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Another church in the "Breakthrough-8000" program rises in Evanston, Illinois. Pastor Wallace K. Pearson (right) and Associate Pastor Anthony Dyba (left) check building plans with Sam DeVries, general contractor. Architect's sketch shows church as it will appear when completed.

THEME: AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN EVERY COMMUNITY

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## Time <br> An Address by Al Rediger at Evangel College,

WE are thrilled over the evidence of growth in Evangel College which we have witnessed from year to year. But I face this gathering with a very solemn heart, for it is evident that our world is moving rapidly toward a very real and unavoidable crisis.

There is unrest, misery, tension, and uncertainty in the world of which we are a part, and from which we shall not escape until God calls the Church to "Come up higher."

It is not my purpose to depress with words of pessimism or prediction of doom, for we do have hope! We do have confidence! But let us never be guilty of ignoring realities. The truth is that this world is not only a very sick patient, but it is steadily growing worse, and needs more than just a shot in the arm.

The winds of adversity have blown so continuously for the past twenty years that men at the helm are confused. They do not know where to steer for a harbor of peace and security. This makes them willing to set their sails in most drastic directions in the gamble that they may miss the rocks of total destruction.

While at present our own nation is well fed, well clothed, and well housed, there are alarming symptoms that this prosperity may not continue. Who can ignore the drop-outs from our high schools, the increased crime rate, the narcotic traffic, the decline in church attendance, and the many other alarming trends today?

As a nation we spend twice as much for chewing gum as we give to the church. Eight times more is spent on unwholesome literature than for the building of churches. Forty times more money is spent for alcoholic beverages than for the church.

We built a new church every twenty minutes last year, but only eight per cent of our nation goes to church on Sunday mornings, only two per cent on Sunday nights, and 92 per cent give nothing to missions. Dr. Sterling of Stamford University has observed that we are a nation of many religions, and conspicuously a nation with a religion of materialism.

We live in a world that spends $\$ 15$ million an hour on arms and armies. Our own annual military budget of $\$ 40$ billion absorbs about half of every tax dollar.

But the war against communism, which now domi-

[^0]nates one-third of the world, cannot be confined to missile production on the training of armies. Communism is thoroughly dedicated to its vision of "one world" for communism. Its strategy for conquering the western world is not a military one, for that would only result in mutual destruction. Communism is dedicated to conquering the western world economically-and it looks as though we may be helping them some. We put $\$ 50$ billion into Russia under lend-lease, and since then we have had to pour billions every year into defense against communism.

Our nation's supply of gold continues to dwindle. Once Americans could possess gold, but not now. Only the foreign holder of American dollars has legal right to claim his payments in gold. If the foreign holders all decided to demand payment in gold, we would not have enough to pay them off, much less any American holders.

Our exploding population, with half the world's present population hungry, poses another knotty problem. For those unfamiliar with the true significance of the term "exploding population" let me merely state that in the year A.D. 1 there were one-fourth billion people; in 1850, one billion; in 1963 there were three billion; and by A.D. 2000 it is predicted there will be 6.3 billion. If the world were to continue another seven centuries, with the present rate of increase there would not be sufficient dry ground for standing room. We are told that our world can only accommodate about 12 billion people, which under the present rate of increase should be reached within a century.

With all the current problems-declining gold, exploding world population, the threat of atomic destruction -leaders of the world are moving toward centralization of the brainpower, food, and resources under a world government. State Department Article 7277, published September 1961, is entitled "Freedom from War." It advocates that every nation of the world forfeit control over its own military strength and that all world military power be placed under the control of one committee. This would be accomplished over a nine-year period. I believe the limited test ban on nuclear weapons is a step in the direction of the more elaborate plan spelled out in Article 7277, which would put the military strength of all nations in the hands of a central authority.

Only a few months ago leaders of the European Common Market were interviewed on American radio sta-

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tions. When asked concerning the various monies used in connection with the Common Market, a spokesman replied, "Of course, we plan to establish a common currency, and disband the use of the Swiss franc, the French franc, and the German mark." Asked what would be used, the spokesman explained that a common coin, such as the Roman coin, would probably be used.

In view of all these trends and problems, what is the Christian attitude to be? Let us remember that the same Bible that declares in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God," declares with equal clarity that there will be an end to these things. "Then shall the end come," Jesus said, in Matthew $24: 14$. And Jesus gave us signs pointing to the end of this age and to His return.

The Bible clearly speaks of the centralization of world military might, as well as of all monetary and commercial powers of the world. And the Bible reveals that there will be an apostate church which will be worldwide in scope.

Rather than being alarmed at what we are witnessing in these days, we should be thrilled to know that the Word of God is being fulfilled on the stage of time. We do have mingled emotions, however. "When these things begin to come to pass," we look up, and lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21: 28). But we also take the warning of the Scripture to "watch and be sober" ( 1 Thessalonians $5: 6$ ). This is not a time to panic or to lose heart, but a time to read the news in the light of the Scriptures, and to watch with confidence for the return of our Lord.

I would rather forfeit every business interest I have than to forfeit the Word of God, which is my Guide, my Light, and my Hope.

The Bible tells us in Revelation 13 of a world ruler who will have authority over all people, tongues, and nations, and have power to make fire come down out of heaven. What more perfect description could be given of a man who, as head of a world committee, would control the atomic power of the world?

There will be a day when no man will be able to buy or sell unless he carries the mark that is forced universally upon all men. A world control of commerce will be placed in the hands of a central committee, and it will be in Rome. Revelation 17 and 18 describes this world control functioning out of the city that sits on seven hills, and this is clearly a reference to Rome. Does not the Scripture teach that there will be a world
church set up in Rome, and that all men will be compelled to worship one image? With the light of the Scripture showing us what is ahead, we should not lose heart, but rather, "Work . . . for the night cometh when no man can work."

The sweeping changes suggested by the Ecumenical Council in Rome under Pope John in 1962, and under Pope Paul in 1963, are not without significance. One of the most noteworthy in the light of prophecy is that Pope John suggests the leaders of Oriental religions also be included-leaders from the Moslem and Hindu world. Certainly there will be room for all in the great world church.

It will not be difficult for Catholicism and Communism to unite, for Communism is a religious organization in political garb, while Catholicism is a political organization in religious garb. It will not be difficult for many liberal Protestant leaders to unite with Rome, when about the only message the modernistic minister of today has is that of "one world" brought about by the efforts of unsaved men.

We see the gathering storm, the coming crisis. We see the centralization of military might, education, commerce, religion. And we see the end result of all this in God's Word.

We know that Jesus is coming. We know that there will be the rapture of the Church-the catching away of the Bride. But while He tarries, we will see the shadows lengthen. Right now, within our own nation, sparks of racial resentment are being fanned into open violence by professional hands. This has made military intervention necessary at some of our colleges. When the Army stands at the door of the college, it may not be too far removed from the door of the church.

Unthinkable? Not to some men. A speaker on a Los Angeles radio station called for world religious unity, declaring that there should be a police force to make "radical groups" unite with the unified world group.

We face some problems today, but they may be small compared to those we may be called upon to face if Jesus tarries. If our task today were merely that of erecting school buildings or buying books, how easy would be the task and how very simple the project. I don't oversimplify the problem of raising money and paying bills, but I speak relatively. Suppose that today we were ordered to subscribe to a world church under Roman domination, or that we had to teach the UNESCO system, the doctrine of "one world." How we would long for the liberty that is ours now. How readily we would give to a college where we could teach and worship according to the Scriptures.

Today we do have liberty to build, to teach, to worship as we choose, to give to provide a college where our sons and daughters can study the arts and sciences in an atmosphere uncontaminated with communism, free from the lies of the higher critic who would undermine their faith. Let us rejoice in these freedoms; let us make the best of the glorious opportunities.

Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Time is running out. Let each of us give of his time, talent, and resources to further the cause of higher education for our youth in a Christian environment.
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## Work Does It

If you are ever going to accomplish a work for God, you will have to get started. Does He wish you to undertake a certain task, and has He shown you a plan of action? Then you dare not be careless about it. Get busy. Make the effort. You will have to work at it for there is no easy road to success.

There was an amusing item in the Calcutta Times about some beggars at a Hindu temple. These beggars noticed that some offerings of sugar left at the temple by the Hindu worshipers did not last very long. The pile of sugar dwindled away until there was none left. Upon investigation they discovered a procession of ants who were bearing it away grain by grain, and by tracing the procession they found a giant anthill some distance away where many pounds of sugar were stored.

According to the newspaper, the sight of those busy ants put the beggars to shame. "The beggars all abandoned their calling and took jobs on a nearby construction project!" The story reminds us of Proverbs 6:6-"Go to the ant, thou sluggard." When we study the work of ants we learn at least three lessons:
Be industrious. Ants are not lazy. They do not waste the summer as some insects do but they gather food. They stay on the job.

Augustine made the following observations: "First, as the ant in summer gathereth whereupon to live in winter, so every Christian in a time of quietness should gather out of God's Word, that in trouble and adversity he may have wherewith to live spiritually. Secondly, we ought to labor by the example of the ant, that we get the fruit of good works, in the harvest of this present life, so sedulously and diligently that in the time of winter and judgment we perish not with hunger." God rewards the workers. He has no crowns for loafers.

Improve your opportunities. The wise man says of the ant, "Consider her ways, and be wise." She gathers food in summer because she realizes winter is coming. The Lord Jesus expressed the same thought when He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Our present opportunities will not last forever. We had better make the most of them. The venerable Bede said: "The present life is compared to summer and harvest, because now, in the heat of trials, we must reap and lay up for the future ; and the day of death and judgment is the winter, for which we must prepare, and when there is no more time for preparation."

Find a place of service. The Scripture says that the ant, "having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." In the matter of Christian service we need not wait for an overseer to come along and tell us what to do. There is plenty to be done. It is up to each of us to find a place of service and get busy for God.

Often we spiritualize the plain teachings of the Bible and miss the primary meaning. In the case of the ant the main lesson is that laziness breeds poverty while diligence brings prosperity. There is no room for laziness. Soul winning takes effort. Prayer is work. The Sunday school and church will only be built up at the cost of toil, tears, and personal sacrifice. But He who put the working instinct in tiny ants has put His mighty Spirit within us to make us equal to the task. And the rewards are eternal.
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Another in our golden anniversary series of

reminiscences by veterans of the faith.

