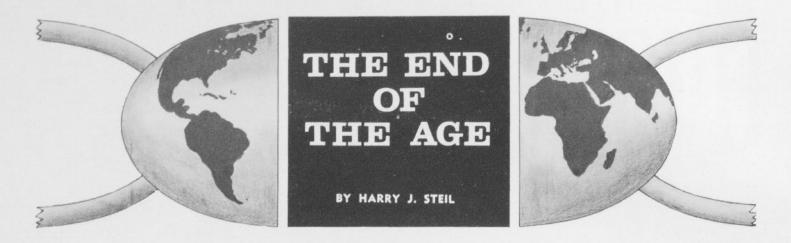
THE PENTECOSTAL OBJECTION OF BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT FAITH THE LORD



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AST WEEK IN OUR STUDY WE SAW HOW THE TREND toward religious, economic, and commercial federations points to the end of the age. As we continue to consider the significance of world events in the light of prophecy, we can see other definite signs of our times.

Note the swing of interest back to the Old World to Europe and the Near East, to Asia and Africa. There is where news is being made, and these are the land masses surrounding the Mediterranean. Out of these three continents bordering on that sea came the countries that comprised the old Roman Empire (see Revelation 13:1).

The Mediterranean area has been called the cradle of our culture, commerce, and religion. Man, like the beasts of the field and the fish of the sea, tends to return to the place of his beginnings to die. And so the trend of our times is back to the Old World, back to the cradle of our beginnings. This is no accident. This is divine design and intent.

A look at a map of the Old World will show that Palestine is located in the center. It is here, at Armageddon, that God has said He will gather all nations and harvest them (Revelation 16:16). God specifically mentioned He would meet and destroy Russia and her satellites on the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 39:1-4).

Meanwhile, the devil has his own "cradle-to-the-grave" program; he will almost succeed in making the cradle of man's culture, commerce, and religion his grave also! This he will seek to do by promoting World War III. One-third of mankind, of the material earth, and of the seas, will be destroyed as Satan's demon spirits drive mankind into the third world conflict (Revelation 9:18). But the Lord Jesus will descend from heaven with His previously raptured saints to put an end to this genocidal war (Revelation 19:11-20). "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:22).

When will the Lord so come in revelation glory with His previously raptured saints? It will be "in the days of these kings," i.e., of the ten-kingdom confederacy prophesied both in Daniel and in Revelation. This kingdom is formed from the geographical territory of the old Graeco-Roman Empire (Daniel 2:44; 7:7; Revelation 17:12, 13). This age-end confederacy will be headed up by Antichrist, as we have seen from Daniel 7 and Revelation 17. Antichrist will be the head of the world religion, commerce, and militarism. This great enemy of God and of His Christ will be destroyed at Armageddon, when Christ in person comes to end World War III (Zechariah 14:3; Revelation 19:11-20; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-15).

As regards His divine plan of mankind, God has divided men into three groups (1 Corinthians 10:32). They are the Church, His heavenly people; the Jew, His earthly people; and the Gentile, Christ's millennial possession (see Psalm 2:6-8).

To the Church, Christ is coming as the Bridegroom (Ephesians 5:29-32). To the Jew, He is coming as Messiah (Zechariah 12:10; 13:16). To the Gentiles (the two-thirds who survive the tribulation judgments) He is coming as King of kings (see Matthew 25:31-34; Revelation 19:11-16; Zechariah 14:9).

Christ will not appear to the Jew as Messiah (to consummate His plan for Israel) until He has first come as Bridegroom to rapture His Church (Romans 11:25, 26). The fullness of the Gentiles mentioned in this passage represents His Church, the Bride of the heavenly Bridegroom. See Ephesians 1:22, 23; Acts 15:14-17.

Note especially the order of events as stated in Acts 15. First, the "people for his name," or, the Church, Christ's bride, must be taken out from among the Gentiles. This is the fullness of the Gentiles mentioned by Paul in Romans 11:25. After this, when God's program for His heavenly people is completed, He will turn to His *earthly* people, Israel, as their Messiah-Deliverer. Also at this time He will be revealed to the Gentile remnant as King of kings to rule over all the earth. This then is the divine order for end-time events.

The Church first; Israel next; and then the Gentiles.

