

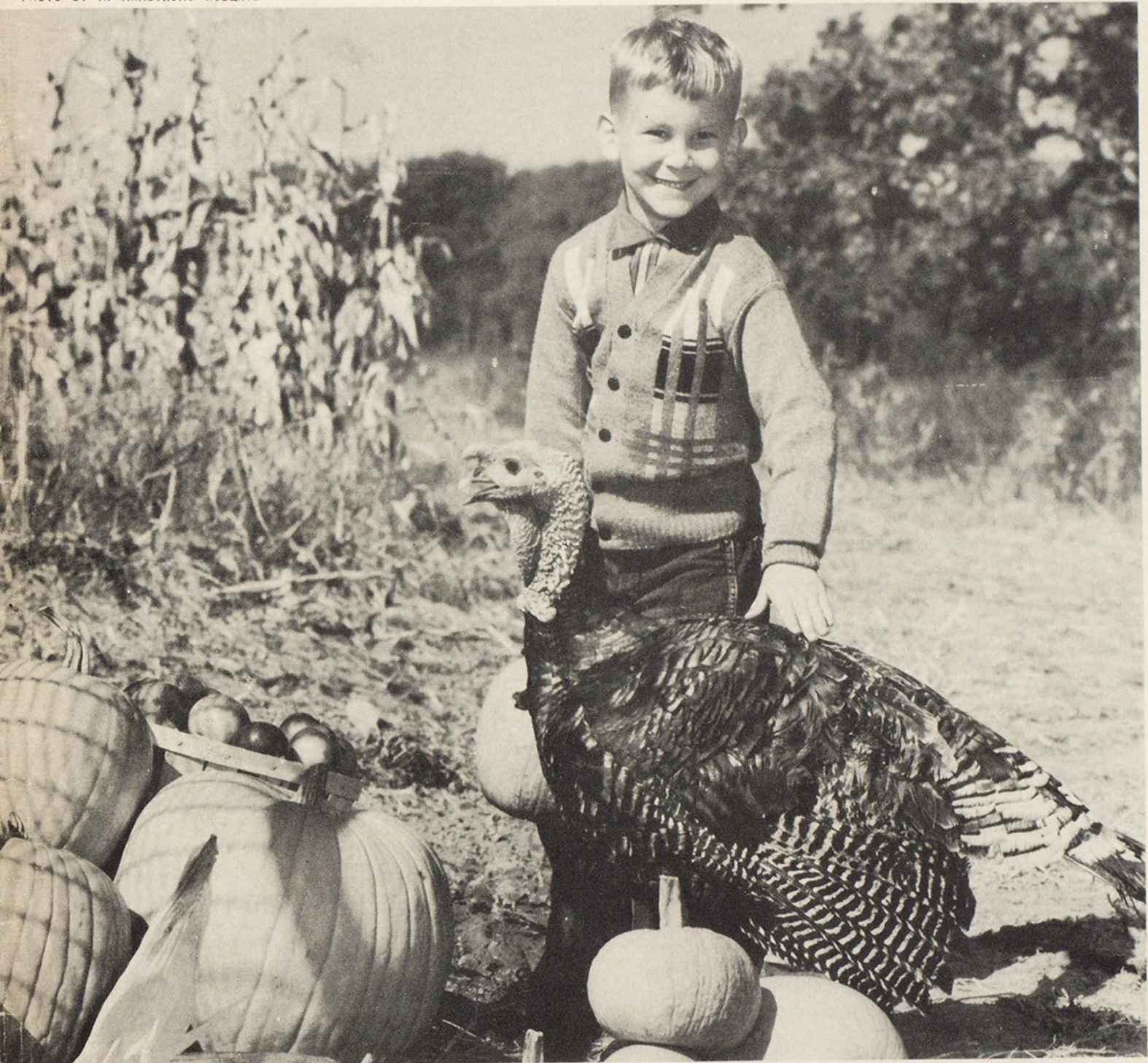
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**The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.**

**-Psalm 34:10**

# Praising the Lord in Song

in psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs, singing with grace in  
your hearts to the Lord. —Colossians 3:16



An Address  
by  
JAMES E. HAMILL

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT SINGING IS ONE OF the few earthly exercises, among those we now have in our services, which will be perpetuated in heaven?

There are many things—many good things—that we do down here that will not be continued in heaven. For example, preaching, praying, giving our tithes and offerings. But there is one thing we shall have the privilege of continuing to do when we get to heaven, and that is to sing. We shall sing the song of Moses and of the Lamb.

## IS SINGING SCRIPTURAL?

Singing has a very prominent place in the Bible. God's people are singing people. Heathenism has no hymnbooks. The heathen have their weird chants, their dirges of despair, but they have no joyful song. In striking contrast is the prominence of song in the Word of God.

There is the song of Miriam. There are the songs of Deborah and of Moses. If time would permit I would mention many of the great psalms of David. I would like to talk about Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." And Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." I would tell you about Psalm 95, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

I might talk about Psalm 96, "O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all ye ends of the earth; sing unto the Lord, bless his Name, shew forth his salvation from day to day." I would refer you to Psalm 98, "O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he

James E. Hamill, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in Memphis, Tenn., gave this address at the Music Luncheon during the recent General Council. There were 326 present.

hath done marvelous things." Or I would talk about Psalm 101, "I will sing of mercy and judgment; unto thee, O Lord, will I sing."

The Lord Jesus sang with the eleven men He had chosen out of the world before He left the upper room on the night in which He was betrayed. It is recorded, "After they had sung an hymn, they went out."

Jesus sang the great "Hallel," Psalm 116, 117, and 118—psalms of praise and honor and majesty to God.

I would love to have heard Jesus sing. I will hear Him sing someday because Zephaniah 3:17 tells us He is going to sing when He comes again. "He will rejoice over thee with joy, he will rest in His love, he will joy over thee with singing."

Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail. At midnight they sang praises to God. I suggest that this is the genius of Christianity...for anybody can sing when he is happy. Anybody can sing when circumstances are all right according to worldly standards. But it takes a Christian to sing at midnight in a prison.

I think it is not by accident that so much place is given to song in the Bible. It was Augustine who delighted to remind his hearers that a new salvation demanded a new song. The Bible is the book of salvation. Therefore, it is a book of song.

## WHO CAN SING?

I am told that there is not one place in all of the Bible where the word "angel" is used as the subject of the verb "to sing." There is a reference concerning the morning stars singing together, so this would indicate that angels can sing and perhaps do sing better than most of us. There is also a reference to Lucifer, indicating that he might have sung before his fall. So I do not doubt that angels can sing, but it is an interesting thing that the Scriptures always say, "The angels or angel *said*."

Even when *Gloria in Excelsis* was given to the shepherds in the field of Bethlehem we read that the angels *said*, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

Actually the Bible does not say much of the singing of angels, but the Bible talks much about redeemed men and women singing. "Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Who can have grace in his heart except God's children?

We have disgusting examples of ungodly persons singing hymns and religious songs on radio, television and elsewhere across this country, which must be nauseating to a holy God.

We also have the sad state where men and women sing in choirs professionally who know nothing about Jesus Christ. They have good and well-trained voices. They will sing rock and roll, pop tunes, the classics, or hymns. It means nothing to them other than the money or fame received for their services. God surely will bring such people into judgment. This same indictment must also apply to those who sing in so-called gospel quartets who do not live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## WHY DO WE SING?

*We sing in praise to God.* Our songs and hymns are expressions of praise and worship to our God. It is fitting that we come into the presence of our Lord with

praise on our lips. We enter His gates with singing in our hearts.

There are hymns in which we are not singing to one another, but to God in worship and adoration and praise. For example, the grand old song—

*"My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign,  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."*

The first purpose of our songs should be to praise the Lord, not to display our vocal or musical ability.

*We also sing as a means of testimony and witness to others.* Our lives should be such that our songs are true. Not only should they be beautiful in harmony, exquisite in arrangements, or pleasing to the ear, but they should be accompanied by godly living. Our singing should be in harmony with our lives—and in demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The singing of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail was indeed a testimony unto the Lord. They had been beaten, they were in stocks; they were cramped; they

were sick and suffering; yet there was a song in their hearts. And that song became a testimony to the grace of God that influenced the conversion of the jailer and his family.

If you want people to listen to you preach, you must preach under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If you want people to listen to you sing hymns and gospel songs you had better sing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Conviction came to my own heart as a boy, singing in a little church, where an untrained choir of some twenty voices sang. They sang with the glory and the beauty of the Lord Jesus upon their faces.

*We sing also to teach one another.* We can open our songbooks almost at random and find a teaching hymn. Look at the words of this old hymn:

*"Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed  
With joy shall I lift up my head."*

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# HALLELUJAH!



SOME WORDS REQUIRE OTHERS TO GIVE THEM MEANING; some are complete in themselves. Some words have little force and meaning even when they are understood, while others are full of power and significance. Of the latter kind is "Hallelujah," a universal expression of praise to God used and understood wherever Christians gather together.

The word occurs many times in the Jewish Bible. In the King James Version it is translated, "Praise ye the Lord." In the Psalms of the Jewish Version it is simply "Hallelujah!"

"Hallelujah" is more than a word; it is a song of praise. Does the lowliest sinner, overwhelmed with a sense of God's mercy and grace, try to express the thankfulness in his heart? His language is, "Hallelujah!" Does the highest archangel desire to magnify the Name of Him who sits on the throne of heaven? A "Hallelujah!" bursts from his lips, resounding through the corridors of the skies. "Hallelujah" is the common language of redeemed sinners, saints, and angels.

"Praise ye the Lord [Hallelujah]. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 106:1).

*Hallelujah* expresses thanksgiving, praise, and worship. Fill the heart with Hallelujahs and it will give glory to God in the highest, and manifest peace and good will to men. Even the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our pleasures and activities may be determined by asking ourselves whether we can rejoice with a "Hallelujah" at the accomplishment of them.

When we regard ourselves and our Maker, when we

compare our weakness and His strength, our folly and His wisdom, our sinfulness and His holiness, well might we bow ourselves into the dust. And when He by His mercy picks us up and sets us upon a rock, can we do less than to offer Him our heart-filled Hallelujahs?

*"Let heaven and earth His righteous praise resound,  
And endless Hallelujahs echo round."*

There is much for all of us to rejoice in. The young people should praise God for their youth, and for the hopeful prospect of health and length of days in which to serve Him. The aged should praise Him for the years spent and for the many benefits they have received. All who have found that the Lord is gracious and full of compassion, even to the forgiving of sins, should have a song of praise in their hearts.

"Hallelujah!" is a natural and joyous song of praise welling up in the redeemed heart to magnify God. The incense of praise is an acceptable offering to the Lord. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Psalm 115:1).

When the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of the Lord, praise will be the universal language. There will be rejoicing with thanksgiving—

*"And countless millions join the song,  
And Hallelujahs burst from every tongue."*

But even now, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1).  
—Redemption Tidings

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## A Hymn of Praise

Neither in time nor in eternity is there any loftier employment for the children of God than singing His praise. We are called not only to "be filled with the Spirit" but also to be "making melody in our hearts to the Lord," as pointed out by Brother Hamill in his article on page two.

Let this Thanksgiving be a reminder of the fact that songs of praise are an integral part of the Spirit-filled life 365 days of the year (366 days next year) and not merely on a certain day. Phillips' free translation of Ephesians 5:18-20 brings out this thought very beautifully, as follows:

"Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls. Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God! Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

One of the best-known songs of praise is The Great Doxology. In fact, "This is the Doxology of the Christian church in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken," one hymnologist says. "It is doubtful if any stanza of religious poetry ever written has been so often, so universally, and so heartily sung in the worship of the Triune God as this."

The word "doxology" means a short hymn full of direct praise to God. Examine it carefully and you will see there is great meaning and significance in every line.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.* God is the fountain of everything that is good. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" so if we want a blessing our gaze should be vertical rather than horizontal.

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.* In the last half of Psalm 148 the Scripture summons the sea monsters and the lightnings, the mountains and the forests, the beasts and the birds to unite with all ranks and ages of men and women in giving homage and praise to their Creator. The purpose of all creation is to render praise to God and this purpose eventually shall be fulfilled. Blessed are they who do it here and now, voluntarily.

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.* Not only the angels, but also the sun and moon, all the stars of light, are called to participate in the doxology of the universe (Psalm 148:1-6). If the Psalmist were on earth today he would include the satellites and space travelers, for these too shall glorify the Lord.

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.* The Father loves us, the Son redeems us, and the Spirit enlivens us. Surely we have abundant cause to praise the Blessed Trinity.

The tune to which we usually sing the Doxology ("Old Hundred") was composed by a German, Wilhelm Franc. The words were written by a bishop of the Church of England, Thomas Ken. The beloved old bishop was quoted as saying it would enhance his joy in heaven if, when he reached that happy place, he might be permitted to hear his songs sung by the faithful on earth. Whether it is possible for saints in heaven to hear the songs of the saints on earth, we do not know; but God hears, and one of the songs He likes to hear us sing is The Great Doxology.