## I Remember

By FRED VOGLER

Former Assistant General Superintendent

It was my good fortune to come in contact with this great Pentecostal Revival in the year 1906. At that time I was a teen-ager and belonged to a church that believed in Divine Healing and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus.
I walked in all the light God had given to me up to the time I first heard the preaching of the Pentecostal truths. However, it was not until July, 1907, that I fully surrendered my life to God. That was the time I was saved and knew it by the witness of God's Spirit. I immediately sought for the fulness of the Spirit and again God met me.
The call of God was on my heart and I began to prepare myself for the work of the ministry. At the time we did not have Bible schools or other places of training. There was little or no organized effort but rather every assembly was independent. All who came into this great experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit had a tremendous zeal to work for God. Numbers went to the foreign mission fields. Others were scattered in the homeland. I remember that period of about seven years when we were not bound together into a unity and cooperative fellowship that is so necessary in promoting and carrying on God's work.
Small Bible schools came into existence in various places. One was established in Plainfield, Indiana, in 1911 and continued for two or three years. It was my happy privilege to be able to attend this school conducted by D. Wesley Myland, a man mighty in the Scriptures.
In December 1913 I was urged by friends to accept a call from a mission church in Indiana and there we labored for the next seven years. God gave us converts and the work grew. While I was in Indiana a call went forth for all churches of Pentecostal faith to meet in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I was unable to attend but I was in full sympathy for I felt the need of unity among all Pentecostal believers. On June 1, 1914, a few weeks after the Assemblies of God was formed in April, I was ordained in Indianapolis as an Assemblies of God min-

[^1]ister. From that day on I have continued in this fellowship.

In those early days very few congregations owned their own churches. Early in 1920 I was asked to come to Springfield, Missouri, to erect the first Assemblies of God building. It was located on Campbell Avenue at Calhoun Street. This church was later destroyed by fire and a completely new church, to become known as Central Assembly of God, was built on this corner.

After ministering in Indiana for seven years I felt the Lord wanted me to make a change and I chose to go where I felt the need was greatest. So on January 1, 1921, my family and I landed in Topeka, Kansas. It was in this state we enjoyed our greatest ministry. I served as secretary-treasurer of the district up until 1923 and then was elected district superintendent, a capacity in which I served until I was elected assistant general superintendent in 1937.

The Assemblies of God began as a great revival movement and the work continued to spread everywhere. New churches began to spring up and that called for new pastors, so I did all I could to encourage the development of Bible institutes where our young people could obtain ministerial training.

When the Spirit was outpoured in 1906 it created a great stir among many denominational preachers. Well do I remember one of the preachers in my own denomination saying, "This will all blow over in a few months." Little did he realize that he was stating the truth and that it did blow all over the world, for when the Spirit was given He came as a mighty rushing wind. There was no force or power on earth able to stop it.

Another minister said, "It will never amount to more than a mosquito on a cow's tail." He too did not realize how a movement with a small beginning such as we had could grow and spread until it reached the ends of the earth.

Many dire predictions were made, and there was much persecution. In spite of all of this, God continued to pour out His Spirit. There were many miracles. God worked mighty signs and wonders, especially when we entered into new fields. As we went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord worked with us, confirming His Word with signs following.


# The World of the Gray 

BY GEORGE E. FAILING

BLACK AND WHITE ARE DISAPPEARING. WE ARE BEginning to live in "The World of the Gray."

Our leading statesmen tell us: "We must recognize that foreign policy in the modern world does not lend itself to simple black-and-white choices of good or evil.... Our police seems to have lost the black-andwhite clarity of simpler times when we remembered the Maine and went to war [in 1898]."
They tell us we live not in simple but in sophisticated times. We live not in the day when "black-and-white clarity" is possible. So we are ushered into "The World of the Gray."

Acceptance of this philosophy establishes communism as neither right nor wrong. It exists and we must live with it. According to this philosophy, American capitalism is neither right nor wrong, so it is not necessary to fight for it. Communism is gray, and so is capitalism.
To take this over into the religious world, it would seem that leaders of the National Council of Churches, as well as leaders of some large Protestant denominations, no longer believe in "the black-and-white clarity" of Christian doctrines. Thus, the World Council of Churches welcomes official observers from the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican Council welcomes Protestant observers. The Archbishop of Canterbury has made friendly overtures to Rome and Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson accepts an honorary degree from a Catholic university. (Imagine John Wesley doing that!) Indeed, times have changed. Historic Protestant denominations are being guided into the new "World of the Gray."

So it is also in the realm of morals. We propose to finance (at a cost of over $\$ 5$ million) a research center

[^2]in Washington, D. C., to study "imaginatively" the problem of juvenile delinquency. Whatever our fathers and grandfathers may not have known, they did know how to control and check juvenile delinquency. They stopped it in the home and in the school, and in courts that were not established to protect juveniles in their mischief and crime.

Consider the very curious suggestion made by a woman physician in England, that the legal age for marriage in Britain be lowered to 14. Why? To curb teen-age promiscuity, she answers. She might have gone on to add-"and to increase the divorce rate." Imagine! To prevent an evil, you legalize it at a lower age level. What is this but a proposition from "The World of the Gray."

Let's get closer home. Among those with stated doctrinal positions and with professions of deep piety there is developing a knack at evasion, at interpretation and insinuation, which borders on the dishonest. Boasts are made and threats are issued which sound strangely unlike the Christ of the Gospels. But with unhesitating action we can vote for people who like us-whether they are ingenuously saintly or not-and oppose those who kindly speak the truth in love. Thus a spirit of divisiveness, of sharp criticism, of cold ostracism, exists within and between various denominational-and inter-denominational-groups. Is this not "The World of the Gray"?

All these positions are taken because they are sophisticated; it is admitted that they are not simple. Do we realize the difference between these two words? Sophisticated means artful, designing, worldly wise, artificial. Simple means artless, sincere, truthful, undesigning. The sophisticated person has chosen to live in "The World of the Gray.'

In "The World of the Gray" there are no ultimates
by which to measure the transitional. There are no eternals by which to measure the temporary. So we flounder around in a political, economic, and religious no-man's-land!

Don't count me a citizen of "The World of the Gray." Once I was a child of darkness, but now I live in the land of light. The ruler of this land is none other than the Sun of Righteousness, and the laws of the country may be found in the Holy Scriptures. No man who lives in Christ and in the Book can dwell in "The World of the Gray." He loves the light, walks in the light, corrects himself by the light. By the same token, he hates darkness and does not fellowship with the sons of darkness.

Citizens of "The World of Light" realize that this world shall never become the kingdom of God by its own attempts. They recognize their chief business is to evangelize, not to reform. While they must support all that is right and humane, they are still sojourners in a world that by its wisdom knows not God.

One more observation. "The World of the Gray" is the world of twilight, the hour of approaching darkness. Reducing the light reduces "black-and-white" impressions, but it does not reduce hazards. In fact, to blur distinctions is to invite disaster. Maybe the "rightists" are both thundering and thoughtless. But there may be greater safety in the positions some of them hold than in the "twilight" positions of those who defend the left. We can't afford many more Koreas; we fear that the rate of defectors would be even higher.

These days of twilight are both heralds of doom and harbingers of glory. Man's proudest efforts ("Is not this great Babylon that I have builded ?" boasted Nebuchadnezzar) have ever preceded his greatest humiliations. But when all earth's towers of Babel fall, God's kingdom of love and peace endures. When this age wearies and dies, God's new day will be ushered in.

So "we look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness [only]." And while we prayerfully wait, we diligently evangelize and compassionately help all our fellow men, whether they are Christian or not.

There will be no gray in heaven; all will be radiantly bright. There is no gray in hell ; all will be eternal night. Only this world, this passing age, can be "The World of the Gray." I don't belong to it.

## GENUINE OR COUNTERFEIT

The world is full of imitations and counterfeits. So there is much hypocrisy and imitation even in connection with the Christian life.

It is said that the way to differentiate between real and imitation pearls is to hold them up close to the fire. If they are real, nothing happens. If unreal, the skin of the imitation curls up. A sure way to distinguish the hypocrite from the real Christian is to watch him under fire. The hypocrite will get "all ruffled up." The true Christian can stand the white heat.

No Christian is any stronger than he is under "the fiery trial which is to try" him. Never measure your genuineness except under the white-heat of opposition.
-George Cooper

## The Baptizer Is the Same in 1964 as in 64

When 1 LEFT THE FELLOWSHIP OF MY FORMER CHURCH to unite with the Assemblies of God, it was not a sudden or impulsive move.

The question as to why the power manifested in the activities of the church and in individual lives as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles was not evident in my life and the life of the church today had started me long before on my road to the Pentecostal experience.

I hated the worldliness, the compromise, and the lack of compassion for souls that was creeping into our church. Others also felt this way, but we seemed powerless to change the situation.

About this time I was invited to a revival at the local Assembly of God. Out of respect to the friend who had invited me, I agreed to go one night. But the meeting was so saturated with the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit that I wanted more of it, and went back night after night.

They spoke of a baptism in the Holy Spirit. I did not understand much about this, but recognized it was something wonderful. It was a blessing I did not have, and I began to wonder if I should not have it. I am sorry to say that I allowed myself to be talked out of seeking the experience at the time.

I finally decided that although it was a proper experience I really did not need it, but the Lord let me find out how badly I did need it. If I had felt a lack of the power of God in my life before, it was nothing to what happened to me now. Temptations of all kinds became too much for me. Bible teaching was a dry, hard chore. The worship services seemed meaningless. I was miserable!

In desperation I cried to the Lord for help with all the sincerity and faith I could muster. He reminded me that I had felt His presence in the services at the Assembly of God about a year and a half before. That very Sunday I went there again and felt the peace of His presence.

This time I determined to find the truth of the matter. I prayed very earnestly and studied the Scriptures. There I found clear evidence that God wants every believer to receive a deeper experience subsequent to conversion. I found that the power of "Acts" was available to me and I determined to have it.

Praise God, the night came when the heavens opened and the glory of the Lord filled me completely. I praised Him in an unknown tongue. It was wonderful and glorious!

I am glad I put aside denominational pride. I found that the power of the Holy Spirit, through complete immersion in the Spirit, is available to Christian believers today just as it was in the days when He was first given. -Regina Lambert, Quincy, Calif.
(Endorsed by M. M. York, Pastor, Assembly of God Church, Quincy, Calif.)


AN EXPECTANT HUSH FILLED THE CHURCH SANCtuary. Candlelight reflected the beauty of flowers and the white-carpeted aisle. Suddenly the organ swelled and the vestibule doors swung open.
The congregation stood and the bridal procession began. Smiles and nods of approval were exchanged as bridesmaids and flower girl came into view. There was a pause and all eyes turned to the doorway. Quiet exclamations of delight filled the air as the bride, in elegant array, made her appearance.
One could see that her beauty was deeper than the gown or veil she wore. Her beauty radiated from the joy and love that had created this hour-a love that surpassed all other mortal love she had ever experienced. Her eyes glowed with the impact of this, her finest hour.
There was a note of confidence in her voice as she repeated the vows, a confidence gained by knowing that her life was wrapped in the man who stood beside her. Someone remarked that he had never seen a lovelier
bride. I remembered then a phrase committed to my heart years earlier, "A woman is only beautiful when she is dearly loved by someone she loves just as dearly."