A careful reading of First and Second Thessalonians will reveal this same order. Antichrist, the head of the ten-nation Near Eastern-European confederacy of the end-time, cannot even be revealed until the restraining one, the Spirit-begotten Church, is taken back to heaven. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, especially vv. 7 and 8. This will occur when the Bride has been completed. Only after the rapture of the Church will Antichrist be allowed to appear to make his false covenant with blinded Israel (Daniel 9:27). "If another shall come in his own name," said Jesus, "him ye will receive" (John 5:43). In turn, this false messiah is destined to be destroyed by the true Messiah of Israel, who will then be revealed to the Gentiles as King of kings over all the nations of earth (Revelation 19:16; Isaiah 2:15; Zechariah 14:9).

World events are rapidly setting the stage even now for the appearance of Antichrist, who is destined to be destroyed at the revelation of Jesus Christ as Messiah and King of kings.

Then, O sleeping, indifferent, halfhearted Church, how very much nearer must be the coming of our Bridegroom to catch His Church away!

Listen! He says, "When these things *begin* to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25). Friends, we are seeing "the beginning of these things" that signal the end of this age. Then let us listen for "the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God." Let us watch and be ready! It's rapture time!

A Mother's Testimony— GOD MADE ME HUNGRY

AND THEN HE FILLED ME

SATAN LAUGHED IN MY EAR THAT NIGHT AS I TRIED to pray. "Remember," he said, "when you declared, 'Speaking in tongues is silly and I never want any part of that foolishness'?"

I remembered. It was all too clear. I recalled the way I had laughed and flippantly answered the pastor who had been trying to encourage me to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I was brought up in a church which taught that everyone received the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation and there was no further experience with God.

So when this little lady pastor said, "I'll keep praying for you until God makes you hungry for the Baptism," I had retorted, "You'll sure be praying a long time."

Now, twelve years later, I *was* hungry. I was starving for more of God, and Satan was telling me I had had my chance.

That night, June 9, 1958, was the longest night I ever lived. In it I fought the hardest battle I ever fought, but Christ and I won! The next day God once again proved Satan a liar by baptizing me with His Holy Spirit.

My first contact with the Pentecostal experience came when I was in the eighth grade. Some neighbors had car trouble near our farm and came to us for help. While my father worked on the car, the lady visited with us. She asked permission to take us older children to church and Sunday school at the Assembly of God in Cedar Vale, Kansas. Two of my sisters and I went, and came home laughing and mocking all we had seen of the worship of these Pentecostal people. But we continued to attend.

I found the lights gave me a headache, the preacher spoke too loudly, and I was afraid someone might come and think I was "one of the bunch." Often I stayed in the car, or stood outside and looked in a window. (My sisters actually went in and knelt at the altar, and I was humiliated!)

After two years we moved away and had no more contact with the Assemblies of God. Years passed. I went away to college where I met and married a fine young man from my own church. A younger sister started dating a man who attended the Assembly of God in Sedan, Kansas. Both of them were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. They took others of our sisters to church with them and two more were filled with the Holy Spirit. By the time my husband and I moved to Sedan in 1954, almost all my family were attending the Assembly of God.

The day came when my husband and I began to feel an uneasiness about our church home. We wished we could get more good from the services. Then with two little children to raise for God, we became more concerned because of the loose living and lack of dedication evident in our church. We did not want our children to inherit this.

One evening during our daily devotional, we read from First Corinthians 14. For the first time we noticed what it said. "Why," we wondered, "does it tell all about how to control speaking in tongues, if no one speaks in tongues?"

About a week later our minister preached a sermon entitled, "Faith Has Nothing to Do with Spiritual Gifts." He explained that God gives His gifts to whomever He desires. Asking in faith, he said, had absolutely nothing to do with receiving. He also pointed out the "foolishness" of faith healings. As both my husband and I had experienced the miraculous touch of God upon our bodies when desperately ill, we could not accept this.

The following Sunday morning we reluctantly found our way into the Assembly of God church. We were not "sold" on Pentecostal truth. In fact, we did not want any part of it. But we had to find a church where our little ones would be taught to trust God for their needs.

Six months later, on the first night of a revival meeting, my husband knelt and whispered the words, "Lord, if there is anything to all this they are telling, show me; and if not—" He never finished his sentence. Immediately, the Holy Spirit flooded his being and he spoke in other tongues. He was very happy, but I was embarrassed and humiliated!

After living with my Spirit-filled husband *one* day I became so hungry that God also filled me, even though I was unworthy—having turned Him down and ridiculed His servant twelve years before.