May it continue to ring out everywhere until Jesus comes.—R.C.C.

## FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

The godless farmer looks out upon his harvest fields and says, "Look what *I* have grown." The Christian farmer looks at his crops and says, "Look what *God and I* have grown." For it takes more than the labors of a man to produce a good harvest. An agricultural college, in a recent study, found that in the production of 100 bushels of corn on one acre of land the following materials were used: 4,000,000 pounds of water; 6,800 pounds of oxygen; 5,200 pounds of carbon; 160 pounds of nitrogen; 125 pounds of potassium; 40 pounds of magnesium; 50 pounds of calcium; 2 pounds of iron; and smaller amounts of iodine, zinc, copper, and other things.

Therefore we "praise God from whom all blessings flow." Even the physical strength that the farmer contributes to the hundred bushels of corn is a gift from above.

## SEEING GOD IN EVERYTHING

Faith recognizes God in everything in some sense, even the things that come from the adversary and a hostile world. Every difficulty that meets us is but a challenge to prove the resources of our Heavenly Father; but a vessel to hold some part of His usefulness; but an occasion to prove that nothing is too hard for Him, nothing too great for Him to undertake, nothing too little for Him to care about. Thus we find God not only in the obvious tokens of His goodness, but in those things which are blessings in disguise also.

All these things are but tests that come to us from our Father's hand, opportunities to prove His love and power to help us; and if we so receive them it will come to pass that the most delightful remembrances of our lives will be the transformation of trials into blessings and triumphs. We shall learn to look over the head of the devil and see God above and beyond him, and by and by we shall be able even to recognize him in a sense as our ally, as God takes our very enemy prisoner and makes him fight our battles and help to carry our burdens. This is the devil's humiliation and the Lord's greatest glory.

We greatly miss the discipline of life and the victories of faith if we do not watch for God in all the hard places that come to us day by day and learn to rise from these to sublimest victories.

—*The Alliance Witness*

## ARE WE THOUGHTFULLY THANKFUL?

*Thankfulness* is an old Anglo Saxon word meaning *thankfulness*. A terrible moral collapse comes to people who can daily receive God's goodness without lifting eyes of thanksgiving to the Author of all their blessings. Either they must feel that there is no God, or that they are deserving of His gifts.

Gratitude is one of the most important of the Christian virtues because of its reach into the other areas of Christian life. Gratitude grows from faith and hope; it is always accompanied by joy and happiness; it leads to faithfulness and stewardship and generosity.



Suppose that we could all become sincerely thankful from this day forth. What a difference this would make in our own hearts! What a difference in our homes! What a difference in our church, our nation!

Think things through in the light of God's Word, and you will become thankful!

—C. W. BERNER, in *Soul Secrets* (Concordia)

## WILLING TO BE MOWN

"He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass" (Psalm 72:6). Grass that is mown has lost its height and beauty. All its magnificence, everything that it could boast of, is gone. The roots alone are left.

When God's people have lost their self-complacency, their boasting, and their self-satisfaction in what they have attained—in a word, when they have been *mown*—they may expect rain.

The glory of the latter rain will be greater than the former. There will be no stint in the amount of rain. The crop will be luxuriant.

Mown grass is better than rank grass.

God's people should be willing to be mown. They should humble themselves under the hand of the divine Mower. Then He Himself will come down for us, but He will be preceded by the rain. There will be a quick short harvest. Be ready. He is coming soon. —*Selected*



## "In Everything Give Thanks!"

'Mid sunshine, cloud or stormy days,  
When hope abounds or care dismays,  
When trials press and toils increase  
Let not thy faith in God decrease—  
"In everything give thanks."

All things we know shall work for good,  
Nor would we change them if we could;  
'Tis well if only He command;  
His promises will ever stand—  
"In everything give thanks."

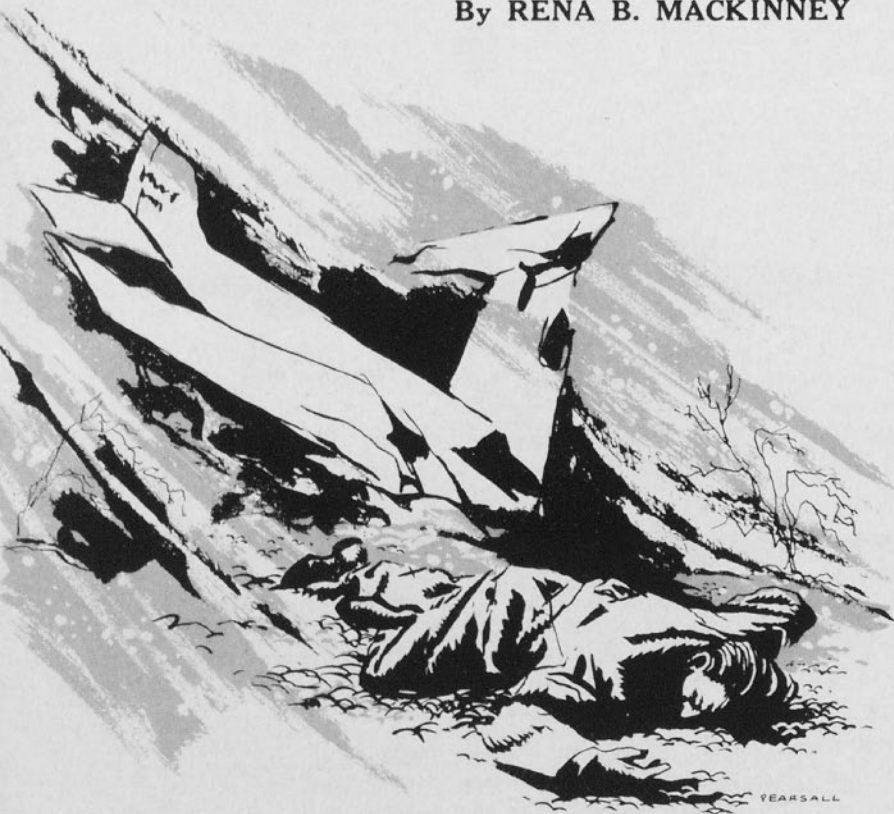
He satisfies the longing heart,  
He thwarts the tempter's cruel dart,  
With goodness fills the hungry soul,  
And helps us sing when billows roll.  
"In everything give thanks."

—*Selected*

# Thankful for All God's Promises

*There's something about trials that pulls the heart one of two ways. Either they will sour the soul or they will sweeten it. Christians who are in touch with God constantly will see the trial as one of the "all things" that work together for good.*

By **RENA B. MACKINNEY**



*" . . . A few hours later, word came that the wreckage of the plane and Dan's lifeless body had been found. . . . He was with the Lord."*

IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY SINCE I first trusted God's promise of salvation and found it true. Since that time I have tested many of His promises through varied experiences and found Him always faithful.

When our three oldest boys were quite small I often became weary in caring for them. A relative had given me a Scripture motto which had hung on our wall for some time. But one day I saw it as more than a motto, and in faith claimed its promise: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25). This met my need at that time, and I still have strength according to the day's need.

During the depression days my husband and I were pastoring in Hastings, Minnesota. Our income was limited. My sister was to be married and she asked me to be her attendant. I consented, even though my best dress was black and there was no prospect of getting another. One day while sweeping the floor and thinking about this problem, I remembered the promise, "And thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seest in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6). I obeyed and spoke only to my Lord of the need. Within a few days I received a large envelope through the mail. It contained \$16. I do not know the name of the sender to this day, but I know it was proof of God's unfailing promise.

While we were pastors at Watertown, Wisconsin, our income was small and uncertain. With seven children to feed I had to trust the Lord many times for our daily bread. On one such occasion I looked up at the Scripture text calendar on the wall and read the promise, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5). My faith was strengthened, and that very day a Christian brother came with a bushel basket overflowing with vegetables from his garden. God had once again kept His promise.

It is wonderful to have God meet our temporal and physical needs, and we had many occasions to experience this as our large family grew up. But I have also found God's promise sufficient for other needs as well. We have worked for the Lord in Labrador for a number of years, and have known God's protection and provision many times. We have known grief too.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve in 1958 our son Dan left home on what was to be a short flight to take Christmas packages and letters to the patients of Grenfell Hospital and to the children in the school near-

by. The sky was clear when he left, but as the time drew near for him to return, dark clouds arose and produced a blinding snow squall. When Dan did not return on schedule, rescue units on the USAF and RCAF bases were alerted and through the night they searched for his plane. I tossed restlessly on my bed. Sleep was impossible. My mind seemed paralyzed and prayer was difficult. Early Christmas morning as I read my Bible I felt that Dan had already gone to be with his Lord. A few hours later word came that the wreckage of the plane and Dan's lifeless body had been found...

With hearts still heavy with anguish my daughter Beulah and I attended the midweek service at the local assembly. Pastor Newman began to read Isaiah 53, and as I followed in my own Bible, a verse I had been familiar with for years suddenly became real to me: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." In that moment I realized that just as my Saviour had lifted my load of sin some fifty years ago, He now took my grief and my sorrow upon His own dear self and I need carry the burden of anguish no longer. It was marvelous to feel His lifting power in my very being in the days that followed, and I gave thanks again for His unfailing promises.

*'Tis true, oh, yes, 'tis true,  
God's wonderful promise is true;  
For I've trusted and tested and tried it,  
And I know God's promise is true.*



LUOMA

### *Because of Thy Great Bounty*

Because I have been given much,  
I, too, shall give;  
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,  
Each day I live  
I shall divide my gifts from Thee  
With every brother that I see  
Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed,  
By Thy good care,  
I cannot see another's lack  
And I not share  
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread,  
My roof's shelter overhead,  
That he, too, may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so  
Upon me, Lord,  
A wealth I know that was not meant  
For me to hoard,  
I shall give love to those in need,  
The cold and hungry clothe and feed,  
Thus shall I show my thanks indeed.

—Grace Noll Crowell

# Thankful for My Church

By JEANETTE WESSTROM

SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT GOD HAS TWO DWELLING places—one in heaven and the other in a thankful heart.

If we were to devote all our waking hours to thanking God for all His benefits, we would still be giving only a meager measure of the gratitude due Him. Among the many benefits for which I am grateful this Thanksgiving season is the church of Jesus Christ.

Thankful—because in the church I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour from sin and received Him as Lord of my heart and life. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

Thankful—for the church's teaching program, especially through the medium of the Sunday school; for faithful teachers of Bible truths; and for lessons learned.

Thankful—for the preaching ministry of the church that points sinners to the Saviour, and edifies and builds up those who are already followers of Jesus Christ.

Thankful—for Christian friends. Because we are naturally social beings, the church provides social activities through which we have an opportunity to meet new people, make long and lasting friendships, as well as witness for Him.

Thankful—for the missionary vision of the church which broadens our horizons by emphasizing the concern of the church for a lost world. This also brings to me the realization that I am a member of that great Church Triumphant made up of the redeemed of the Lord from every tribe and nation.

Thankful—because "Whosoever will may come." Only the church spreads a "welcome mat" for every age group, for people from every walk of life—rich and poor, strong and weak, simple and profound, sinner and saint. Only the church is able to minister to *all* the needs of man.

Thankful—for the avenues of Christian service the church provides, for the privilege of serving the Lord through it.

On Sunday mornings in the primary department of our Sunday school our boys and girls sing,

*"For mother's love and father's care,  
For food to eat and clothes to wear,  
For home and friends and answered prayer,  
I thank Thee, Lord.  
But most of all my thanks shall be  
That on the cross of Calvary  
My Saviour gave His life for me,  
I thank Thee, Lord."*

Listening, I am glad for the church that teaches and preaches the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ so that even little children may know and give thanks.

—The Covenant Companion



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pastor, 7:45 p.m.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3—AKRON, OHIO**  
First Assembly of God, Routes 94 and 224, Wadsworth, Ohio,  
Charles S. Celentano, pastor, 7:45 p.m.



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6—LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
First Assembly of God, 22nd and Franklin Sts., N. Little Rock,  
Phinis A. Lewis, pastor, 7:30 p.m.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**  
Northwest Pavilion, 11102 N.E. 53rd St., Kirkland, Wash.,  
C. E. Butterfield, president, Northwest College, 7:30 p.m.