The storybooks would conclude the matter here, simply by saying, "And they lived happily ever after!" How easy life would be if a fairy wand could wave over each new couple to insure perpetual bliss! But life is not like that. A happy marriage requires much more than romantical sayings.
"Why should our marriage be so unhappy-we are both Christians?" "Many of the couples who have come for marital counsel have asked this question. It is true that one of the most important elements for a happy marriage is that both parties know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour but this is not the full extent of the answer.

When God said, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis $2: 24$ ), He was
stating a principle He intended every couple to adhere to. From the moment two lives are made into one their motives and purposes of thought should be directed into new channels. Leaving father and mother represents much more than moving to new surroundings; it means beginning a new life.

Left behind are the days of gay freedom from responsibility. A home has been created and it requires care and unselfish love to continue. No longer does one think of his or her pleasures or desires. Instead, it is, "What will please this one who now belongs to me? What will bring him or her the greatest happiness?"

Marriage is not a process of getting-it is a way of giving. It means finding contentment and pleasure in your companion and not in circumstances or geographical locations. Too many wives have felt that their relatives and their home communities were necessities of happiness. As a result, husbands have been denied opportunity for advancement and fulfilment of potential goals. The weight of providing for the material needs of the home rests upon the husband; therefore he should be free to govern the decisions that affect his career. How can a man be happy otherwise?

Wives need to be able to live by Ruth's commitment: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth $1: 16$ ).

To the husband falls the lot of forbearance. He must constantly conform to the Scripture that says, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, (Ephesians $4: 32$ ). Early in married life he must recognize that his wife encounters frustrations and setbacks every day. They will seem trivial to him but he must realize that they are disturbing to his wife, so he should be tenderhearted. Being kind when she is upset, forgiving completely when she wavers under the pressure of her tasks, will raise her admiration for the man she loves. His strength will help her to see the events of the day in their perspective.

The home is created by love, and children are the product of that love. Not only must there be a mutual desire for children, but their care and training must be shared. Children need to be taught to respect their father for his wisdom and character. They are not taught this by words but by the attitude of their mother. In the same manner they learn to love and revere their mother for her goodness and untiring efforts for the home.
"And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark $3: 25$ ). This verse can well be applied to the home where no agreement has been reached on disciplining the children. How can the father command respect if the mother nullifies his orders? How can the child learn obedience if the father interferes when punishment is administered by the mother?

There is happiness for thes woman who learns to freely give of herself to her husband. She finds real joy in setting aside her personal plans in order to produce that homemade bread or special pie her husband likes. She learns that meeting debts and obligations is much more rewarding than having new clothes. She knows that being with her husband affords the greatest pleasurethat their moments together are priceless.

The Christian husband will realize that his wife needs to lean upon him-that respect and admiration for him are necessary for her love. She needs the security that springs from his strength and manhood. She needs expressions of his love, too. She needs to know that he still considers her the perfect and beautiful bride.

Yes, "happily ever after" is an ideal that is not achieved by every couple, but it can be the experience of Christian couples if they practice Christian principles. After all, it was Christ who taught us to say, "Not my will, but thine, be done." By learning to submit to God we learn to submit more easily to our companions. By learning that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" we develop the attitude that is fundamental to married happiness.

No couples are as likely to succeed in marriage as Christian couples. For their union is cemented by the presence of God Himself in their home. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).


## THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Survey Shows What People Think of Sunday

Have the pressures of American life today changed the traditional concept of Sunday as a day for worship, rest, and family fellowship? Elmo Roper and Associates recently surveyed adults across the nation and came up with a strong "No" to that question.

Their findings on a research project sponsored by This Week magazine are that relaxation and relatives still are key interests; 56 per cent of American adults look forward to Sunday more than any other day of the week; slightly more than half will be found in church on an average Sunday, while two-thirds of the population said they go to church at least once a month.

## Canadian Missionary Leader Killed

C. Austin Chawner, 60, veteran missionary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was struck by a car and killed in Durban, South Africa, on October 20. Brother Chawner was a skilled linguist, having mastered six languages and engaged in extensive publication work, in addition to his other duties. He founded the Pentecostal work in Mozambique, East Africa, which now has over 300 Pentecostal churches.
His passing came only a few weeks after news of the death of another Canadian missionary leader, W. Gordon McQuarrie. Brother McQuarrie, 46, was field secretary of the Kenya and East Africa work of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He drowned while swimming in the Indian Ocean at Mombasa.

## February 23 Designated as "Tract Sunday"

Tract publishers have asked churches of all denominations to observe February 23 as "Tract Sunday" in an effort to encourage Christians to be more active in spreading the gospel through the printed page. A special tract entitled I Am a Silent Messenger is being provided free by Good News Publishers, Westchester, Ill., for distribution among churchgoers on that day.

A full line of gospel tracts for men, women, youth, servicemen, and others is available at the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. A list will be furnished free on request.

## Graham Says 1972 Is Reds' Target Date

Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking recently in Houston, Tex., said he believes the Communists have set 1972 as their target date to achieve world domination. "We are faced with the most critical years in our history," he told a joint Kiwanis-Rotary meeting. "If we are going to win the struggle there must be rejuvenation and revival from one end of the country to the other. And it must begin with you. It must start in a simple faith in God."

## Bill Would Control Sale of Guns to Kids

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Dem.-Conn.) has introduced an amendment to the Federal Firearms Act designed to make it more difficult for juveniles to obtain guns by mail order. He said the Senate Juvenile Delinquency subcommittee of which he is chairman has


Two Assemblies of God ministers ( $R$. Stanley Berg and Richard Mohrman) participated in the cornerstone-laying service, October 7, 1963, during construction of the Protestant Center. Shown left to right are: Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, cochairman of the steering committee for the Protestant and Orthodox Center; Brother Berg; Brother Mohrman; and Dallas B. Sherman, chairman of the board of directors of the Protestant Council of the City of New York which is sponsoring the Center.

The Assemblies of God has rented 300 square feet in the Protestant Center for a World's Fair Witness. Throughout the 12 month period there will be attendants at the display who will explain to the millions of visitors the work and teachings of our church.

Literature will be handed out at the booth, including a special World's Fair issue of The Pentecostal Evangel.
found that of 7,261 murders in the U.S. in 1962, 54 per cent were committed by persons who were mentally ill or had criminal records already. He also gave the Senate a long list of juvenile tragedies caused by accidental discharge of guns.
At present it is comparatively easy for juveniles under 18 to buy guns from mail-order houses. At least five million hand guns have been imported into the U.S. from abroad in the last five years, the Senator said.

## Speaker Says Courts Can't Curb Delinquency

American courts are failing to solve the problems of juvenile delinquency, the president of NSSA (National Sunday School Association) said in an address at Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Harold H. Etling of Winona Lake, Ind., told 6,000 delegates at the Association's annual convention that "the courts continue to rule against the forces of righteousness and refuse to allow the Bible to be read, or prayer to be made to God whom we claim to trust."
Apparently a good secular education is not the answer to delinquency, he said. "In spite of the greatest number of students in the history of our country being turned out by institutions of higher learning, and with knowledge constantly on the increase, we are in the dilemma of a mounting crime bill that is slowly but surely choking the life out of our economy."

## Oswald Child Reported to Have Been Baptized

Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, wife of President Kennedy's accused assassin, obtained a secret baptism for her daughter a year ago, it is now reported. June, the 23 -monthsold daughter, was baptized at Dallas on October 16, 1962, by Father Dimitri of the St. Seraphim Eastern Orthodox Church.
Father Dimitri said a woman he declined to identify requested the secret baptism and accompanied the mother and daughter to the church. He said Mrs. Oswald made remarks indicating her husband "would have objected violently" to the baptism.

Marina, the alleged assassin's pretty 22 -year-old widow, was raised in Russia by a grandmother who was a devout member of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Oswald has been described as an adherent of Marxism and a religious skeptic.


This is the architect's sketch of the Protestant Center at the New York World's Fair in which the Assemblies of God will have a booth. The cost of renting the space, building the display, furnishing it with literoture, etc., will be considerable. Offerings for this good cause should be mailed to: World's Fair Witness Committee, 1445 Boonville. Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

## Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

## Do you think there will be another great world war before the Rapture of the Church?

The history of man has been punctuated with "wars and rumors of wars," and should the Rapture be long delayed it is possible that there will be another great war first. But the instruments of destruction have now become so potent that a war could end the present age. Many believe the devastating war described in Ezekiel 38 may bring the age to its close.
Does salvation cause a husband and wife to stop quarreling?
Where there is quarreling there is carnality. When quarreling, people are walking after the flesh, not after the Spirit. Such need to see that God has victory for them, but there must be willingness to surrender their stubborn wills, dedicating their wills and desires to the will of God. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).
How often should a Christian consecrate himself to the Lord? I consecrated myself when I was young. I do not see why I should go to the altar time and again.
As long as we keep true to our consecration vows it is not necessary to consecrate again. However, it is good to kneel at the altar and pray as other Christians do when the occasion is afforded because we are consecrated and wish to draw nigh to God. The consecrated person lives a separated life and is willing to make a new dedication to God if new circumstances make this necessary. Paul consecrated himself when he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His question indicated he was placing himself at God's disposal. In order to live a consecrated life he said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection" (1 Corinthians 9:27).
In Revelation 22:12 we read: "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." My Sunday school class wishes to know what this reward is.
Christian believers are now laying up for themselves treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19). When we get to heaven we will receive the value of these treasures. The exact nature of the reward is known only to God, but we may be sure it will be worthwhile. The Bible speaks of a crown of life (James 1:12); an incorruptible crown (1 Corinthians 9:25) ; a crown of righteousness (2 Timothy $4: 8$ ); and a crown of glory (1 Peter $5: 4$ ). The apostle Paul looked upon those whom he had won to the Lord as his crown of rejoicing (1 Thessalonians $2: 19$ ). This is the kind of reward that will give us true joy in heaven.

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# Peter's Lesson in Faith 

Sunday School Lesson for February 9, 1964 Matthew $14: 22-33$; James $1: 5-7$

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Jesus in Prayer (vv. 22, 23)
The feeding of the five thousand produced such wild enthusiasm that the people endeavored to take Christ by force and make Him their king (John 6:15). They thought this was the kind of man who could lead them to freedom from Roman bondage! In order to prevent this dangerous and carnal effort, Christ ordered His disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee while He slipped off into the mountain to pray. A study of the prayer life of Jesus, the times and occasions upon which He prayed, can be very helpful and rewarding! If He needed to pray, how much more do we!
The Disciples in Trouble (v. 24)
In sending His disciples away from one danger, Christ seemed to be sending them into another! A terrible storm arose! What did it mean?

