas City, Mo.

INDIANA DISTRICT MINISTERS INSTITUTE WELL ATTENDED

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—To paraphrase an old saying, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor zero weather can keep the ministers of the Indiana District from attending a Ministers Institute." From the north, south, east and west they came... pouring into Trinity Chapel, January 28-30. We were amazed to discover how few were absent, especially from the self-supporting churches. Some took time off from their outside employment, and evangelists arranged their schedule so they could attend.

G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College of Minneapolis, Minn., brought five rich and powerful messages and moderated the afternoon panel sessions. Eleven of our own ministers spoke about various "ministers' tools." Their messages revealed a deep understanding of the problems and a sincere desire to be helpful.

—G. H. Matheny, district secretary

NORTH HOLLYWOOD CHURCH FIFTY YEARS OLD

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—First Assembly in North Hollywood is celebrating its golden anniversary this year with a series of special events which began in January with a public Bible Read-a-Thon and continued with a revival crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Watters beginning Feb. 24.

Pastor D. Leroy Sanders says that Easter Sunday will be Founders' Day when Kelso Glover will speak. Brother Glover opened the

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Lanett	First	Mar. 15—	Bobby Jackson	James Dykes
Ark.	Booneville	First	Mar. 12-24	Bob & Jeri Winford	J. W. Bobo
Calif.	Central Valley	A/G	Mar. 17-29	Charles Senechal	William Austin
	Chowchilla	Robertson Blvd.	Mar. 3—	Dorothy E. Foster	Fred Kirkwood
	El Centro	First	Mar. 17-31	W. D. Rice	Claude White
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Mar. 3-10	Ed Cole	Donald E. Bibler
	Oakland	Calvary Temple	Mar. 17-31	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	Oliver Foth
	Palmdale	First	Mar. 17-Apr. 1	The Bender Team	Harold Pegg
	Redlands	First	Mar. 17—	Jerry & Mrs. Bray	James F. Pepper
	Sacramento	Country Centre	Mar. 17-31	Steve & Pat Rexroat	Jim Grams
	San Jose	Alum Rock	Mar. 5-17	Ralph I. Cranston	Phillip Lindvall
	San Pedro	First	Mar. 17-31	Doug Payne	R. I. Salzman
	Vacaville	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Marvin Schmidt	William L. Shelley
	Willits	First	Mar. 18-24	Garfield J. Unruh	Edward Byram
	Winters	A/G	Mar. 6—	L. H. Sheets	Ira Pratt
	Colo.	La Junta	A/G	Mar. 18-24	Jeremiah Hanley
Fla.	Melbourne	Bethel	Mar. 17-31	Arthur & Anna Berg	Stafford Anderson
	Miami	Christian	Mar. 12-17	Bob & Pat Ludwig	M. Q. Spencer
Ga.	Miami	Revival Tab.	Mar. 12-17	Bob & Pat Ludwig	B. D. Bennett
	Fort Valley	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Harry V. Vibbert	J. I. Carroll
Ill.	Jacksonville	First	Mar. 12—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	W. A. Gardner
	Peoria	Glad Tidings	Mar. 6-17	Musical Lebsacks	H. A. Hamilton
Ind.	Rockford	Haven	Mar. 3-17	James T. Burkett	Truman Turner
	Gary	West Gary	Mar. 5-17	Daniel Summa	Basil E. Hillman
	Kokomo	First	Mar. 12-24	J. B. Woolums	Cecil J. Enochs
Iowa	Loogootee	Alfordsville	Mar. 6—	John & Mrs. Garrison	Evan O. Paul
Iowa	Washington	First	Mar. 13—	James Tucker	Charles Tipton
	Royal Oak	Calvary Temple	Mar. 12-24	Fred Numrick	A. F. DiMusto
Mich.	Ypsilanti	A/G	Mar. 12-24	John Higginbotham	Harvey Krist
	Detroit Lakes	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Wes & Pat Larson	Claude Bratvold
Minn.	St. Cloud	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Dave Tonn	Martin Gerdes
	Gallatin	A/G	Mar. 17—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	James Booth
Mo.	Kansas City	Calvary	Mar. 17-31	Glenna Byard	Leonard Carpenter
	St. Joseph	Wyatt Park	Mar. 12-24	Joseph De Grado	W. B. Friend
Nebr.	Springfield	Friendship	Mar. 5-17	John Eller	Wm. E. Bills
	Tarkio	A/G	Mar. 11—	Loyd Middleton	Lee Roy Rogers
N. Y.	Big Springs	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Ray C. Eskelin	Ivan West
	Buffalo	Riverside	Mar. 13-24	Charles T. Crabtree	George L. Hubbard
Ohio	Rochester	First	Mar. 6-17	Ralph A. Creider	Ernest Morgan
	Girard	First	Mar. 12—	Eddie Wilson	Delmar Ross
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Faith Tab.	Mar. 3-15	Victor Etienne	S. J. Scott
	Oklahoma City	Putnam City	Mar. 6-18	Bob Hoskins	F. Don Rippy
	Porum	A/G	Mar. 10—	N. B. & Mrs. Rayburn	M. K. McElhannon
	Skiatook	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 10	Erwin Moore Family	Lloyd Wells
	Stillwater	First	Mar. 11-17	B. R. Minton	Joe Stumbaugh
	Tulsa	Lighthouse Tab.	Mar. 5—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Chalmers Livingston
	Whitesboro	A/G	Mar. 17—	Mathers-Pharr Team	Horton McDonald
Oreg.	Lebanon	A/G	Mar. 3—	R. K. & Mrs. Colsen	H. D. Robeson
Pa.	Moosic	Full Gospel Tab.	Mar. 17-31	Al & Tommy Reid	Fleming Van Meter
	Roaring Spring	Faith	Mar. 12-17	Frank DePolo	D. L. Weyandt
S. C.	Spartanburg	First	Mar. 12-24	Joel Palmer	L. M. Hadler
Tex.	Ackerly	Brown Community	Mar. 4—	Roy & Mrs. Lee	Fred C. Palmer, Jr.
	Amarillo	Fairview	Mar. 10-24	Ervin & Mrs. Asiatico	A. L. Beggs
	Dallas	First	Mar. 10—	Bobby Black	E. E. Krogstad
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W. Va.	Parkersburg	First	Mar. 10-24	Don Logan	C. W. Roberts
Wis.	Wisconsin Rapids	A/G	Mar. 12-24	John Everett	L. E. Curtis
	Med. Hat, Alta.	Pent. Ev. Ctr.	Mar. 12-24	William Caldwell	J. H. Law
Canada	Castlegar, B.C.	Pentecostal	Mar. 12-24	Gaidies-Wagner Team	R. K. Webb
	Tillsonburg, Ont.	Bethel Temple	Mar. 13-31	Abraham Kudra	J. A. Pearson