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.**  
Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis Street, Floyd W. Thomas, pastor,  
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# Ten Revival

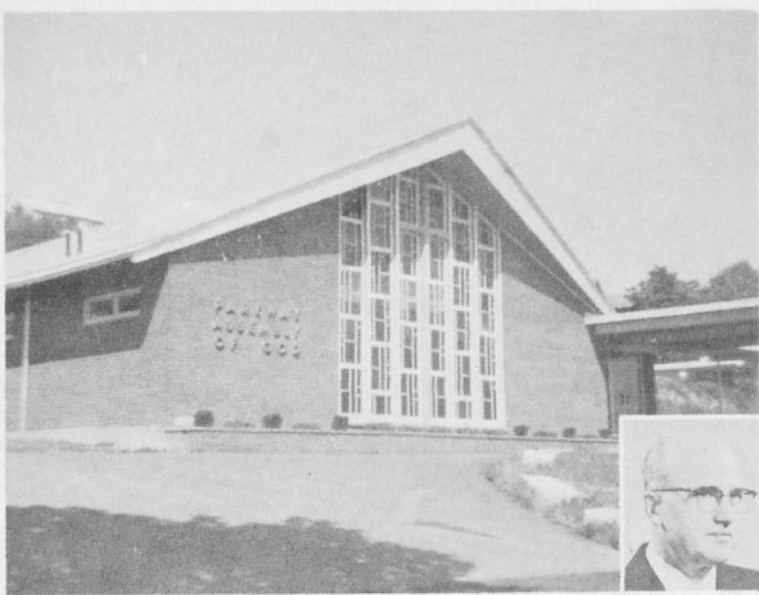
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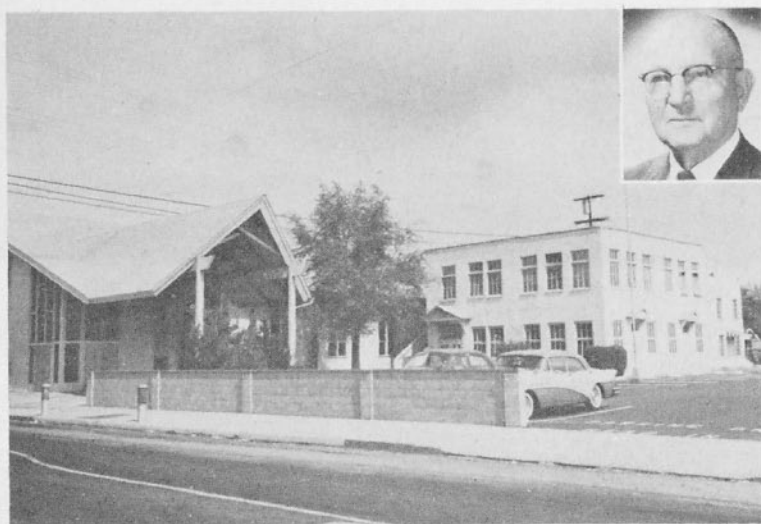
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 First Assembly of God, 4024 E. 58th St., Maywood, Calif.,  
 Arthur W. Erickson, pastor, 7:30 p.m.



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Answered by Ernest S. Williams

# YOUR QUESTIONS

*I was converted as a child, but Jesus does not seem as real to me as He does to other Christians. Am I really saved?*

If you were converted, and have not backslidden, you are still saved. You must stand by faith. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward" (Hebrews 10:35). Worship Jesus and ask Him to fill you with the blessed Holy Spirit. If you were once filled, but feel a lack now, ask Him to fill you anew.

Incidentally, the fact that others give more expression to spiritual joy does not necessarily mean that you are less spiritual. Your personal relationship to Christ is the thing that counts.

*Should Christians ever go to a doctor when sick, or should they depend entirely on the Lord for healing?*

If we go to a physician, we depend on him to use his skills, and ask the Lord to help him. In many things doctors can be very helpful, and unless a person can really trust—not just try to trust—perhaps it is best for him to go to a physician. But the sufferer must decide for himself what he believes Jesus would have him do.

*How can I be sure that I have a call to full-time gospel service? I feel very deeply about this but I'm not sure.*

If you believe in your heart you are called to the ministry, work for the Lord where you are, using your talents as you have opportunity. Study God's Word faithfully and prepare yourself. Then trust God to open a door of service when He wants you to devote full time. "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." When a door of service opens, step in by faith believing that "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

*How often ought the church to celebrate the Lord's Supper?*

Jesus said, "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:25). There is no mention of how often it should be. Some believe that because Jesus rose the first day, or Sunday, the Lord's Supper should be observed each Sunday. In most Assemblies of God churches communion is observed the first Sunday of each month. It is well that each church have a definite plan so that all might know when the church is going to observe the Lord's Supper. This gives time for personal spiritual preparation. The service should be conducted with deep reverence, not carelessly or haphazardly.

*Once I felt called to preach, and I began to do so. But I did not seem to fit in the ministry so I quit. Now I feel guilty. What should I do?*

Since God's dealings are personal with each individual it is not easy for an outsider to read what is going on in another's heart, or what the will of the Lord for that individual might be. If you met only failure when in the ministry, perhaps you were not called to full-time preaching. But Satan likes to confuse us. If a person is in the ministry, Satan would destroy his peace of mind by telling him he ought not to be in the ministry. If he leaves the ministry the devil would like him to feel he is out of the will of God. Once having entered the ministry one should surely stay there until he is confident he is out of place. Then he should refuse to listen to the accusation that he is out of the will of God in secular employment.

*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. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

# 546 Bibles to Cadets at Military

IT WAS IN JULY 1802 THAT THE military post at West Point, N. Y., was converted into the United States Military Academy, which opened with a class of 10 Cadets. The present Academy consists of more than 2,500.

In 1869 when Ulysses S. Grant was President and our nation consisted of 38 states, the American Tract Society instituted what has become a yearly event—the presentation of Bibles to the incoming class of Cadets at West Point.

Before the advent of airplanes or automobiles, representatives of the Society made these yearly trips by train or horse and buggy to place in the hands of these future officers God's Holy Word.

On Sunday, September 29, 1963, Dr. Henry G. Perry, accompanied by G. Raymond Christensen and Stephen E. Slocum, made the 94th annual presentation at both services at the Cadet Chapel stating, in part, that the Bible, God's gift to the world, is the only light regarding man's future destiny,

*Christ is its sublime subject,  
Its design is our salvation,  
And the glory of God is its end.*

Presentation consisted of 546 specially-bound Bibles, bearing on the fly-leaf a picture of the Cadet Chapel; and on the cover, inscribed in gold, the name of the Cadet. In accepting the Bibles, Cadets Terry Ketler and William Richards expressed the sincere gratitude of the Fourth Classmen for the gift.

Dr. Theodore C. Speers, Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain James Ford, presided at the services. Chaplain Speers used as his text the 61st chapter of Isaiah, stressing the point that our Bible is the most contemporary reading for those seeking wisdom for the present time. He said in part:

# Presented West Point Academy

"When Jesus came to His home town of Nazareth, after His fame had spread abroad, He went to God's house on the sabbath day as His custom was, and the congregation paid Him the signal honor of asking Him to read the lesson. He chose to read from the 61st Chapter of the prophesy of Isaiah and in part this is what He read: 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bound, and to declare the acceptable year of the Lord.' And when He had finished He gave the Book back to the minister and sat down, and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened upon Him, and He said: 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears.'

"There has never been a battlefield on which the United States has had its soldiers where the Bible has not been present. There has never been a



Cadets Terry Ketler and William Richards accept gift Bibles at West Point Chapel.

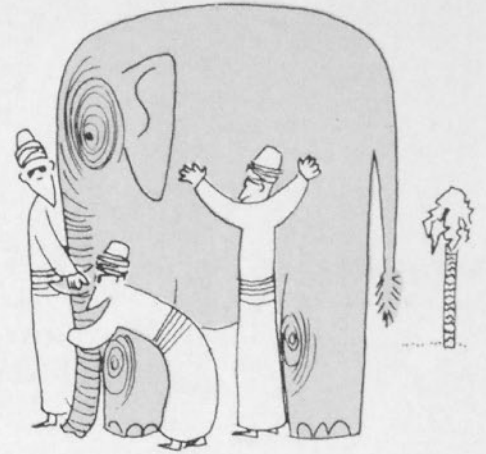
submarine that has endured depth bombs that has not had Bibles on board.

"Every president of the United States since the first, when he has taken the oath of office, has put his hand on this Bible thereby indicating his intention by the grace of God to live by the loyalty that is therein described.

"You think the Bible doesn't know anything about Nuclear Physics—let me read you the Bible's description of the ultimate climax, the end of everything. It's from the New Testament, the second letter of Peter, the third chapter and the tenth verse. Listen: 'In that day the heavens will disappear in a terrific tearing blast; the very elements will disintegrate in heat, and the earth and all that is in it will be burned up to nothing. . . . The heavens will disappear in fire and the elements disintegrate in fearful heat.' Not bad for something that was written less than a hundred years after the Crucifixion!

"This Book doesn't belong to the past and must not be imprisoned in the past. It belongs to the living in every age, and if we or our successors manage to escape the holocaust it will be because the wisdom of this Book has taken hold of us. The central dilemma of life runs through the Bible from beginning to end, as it runs all through the generations. This was what Jesus was talking about to the people of Nazareth that sabbath morning when He tried to point out to them that they had deliberately, of their own free will, chosen to exile themselves from the presence and the power of God. They had thereby exiled themselves from their ablest Ally and their most resourceful friend. And to the enormity of their foolishness they were both blind and dumb.

"The whole purpose of Christ's life and death on earth was to turn men from their state of foolhardiness and to win them back to the warmth and wisdom of God's fellowship. 'God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.' God is operating in and through Christ to the same end right now. . . . The most significant message our Lord is trying to get across to us is that if we will follow Him faithfully the day will come when we will declare with the utmost sincerity: 'Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'"



## LET'S TEACH OUR TEACHERS ALL ABOUT MISSIONS!

Remember the blind men describing their first encounter with an elephant? One, feeling the trunk, said, "The elephant is like a snake." Another ran into his side and exclaimed, "Indeed, an elephant is like a wall." The others feeling tusks, legs, and tail thought of spears, trees, and rope. So with missions. Many have the narrow view that "Indeed, missions is like an offering plate."

We know missions is a vital part of the Great Commission; that we should all participate. But have we seen its entire scope?

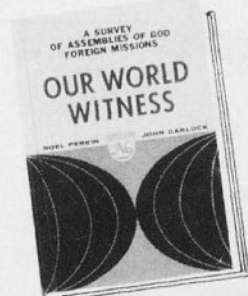
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# The Search for Rest

*"Like Martha we have neglected the vital for the trivial. We have worried about the temporary and neglected the eternal."*

By JAY ALFORD

THE STRESS AND TENSION UNDER WHICH OUR GENERATION lives may spring from different causes, but the condition itself is not new. Centuries ago David the psalmist wrote, "My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest" (Psalm 55:4-8).

David's soul cry could have come from the hearts of millions of twentieth-century Americans who are despondent, deeply troubled, and fearful. Nearly a million Americans are confined in mental institutions; our hospitals are full; and doctors' waiting rooms crowded. It has been estimated that mental, emotional, and spiritual problems rather than organic disorders account for more than 85 per cent of those seeking medical help.

In our lifetime the manufacture of sleeping pills and tranquilizers has become a multimillion-dollar business. One-sixth of all Americans now use these pills in a vain effort to produce instant oblivion or instant happiness.

In 1962 doctors wrote 95 million prescriptions for tranquilizers and energizers, making them second in sales only to antibiotics. Authorities predict that sale of mood medicine may exceed that of antibiotics within the next decade. But mood pills are not relieving our basic tensions. Nervous breakdowns and mental disorders continue to plague us; even children and young people are breaking under the tensions of our times.

One out of every three marriages yields to the pressure and ends in divorce.

Various factors contribute to this overwhelming tension in today's world. One is the constant threat of total annihilation through nuclear war. Modern mass communication keeps us ever aware of the crises developing around our shrinking world. We are often reminded that any one of these so-called brush fires could erupt into a global conflagration.

The fear of incapacitating illness lurks in the minds of many. Since cancer strikes one out of every four persons, the dread of this disease adds to the general tension. In addition to physical suffering, cancer is attended by financial, emotional, and domestic problems.

The growing racial problem in our nation affects almost all of us either directly or indirectly.

The high cost of living and the threat of unemployment create tremendous pressures upon the family bread-

winner. Automation has become a haunting specter to men who may at any time be replaced by a machine and thus join the growing ranks of the unemployed.

To meet these and other modern-day tensions, Americans are taking more and longer vacations—but the problems either go along or await our return. We change jobs; but this rarely solves anything, and sometimes makes matters worse. We are divorcing and remarrying at a record pace, only to find that our tensions remain with us. We turn to alcohol or narcotics, but these twin evils only increase the heartache and multiply the problems. An estimated 20,000 Americans will seek escape from today's tensions through suicide this year. But this only makes earthly problems eternal.

What then is the answer? Where is "escape from the windy storm and tempest"? We cannot find it in the things of time and sense. We are too much like Martha who was cumbered about much serving. Jesus gently rebuked her, saying, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things."