1. The storm arose though Christ had sent them on their voyage. Storms will come in the life of every Christian. They do not indicate that one has missed the will

THE CRY HE ALWAYS ANSWERS

of the Lord! (See Psalm $91: 15$, and compare Acts 23:11 with Acts 27.)
2. The storm was severe; yet having been sent by Christ, the disciples did not turn back.
3. The storm was so severe that they made little progress and seemed about to be overcome. Mark says they were "toiling in rowing." Life, apart from Christ, is too much for any of us. Without divine enablement we too are simply "toiling in rowing," and we get nowhere!
The Coming of Christ (vv, 25-27)

1. Christ came to them just when they had reached the end of their resources and it seemed they would become victims of the storm. So it is often with us. Christ does not treat us this way to taunt us, but in order that faith in Him may be strengthened by exercise.
2. Christ's coming to them revealed the fact that He had been aware of their need all the time!
3. Christ's coming to them, walking on the water, terrified them at first. That it did so was not strange. Yet there is no limit to the number of ways in which Christ may approach any of us.
4. Christ's words quickly silenced their fears. Though He had been slow to help them in their wrestling with the waves, He was quick to relieve them of their fears which were more dangerous than the waves! To say, " Be of good cheer," to men who are in peril is folly unless the words can be followed by solid reasons for fearlessness. And such words came quickly - "It is I." Christ in us and with us is the solution to every problem and the source of overcoming strength! (Romans 8:35-37; Colossians 1:27).
Peter's Adventure (vv. 28-33)
5. Peter's Motive. Some commentators think Peter was foolish and rash and that Christ tolerated the experience in order to teach Peter his weakness. We strenuously object! On the contrary, we are convinced that Christ was delighted that Peter should aspire thus to follow Him! Peter's request was inspired by affection. He desired no miracle for its own sake; he desired to be with his Lord!
6. Peter's Caution. "If it be thou, bid me come." Peter was not presumptuous. He would only venture upon Christ's word. There is a difference between picking out a "promise" and acting upon it, and acting upon a promise from the Word which has been made personal to us by the quickening of the Spirit!
7. Peter's Failing Faith. "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink." Instead of keeping occupied with Christ, Peter became occupied with the difficulty of his circumstances. To make this mistake will always produce fear and prevent faith. As long as faith kept up, Peter kept above the water. When faith failed, fear set in. And fear paralyzed his effort. So it is always. Spiritual paralysis is the outcome of fear. Spiritual activity and progress is the result of "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Defeated by the enemy who watched to trip thy soul? Pray tell me how it happened if Christ had full control? No secret this; but plainly, thy faith was growing dim, Thy mind upon the temporal, not wholly stayed on Him!

## SAVED FROM UNSEEN DANGERS

What a blessed peace there is in trusting God- "casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

While looking out of the window one day, I watched with great interest twenty or more little birds happily hopping about, chirping their joy as they busily ate a quantity of nut crumbs which had been put out for them. Soon T saw a cat creep up and begin to stalk them, so silently that not one bird was aware of approaching danger.

Closer the cat came, with his eyes fixed on the bird nearest him; but just before he was close enough to spring, that little bird had had its fill of food and flew away, singing, as did each of the others, wholly unconscious of how near death it had been. How like outr loving Father who guides and leads us, letting us enjoy His provisions for us to the full, while He protects us from many unknown and unseen dangers.
-Ruth Thompson Banks

## HIS HANDS

I am so safe in His gentle hands, Nor would I ask to be free.
The hands that were laid on the children's heads Will tenderly deal with me.

Hands that succored and hands that served, That fed the hungry with bread,
Hands that gave to the blind their sight,
Hands that raised from the dead.
O beautiful hands of my living Lord!
I shall see in eternity-
Incredible love-my name engraved In those hands which were pierced for me! Martha Snell Nicholson

## IT PAYS TO BELONG

There was a little city once on the confines of ancient Rome, which, when attacked by the barbarians, used to come and cry to Rome for help. This went on for several years, until at last Rome said to it: "You are very foolish. Why don't you become part of the Roman Empire? Then when the barbarians come, and find they are attacking Rome, they will let you alone."

But the little city said, "No, we want to be a state ourselves."

The next time the barbarians came, Rome did not help it, and it was soon glad to become a part of the great empire. Then when the Roman flag waved over it, it was no longer a little city: it was a part of Rome and it could say to the barbarian forces, "Touch me if you dare."

I used to stand alone when trouble came, and only went to God when it got too hard. At last God said to me, "Why do you not join Me? Put down your pride. Put My banner over your head." Since I have done that, the devil does not dare to attack me. -A. B. Simpson


## HOT HEARTS AND HELPING HANDS

An altruist is an unselfish person devoted to the welfare of others. The Good Samaritan in a very real way was an altruist, and Jesus commanded, "Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37). There are still many who have fallen among thieves and are left stripped and half dead. They need more than a passing look. They need someone with compassion and willingness to bind up the wounds, pour in the healing oil, and then take care of them.

In this day of speed and mass production, when emphasis has shifted from the individual to the masses, men and women are still saved one by one, as true Christians take the time to show compassion and concern. Most of us will never reach the masses, but as we meet individuals in need on the highway of life we can stop to share what is needed. We need more Pentecostal altruists. May God give us hot hearts and helping hands!
-W. G. Hinecker, in Kentucky Challenge

## LIFT CHRIST UP!

I have studied the history of revivals, and I find there are certain laws governing them. First and foremost, no revival comes unless the authority of Christ is exalted. In the case of the eighteenth-century revival, Wesley and Whitefield exalted Christ. So it was in the $1858-59$ revival. It was called in Ulster "The Year of Grace." The hymns, the preaching, and everything exalted the Lord Jesus Christ.

But today God's Word and God's Son have been robbed of much of their authority. In these circumstances you may organize, modernize, and criticize, but if you rob Christ of His deity and His authority you have sterilized the soil and there will be no harvest.
-Lionel Fletcher

## UP-TO-DATE SURRENDER

Nine times out of ten the test of absolute surrender to God concerns not a spectacular thing like leaving home for the mission field, but rather forsaking that pet $\sin$ which always bobs up accusingly.

Can we hope for nothing better than a way of defeat from the perfect Christ? Must we tell of being saved ten years ago and harbor up-to-date memories of defeat? No, thank God, we can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." When the Cross becomes real enough in our own hearts to become the crucifixion spot for those very sins which defeat us, we shall experience the resurrection power of the living Christ in a salvation which is now, full of glow and victory.
-E. L. Cattell, in The Spirit of Holiness

# No Doubt About lt... <br> A Missionary Convention Is Worth the Effort! 



The Pacific Islands was one of the themes at the convention.

By Pastor Howard Cummings

Newcastle, Wyoming

IsIS A missions convention worth all this expense, trouble, and downright hard work?" I asked myself this question as I sat on the floor of a Sunday school classroom, surrounded by posters, crepe paper, boxes of literature, electrical gadgets, thumbtacks, masking tape, and numerous other items which go into the creation of a missions exhibit.

I had been working hard-and it was hard work-getting everything organized for our annual missions convention. Months in advance speakers had to be confirmed, publicity circulated, committees selected. Now in the last few hectic days before the
convention began I had to be sure each display was finished.

As I rested a moment my tired mind continued to ask questions. What about the financial aspects? We had had a lot of "drives" this year. More money than usual had been raised for various projects. Would we reach our goal for missions? Would our faith promise offering come up to expectations?

And what about the attendance? We had hoped to reach many of the townspeople with our missions message this year but discovered that our convention would conflict with an important school event. Would we reach any outsiders?
"Hey, Pastor, this projector won't work. What shall we do?" One of the young people working on an ex-
hibit across the hall aroused me from my "doubting Thomas" meditation.
"At least this missions convention gives the C.A.'s something to do," I thought, as I went to the young man's assistance. Suddenly it dawned on me that this is a real benefit from an annual missions emphasis, replete with displays. The C.A's, as well as members of the adult Bible classes, have really worked at making our convention exhibit area informative and inspiring. We feature eight to ten missions endeavors in these exhibits, using electronics and visual aids to the greatest advantage. Exhibits this year included the themes: Christ or Communism for Africa, Global Conquest, BGMC, Islands of the Sea, Wishing Well for Missions, and Bicycle Sale for Speed-the-Light.


Display featured four target cities of Global Conquest drive.


Barrel dividers depicted four world areas reached by BGMC.

Such an activity is good for any church, but before our seventh annual convention had come to a close I was to discover other benefits.

During the convention services I looked out over the congregation to see people with whom I had worked and prayed-whose appetite for world evangelism had been whetted by a well-balanced missions diet. They had discovered, one by one, that there is a place in the harvest for them and their eager attention now revealed a determination to do more to fill that place.

Especially challenging to me were the young people who had dedicated their lives to missionary service and were zealously pursuing that calling. There was the young man who decided to take a foreign language course in high school this year simply because it will help him in a lifetime of missions. There was the young lady who did not mind extra effort in the convention program because she knew she was preparing for her part in world outreach.

Then I thought of church members who would be sending these young people, as Antioch sent out Paul and Barnabas. I am convinced the annual missions convention has helped to prepare their hearts for this venture. I remember the rancher who wept openly on the closing night of one convention after he had given to a missions cause. He told me sincerely that this was the greatest blessing of his life.

A schoolteacher publicly stated that



## New Directors Named for Orphanage

Shown above are the members of the Board of Directors for the Latin American Orphanage, Acapulco, Mexico. They are (left to right): Paul Trulin, Sacramento, Calif., executive secretary; Ray Morelock, general director; Ed Johnson; G. L. Johnson, secretary; Clyde Henson, vice-chairman ; Bert Webb; L. B. Lewis, chairman; Thomas F. Zimmerman ; and J. Philip Hogan.

The orphanage, which was formerly administered by an independent board, will now be administered by the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions

Department, Springfield, Missouri. All funds for its support should be sent directly to the Foreign Missions Department and correspondence concerning orphanage finances should be directed to J. Philip Hogan, foreign missions executive director.

At a recent board meeting in Los Angeles, Brother Hogan expressed pleasure at the financial gains being made but said, "We have quite a long way to go in meeting the financial needs of this work." Nevertheless he stated that the future of the orphanage is "bright."
the missions convention had become the highlight of the year for her. A sales clerk confided in me that this annual event was the greatest source of spiritual strength to her. And finally, there was the athletic coach who acclaimed this concerted effort as the most exciting activity of his life.

I thought of the growing missionary family our church is sponsoring and of the way our people feel about these dedicated disciples. Our missionaries are esteemed as the most honorable among the honored of God's kingdom.

I reflected upon the number of adults who have taken positive steps to carry on God's work after they are gone by remembering our mission in their will. This they have done, not because of pressure or personality, but because a missions program has made them conscious of the harvest and what stewardship entails.