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work in North Hollywood under a brush arbor while he was attending the University of California at Berkeley in 1913.

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TAKE TIME TO LAUGH!

A merry heart is a good medicine.—Proverbs 17:22, margin

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ONE THING THAT HAS SURVIVED MAN'S FALL INTO SIN is the ability to laugh, and even this ability, all too often, is perverted to the laughter of scorn and derision. Abraham's laughter of incredulity (Genesis 17:17) is not mentioned in the New Testament, but the future loud laughter of the saints is indicated by the Greek text in Luke 6:21, "Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh." The short-lived frivolity of the world is described in poetic form by J. Narver Gortner in his poem concerning Belshazzar:

"As crackling of thorns beneath a pot can never last,
So is the laughter of a fool—it crackles and is past!"

However much there may be of the laughter of scorn, derision, and incredulity, there are two types of laughter which characterize the people of God. The first may be called "the laughter of a merry heart." This is the joy which springs from a sense of well-being, the knowledge of sins forgiven, and the fact that all is well between us and our fellowmen. There are many things in our daily living which may cause good, clean laughter—the antics of a little child, the naturally witty speech of a friend, a humorous slip of the tongue. What a miserable world this would be if we could not laugh!

Man's ability to laugh at himself becomes to him a redeeming quality amid the frustrations and perplexities of life in this world. This "laughter of a merry heart" is especially prevalent among evangelical Christians. Our

conviction and guilt have been brought to the Cross of Christ, and our hearts exult within us over the good news of salvation. This exulting brings praise to the lips, smiles to the face, and the desire to share our inner joy with others. As the inspired writer said: "He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" (Proverbs 15:15) and "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

The ultrapietous type of Christian who frowns upon all forms of humor and merriment should take note that following the revival in Samaria "there was great joy in that city." Jesus said, "Be of good cheer [cheer up]; I have overcome the world." He emphasized the very purpose of His coming in the words: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." His coming was to bring to those who would believe in Him life, happiness, joy, and release from drudgery!

The second type of laughter which characterizes the people of God is "laughter in the Spirit." It is true that everyone does not react in the same way to the Presence of God, but it was common in the early days of our Pentecostal movement for people in our services to be overcome with "holy laughter" when they were blessed by the Holy Spirit. As they sought Him, wave after wave of ecstasy swept their souls for long periods of time. Laughter was mingled with praises and expressions of love toward Christ. People left those meetings feeling they had been caught up into the Lord's presence.

I was preaching in revival meetings in a little Kansas town in 1947. My text one evening was: "Wherefore did Sarah laugh . . . ? Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:13, 14). Tired from the work of the campaign and feeling no humor whatever, I stood up to read my text at the appointed time. After I read it I could not speak another word. Like a deluge from heaven, holy laughter descended upon me until I was beside myself with joy and inner blessing. This wave of glory not only stirred me but that entire congregation began to peal forth laughter and praises as God swept that meeting with His Presence. From the front row to the back the people were laughing. One man was gloriously refilled with the Holy Ghost while sitting in his seat. He confessed later that he had not spoken in *other tongues* since he had been baptized with the Spirit five years before. His wife later told me that he was still laughing when he prepared to retire for the night, and, upon awaking in the morning, again burst forth in an ecstasy of laughter and praises to God. Perhaps this is what the Psalmist meant when he said, "In thy presence is fullness of joy." That entire campaign was transformed by this service, and subsequent nights saw God work in unusual ways about the altar.

Laughter is a medicine. It releases within the body forces which tend toward well-being and health. It helps to smooth out the rough places of life. Our ability to engage in it in a clean wholesome manner makes us easier to live with and takes much of the hard toil out of daily living.

"Yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 144:15). ◀◀