Like Martha we have neglected the vital for the trivial. We have worried about the temporary and neglected the eternal. We have sought God's gifts but failed to seek Him. We have feared the future while failing to place our hands in the hand of the One who holds tomorrow.

Our first step toward escape from pressure-packed living is, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Having done this, Jesus promises, "...and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). We must give Christ priority in our lives or else we will be continually in a state of confusion. We cannot hope to live this life to its fullest and face eternity with confidence unless we give God and His Word their proper place in our lives.

Christ is the answer to every problem we face today. He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. You can have abundant life by taking these simple steps:

Come to Him in faith, just as you are, confessing your sin and need in your own words. Hold nothing back when you pray. Acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you need His forgiveness. Commit your life and all your needs and problems into His care. When you pray to Christ in this manner you become a child of God and He takes responsibility for you. Whatever happens in the world can only affect His children as He permits it to.

Now dust off your Bible and begin reading it daily with an open heart. Pray in simple faith to the Lord

every day. Take your family to church and Sunday school regularly, joining in worship and in giving for the work of God. Become acquainted with the minister of your church and form Christian friendships. Tell others about your faith in Christ and what He has done for you. Put the principles of Christian living, as revealed in the Bible, to work in your daily life.

Christ is your only hope, but He is a sure hope. There is no other answer, no other escape in this world or in the world to come. "Come unto me," He says, "and I will give you rest." ◀◀

## PRAISING THE LORD IN SONG

(Continued from page three)

Hymns have a message and the proper singing of them fixes spiritual truth in our minds.

### WHAT ARE WE TO SING?

The apostle Paul, both in Colossians 3:16 and in Ephesians 5:19, tells us that we are to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

I grow a little tired of people who have appreciation for only one type of religious music, whether it be what we commonly refer to as quartet singing or whether it be anthems or classics. I believe there is a place for simple songs that carry a message, done well and done under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I also believe there is a place for anthems and the great psalms of praise and adoration to God.

I do not believe there is any place in the church for rock and roll, or jazz, in the name of religion. We must not allow our services to be turned into rock and roll sessions, even though religious words are used in the singing.

Augustine said there had to be three things in a hymn. It had to be a song; it had to be praise; and it had to be praise to God.

Spiritual songs in the early history of the Church were songs of experience: spiritual men singing spiritual songs. There were battle songs, and harvest songs, and festival songs, and marriage songs, and others, but these were not considered spiritual songs. Spiritual songs have to do with the things of the Spirit, and with the Word of God.

This leads us to observe that not only should spiritual men *sing* spiritual songs, but only spiritual men should *write* spiritual songs.

A good example of what we mean by a spiritual song is something that indicates one's own experience in the things of God. For example, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine!" What are we doing? We are testifying of an experience with God and there should be reality to give substance and sincerity and integrity to the song.

Singing is indeed Scriptural, desirable, and spiritually profitable. The redeemed of the Lord should lift their voices and their hearts and their souls in song, giving thanks to God, testifying of His grace, and admonishing one another in song.

Indeed "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1). ◀◀

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By CALVIN ZEISSLER,



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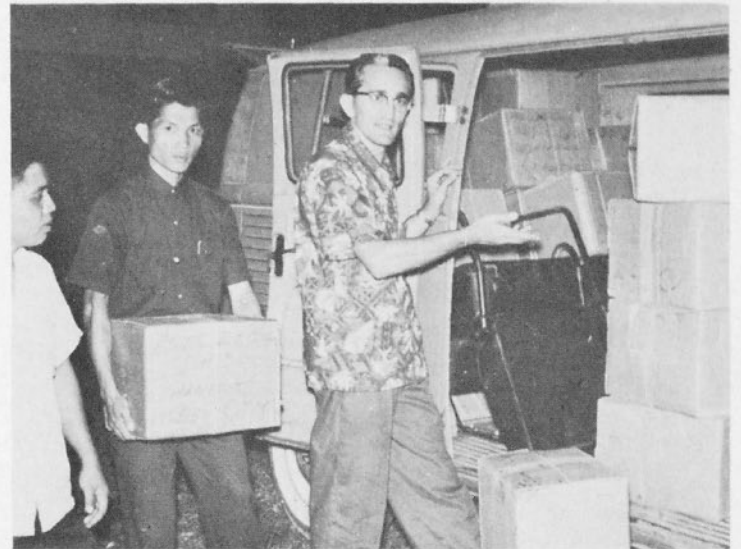
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# YOUTH TAKES THE TORCH

*The apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, handed down a threefold charge to all Christian young people today.*

By CALVIN MELTON

OUR SCRIPTURE READING (2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8) is addressed to a Christian young man, Paul's own son in the faith. In fact, this is Paul's admonition to youth of all ages, and especially the youth of today, for Paul's description of the future fits the world in which we are living today. The perilous times of which he spoke have already come. The love of many has now waxed cold. Iniquity now abounds, and the night of apostasy deepens. All the natural safeguards against the outbreak of evil seem to be overborne by floods of ungodliness.

Paul saw these days coming and set forth by word and example the duty of youth in perilous times. In writing to Timothy he laid down a threefold charge to Pentecostal young people. We have a position to maintain; a service to perform; and a hope to cherish. Let us look at these in their order:



This article is a digest of the sermon preached by Evangelist Calvin Melton of Mobile, Ala., at the 1963 General Council of the Assemblies of God during the Saturday night youth rally.

## 1. WE HAVE A POSITION TO MAINTAIN

Paul said, "I have fought a good fight" (2 Timothy 4:7). He maintained his position in the face of every obstacle.

Some years ago a magazine identified a picture of the Roman Colosseum as a place where "the early Christians died for a faith the world now takes for granted." Reading it, I was reminded of that great arena of faith where Christians of all ages have fought and died for the testimony of the gospel. I thought of the apostles who were martyred for the gospel's sake. I thought of Stephen who prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," as the stones of his persecutors beat the life from his body. I thought of the Waldenses who endured the persecutions of the Dark Ages to be true to their convictions. I thought of Polycarp who at the flaming stake cried out, "Eighty and six years have I served Him and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my Lord and my Saviour?" I thought of John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*. When the warden of Bedford Prison offered to free him if he would refrain from preaching, Bunyan answered, "Let me out today and I'll preach the gospel

tomorrow." The history of the Church is the history of heroes like these who would rather die than compromise their conviction.

Then I thought of our own precious fellowship, of our fathers and our forefathers who suffered and sacrificed much to bring forth a church and a fellowship where people could worship God in Spirit and in Truth. And when I thought of this great heritage I wept and prayed, "O God let me be worthy of their trust and let me keep unspotted that which they have committed to me."

Many years ago Henry W. Grady, one of the South's most eloquent champions of youth, said, "Young man, you stand in the pass behind which the treasures of the world are guarded." I tell you, there is no group to which this is more applicable than to Pentecostal youth. What tremendous treasures we as Pentecostal young people have to guard! May we ever be faithful to our task of guarding this treasure and maintaining the threefold position our fathers have bequeathed to us.

First of all, we must maintain the position of *separation*. God's people are to be different, separated, a peculiar people—in the world but not of the world. Our fathers faithfully passed on to us this characteristic distinction, but today that difference is becoming less distinct. Some explain this by saying, "The world is becoming more Christian today." But, young people, let us not deceive ourselves. The world is not becoming more Christian, but I am afraid many Christians are becoming more worldly. We must not compromise our testimony; instead, we must do as the heroes of Bible days, many of whom gave their lives for their faith. The course of history was not determined by howling mobs in the Colosseum, but by faithful saints in the Catacombs.

The call of God to the Early Church was, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." We cannot have this Christ life in us and still be like the rest of the world. We cannot influence a lost world for Christ by being like it. We *must* walk a different road. We must speak a different language. We must have different characteristics.

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The great need of this hour is not for more masterful orators, or beautiful churches, or melodious choirs, nor even for more Bible conferences, conventions or evangelistic services. The great need is for men and women who have learned to depend heavily upon the Holy Ghost and His power. May God help us in these last days to remember something the devil would have us forget—that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Let us purpose to *keep that position of certainty!* The man who has attained to certainty in any field is a valuable man. There is no other realm of life where certainty is so vital as in the realm of religion. Here speculations are not enough. We *must* know! But I'm afraid there are many today who are uncertain. Their religion has been made for them by others, communicated to them by tradition, and held to fixed forms by imitation. But religion received only through inheritance is unreal and uncertain. Pentecost is something that does not become an absolute certainty to your heart until you experience it. I challenge every young person here to find out by personal experience that Pentecost is *right* and is real—become absolutely certain of it—then guard it with all your heart.

Some time ago a young man was asked by his professor to answer a question. He arose and started answering, but the professor rudely interrupted by saying, "No! No! No!" The young man sat down embarrassed.

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# A TRIBUTE TO FRIENDSHIP

by  
Elsie Isensee

IN LATIN AMERICA THERE IS A PLANT called "Maravilla" [Marvel]. It is just an ordinary-looking plant which during the daylight hours has no special features to draw attention to itself. But as soon as the evening shadows begin to fall, and everything becomes enveloped in darkness, the delicate blossoms of this plant begin to unfold their petals and to dispel a fragrance which makes one keenly aware of its existence.

The habits of this plant make me think of the characteristics of *true friendship*.

We appreciate our friends during the days that are filled with sunshine and activity, but it is in the long night of sickness and suffering that friendship throws out its sweetest fragrance. To one tormented with discouragement, despair, and hopelessness, true friendship carries understanding and life, it inspires new faith and confidence!

Those who have never experienced great turbulency of soul can little appreciate the healing effect of a friendly smile, a warm handclasp, or the seemingly insignificant reminder of esteem and affection. But in the past

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year or two, I have had the opportunity of learning the inestimable value of true friendship.

To the frustrations of a tragic childhood filled with cruelty and hatred was added the long struggle of battling my way through school without any source of financial help. Then came sorrow and heartache brought about through our children's sickness and my husband's death on the foreign missionary field. All of this created a strain and stress which became so great I could no longer cope with it.

All seemed lost. I became the victim of nervous and emotional exhaustion, and felt there was little left to hope for in life. I even went to my pastor and informed him of my desires for the care of my two children, in the event of my death in the near future.

I would not minimize the excellent help I received from the medical profession—I shall ever be grateful for it. But deep down in my heart I feel that the most effective healing instrument in my case was the host of friends standing by and anxiously endeavoring to lighten the load. Thus I was enabled to bear the burden until God should say, "It is enough," and lift it completely from me.

There were those friends who, upon learning of my distress, dropped everything and drove several hundred miles to be by my side and to see that the children received care, in order to relieve me.

Others from east, west, north, and south sent beautiful cards and letters of comfort and cheer. One letter came from a friend saying a person, whom I had never met personally, had called to inquire of my progress. It told how this man had gone to prayer for several hours and had not risen from

his knees until he had received the definite assurance that God had intervened for me.

Others called repeatedly just to remind me of their love and appreciation. They assured me they would continue to pray and believe with me for His help. Space will not permit me to enumerate the many acts of kindness that overwhelmed me.

Fearful lest I should cause the faith and intercession of these friends to be in vain, my heart repeatedly cried out to God to strengthen me. I tried to reach up and take the victory that was mine.

There were long dreary nights filled with sleeplessness or terrifying dreams. These made the ensuing days of little delight!

On one such day I had to call one of our executive presbyters about a matter of business. I knew he was a very busy man and endeavored to make the conversation brief. But his inquiries regarding my condition revealed such a friendly interest that it was easy to tell of a serious battle through which I was passing. He was not too busy to take the time to offer some most profitable advice and encouragement.

He gave me a Scripture verse upon which to stand, and it proved to be the one to meet the need of my struggling heart. I claimed it as my very own, and it effected a miraculous victory—the full extent of which only eternity can reveal!

Often my heart has been stirred by the thought that Abraham of old was able to accomplish his outstanding acts of faith and obedience because he knew that God was his Friend. Oh, may we not be guilty of underestimating the value of true Christian friendship. Instead, let us pray that it—like the simple little Maravilla plant—may exude a holy fragrance that will penetrate the darkness of the midnight hour and challenge some suffering friend to perfect victory in Christ—the Friend of friends! ◀◀

**"YOU TAKE MY PLACE"**

I wiped a tear from off my brother's face,  
And suddenly God spoke, and gently smiled:  
"Thank you, My child; some day I'll wipe  
the tears  
From every face. Till then, you take My  
place."  
Now since that day these hands of mine  
are His  
Who formed the world, the stars, and all  
that is,  
My hands, so frail and weak—O wonder  
grand!—  
Are deputy for God's almighty hand.

—Annie A. Ziedman

NEXT SUNDAY . . .