After a careful analysis, my heart further rejoiced to discover that this year our world missions giving will be four times as much as it was seven
years ago. And, as our people systematically plan and participate under the faith promise procedure, who knows what next year will bring ? (Incidentally, this faith promise offering, received each year at our missions convention to underwrite our missions family, has very effectively established the compatibility between inspiration and information, emotions and education, which should be the case. People don't make a pledge; they enter into a faith pact with God. It's dynamic, I tell you!)

But the greatest benefit of directing the convention came to me personally. I heard one speaker say, "There are tribes yet unreached." I was challenged as never before, and suddenly the conviction welled up within my soul that my own future in missions was going to increase. How ? I do not know, but I was convinced that the future holds exciting conquests; and I felt literally thrust out into the field which is the world.

Is it worth it! How could I ever have doubted?

## Youth March to 'Save the Bible, Save Our Nation'

HARTFORD, CONN.-Some 600 Assemblies of God youth from southern New England churches marched to the steps of the state capitol on Saturday, November 30, to demonstrate in favor of Bible reading in public schools.

The march, organized by Evangelist Oren Paris and a committee of pastors, was part of a two-day youth convention. Preaching services fea-
tured sermons by Oren Paris and Evangelist Bob Watters. Other events during the convention were a Bible quiz, a talent search, and a program of sacred music with songs by the Eastmen Quartet.

Inclement weather and the general inertia that followed the assassination of President Kennedy threatened to doom the march. However, the mixture of rain and snow ended a few


Some of the young people who attended the two-day youth convention in Hartford, Conn. Left to right: Marge Bunce, Manchester, Conn.; Ed Carrington, Westfield, Mass.; Kathryn Flower, Springfield, Mass.; John Lindsay, Revere, Mass.; and Philip Sylvester, Hartford, Conn.

Concluding a two-day convention, the Assemblies of God youth marched to the steps of the state capitol to demonstrate in favor of Bible reading in the public schools.



Pastors of the Hartford area planned the convention. Left to right: Kenneth L. Gustafson (chairman), Manchester, Conn.; James W. Storey, Windsor Locks, Conn.; Arnold E. Kolenda, East Hartford, Conn.


After reaching the steps of the capitol, the marchers sang, prayed, and listened to a brief talk by David W. Flower. Hartford is "the insurance city of America." The.tall building in the background is the Travelers Insurance Co.
planned to attend the service extended regrets because the period of mourning for the late President Kennedy prevented their appearance. During the ceremony, reference was made to the late President's reverence for the Bible and his frequent Biblical references in speeches. A minute of silence was observed in his memory.

Petitions were received during the rally to implore Congress to pass legislation to permit Bible reading and prayer in public schools. The petitions bearing hundreds of signatures were to be mailed to Congress.

The convention was sponsored by the youth department of the Southern New England district of the Assemblies of God. Chairman was Pastor Kenneth Gustafson of Manchester, Conn., who is district C. A. president.



Bob Watters


David Flower




Around 600 youth, children, and adults joined in the march from the Bushnell Auditorium to the capitol. At left are the three speakers for the convention.


# Revivaltime Choir Goes to Prison 

42 Persons Saved on Revivaltime's Annual Thanksgiving Tour

By CYRIL McLELLAN Revivaltime Choir Director

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a weretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
This verse was the testimony not only of John Newton, its author, but also of 13 prisoners of the State of Alabama in Kilby Prison, Montgomery, who were gloriously converted through the ministry of the Revivaltime Choir while on its annual Thanksgiving tour to four Southeastern states.

Though the blessing of God was evident in all of the services during the tour, it was felt by most of the choir members that the services at Kilby Prison were the highlight of the trip. Following the choir's presenta-
tion of a sermon in song, "The Wonder of God's Love," the prisoners were invited to acknowledge their need of God by either raising their hand or remaining in their seat after the service had been dismissed. Many of the men responded. This moment was an unforgettable experience for each choir member.
As the young men of the choir talked with the prisoners who acknowledged their need of God, it was thrilling to see the young women of the choir tearfully praying that God would save the men. Thirteen of the prisoners were led into a real experience with the Lord. These men had been convicted of almost every crime imaginable, and their sentences ranged from one year and a day to life.
Arrangements for the choir's visit to Kilby Prison were made by Chaplain R. S. Watson, an Assemblies of

God minister who serves on the prison staff, and by Paul R. Markstrom, national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God.

In speaking about the choir's ministry to the prisoners Chaplain Watson said, "Society's laws may segregate an individual from his loved ones, but no mandate can withhold the love of our merciful Saviour."

Upon the conversion of the men in Kilby Prison, Brother Watson pointed out the need for providing spiritual help for them. He said: "It is selfevident that despite all of the psychiatrists and criminologists, there can be no true rehabilitation except through the application of those precepts which Christ bequeathed to mankind. It is our awesome responsibility as Christians to provide these men with understanding instead of a pity mixed with distrust."

Since this was the first time the Revivaltime Choir had ever ministered inside prison walls, it was gratifying to all those who had planned the occasion to see such good results, and to see the great concern each of the choir members had for the prisoners.

Another high point of interest on the tour was to participate in the third annual "Festival of Sacred Music" in Birmingham. The choir members were invited by the religious editor of the Birmingham News to be the featured guests. The Birmingham Symphony Orchestra opened the program and remained for the presentation by the Revivaltime Choir. Two thousand persons warmly applauded the music. Afterward, some expressed appreciation for the spirited singing. Some of the choir members had opportunity to testify
about the Pentecostal experience.
Also the choir was privileged to sing for the Alabama C. A. convention held in Montgomery on Thanksgiving Day. The heavy downpour of rain did not lessen the blessings of the Lord upon the service.

Services were held at churches in Sikeston and Poplar Bluff, Mo., Dyersburg, Tenn., and Columbus, Miss. Altogether 42 persons were won to Christ on the tour.

During the tour offerings were received for the choir's special project. This year the offerings went to support the broadcasts in the Caribbean area. These stations are in need of regular offerings to pay for the air time. You may assist by sending your offerings to Revivaltime, Box 70 , Springfield, Missouri 65801. 44

## A TRIAL OF FAITH

The trial of our faith is precious, and I am giving this testimony in detail that it may be a blessing to others whose faith is being tested.

One night in the summer of 1957 the presence of the Lord was very precious in our church. As we sat worshiping, I said, "Lord, I could trust You for anything!"

Immediately He whispered, "Even your eyes?" I had worn glasses for about 20 years, and had never considered praying for better eyesight!

Now I found myself not as "full of faith" as I had thought. I wavered. The Lord found doubt in my heart. The removing of this doubt became the important work-even more than the healing of my eyes !

I asked my pastor and the church board to pray for me. Later, when

my eyes were tested, the optician told me I would never be able to drive a car without glasses. But I continued to trust the Lord, and two years later when I renewed my driver's license the visual test proved I was now able to drive without glasses.

Because I was "confident... he which hath begun a good work will perform it" (Philippians $1: 6$ ), I refrained from wearing my glasses except for reading. One day in April, 1962, God dealt with me concerning this remaining doubt.

I realized that the Lord was doing a deeper work than healing my eyes. Knowing that the Bible says, "without faith it is impossible to please him," I took a step of faith and asked my pastor to take my glasses. We prayed together. For two days I could not see to read, and my pastor said he would refuse to keep the glasses if I was unable to read the Word. Somehow God used his words to let me know it must be my own decision -I must burn my bridges and fully trust the Lord.

From that moment my eyes became stronger. And now, when I am 57 years old, the Lord has completed the work. During these months of testing God has become so much more precious to me.-Mrs. Grace Elliott, Compton, Calif.
(Endorsed by Pastor E. H. Wilson, Assembly of God, Compton, Calif.)

It is usually not the greatness of our trouble, but rather the littleness of our spirit, that makes us complain.

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## you NEED THE ENGINE

BY NORMAND J. THOMPSON

AS A PRACTICAL JOKE, A LATE model car with the engine removed was placed at the top of a hill and rolled down an incline to a service station. The young lady at the wheel asked the attendant to check the gas and oil. He raised the hood and examined the car with the most mystified expression. Finally he cried in amazement, "Lady, you ain't got no engine!"

The same amazed comment might well be made about our Christian life today. Too often we find churches and individual Christians unable to get up and go for God. The reason? Our
engine-the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit-is missing.

The crucified and resurrected Saviour promised His weak, dismayed followers: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts $1: 8$ ).

Jesus Himself never attempted a single miracle until the Holy Ghost came upon Him. How much more do you and I need this heavenly power!

Before Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, he said to Jesus, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Some three years later Peter was still weak and sinful. Shortly after Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane, Peter was accused of being a follower of the Nazarene. At this the impulsive fisherman burst into a rage of cursing, and violently denied that he knew Jesus. He needed an engine!

But observe Peter after Pentecost! When arrested by the ecclesiastical authorities and ordered to quit preaching, he boldly challenged, "Is it right in the sight of God to obey you rather than to obey God?" His continued preaching brought him imprisonment and a beating; but he rejoiced that he was counted worthy to suffer shame for Christ's name, "and daily... ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42).

Stephen, a mere layman in the Christian community at Jerusalem, was "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6:5), and as a result was "full of faith and power"
(v. 8). Power and the Holy Ghost were synonymous in the early church -and, indeed, all through church history.

Before their Pentecostal experience, James and John, the "Sons of thunder," vindictively wanted to call down fire from heaven to punish a Samari$\tan$ village. Later, on the eve of Christ's crucifixion, they were so full of selfish ambition they wanted seats on Christ's right hand and on his left, in the heavenly kingdom. How the Holy Spirit changed them!

John's Gospel ranks among the world's classics. And his Epistles overflow with references to God's love and Christian love. He says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. ... Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John $3: 1 ; 4: 10$ ).

After Paul's conversion, God sent Ananias to him with a message: "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:13).

Thus empowered, Paul's preaching was effective to the salvation of souls and the establishment of churches even in heathen strongholds. He became the greatest foreign missionary the world has ever seen, creating colonies of Christians everywhere he went.

But the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit was not restricted to the firstcentury Christians. On the contrary, Jesus makes it available to every obedient child of God (Acts $5: 32$ ). Jesus said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children ; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him" (Luke $11: 13$ ).

In a Reader's Digest article, Dr. John Heuss, noted New York clergyman, criticized today's churches for mistaking organizational activities for Christianity. Today's churches, he pointed out, need an invigorating outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In plain words, we need an engine. We are huffing and puffing, trying to fill the gospel sails by our own efforts, when all the time God offers a "mighty rushing wind," the Holy Spirit, to fill our sails for us.
"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts $19: 2$ ). $\varangle 4$


## BROKEN WINDFALL

BY ARTHUR $H$. TOWNSEND

PPte johnson was hunting moose. He had entered a tangled forest of windfalls and then had come to a natural clearing. Just as he climbed up on a last windfall to obtain a good view of the forest opening, a bull moose, that had been there for some time and had heard the hunter approaching, charged.