**MOBILIZING MEN**



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Musements for Minors . . . by Dick Champion

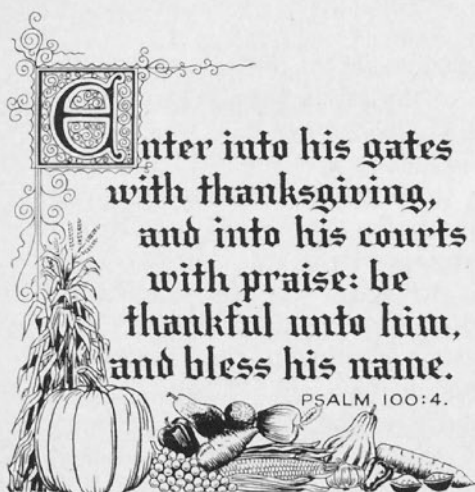
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Here is a message for Thanksgiving Day for you and your family. To figure out the message, begin at the square at the upper left-hand corner of the puzzle. Then move one square at a time, either to the right or left or up or down. (Never move diagonally.) Each gray square indicates the end of a word. There are 11 words altogether in this message, ranging from one letter to six letters long. You'll find three two-letter words, one one-letter word, one three-letter word, four four-letter words and one each of five- and six-letter words. To get you started, the first word is "it." (You can check your answer by looking up Psalm 92:1.)





# A Student Becomes a Teacher

Sunday School Lesson for December 1, 1963

ACTS 18:24-28; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-9

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our text tells the story of a brilliant, zealous, and eloquent preacher and a loving, gracious couple who were Christian lay workers. It also suggests the blessed spiritual results which such a combination may bring about!

APOLLOS THE PREACHER (Acts 18:24, 25)

*His Background.* Alexandria in Egypt was noted for its intellectual and cultural attainments. In it lived thousands of Jews of the highest type. From this city came Apollos, "an eloquent man," highly educated with unusual oratorical ability. More than that, he was a godly man for it takes strength of character, integrity, and nobility of life to make men "mighty in the scriptures" in the spiritual sense of the term!

*His Zeal.* "This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John." [A.R.V.] Thus Apollos, for all his zeal, was a man with an incomplete gospel. Having lived so long in Alexandria, where the full gospel

had not yet penetrated, he knew only John's gospel of repentance. Repentance prepares the way to saving faith, but is no substitute for it. Nevertheless, the zeal of Apollos in living up to the light he had and in scattering it abroad, puts to shame many of us who are far more enlightened!

APOLLOS INSTRUCTED (Acts 18:26)

*His Instructors.* "But when Priscilla and Acquila heard him, they took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately." [A.R.V.] If only all modern Christian workers were like these! They were not only able to detect the spiritual lack in Apollos, but they were also able and eager to help him find a deeper experience with God. Had we been in their place what would we have done? Said Alexander Whyte: "We would have let the whole congregation see what we thought of Apollos. We would have shifted about in our seat. We would have looked at the clock...and then, at the door—'How do you like him? Poor boy, he does not know the very ABC of the gospel.'... And so on, till it would have all been told to Apollos, and till we had ruined our influence with him, and his influence with us and our children forever." Instead, this truly consecrated couple exercised Spirit-inspired tact, courage, and love, and so were able to give spiritual help to a man who, in turn, would bring blessing to many others.

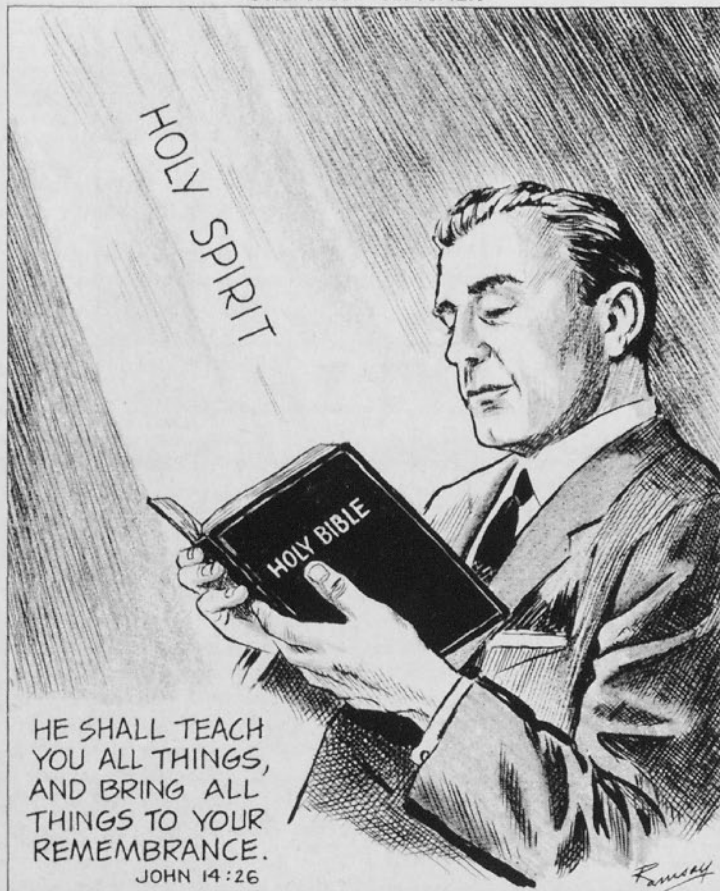
*His Teachableness.* If Acquila and Priscilla are to be commended for helping Apollos spiritually, he is to be commended for his own beautiful modesty and humility. Men of ability are frequently contemptuous of others who are less gifted and educated than themselves. Apollos, however, exhibited that teachableness of spirit which is a prerequisite to growth in God!

*His Vision.* "And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him." [A.R.V.] As a result of the instruction received from Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos undoubtedly received Christian baptism and also was filled with the Spirit. New light and a new experience with God made him even more eager to share his blessings with others. When it became evident that he was burdened for the city of Corinth, his Christian friends commended him to the saints in that city. How blessed is the ministry of encouragement—and how available a ministry to every child of God!

APOLLOS USED OF GOD ANEW (Acts 18:27, 28; 1 Corinthians 3:4-9)

It is evident that Apollos was used of God in Corinth. Concerning his ministry to the saints there we read that he "helped them much." Concerning his ministry to unconverted Jews we are told: "He mightily convinced the Jews... shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ." Where Paul's efforts among the Jews of Corinth had been relatively fruitless, those of Apollos were crowned with success. Strange? Not so, ministeries differ! Paul and Apollos both recognized this fact and valued each other's ministry. Writing to the Corinthians to whom both had ministered, Paul said: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Let every minister and layman who would see Pentecost perpetuated take these verses to heart!

## GREATEST TEACHER



# Thankful for Healing of Baffling Paralysis

A Personal Testimony by Michael H. Lord

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW A CRIPPLED CHILD feels watching healthy children run and play? Have you ever wondered what thoughts are in the mind of a crippled child when it thinks about the future?

I can tell you, for I learned first-hand of the intense longing to run and play and be "one of the gang." I know the blackness and despair that comes from thinking of a future spent as an invalid. I was a crippled child.

It was a beautiful day in the autumn of 1950. At the age of twelve I was hurrying home after a busy day at school in our small North Carolina mountain town. Suddenly one of my legs seemed to lock and "give way" and I fell to the sidewalk. Naturally I was frightened and confused.

I suppose I lay there a few minutes. Then gradually my leg seemed to return to normal and I was able to get up and continue home. This was my first intimation that something was terribly wrong!

On that particular day I happened to be walking alone, and my "attack" occurred in a rather remote area unnoticed by anyone. I was glad because, for some reason, I was ashamed. I suppose I did not want anyone to think I was "different," and I tried to hide this and subsequent attacks as long as I possibly could.

Soon, however, my joints began to stiffen, and my parents became aware of my condition. They were very alarmed and immediately took me to a doctor. By this time I could walk only with difficulty.

The local doctor was unable to make a diagnosis and advised consulting a specialist. This my parents did, but he was as baffled as the first doctor and could only recommend that they take me to the Duke University Hospital in Durham, N. C.

The doctors and nurses were all very considerate and seemed to use all of their knowledge and modern skills and equipment to help me, but to no avail. They said I had some kind of paralysis, but they, too, finally had to admit my case, as far as they could determine, was beyond the help of medical science. As far as they knew I was doomed to be virtually a helpless cripple!

Can you imagine the feelings of hopelessness and despair we felt when we were told this? And yet, it sometimes takes such an experience to make us completely rely upon the One who can help the hopeless. At least, this was our case. All human aid having failed,

we realized if I was to receive any help at all it must come from God!

Daddy, Mother, and I now began seeking God in a desperate way. God heard those prayers and lifted the dread hand of affliction. In only a few months from the time I was pronounced a helpless—apparently hopeless—cripple, I was again running, playing, riding my bicycle, and attending school. And from then to now, I have had full use of my body. For this I am so thankful!

Talented and good men of science failed. God alone intervened in my behalf—surely not as a censure to the men of medicine, but to demonstrate again His mighty, miracle-working power.

Does God heal today? Yes, He does, I know, for He healed me!

—Evangelist Michael H. Lord, Wing, Ala.



QUINCY, FLA.—Evangelist Michael Lord (at right) and Pastor Leonard C. Hall are shown with young ladies from First Assembly of God who helped to load up the Gospel Wagon (at left) with literature for a spiritual invasion of Quincy. Copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other publications were handed out on the streets. As a result, many additional people were reached during the evangelist's meetings. Seventeen accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and a number were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Testimonies of healing were given. Sunday school attendance registered a good increase.



# Use Mature Workers to Open New Churches

By GEORGE E. FLOWER

*Superintendent of the Southern New England District*



George Flower

IT HAS BEEN firmly established that the worker is the key to success in opening a new work. As we search the annals of history, we find that God repeat-

edly chose individuals to spearhead His program. Abraham was called to step out in faith; Joseph was used to prepare the way for the preservation of the line of faith; David was called from the field to lead the armies of Israel to victory.

We could speak further of the great army of the prophets who were chosen to proclaim the message of God to the world. Today is no exception to the rule. God still needs men to bridge the gap between a lost world and Christ, who alone can save them from their sins.

Throughout most of the history of the Assemblies of God, the home missions thrust has been made by individuals just starting out in the ministry. Of the many churches that have been started over the years, there are few that do not look back to a humble beginning under the leadership of a youthful minister who had been told to go out and prove himself.

In the past, an individual with a Bible and the call of God, coupled with strong determination and much zeal, proved to be sufficient to launch a new church. In spite of the handicap of inexperience, many of those pioneer efforts have grown until today they are numbered with the largest Assemblies of our movement.

It would be folly to think that all

the attempts to open new churches were successful. On the contrary, it was inevitable that many mistakes and some failures were recorded along with the stories of victory. As far as the workers were concerned, many important lessons were learned as necessity made them trust God from day to day for material needs as well as for the spiritual problems. From these days of pioneering, there arose many of our outstanding ministers today. However, there were times when the pioneer work was the training ground for those entering the ministry and, unfortunately, the new Assembly the by-product.

The call for *Breakthrough* with the opening of 8,000 new churches in this decade demands that we take a new look at the program. The hour is late and there is little room for mistakes and failures if we are to reach the goal. Our best must be mustered immediately and thrust forth in the harvest fields where there is need for the full gospel. Since the worker is the key to successfully opening new Assemblies, then it is logical to conclude that *mature* workers should be chosen for the task.

The problem which immediately confronts us is how to determine when a worker has reached maturity in his ministry. Unfortunately we have found that years of experience do not necessarily qualify an individual, for many of our brethren, though successfully holding together their little flock, seem to be unable to reach out beyond their borders. Certainly we cannot blame God for failure to grow as "He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repent-

ance." Neither do we have any authority to blame our circumstances or the strong forces of evil which confront us, for these are faced by all who uphold the standard of righteousness and preach the gospel.

Some serious heartsearching must be done if we have fallen into the rut of "just holding our own" while thousands all around us are going to hell. The maturity needed for the task of opening new churches is difficult to define and can only be measured as we look into the individual's life and past record.

Listed below are several factors which can help us choose a mature worker and determine his qualifications for the great challenge of opening a new work.

1. He should have a proven ministry. This can be determined best by the results over the past years as well as the acceptability of his ministry by those to whom he has ministered.

2. He should have developed personally. We are encouraged to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Spiritual growth is important in the life of the pastor if he is to continue to lead his people.

3. He should be experienced in dealing with people. The importance of counseling with those who are in need cannot be overemphasized since this is the avenue God has used to bring many to the place where they are ready to listen to the gospel.

4. He should be experienced in business affairs. The complex economic structure of today requires a knowledge of finances, building codes, zoning, civil regulations and government requirements, and so forth. These things are important to a pastor in opening a new work successfully.

When all of these requirements are met, it still is possible to miss the mark. Perhaps the only true guide in determining whether a person is qualified for pioneering is whether or not he is doing the job. A man in the will of God, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, can accomplish things that better-qualified men might fail to do. We should always do our best to use those we know to be mature and well prepared for the challenge of establishing new churches, but never exclude younger men with the call of God and a willingness to apply themselves in meeting the challenge of "Operation Breakthrough." ◀◀

# Pentecost in Prison

By RONALD A. SNIDER  
Baywood Park, California

IT HAD BEEN A WONDERFUL SERVICE. The Lord had blessed in an unusual way the preaching of the Word, and now at the altar knelt six men seeking God for salvation. Tears flowed freely down the cheeks of repentant sinners and prayers of confession mingled with shouts of praise.

Quite unexpectedly I heard myself saying, "Are any of you men ready to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit tonight?" One eager man standing by the altar shot up his hand with a determined, "Yes, I am!" As we laid hands upon him and prayed, he burst forth in a language not his own. The very light of heaven seemed to shine from his face. His Pentecost had come! Another man nearby cried out for his portion from heaven, and again Pentecost became a reality.

Where did this take place? Not in an Assemblies of God church as one might suppose, but in the beautiful new chapel of a large state penal institution near our Assembly in Baywood Park, Calif., where 3,600 men are incarcerated for crimes that range from the cruelest of murders on down to embezzlement and forgery.

It was just a year ago that the Lord laid a burden upon the heart of one of my deacons regarding services in the East Facility of *The California Men's Colony*. We began to pray, and made application to the prison officials and the chaplain for the privilege of conducting gospel services.

The men from our Assembly had been holding services in the minimum security West Facility of the institution for several years, and God had blessed by saving many souls. However, they had been refused permission to enter the new East Facility where the type of prisoners and tighter security measures made for rigid entrance restrictions. But God opened the doors of this prison—to let us in! Ours is the only full-gospel group ministering in this place.

## *Doubled in a Day*



THE FISHER FAMILY IN ABERDEEN, S. Dak., doubled in a day—the day their now-famous quintuplets were born. One day their children numbered five. The next day ten.

Quintuplets would be a problem in any home, but more so where the family is already large and earnings run only \$80 a week.

But a happy solution, at least to the economic problem, has already occurred. Nearly one-third of a million dollars has been donated in the family's behalf, by interested people. A new home is being built for them. A new automobile has been provided. And countless gifts of cash and other items have been received.

What a problem this family would have had if others had not lent a helping hand.

Our Home Missions family has not doubled in a day, but it has increased over 100 in the past five years. We now have over 350 appointed home missionaries representing us through-

out the United States. And what a family this is!

Especially as Christmas again draws near are we made aware of the size of our family. For each year we have sought to bring a little extra cheer into our home missionaries' homes by sending each one a Christmas gift of \$5. This year we will need \$1,750.

Honestly, our Home Missions Department budget cannot bear this added burden. Therefore, we appeal to you, our readers. Like the Fisher family, unless there is outside help, our big family will not have this Christmas blessing we desire it to have. We know you will want to help. Please send your contribution soon to the Home Missions Department clearly designated HOME MISSIONARIES CHRISTMAS FUND. Checks are mailed to missionaries December 15.

*R. L. Brandt*  
National Home Missions Secretary

The first service saw ten men come forward for salvation. Every service since has found from one to ten men seeking the Lord for salvation. We testify and preach to men who have known the vilest of sins—murder, rape, dope addiction, robbery and the prison curse of perversion.

Several converts have testified, "Thank God I am in prison, for it was here that I found Jesus as my Saviour." Other inmates have testified of God's healing power and of victory over habits of life. A large number of them are taking the prison correspondence courses offered by the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department.

Are these men sincere and are the results lasting? We have seen outward signs of the inward change in many of them. Guards whom we know at the prison verify the fact of real change in some of these.

Let me cite one example. This young man was serving as clerk to the chaplain. He came forward for salvation

at our first service and never missed one thereafter. A few months ago, just before he was released from prison, God baptized him with the Holy Spirit. He asked for the address of an Assemblies of God church in his home town in the Midwest. We wondered about him. But then a few weeks later as I entered the chapel I noticed a display of *Pentecostal Evangel* and other Gospel Publishing House papers. Upon inquiry I found that this young man had had them sent. Also, he had written that he indeed was in church and was going on with the Lord.

These services have done something for the groups of men from our Assembly who go to minister at the prison. We seek to give each of them opportunity to participate in the services.

We always leave the prison feeling that we have both been witnesses for our Lord and have proclaimed the truth that He is mighty to deliver. The words, "I was in prison and ye came unto me" (Matthew 25:36), seem very real to us. ◀◀

By D. L. (SAM) JORDAN

# My Life Was Changed

*Here is a humble layman who has captured  
the spirit of the early church disciples  
and has proved that personal witnessing pays off.*

IT WAS ABOUT NINE P.M. WHEN A group of men gathered together to compare notes on what the Holy Spirit had done that night. We were somewhere in the city of Chicago ringing doorbells at random and talking to people about their spiritual needs.

As the men told of the wonderful conversions that night and the breaking of the barrier of fear, the full impact of what the Holy Spirit was doing suddenly dawned on me.

God had given us souls that night. I personally saw a young Protestant man give his heart to the Lord and a young Catholic couple accept Christ. Others had similar reports for this was "cold turkey invasion." The reason was that the tremendous fear barrier was broken in Christian lives and men were transformed into fearless witnesses.

This was a culmination of what had begun a hot day in July, 1962. I was on my way to see a business client. However, my mind was not on the transaction to be made. I had been asked to speak at a ministers meeting which would be held in a few days and I was talking to God about the subject as I drove along.

I thought, This plan of God regarding the salvation of souls is very important. In fact, it is so important that Jesus paid a very high price for it. Surely there must be some way this all-important business could be handled more effectively. Why didn't God reveal to some of His faithful servants a workable plan?

I continued my trip, returned home, and during the late hours of the same night I awakened, realizing God was dealing with me. God brought my attention to the question I had asked Him earlier in the day, and He answered me. My thoughts were brought to Revelation 2:2-5 where the Bible

speaks of *love*. God showed me I needed to have a deep love to see Jesus' dying wish fulfilled. He died because He wanted people to live. Everything apart from soul winning therefore is secondary in importance. The purpose behind all the good gifts of God, including the Holy Spirit, is to help us to bring people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Our churches and congregations are placing too much emphasis upon other things and not enough upon saving the souls of men and women.

The next morning, still stirred by my talk with God, I asked my wife, "What is the purpose of the church?" Her answer was the same as mine would have been two days earlier, "A place to go to meet God with godly people." An assembly is indeed a place of refreshment in God, but the church's real job is to be a soul-saving business house.

God's business is not exclusively a minister's concern. Everyone that professes to be a follower of the Lord



Sam Jordan

should be concerned about souls. There actually is a very fine line of distinction between a minister and a layman. A layman according to Webster is a non-professional. Anyone that professes Christ is certainly a professional Christian, although he may not hold ministerial credentials from an organization; and his profession is to win souls.

I began to meditate on how our local church could be more effective in reaching the lost, and my attention was brought to my own insurance business. We have an attractive office, a good product, and salesmen who know the product. But there are very few people who walk into our office to buy insurance.

God put me in my business and taught me how to succeed. My method did not feed my ego, nor did it build my prestige, but it certainly did get results. How did I do it? I personally went out into the byways of business and individually dealt with people. I did not wait for them to come to me but approached them one at a time.

Then I realized this was Jesus' plan for reaching souls. So I decided to try this on the next man I met. The result—he was born into the kingdom of God. He had not been inside a church other than to attend weddings and funerals for more than twenty years.

We began a training session in our church to encourage others to make this move. Workers were trained in door-to-door evangelism. When we began visiting the homes in our city and talking to people about Christ instead of waiting for them to come to church, souls were saved and our church attendance increased.

Sixteen Christian men made a concentrated effort in Washington, Iowa, on June 29, 1963. We visited people in their homes for two hours in the afternoon and two hours in the evening. The results: seven souls led to Jesus Christ, including a family of three.

At another time a sixty-five-year-old gentleman came into our insurance office to transact business. God spoke to me. This man was open to the moving of the Spirit. In less than fifteen minutes he left the office as a born-again child of God. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).





## Meet the Officers

National Council, Light for the Lost



Dean Burchett, Chairman

Dean Burchett, an Assemblies of God layman in Southern California, was elected chairman of the National Council of *Light for the Lost* at the annual convention. Brother Burchett is an instructor at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif., where he teaches Agriculture and Farm Mechanics. He is a member of the First Assembly of God church in Santa Ana, Calif. where he has been active as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the church board.

As chairman of the Council, Mr. Burchett is the presiding officer at the annual convention as well as at interim meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council. Mr. Burchett served as chairman of the Southern California District MF Missions Committee for several years.

The greatest enemy when talking about Christ to people we meet is fear. The best way to overcome this is by faith. Simply go out and knock on strange doors and tell the simple story. You will be completely surprised at the results as I was. It is really not hard at all and there is such a deep joy in fulfilling the real commission of Jesus Christ through our lives.

During November Assemblies of God men have been involved in winning souls to Christ in the annual Action MANDATORY campaign sponsored by Men's Fellowship. Let's not stop our personal evangelism endeavors at the end of November. Let's have a perpetual soul-winning program in our churches led by men. ◀◀

## HEALING TESTIMONIES

### Delivered After Twenty-three Years

DUE TO VARICOSE VEINS I HAD ULCERS on both legs. Medication was ineffective, and these open sores throbbed with constant pain. My legs were kept wrapped with Ace bandages, and without this support I was unable to walk about.

In 1962 my pastor anointed me with oil and prayed for my healing from this terrible suffering. Within one week I removed the bandages and attended prayer meeting without any support or pain. This was the first time since 1939 that I had been able to go without bandages.

Now I am completely healed and have no trouble whatsoever from my veins.—Mrs. N. B. Sheridan, El Dorado, Ark.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Erling Saxevlid, First Assembly of God, El Dorado, Ark.)*

### Saved, Healed, Filled

HOW I THANK GOD FOR THE MIRACLES He has wrought in my life.

I was a Roman Catholic. On Easter Sunday of this year, upon the invitation of a friend, I attended the Assembly of God in Brunswick, Maine. An altar call was given at the close of the service but I felt no real conviction for sin.

A few days later I went back to the midweek prayer service and at the close of the service the pastor's wife talked to me about my soul.

She showed such concern and compassion for me and, as she prayed in the Holy Ghost, God made me concerned about my soul too. I was under deep conviction the next few days and on May 26 I rushed to the altar during the opening song service. God wonderfully delivered from the chains of sin. He also saved my two boys.

I had been afflicted with multiple sclerosis and had worn a leg brace for fifteen years. I also had mucous colitis, trichinosis, and an incurable skin disease. When Jesus saved my soul He assured me of healing for my body.

My first step of faith for bodily healing was to go to the cobbler and get my shoes, which I had taken there

a few weeks before to be built up because of my foot and leg condition. The cobbler had not fixed them. I knew God was going to heal me so that I could wear those shoes just as they were.

I was prayed for and in a few days I began to feel life and warmth, which I had not felt for years, in that limb. For a few days there was a sensation in my body as though I was being torn apart, but it was God's healing power at work putting things together.

Then I took the brace off, and day by day my toes began to straighten out to a normal position, and my walking became normal. I now walk to and from church for the services, and also to clean the church. God has given me the strength to do this!

In revival services last June God filled me and my son with the Holy Ghost. Since then He has saved my husband.

Today I rejoice most of all that God saved my soul. I also praise Him for healing me of all my afflictions.—Mrs. C. M. Shaw, Brunswick, Me.

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ZANESVILLE, OHIO—A four-week revival just concluded at First Assembly with Evangelist Eddie Wilson of Dallas, Tex., was one of the greatest in the history of the church. Numbers, both old and young, were saved—one of whom was a man contemplating suicide. Several persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Attendance surpassed any previous revival (including one held with the same evangelist a year ago) with over 200 first-time visitors.

—Curtis A. Arnold, Pastor

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ST. LANDRY, LA.—The congregation at Lone Pine Assembly of God greatly enjoyed the recent ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm of New Orleans, La. Their straightforward preaching and anointed singing contributed much to the services. A number were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several received instantaneous healing.

—S. J. Russell, Pastor

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VALPARAISO, FLA.—First Assembly of God here had a very successful meeting with Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. As the evangelist delivered and illustrated his prophetic messages with the aid of his 33-foot chart, everyone was reminded of the nearness of the coming of the Lord and the shortness of time in which to win the lost. Many new people attended and several were saved.

—Clarence E. Lambert, Pastor

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LA PUENTE, CALIF.—The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn., led a very successful revival at the Glen Grove Assembly of God. A large number—some of whom were backsliders—sought salvation and others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The entire church was encouraged by the Spirit-filled messages in sermon and song.

—Milton Barfoot, Pastor

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HORNBECK, LA.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm of Fort Worth, Tex., brought great blessing to the Assembly here. One young mother was saved, several backsliders reclaimed, and others testified to the healing power of God. On August 4 this oldest Assemblies of God church in Louisiana broke its Sunday school attendance record.