Rutting time had come to the yellow and gold wilderness of the North, and that belligerent bull came at Pete Johnson in full stride. The hunter raised his gun and fired. Just as he pulled the trigger the windfall that he had been standing on gave way. It broke beneath his feet and the great bull moose almost crashed down on top of him.

In the providence of God, the hunter escaped with a few scratches received from the broken windfall. And the moose was canned for winter use.

Pete Johnson had placed his faith in the windfall. It had let him down. He had almost forfeited his life because of it.

Today there are multitudes of people who place their faith in earthly things: a car, a plane, a ship, the pull of a trigger, a windfall, or the word of man. But these same people have no faith in the Word of God. How tragic!

God's Word has never failed yet. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).
"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded
for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:4-6).

If you will receive God's Word and believe it, you will pass from death to eternal life! Peace instead of unrest will flood your soul. You will be assured of a glorious, everlasting, future destiny in the presence of God for all eternity. God's Word declares it.

Then, when Satan-the belligerent one-comes your way to put doubts in your heart and mind, you will be able to say: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers $23: 19$ ).

You will be able to say: "For the which cause I also suffer these things : nevertheless I am not ashamed : for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

Cars have breakdowns, planes crash, ships sink, guns jam, windfalls break, and the words of men fall to the ground, but the Word of God is sure and certain. It is more steadfast, more solid than any rock.

For your personal salvation and for your continued spiritual progress you will find that God's Word is to be fully trusted. It will never break nor let you down. It will never, never fail! Put your faith in God's Word today! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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Ministers of the Northeast Section of the Eastern District appear as follows: (first row, left to right) F. Strength, O. Catterson, F. Parmenteri, G. Tryon, G. Butrin, V. Brown, L. Clute, O. Dalaba, G. Clement and L. Trotta. Second row: D. Laquintano, J. Palmer, A. Sohl, C. Dale, P. Hayes, W. Eaves, R. Carins, A. Lazar, F. Van Meter, J. Miller and R. Midgett.

## Thousands and Thousands

BY R. L. BRANDT, NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY

ASECtION. A vision, a goal. And the result was $\$ 1,000$ for Sites for Souls.

Thanks to Louis Trotta, sectional Home Missions director for the Northeast Section of the Eastern District, and to the pastors and churches of that section, a grand victory was won for Sites for Souls in 1963.

How did it happen? The pastors of
the section caught a vision; they established a goal; they made definite plans for its accomplishment; and they cooperated wholeheartedly in the project. Not to be overlooked is the enthusiastic support of the Sites for Souls program on the part of the district's executive officers, Brothers Russell Williams and C. Eugene Bell.
Each pastor in the section became

## THIS IS BREAKTHROUGH RALLY MONTH

The theme of the 1964 Breakthrough rallies is, "An Assembly in Every Community in America." Breakthrough rallies scheduled in your district will spotlight aggressive plans to meet the challenge of growing communities springing up around our cities. The National Home Missions Department is providing promotional materials for the rallies. Be sure to attend the Breakthrough rally nearest you to learn how you may become an important part of this forward thrust in evangelism.
a committee of one to promote Sites for Souls in his local church, and everyone did a magnificent job. In addition, two Sites for Souls rallies were held in the section, and pastors brought checks and pledges from their local churches, thus contributing to the excellent accomplishment of the section.

Thousands and thousands of dollars can become available in 1964 for Sites for Souls if all sections across the country will follow this noble example. There are approximately 500 sections within the districts which make up the organization. One thousand dollars from each would therefore yield a half million dollars, and this would make possible the purchase of strategic sites for pioneer churches throughout the United States.

Some sections obviously would be unable to reach a $\$ 1,000$ goal. Let them set a lesser, realistic goal. Others would be able to far exceed $\$ 1,000$. Let every section do what it can and 1964 will record a great nationwide Sites for Souls victory. 《4


These are the members of the Northeast sectional committee of the Eastern District. Photo at right shows Louis Trotta, home missions
director, handing check for $\$ 1,000$ for Sites for Souls to Russell Williams (center), superintendent. director, handing check for $\$ 1,000$ for Sites for Souls to Russell Williams (center), superintendent.

# AN OPEN LETTER 

## "Dear Brother Brandt:

"Yesterday morning I watched the telecasting of the successful rescue of two men from a Pennsylvania coal mine. As they were brought to the top and the cheers of the crowd went up, I wept.
"Later in the newscast, a reporter asked an official on the scene of disaster what he would estimate the cost of the rescue to be. The man mentioned several companies that had sent equipment besides the various governmental agencies involved and stated that he believed a conservative estimate would be one million dollars. One million dollars to save the lives of two men! They and their families, of course, are thankful for it.
"Last night as I lay in bed somewhat restless, this scene came before me again. A thought occurred to me: The unsaved world valued two men's lives to the extent of one million dollars. What value do we that are saved put upon the eternal souls of men?
"I thought further, Think what we could do in reaching new areas in the United States with a million dollars. Perhaps ten and possibly twenty new churches, saving not just two lives but $200,2,000$, or 20,000 eternal souls!
"My wife and I have pioneered a new church in our district. This church was started and a new building erected in a program in which the district cooperated. I found this to be a fact: people working together can raise money and build new churches.
"Some years back our district had a program that called for every member of our constituency to contribute two dollars to help a new church. Under this plan it was hoped that at least three new churches could be built each year. The church that my wife and I pioneered, as well as several others, was built under this program. At this time our district is working another plan to finance new churches.
"I was called to meet with our District Home Missions Committee when they put final approval on the new building. Gayle F. Lewis was meeting
with the committee at that time. As I was waiting for my appointment, I was allowed to remain in the room while they talked with Brother Lewis. I do not remember anything they discussed, but as Brother Lewis told of the things upon his heart this thought came to me: If we had worked together in a home missions program, we would have many more churches and might be supporting 5,000 foreign missionaries instead of less than 1,000.
"I am afraid that we have just 'growed' like Topsy. Thank God we have 'growed' as much as we have, but may not God hold us responsible for our lack of vision and discipline to meet the challenge of the home field? As members of the Assemblies of God, are we guilty of seeing only 'Jerusalem' and the 'uttermost part of the earth' and have not wanted to see 'Judea' and 'Samaria'?
"If we have over 500,000 Assemblies of God members in this country and they all caught the vision of the possibilities, we could raise one million dollars a year to build new churches with a contribution of only $\$ 2$ per year from each member. This amount should not hinder any church from continuing its present program.
"If any should think $\$ 2$ per mem-
ber to raise one million dollars a year to reach new communities and save souls is asking too much, let them remember that unsaved men did not think it too much to spend that much to save two lives. Jesus said, 'The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.' Was He thinking of us when He said this?
"Sincerely in Christ, "John F. Green"
Brother Brandt answered Brother Green as follows:
"Your letter was a source of genuine inspiration to me. I note your suggestion regarding the possibility of raising a million dollars annually through contributions of \$2 per member. Perhaps you are already aware of our Sites for Souls program which calls for a minimum of $\$ 1$ per member per year. This has already produced thousands of dollars but we have only scratched the surface. It is our desire that every Assemblies of God church will become a Sites for Souls church. In this way, we will be able to help our pioneer churches buy suitable sites which are so important to the success of churches these days."

Should you as an individual or your church desire to join forces with the growing army of Sites for Souls contributors, please send your offering designated for Sites for Souls to the National Home Missions Department. Churches pledging to give a minimum of $\$ 1$ per member per year will receive an attractive Sites for Souls certificate.


## Evangelism BREAKTHROUGH

TUCSON, ARIZ.-Eastland As- About 140 came to the altar for sembly of God here experienced salvation, and scores were healed a spiritual breakthrough in a re- of many diseases. On Saturday cent revival with Evangelist Dean night a special "Holy Ghost" servHeady, Jr. Attendance exceeded all previous revivals. A number received the Holy Spirit. The members visited over a thousand homes in the interest of lost souls. -Gail Copple, Pastor

OSKALOOSA, IOWA-Several were saved and others filled with the Spirit in meetings conducted by Evangelist Floyd Dennis at the Assembly of God here. Since then one more has been saved and two filled with the Spirit.
A service with Teen Challenge Representative J. E. Tucker on Nov. 10 imparted a vision of the needs of the youth of today. The WMC ladies purchased copies of The Cross and the Switchblade to be placed in the local Senior and Junior high schools, Penn College, and the public library. -Max Johnson, Pastor

ABBOTSFORD, B. C., CANA-DA-The Pentecostal Tabernacle here was enriched by a campaign with W. S. Barham, evangelist and Bible teacher from Dallas, Tex. Numbers were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit, and unsaved people were reached for Christ.
-Ernest A. Francis, Pastor

BATON ROUGE, LA.-A tennight revival with Evangelist Gayle Jackson of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was concluded recently at the Central Assembly of God here.
ice was conducted. An estimated 50 persons, many of whom were from old-line denominational churches, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in this service. Attendance in the night services reached 500. A new Sunday school record was established with 340 present.
-James V. Courtney, Pastor
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. Evangelist and Mrs. David O. Bunch conducted a three-week revival in November for the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here. Many were saved or filled with the Spirit. Others were healed.
-Walter M. Barnard, Pastor

## YREKA, CALIF.-The Full Gos-

 pel Assembly here reports that 12 persons sought the Lord to be saved or reclaimed during a two-week meeting with "The Musical Clarks" of Rockford, I11. The singing and playing of the evangelists was greatly enjoyed by all. -S. E. Morris, PastorNEW YORK, N. Y.-A spirit of revival continues at the Trinity Assembly of God, 138 Henry Street, following a revival campaign with Evangelist Jack Peters. Several were saved or reclaimed. Six teen-agers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others were refilled. The church rejoices over this move of the Spirit among the young people. -Irene Genco, Pastor

PERRY, FLA - Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord of Georgia closed a campaign at the First Assembly of God here on Oct. 27. Ten souls were saved or reclaimed. Some were refilled with the Spirit. The evangelist also ministered in a local Pentecostal Fellowship rally. At the conclusion of his sermon on Communism, God's Spirit moved and the altar was filled with sinners, backsliders, and Christians making new consecrations. First Assembly has recently been remodeled with new floor tile and pews being put in. Most important, the spiritual tide is running high
-John H. Sandifer, Pastor
BAPTISTOWN, N. J.-A weekend "Spiritual Emphasis" with Virginia Gunderson from Baltimore, Md., was a great blessing at the Assembly of God here. In a mighty move of the Spirit, the C. A. secretary received the Baptism, and 26 others were refilled. -James Occhipinti, Pastor

MILAN, TENN.-People from many churches swelled the crowds at a revival at the First Assembly of God here, Nov. 5 to 17. The ministry of Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., who illustrated his prophetic sermons with a big chart, was most timely. -Gene Jackson, Pastor