—H. E. Moss, Pastor

ARDMORE, OKLA.—A twelve-day meeting concluded September 1 by Evangelist Harold J. Baker proved a great blessing to the Baum Community Church. Thirteen persons made decisions for Christ and 18 followed the Lord in water baptism. Great interest in this country church has been aroused throughout this beautiful valley. There were good crowds in attendance each night. Sunday school attendance has shown an increase.

—Harold D. Spradling, Pastor

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GILMER, TEX.—Oak Grove Assembly of God concluded a fine three-week revival August 18 with Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Payne of Albany, Mo. Ten persons were saved, several backsliders restored, ten filled with the Holy Spirit, and several refilled. Seven individuals followed the Lord in water baptism. Some dedicated members had formed a prayer chain, believing God for just such a revival.

—Jerry Shipman, Pastor

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SPRINGFIELD, OHIO—Over 175 enrolled for one of the finest children's crusades ever held at First Assembly of God. Of great interest to both children and parents were the methods used by the Culpepper-Gourlas Team to get children to respond in learning Scriptures. Their teaching on the Tabernacle also was enthusiastically received.

—Arthur Parsons, Pastor

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MONROE, LA.—Collegetown Assembly of God recently concluded an outstanding revival with Evangelist and Mrs. H. Maurice Lednicky. Their inspirational singing and anointed ministry of God's Word was sincerely appreciated. During the two-week meeting a number of visitors found Christ as Saviour. Several backsliders were reclaimed, 13 believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was stirred and challenged to live closer to God. God be praised for this fine move of the Spirit.

—E. J. Graves, Pastor

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TRUMANN, ARK.—One of the most successful daily vacation Bible schools ever to be held in the Assembly here was concluded August 17 with Youth-Evangelist Buddy Glen Powell of Ada, Okla., as director. The handcraft was

admired by all, yet the expenses incurred for both handcraft and refreshments for the 106 enrollment did not exceed \$25. The church is grateful for the benefits derived from this VBS. (J. L. Campbell is pastor.)

—Billy Young, S. S. Secy.

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DALLAS, TEX.—Christian Temple was blessed by a deeper life campaign with Henry A. Greenwald of Granite City, Ill., as the evangelist. His excellent teaching and preaching abilities were supplemented by his Christian-life chart. Attendance was excellent. Results of this series of studies and prophetic messages proved most gratifying.

—Bill Sharp, Pastor

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AUGUSTA, GA.—Olive road Assembly of God reports a very successful revival conducted by Evangelist David L. Grant of Pensacola, Fla. The church as a whole was greatly blessed, but especially the youth. Five were saved and several refilled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings attracted many other young people who do not normally attend.

—John D. Wetzel, Pastor

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CELINA, OHIO—God used the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Martin to stir the Assembly here during a recent revival. Five individuals received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and others were gloriously refilled. The presence of God was so mightily manifested that the people waited in His presence until nearly midnight on many occasions. Three children met God at the altar for salvation. The Sunday school attendance record was broken on the last Sunday with 123 present.

—Claude E. Dewlen, Pastor

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SHOFFNER CITY, FLA.—Oak Ridge Assembly of God was stirred and blessed during the ministry of Michael and Peggy Lord. Sinners were saved and many believers refilled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school showed an increase in attendance. Local news media gave very good coverage, resulting in numbers of visitors from different communities and churches. The audience was challenged one night by a message on the menace of Communism.

—I. A. Cadenhead, Pastor

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Community Assembly of God reports a gracious visitation of God's Spirit during three weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Zelma Argue. An outstanding blessing to the church and to the revival were the noon-day prayer meetings in which God prepared the hearts of the people for the evening services. Special emphasis was placed on worshipping God. As a result many were filled with the Holy Spirit—several of whom were new to the Pentecostal teaching—and a greater spirit of worship is being enjoyed.

—Jack W. Wien, Pastor

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WINTER HAVEN, FLA.—A one-week "God Save America Crusade" conducted at First Assembly by Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord brought a fine response. Sinners were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed. The evangelists' work in the Sunday school—including their slide program—was especially challenging.

—Emerson Jones, Pastor

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WESTVILLE, FLA.—An outstanding revival meeting was held at the Cedar Springs Assembly of God by Evangelist David Lowell Grant of West Florida District. The building was filled to capacity each night. Sixteen were saved, three were filled with the Spirit, five reclaimed, 12 baptized in water, and eight joined the church. Since the meetings the church has continued to grow.

—James A. Faircloth, Pastor

## MANY SAVED AND FILLED AT ILLINOIS CAMP

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—This past year was outstanding in the history of the Illinois District Camp. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the crowds and the giving of the people were all unusual.

U. S. Grant was the morning speaker. In many of these services the Spirit of God moved in such a way that the whole assemblage was moved as one man into a time of mass blessing which seemed to touch every individual there. The congregation was made to sit in heavenly places together in many of these morning meetings.

Jimmy Swaggart was the afternoon speaker. These services were under the direction of the Christ's

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

Ambassador's Department. The district has used this plan for a number of years. Brother Swagart's audience was almost as large as the night meetings. Under the truly anointed ministry of this young evangelist, many were saved and filled with the Spirit.

Our night speaker was Jimmy Brown. In these services, too, many were saved and baptized in the Spirit, but beyond this there was a most blessed time of heart searching and deep movings of the Spirit all through the meetings.

—E. M. Clark,  
District Superintendent

## PRAYER ANSWERED IN SAN DIEGO AREA

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—In a letter dated October 12, Evangelist Zelma Argue wrote: "For a month we have been laboring in the San Diego area in various churches and God has been answering prayer in a gracious manner.

"Last night a whole row of sailors came into our meeting, and came forward at the close. One was filled with the Spirit and another refilled as their friends prayed with them.

"In one church we saw a Samoan lady singer filled. In another, the Sunday school superintendent was baptized with the Spirit. In another, a man who has attended Pentecostal meetings for many years received the Baptism, and a married couple were baptized in the Spirit side by side. Young people also have received the blessed Holy Spirit. We all rejoice.

"Evangelists Jeannette Jones and Mrs. Clara Tomita, who pastors a Japanese group within Pastor Warren Hill's church (Western Avenue Assembly, Los Angeles), both have been greatly used of God in this San Diego visitation."

## REVIVAL FIRES BURN AT CITY TEMPLE

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Allen R. Randolph, pastor at City Temple (Assemblies of God) in Granite City, reports that the working of the Holy Spirit was very evident in recent meetings conducted by Evangelist Quentin Edwards of Dallas, Tex. He says Brother Edwards' anointed ministry in music, as well as his preaching, inspired the congregation greatly. Many first-time visitors came to the church during these meetings. Twenty-seven persons found Christ as their personal Saviour and three young people were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

The new pastor at City Temple is the son of the former pastor, J. Raymond Randolph. He was elected as pastor following the

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ariz.	Phoenix	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Roland Hastie	Nolan Sluder	
Ark.	Hot Springs	Central	Nov. 18—	Frank Thomas	G. C. Kirksey	
Calif.	Bloomington	Crestmore	Nov. 17—	Cecil A. Parker	Milton L. Little	
	Fresno	Clinton Avenue	Dec. 1-8	Marvin Schmidt	Earl T. Hunt	
	Modesto	Neighborhood Ch.	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	The Tanner Team	Roy Blakeley	
	Oildale	Riverview	Dec. 1—	Bob Griffin	W. J. Cherry	
	San Bernardino	Glad Tidings	Nov. 24 a.m., p.m.	Doug Payne	Troy Pope	
	Santa Ana	El Templo Sinai	Dec. 1-8	Demetrio Bazan, Sr.	Frank Orosco	
	Tulelake	A/G	Dec. 1-6	Charles Senechal	W. G. Wakefield	
	Colo.	Fleming	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Joe & Nancy Henegar	D. J. Hixenbaugh
	Fla.	Clearwater	First	Nov. 26—	Jimmie & Carol Snow	Arthur Shell, Jr.
Ft. Lauderdale		Evangel Church	Dec. 1-8	Paul Olson Party	John (Jack) Starbuck	
Idaho	Tarpon Springs	Evangel Church	Nov. 29—	Paul Olson Party	William P. Register	
	Firth	First Tab.	Nov. 26-Dec. 15	Wesley Pollet	U. G. Morris	
Ind.	Rupert	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	Paul Hild	Vernon Vance	
	Kokomo	Southside	Nov. 28-Dec. 8	Harry V. Vibbert	David P. Dishman	
Iowa	LeClaire	*Full Gospel Tab.	Nov. 25-Dec. 1	Dick & Nancy Messner	William E. Lane	
Kans.	Humboldt	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Steve & Pat Rexroat	E. L. Hacker	
	Jetmore	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Arthur Schneider	
Md.	Prince Frederick	Full Gospel Tab.	Nov. 26—	John Higginbotham	M. Eugene Wolfe	
Mass.	Quincy	Glad Tidings Ch.	Nov. 28	Oren & Inez Paris	Hugh Corey	
	Quincy	Glad Tidings Ch.	Dec. 1-15	Oren & Inez Paris	Hugh Corey	
Mich.	Ironwood	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	David & Mrs. Lewis	N. L. Shotwell	
	Saginaw	Genesee Gardens	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Joel Palmer	George Kappaz	
Minn.	Morris	A/G	Dec. 1—	B. C. & Mrs. Heinze	Orville W. Larson	
Mo.	Campbell	A/G	Nov. 25—	Loyd Middleton	Charles Leathers	
	Golden City	A/G	Nov. 27—	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Gene Waterman	
N. J.	Pennsville	A/G	Nov. 27-Dec. 2	Ernie Eskelin	Elmer Lindale	
N. Mex.	Santa Fe	First	Dec. 1-15	Dewey L. Heath	Oscar Elliott	
N. Y.	New York City	Glad Tidings	Nov. 29, 30	Tommy Barnett	Marie Brown	
	Port Chester	Calvary FG	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Kudra Musical Team	Joel Mathisen	
Ohio	Bethel	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	Veryl Pember	
	Medina	Pentecostal	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Arthur & Anna Berg	James L. Watkins	
Okla.	Cache	A/G	Nov. 25—	Al Davis	J. D. Lowder	
	Checotah	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Harold Baker	John Moreland	
	Duncan	Glad Tidings	Nov. 26—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. Floyd Schaefer	
	Enid	First	Dec. 1-8	Don Logan	Earl Kelly	
Pa.	Taloga	A/G	Nov. 25—	Erwin Moore	E. E. Sadler	
	Bloomsburg	Glad Tidings	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Dave & Jan Olshevski	John Palmer	
	Chambersburg	Bethel Pent.	Nov. 27-Dec. 1	Monty Garfield	Willis I. Murray	
	Clearville	A/G	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Stan Morris	J. A. Lemmert	
	Irwin	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	A. Alan Alaimo	Samuel Weidler	
	Landisburg	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Curtis Sample	F. E. Reitzel	
	Mill City	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Duane Wessman	D. J. Paglia	
	Roaring Springs	Faith	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Frank J. DePolo	D. L. Weyandt	
Tex.	York	Taxville FG	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Homer Peterson, Sr.	
	York	Gene Burgess	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Gene Burgess	Edwin Schmid	
Va.	El Paso	First	Dec. 1-8	Frank Lummer Party	W. F. Hageman	
	Katy	A/G	Nov. 28-Dec. 15	Colman McDuff	Gordon Zercher	
Wash.	Portsmouth	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Charles H. Harthern	Homer Peterson, Jr.	
	Woodland	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Gaidies-Wagner Team	J. E. Hunter	
Wis.	Siren	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Art Gast, Jr.	
Canada	Parry Sound, Ont.	Pent. Tab.	Nov. 24-Dec. 1	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	G. C. Holmes	
	Montreal, Que.	Dorval Lakeside	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	Wallace S. Bragg	George C. Smith	
W. Africa	Saltpond, Ghana		Dec.—Feb.	H. A. DeVries	James Kessler	

\*Children's Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Evangelism Department 30 days in advance.

death of his father which was caused by an automobile accident en route to the General Council at Memphis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION**—Nov. 29, 30 at Hartford, Conn. Oren Paris, speaker. (Kenneth Gustafson is D-CAP.)

**THANKSGIVING YOUTH FESTIVAL**—Nov. 29 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City. Services at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, and Southern Sections. Tommy Barnett, speaker.

—by Wm. J. Behr, New York City C. A. representative. (Marvin Elliott is D-CAP.)

**PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION**—Nov. 27, 28 at Lakeland, Fla. Paul Olson Party. (Bob Gatlin is D-CAP.)

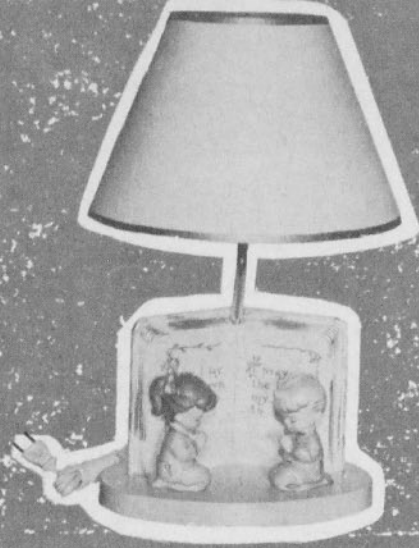
**ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION**—Nov. 27-Dec. 1 at Gospel Tabernacle, Hartford, Conn. Foreign and home missionaries speaking. District-wide C. A. Convention, Friday Nov. 29.—by Harold Brumback, pastor.

**ARIZONA DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION**—Nov. 27, 28 at Phoenix, Ariz. Colman McDuff,

## WITH CHRIST

MRS. ETHEL M. WEST, 59, of Long Beach, Calif., went to be with Jesus August 25. She had been an evangelist during her ministry and was affiliated with the Southern California District. She is survived by three children.

WILLIAM E. HOPKINS, 90, of Broken Arrow, Okla., recently went to Gloryland. Ordained in 1934 with the Oklahoma District, he served as pastor at Seneca and Davisville, Mo., besides doing evangelistic work.



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# Youth Takes the Torch

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The professor asked the same question of another young man, who answered exactly as the first. Again the professor said, "No! No! No!" but this young man, knowing he was right, kept on until he finished the answer. When he sat down the professor complimented him on his good answer. "But," the first young man protested, "I answered just as he did." "Yes," said the professor, "but you were not certain. For when I said, 'No!' if you had been sure of your answer you would have said, 'Yes' and kept on answering."

We need to be so certain of Pentecost that when the world says, "No! No!" as it surely will, we can say, "Yes, Yes" and keep on enjoying it and propagating it.

Young people, we have a position to maintain. Let us do it with dignity and determination.

## 2. A SERVICE TO PERFORM

Paul finished his course. Earlier he had said that David "served his own generation by the will of God" (Acts 13:36). There is no more noble commendation for a mortal man than this. Someone has said, "Service is a good man's law of life." We are not here to enjoy a perpetual vacation, but rather to perform a service. We are not so much to be ministered unto as to minister.

This was basically what Paul was saying in 2 Corinthians 5:20: "Now then we are *ambassadors for Christ*, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Many of us feel that call tonight. There is a burden laid upon us by our Master, a burden that we cannot lift and would not if we could. There is a voice in the deep of our heart, insistent, irresistible. Paul said, "Necessity is laid upon me." It is this same strange feeling that grips us tonight. It is a burden so strong that it would send us even through suffering and privation, through victories and defeats, if only we might make known to men the love that passes knowledge.

When Robert Moffatt was on furlough many years ago in Scotland, he

said in a sermon, "In Africa, in the area where I labor, there is a mountain where I can stand in the early morning hour and see the smoke of a thousand villages without a Saviour." David Livingstone was in the congregation. He got up at once and came forward asking, "Do you think I will do for Africa?" Swayed by divine impulse, Livingstone gave his life in fruitful service to God in Africa.

There is something imperative that called this young man and has called thousands of others like him to their knees and sent them forth as ambassadors for Christ, on across mountains and valleys, jungles and oceans, plains and hills. They *must* bugle the message of salvation to earth's lost millions. They *must* reach the lost with the gospel. They *must* snatch souls from burning. They *must* tell the world of the love of God.

This same feeling gripped a deacon's heart the other day. Being asked to pray during the service, he offered a short and simple prayer, concluding as he usually did with the simple request, "And, God, touch the unsaved with Thy finger." But this time when he said it he choked up and his face paled, his knees weakened, and he dropped to his seat. Other church members were alarmed. They gathered around and asked if he were sick. "Oh, no," he said, "it is only that when I prayed, 'And touch the unsaved with Thy finger,' God said to me so forcibly, so unmistakably, 'Thou art that finger.'" God is waiting for *us* to awaken to the reality that we are put here to touch the lives of the lost with the message of salvation. *We* are God's *instruments* of salvation.

Paul felt his own duty very acutely when he cried, "I am debtor." Here we see the driving power of this man's life. This is why he could not rest; why his very motto was "the regions beyond." He felt that while anywhere there was a human being who had not heard this gospel, he was in debt to that person. He felt that his hands were not clean from the blood of lost souls until he had done all he could to reach them.

Suppose your town is hit by a plague. So great is the plague that in every household there is death. So great that all through the night men go through the streets crying, "Bring out your dead; bring out your dead."

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Let them be buried." And suppose that in your town there is a physician who has experimented and found the cure for the plague, but instead of going out to share the cure with others he simply lies down and goes to sleep. What should be said of such a man? To have it within his power to help and yet to withhold help is criminal.

There is a parallel here. This world has been hit by the plague of sin. So great is this plague that all around us, day and night, souls are dying and going to hell. Since I've been preaching this sermon, at least twenty souls have gone into eternity without God. Hell is crying out even now, howling with hunger for the souls of men. The imps are screaming, "Bring out the sinner; bring out the sinner. Let him die and be damned."

But what are we doing? We have found the cure to sin—the blood of Christ. We have applied the cure and we are safe. But instead of sharing the good news we have settled back in idleness, in slumber. God forgive us. God help us. God convict us. And may God grant that new recruits will answer this call to serve.

It was this realization that made Billy Sunday such a great soul winner. While he was holding a campaign in New York, some friends visited him in his hotel room. One inquired, "Billy, what keeps you going from service to service, from revival to revival, as hard as you preach and as earnestly as you plead?" Billy Sunday went over to the window, looked down at the hundreds of people passing on the street below. Tears came into his eyes and he cried, "They are going to hell; they are going to hell! *They are going to hell!*" He felt he had to do something about it. God grip us all with this feeling.

### 3. A HOPE TO CHERISH

Paul "kept the faith," and he challenges us to do no less.

Before Christ ascended, He made *three great promises*. He said, "I will send the Holy Spirit"; then, "I will build my church"; and just before His ascension He said, "I will come again." The first of these promises has been fulfilled. The second is being fulfilled. The third is soon to be fulfilled.

Jesus said in John 14:2, 3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

The hope of His return has ever burned within the hearts of God's people, and we are living in the day when that glorious hope is about to become a precious present reality. "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37).

When the British were besieged at Lucknow during the Indian mutiny they waited for the coming of Sir Henry Havelock to relieve them. He was delayed so long that many gave up. But one little Scottish maiden would not give up. She stayed on the wall looking and listening, and her faith was rewarded. At last she heard the sound of the bugle and the marching of the troops. She began to cry, "He's coming. He's coming. Dinna ye hear it! Dinna ye hear it!"

Oh, this is the joy that is going to greet the faithful of God one day soon. God is whispering to His people today, "Jesus is coming. My Son is coming!" This is what current events are saying. Every new dictator, every new revolution, every new space probe is saying, "Prepare to meet thy God; Jesus is coming soon."

I believe with all my heart that all of heaven is in readiness tonight. At any moment the signal could be given, the trumpet could sound. The heavens could roll back like a scroll; the graves could burst asunder; the force of gravity could loose its hold; and the saints of God "both dead and alive" could wing their way into the glories of heaven. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly, Amen. *Even so, come, Lord Jesus*" (Revelation 22:20).

Young people, one by one our leaders of today—those who guide the destiny of our fellowship, those who stand in the pulpits—are slipping away, joining the great cloud of witnesses on the other side. The Master waits in this hour for young men and young women to stand and take their places in the ranks—to dedicate themselves to the task that has been presented to them; the task of holding a position of separation, and certainty, and dependence upon the Holy Spirit; of performing a service to the lost of this world; and of cherishing this hope of the second coming of Christ until it becomes a reality. ◀

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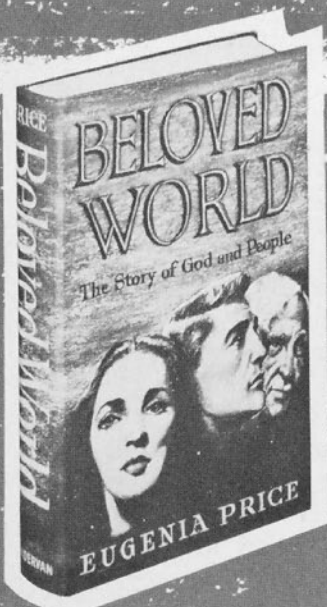
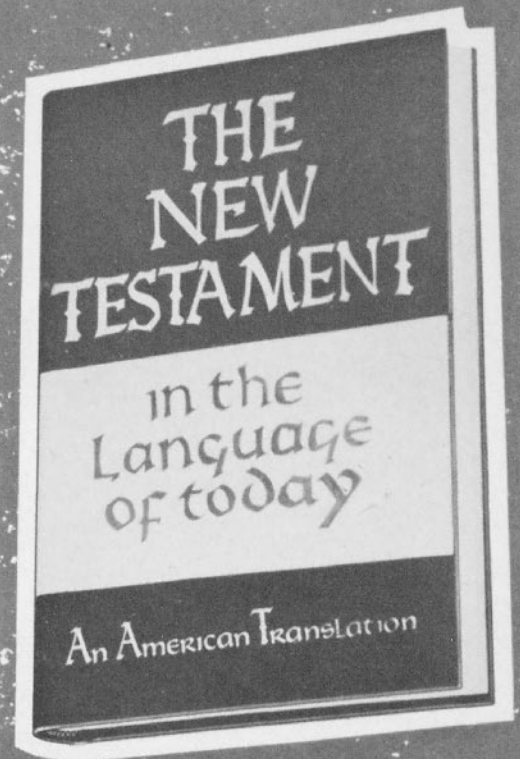
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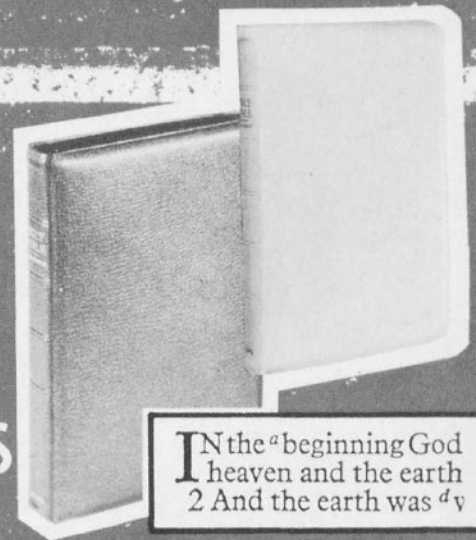


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# 'Sufficient Unto the Day...'

—by Evelyn Witter

ABOUT A YEAR AGO MY HUSBAND'S FACE BEGAN TO SHOW signs of worry, and not without cause. The pressure of running a corn-hog farm with staggering overhead and declining prices was telling on him. Fear of the future was making his life miserable.

When I tried to encourage him, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "I've farmed for over twenty years and I know. According to farm reports there are too many hogs in the country. The price is sure to go down. If it does, I don't know how we can meet our obligations."

But we were Christians and I felt there must be an answer to our problem. Then one day I found it in

Matthew 6:34: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Bill's birthday was only a week away, and I decided to present him with this passage as a gift. On a square of cloth I carefully sketched out the passage, then embroidered and framed it like a sampler.

On his birthday I gave it to him. Bill was so impressed with my choice of the verse for him that he gave it a great deal more thought, I'm sure, than if I had merely quoted it to him. He hung the sampler in the kitchen, and in the days that followed he often looked at it and studied it.

I read and reread the words, too, and each day I prayed, "I would be strong today, O Lord, to face this good day with courage. I love Thee, and through that love I know that no fear for the future can overcome me."

Gradually Bill's wrinkled brow became smoother. Each day he would plan his work with fresh courage. "Today," he might say, "I'm going to cultivate the big field and fix the pasture fence. When I have done that much I will have had a good day. Beyond that I'm not going to worry."

So we lived and worked and were grateful for what each day brought. The days were noticeably easier, and we were getting more done than ever before. The fields and the hogs were never better.

This does not mean that we never thought of the future. We did, but only to formulate the plans that guided our daily activities.

Finally, the future Bill had worried about so much came. Farm prices plunged to a disheartening low. Taxes and machinery bills were due. Sale of the hogs for meat would never cover our obligations. Then one day Bill announced, "I'm not going to ship the hogs to market and accept such a low price."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well," he smiled, "working so faithfully with them day by day has produced some extraordinarily good stock. I'm going to sell them as breeding stock. They'll bring twice as much that way, and they are well worth a bonus price."

Bill's idea was successful. Doing what we could day by day paid off. The proceeds were just sufficient to pay the bills and avert disaster. *The thing we had worried about never happened.*

We are humbly grateful to the Lord for the strength, guidance, and courage He gave us to face each new day as it came. It was not in vain that we trusted the precious words of Jesus: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." ◀◀◀