BROOKVILLE, PA.-The greatest evangelistic effort in the elev-en-year history of First Assembly of God here was a three-week tent crusade with the Andrew Basell Evangelistic Party and lit-
fle Billy Brown, twelve-year-old nephew of the Basells. The services were well attended, with 230 "first-time" visitors. Seventy were saved or reclaimed. Prior to the Brookville meeting, the Basells conducted a tent campaign in the neighboring town of Clarion, Pa . This work, begun by the Brookville Assembly, is now being supervised by the Northwest Central Section. A real impact for the Lord was made throughout the area.
-Vernon Boyer, Pastor
CORNING, CALIF.-Evangelists H. C. and Mrs. Lafferty and soloist, Gloria Lafferty, have just concluded a revival at the First Assembly of God here. Over 40 persons visited the church for the first time. Fifteen testified that they had accepted Christ and three received the Baptism. Several were healed. Some were delivered from the tobacco habit. New families have been added and the whole church has been encouraged.
-Jim Logan, Pastor
KEY WEST, FLA.-The power of God was present in every service of a November revival at the Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Assembly of God) here with Evangelist Quentin Edwards. Several were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. A young married lady who sought God nightly at the altar testified that while she was at home in bed she awoke with a praise for the Lord in her heart and a new language on her lips. -Dwight Edwards, Pastor (Continued on page twenty-seven)


Crowd attending the dedication services of the new facilities of Calvary Temple in Long Beach, Calif., on the opening day of a three-week crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Fort Worth, Tex. The $6: 30$ prayer meetings preceding the evening services were well attended. Pastor L. L. Shipley states that this beautiful church was formerly a mortuary.


Beautiful Evangel Temple in Bismark, N. Dak. was the site for the Lowell Lundstrom crusade.


Lowell Lundstrom (left) and Pastor Lloyd Jorgenson arranged for a daily TV program during the crusade. This proved to be an effective way to reach the community for Christ.
 meetings (center photo). During these times of refreshing, the Lord baptized 10 with the Holy Spirit and refilled at least 30. A prayer chain was formed during the meeting.



Both pastor (left) and evangelist were pleased with the all-time Sunday school record of 268.


Twenty-three received Jesus Christ as Saviour and eight were reclaimed. Photo shows the "homecoming" of a backslidden husband. Daughter is kneeling at left and wife at right.


A water baptismal service climaxed the three-week crusade with
the "Message of America" team. Twenty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism.

## Results in Lundstrom Crusade Prove Revivals Can Be Effective

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-Lloyd C. Jorgenson, Pastor

## News in Pictures



Teen Challenge Converts Testify
CRESAPTOWN, MD.-A group of young men who were converted at the Teen Challenge Center in New York City visited the Cresaptown Assembly of God Church on December 15. Mrs. Ruth C. Cowgill, pastor of the Cresaptown Assembly writes: "It was a happy privilege to have these fine young men with us. They are now training at the Teen Challenge Training Center in Reherersburg, Pa. Brother Frank Reynolds, their superintendent, with Brother Peter J. Oliver, the dean of boys, brought us stirring reports on the lives and ministry of these boys. The glory of God rested on the meeting as these young men testified of God's mighty power to deliver from all sin."


BEECH GROVE, IND.-Six years ago the nucleus of Faith Assembly began meeting in the basement of the public library. Now the Lord has enabled Pastor James P. Monson (inset) and his congregation to build this beautiful church finished in Indiana Bedford limestone. The sanctuary seats 427 . There are 17 classrooms, a baptistry with dressing rooms, church offices, pastor's study, and a three-room apartment for evangelists.


MATTOON, ILL.-The new educational unit of First Assembly of God was dedicated last July. The basement includes a large fellowship hall, kitchen, extension room, and rest rooms. The vestibule on the ground floor is decorated with a large cherry planter and has a 12 -foot window of black glass. The second floor consists of seven classrooms, pastor's study, and baptistry dressing rooms. Air conditioning and new pews were installed in the main auditorium. J. A. Drysdale completed his eighth year as pastor last August.


MONTESANO, WASH.-Pastor Richard I. Strum and his congregation celebrated their first anniversary in their new church last September 8. The split-level church (designed by Gordon Nickel) was built and furnished for only $\$ 33,000$ as a major portion of the labor was donated. The sanctuary seats over 330 . The basement has a large multipurpose room, kitchen, eight classrooms and living quarters for visiting evangelists.


LA PUENTE, CALIF.-The average attendance at the Glengrove Assembly of God during the past Sunday school year was 348. This was 96 per Sunday more than the previous year and Pastor Milton Barfoot attributes the growth partly to the enlarged facilities dedicated October 14, 1962. With 25 new classrooms and a remodeled auditorium seating 450 , they have over 10,400 square feet of floor space, and parking space for 101 cars.


CHAMBERSBURG, PA.-The main sanctuary of the Bethel Pentecostal Assembly of God (shown here) seats 350. The new building, dedicated last July, also contains a wing 40 by 27 feet to accommodate an overflow crowd, 15 Sunday school rooms, nursery, office, youth library, and a C. A. auditorium. Willis I. Murray is pastor.


MODESTO, CALIF.-The Airport Assembly of God dedicated this new building just one year ago on February 4. Velma A. Lackey, pastor for over six years, reports a continual growth in the church and Sunday school. This photo was taken during a meeting with the E. C. Briggs Evangelistic Party of Fort Worth, Tex.

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.-The First Assembly of God here experienced a real impact in November during a week of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John Friend of Indiana. A large number of young people were refilled with the Holy Spirit and several were filled for the first time. Some were saved, others reclaimed, and several testified of receiving healing in answer to prayer.
-Ross P. Simmons, Pastor
HICKORY RIDGE, ARK. Evangelist and Mrs. Ronnie Faulkner of Harrisburg closed a twoweek meeting at the Assembly of God here on Nov. 24. There were 15 saved and 10 filled with the Holy Spirit. Prayer meetings at 9 a.m. were started the week before the revival and were still being held after its close.

- Jack Langston, Pastor

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.-The Assembly of God here has just closed a meeting with Evangelist Ada Long of Mt. Morris, Pa. The services were well attended. New people came to the altar. Two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The work is going well in the new church building. -Dallas Riley, Pastor

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.Evangelist Tommy Barnett was at the First Assembly of God here for one week of meetings. The attendance was excellent. Sinners responded to the invitation each night. The messages on missionary evangelism stirred the congregation.
-Louis H. Hauff, Pastor

## CHURCH DEDICATED

BUCKNER, MO.-The Country Assembly of God (Lloyd W. Nelson, pastor) dedicated its building on December 3. Formerly the Oakland school building, it is located four miles from Buckner. The church bought it at auction for $\$ 5,650$ which reportedly is about half its true value.
The Country Assembly of God began six years ago. Prior to moving, they worshiped in a rented schoolhouse near Blue Springs, Mo. Straud T. Boyce was their first pastor.

Moving day was a happy occasion. The congregation met first at the old location for a song and prayer ; then drove in a caravan to the new building four miles distant.

The district presbyter, Paul W. Brewer, conducted the dedicatory service. Guest speakers during dedication week included Evangelist A. R. Vander Ploeg and Pastor G. W. Hardcastle Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.

## WITH CHRIST

MRS. MARY E. MOORE, 86, of Long Beach, Calif., went to be with the Lord October 14 after serving as an ordained minister since 1918. She and her husband also spent time in Hawaii and Japan as missionaries. Mrs. Moore's husband preceded her in death.
SAMUEL W. SUBLETT, 74, of Montcalm, W. Va., went to be with Jesus October 9. He was ordained in 1913 and served the Appalachian District as SecretaryTreasurer for 20 years and as District Superintendent for three superannuation in 1956. He is sur-
sembly in Pembroke before his land before her superannuation in years. He also pastored the as- 1954.
vived by six sons and seven daughters.
W. E. WAREHIME, 84, of LaSalle, Colo., went to his eternal reward November 21. He was licensed with the Rocky Mountain District and he is survived by twelve children. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death.
MRS. INGRID FORSGREN, 77, of Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with the Lord on November 21. Her ordained ministry began in 1917 with the Southern California District. She served as an evangelist and as a missionary in Lap-

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT MINISTERS INSTITUTEFeb. 3-5 at East End Assembly, Meridian, Miss. J. Robert Ashcroft, speaker. A. J. Pope, host pastor.-by J. C. Burks, district superintendent.
MISSIONARY CONVENTION -Feb. 9-16 at First Assembly, St. Petersburg, Fla. Missionaries William Lovick, Africa; and Quentin Shortes, Guatemala, speakers.-by L. Wayne Pitts, pastor.


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# April Convention to Highlight Fiftieth Anniversary Year 

A
great nationwide coniention will highlight this 50 th anniversary year of the Assemblies of God. It will be held April $20-23$ at the headquarters city of Springfield, Mo., and arrangements are being made to accommodate up to 10,000 people.

Likened to a mighty river, this Pentecostal movement sprang from the now historic April 2-12, 1914, founding session in Hot Springs, Ark., as a stream of faith and fervor. Through the years the blessing of the Holy Spirit has made possible greater service and expanded ministries, creating an ever-widening river. Today we find ourselves commissioned to flood the world with the Pentecostal message.

Purpose of the 50th anniversary convention will be to look back at what God has done for us in the past and to prepare ourselves spiritually for the task that lies ahead. Plans for the celebration are now
moving into the final phases, with a program built around the theme, "Like a River."

The four-day convention will open Monday evening, April 20, with a nationwide prayer meeting. Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, will preside.

Tuesday will be "Fellowship Day." The morning service, with G. F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent, as chairman, will feature national fellowship with testimonies from pioneers of today and earlier years and an address by Ernest S. Williams, former general superintendent. Some of the "pioneers" participating will include Frank J. Lindquist, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn. ; Albert C. Bates, evangelist of Waxahachie, Tex.; Danny Betzer, pastor of Vermilion Assembly of God, Vermilion, Ohio; James G. Mayo, pastor of Assembly of God Tabernacle,


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The afternoon service will feature international fellowship under the chairmanship of J. Philip Hogan, executive director of Foreign Missions. Noel Perkin, now retired (director of Foreign Missions, 192759) will serve as moderator for testimonies from Assemblies of God nationals bringing reports from other nations.
In the evening Arne Vick, pastor of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., will speak on "Movement in Fellowship."
Wednesday morning speakers following the theme "For the Maturing of the Saints" will relate it to children, young people, and adults. The speakers will be Billy Reeves, national supervisor of Child Evangelism; S. Harland Petersen, district superintendent of South Dakota; and Tom Waldron, assistant superintendent of the Appalachian District and pastor of First Assembly of God, Beckley, W. Va.
"Movement in Mobilization" will be emphasized by Arthur Graves, pastor of Free Gospel Church, Flushing,
Wednesday evening rally.
The Thursday morning schedule calls for ministry on the theme "For the Work of the Ministry." Speaking in the sessions will be Philip Crouch, president of Central Bible Institute, and Jimmy D. Brown, evangelist of Mobile, Ala.
Speaker for the closing service Thursday evening with emphasis on the continuance of the church through "Movement in Missions" will be Murray W. McLees, pastor of First Assembly of God, Eugene, Oreg.
Wednesday and Thursday afternoons have been reserved for more than 170 workshops. There will be sessions of interest to every church member or convention visitor. Five general conferences will be conducted for lay delegates in such areas as Bible study, the origin of Pentecost, stewardship, and personal evangelism. Up to 30 workshops, involving special interest groups, will be run simultaneously with each of the general conferences.
Workshops are being prepared on every type of church ministry. Instruction will be given for church secretaries, deacons, trustees, Sunday school workers, youth workers, children's workers, ministers of music, evangelists, pastors, and laymen. The sessions will include visuals, panel discussions, and exchanges of ideas. These group meetings, with 25 to 650 participants each, will be held in area churches and the headquarters building.
To accommodate the crowds, general sessions will be conducted in three auditoriums connected by closed circuit television. Each of the auditoriums-Calvary Temple, Central Assembly, and the Shrine Mosquewill have a song leader and master of ceremonies. However, the featured speaker will be seen and heard on a nine-by-12-foot screen in Calvary Temple and Central Assembly.
In addition to fellowship, inspiration, and instruction, the convention will also provide opportunity for exhibit displays. Materials helpful in local church programs will be available for viewing and purchasing. Exhibits displayed by headquarters departments will portray the growth and development of the movement.

Registration time is growing short. From all indications people are planning to come to Springfield by the carload. Because of the large crowd anticipated, pre-registration is being encouraged. The first 3,000 registrants will be given a beautiful souvenir medallion. The first 5,000 will receive a colored night picture of the new administration building.
Each registrant will receive a souvenir book giving an historical sketch of the Assemblies of God on national and district levels, a pocket-size printed program, a map of Springfield, a convention badge, and other items. The registration fee is $\$ 1$ for adults. Children under 12 may register for 25 c and receive a convention badge.
To receive the extra souvenirs the registration envelope must be postmarked before April 10.
Because housing facilities in Springfield are somewhat more limited than in larger convention cities, it is most desirable that reservations be made early. For housing forms and/or further information concerning the anniversary celebration write: As semblies of God, 50th Anniversary Convention, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802.

## Thousands of Teen-agers Reached at State Fair

. CHICKEN? THIS PROVOCATIVE CHALLENGE emblazoned in two-foot letters was flung to the million and more people who flocked to the 1963 Michigan State Fair.
The challenge drew hundreds of young people within earshot of the full gospel, many probably for the first time. In a $10-$ day period 55,000 copies of the tract entitled Chicken were placed in outstretched hands.
In addition, 1,000 copies of a list of
church addresses were distributed, and 1,000 copies of The Pentecostal Evangel, along with 5,000 pieces of other gospel literature.
This evangelism project was sponsored by the Assemblies of God congregations in the Detroit area led by Pastor E. Glemn Snook of Ferndale Assembly. The evangelism committee, upon exploring the possibility of witnessing for Christ at the Michigan State Fair, found no space was available at first, as 97 per cent of the pavilions were booked in advance and there were a number of organizations waiting to seize upon any space that might open. However, prayer was made and a particular organization which had an option on a pavilion decided to relinquish its claim and specifically directed that the Assemblies of God be given first chance to take it. Gratefully the evangelism committee paid the necessary deposit and began planning the project.
It was felt that a youth emphasis would bring the best results, so thousands of Chicken tracts were ordered. C.A.'s were conscripted to do personal evangelism. Speakers were engaged to fill the pulpit in the small concession area that would serve as a miniature chapel. Seats were brought in. A public address system was installed to carry gospel music and preaching to the throngs outside the pavilion area.
All was ready when the Fair opened but no one expected quite as great a response as came. Throngs of teen-agers who had come in search of fun and excitement on the midway were drawn to the evangelism pavilion, night after night. They came out of curiosity and were held by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Not all reacted favorably; some only jeered and tried to break up the service, but even some of these quieted down and listened. Realizing their need of the Saviour, they responded to the invitation.
The staff worked far into the nights answering questions and witnessing for


The C.A.'s handed out 55,000 copies of a tract entitled Chicken and 1,000 copies of The Pentecostal Evangel at the Michigan State Fair.

Christ. Many times, after every other pavilion had closed its doors, there would still be seekers that had to be helped.

The results were nothing short of miraculous. Over 200 young people responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and King, and came forward to kneel at an old-fashioned altar.
A follow-up program was instituted, using telephone and visitation methods. The names of all who came forward were given to the Assembly of God nearest their home address.

A telephone number was printed on the Chicken tracts and a dedicated woman volunteered to stay by the telephone to answer inquiries. Again the response was varied. Some called to jeer; others dialed with sincere and open hearts, and listened respectfully to a clear explanation of the Biblical way of salvation.

The evangelism committee plans to repeat this project at the 1964 State Fair. -by David Ytterock, Pastor,

Glad Tidings Assembly, Roseville, Mich.


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# NOTICE OF BOND REDEMPTION 

by<br>The General Council of the Assemblies of God Springfield, Missouri

to
Holders of General Council of the Assemblies of God Administration Building Bonds
A call for redemption of certain bonds of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, known as its First Mortgage Serial 5\% Bonds Series A, dated September 1, 1960, is hereby given.
The General Council of the Assemblies of God, a corporation, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture of Trust securing said bonds which is recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Greene County of Missouri, in Book 1204 at page 509 and supplemental in book 1258 at pages 296-298, has elected to redeem and pay to the bearer or if the bond is registered as to principal, then to the registered holder thereof, the following listed bonds on March 1, 1964.

| CCL-340 | CCL-401 | 194 | 266 | 319 | 397 | M-510 |
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| 345 | CCL-405 | 199 | 271 | 324 | 402 | 515 |
| 346 | 406 | 200 | 272 |  | 403 | 516 |
| 347 | 407 |  | 273 | M-350 | 404 | M-538 |
| 348 | 408 | M-221 | 274 | 351 |  | 539 |
| 349 | 409 | 222 | 275 | 352 | M-442 | 540 |
| 350 | 410 |  | 276 | 353 | 443 | 541 |
| 351 | 411 | M-226 | 277 | 354 | 444 | 542 |
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| 354 | 414 | 229 | 280 | 357 358 | 448 | 545 |
|  | 415 | 230 |  | 358 359 | 448 | 546 |
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| 368 |  | 232 |  | 360 | 451 | 548 |
| 369 | M-185 | 233 | M -310 | 361 | 452 | 549 |
|  | 186 | 234 | 311 | 362 | 452 | 550 |
| CCL-387 | 187 | 235 | 312 | 363 | 454 | 551 |
| 388 | 188 | 236 | 313 | M-392 | 454 | 552 |
|  | 189 | 237 | 314 | M-392 | M - 505 | 553 |
| CCL-393 | 190 | 238 | 315 | M-393 | 506 | 554 |
| 394 | 191 | 239 | 316 | 394 | 507 | 555 |
| 395 | 192 |  | 317 | 395 | 508 | 556 |
| 396 | 193 | M-265 | 318 | 396 | 509 | 557 |

The above listed bonds which were selected by lot according to provisions of said Indenture will be redeemed at face value March 1, 1964, plus the amount of interest coupons payable to March 1, 1964. The above bonds should be presented to the Trustee. The Citizens Bank, 1661 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri, for payment on March 1, 1964, or the first business day thereafter. Interest on the above listed bonds will cease to accrue from and after March 1, 1964. Interest coupons due on the above date must be detached and presented to The Citizens Bank for payment. All remaining coupons must remain attached to the bonds.
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When springtime tripped about the earth, the woods were clad in feathers of green and the ground was alive with the joy of growing things. My heart reeled with the sweetness of honeysuckle blooms. Standing in the midst of so much splendor it was easy to see God's hand.

I could see purpose in life when my boughs held dancing leaves. I could see destiny when my bright green hedge made a border of beauty to hold those I loved. I could see design when billowy summer clouds skipped joyously across an azure sky. And I could give thanks then.

Even in autumn when summer was dying and the maples burned with brilliant color I savored the fleeting beauty and gave thanks. Each season had held its own peculiar charm and each had seemed to give thanks to the Creator in its own way.

But now it is winter. Standing beneath the tall trees in my yard I see they have shed the last gold leaf, yet their barren arms stretch toward leaden skies in thanksgiving. The hedge about my yard has caught the drifts of dry leaves in its warm embrace, and seems to whisper, "Let us give thanks."

Above me a ragged cloud shuffles across the sullen sky, then tips itself until it becomes a thing of worshiping beauty. And I think the cold wind swaggering by must be startled to hear its hymn of gratitude.

Here in the wintry bleakness, sensing nature's song of gratitude, I smile and whisper, "I too give thanks in the winter."
I have known springtime and beauty and laughter and have felt keenly the presence of God. But I have seen the springtime of life give way to the heat of summer and the beauty of autumn. And I have shivered in the howling winds of winter. Then were my eyes blinded
by the hard glitter of icy fields scoured bright as armor, and steely hard as hate. My heart was chilled.

But even then, when there seemed nothing left to hope for, I knew that the hand of my Heavenly Father was lovingly at work in my behalf. I saw that He had a purpose when my mind could find no reason for the emptiness of my boughs. I trusted His wisdom when I could not hedge out the darkness from those I loved. I saw God at work when every cloud in my darkened sky was torn and broken. And lifting my soul above the cold dead winter of life I worshiped.

When it is wintertime in the symphony of the seasons, nature still sings, even though her music is slower and more subdued than in the joyful spring. And I who have learned her lesson pause in the gathering darkness and join her prayer.

O God, Thy love is beautiful in spring when the orchards give their fragrant promise of fruit in summer. I gather thy love to my heart and cry out with rapture for all the joys with which my life is filled. I thank Thee for Thy love in springtime-and summer-and autumn.

But now winter is here. The orchards are bare, and all is cold and dark and dead, yet I find Thy love equally magnificent. In the dark wintertime of life I have found Thy love full of comfort and warmth like a glowing fireside. It brings new challenge, new hope, into the darkened chambers of my heart. It makes my heart a sanctuary wherein dwells the quiet strength of the holy place. It promises another spring, and with the promise comes direction and courage to begin again.

Throughout life's changing seasons I have seen Thy hand at work, Thy love revealed. For this I thank Thee, and pray that it may ever be thus until earth's seasons cease for me, and I awake in Thy likeness.


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