Today we are wonderfully happy in the Assembly of God church and we are raising our little ones in the knowledge of a great all-powerful God who still fills with the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. Bernyce Campbell, Farmington, N. Mex.

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It's Mother's Day

About 53 years ago Anna M. Jarvis conceived the idea of setting aside one day of the year in which to pay special honor to mothers.

"Live this day as your mother would have you," she urged-and she suggested that each person spend the day with his mother if she be alive, or at least write her a letter.

Since Anna Jarvis' own mother had died on the second Sunday in May, 1905, she selected this particular Sunday for the observance. It was first celebrated in a little church in Grafton, West Virginia, the town where Anna was born. Eventually the day came into universal observance because it found a warm response in the hearts of people everywhere.

"Honor thy father and thy mother," the Bible says, and God emphasized the importance of this particular commandment by offering a reward for obeying it; He promised "that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12). Honoring motherhood means more than engaging in cheap sentimentality. It means more than gifts of flowers or candy. Children honor their parents when they respect their wishes and follow their advice. To disobey them is to dishonor them.

Happy are the parents who teach their children to obey. The Bible says, "Forsake not the law of thy mother." Obviously the reference is to the law of the Lord which the faithful mothers in Israel taught to their children in infancy. If we have been blessed with such a mother, let us be grateful. We can thank God if our mother not only bathed us, fed us, and clothed us, but also taught us to fear the Lord, and poured out her heart in prayer for us.

One mother, whose children had grown to be stalwart Christians, was asked the secret of her success. She replied:

"When in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be cleansed by the Saviour's precious blood. When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be arrayed in the garments of salvation and in the robe of God's righteousness. When I gave them food, I prayed that they might be fed with the Bread of Life. When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that their faith might be as the shining light, that shines more and more brightly until the perfect day is come. When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Saviour's everlasting arms."

No wonder her children were led to a saving knowledge of Christ at an early age, and adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. The mothers of today can do no better than to follow the example of the godly mothers of yesterday. The problems they face in training children in this present world may be more numerous and more complex; but neither human nature nor the principles of godliness have changed. The Scriptures still declare that if parents will train their offspring to walk in the paths of righteousness while they are young they will be found in the straight and narrow path when they are old.

Motherhood has always been a full-time job. It requires all the love, strength, and wisdom a woman can bring to it, and it requires all the help she can get from God. If it is the most difficult task in the world, it also is the most important, and the most rewarding.

Thank God for Christian mothers. The salvation of never-dying souls shall be their crown of rejoicing in heaven. -R.C.C.

SURVIVAL-IS IT WORTH IT?



We Protestants say we believe the Bible but Nazism. Communism, and other "isms" seem to place more faith in Proverbs 22:6 than we do.

BY GRANT A. WACKER

D URING THE WAR I WAS WITH THE U.S. SEVENTH ARMY as chaplain when it liberated Landsburg concentration camp in Germany. Beyond the barbed wire I saw an unforgettable sight—naked bodies stacked like cordwood in a pile five or six feet high, nearly 20 feet in length. A few of the men in that awful mass were faintly alive. Farther away were dugouts, similar to potato cellars, but approximately 200 feet long. They contained nearly 1,200 human beings. The crying, the suffering, the stench were terrible.

Then, off to my right I saw a man with glistening, glaring eyes. His presence was more repulsive than a pit of rattlesnakes. This demon-possessed man was the commandant of the camp. I bowed my head and walked away, asking God how mankind could possibly conceive and execute such crimes. Soon I found out.

In Heidelberg, Germany, some captured SS troopers were brought into my office. From interviewing them I learned they became dehumanized through a system of education! An example of their training was a fearful parody of the Lord's Prayer in a German high-school textbook: "Our father, who art Adolf Hitler, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come to Germany and other parts of the world...."

Then I realized the Nazis knew a certain passage of Scripture, Proverbs 22:6, and were exercising it better than we as a movement have ever done. It says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Hitler paraphrased this, "Bring up a child in Nazism." And the poisonous venom of Nazism is still appearing around the world.

Have you ever wondered what formula Communism has been using not only to survive but also to overpower one-third of the world? They are winning men, women, and youth at the rate of 7,000 per hour. Let me give you Lenin's formula: "Capture the minds of the youth, and the revolution is already won!"

From the day a Soviet child enters a state-controlled nursery at the age of 12 to 18 months, he is indoctrinated with the philosophy of Communism. If a Soviet young person has the academic qualifications to do college work, the state pays him from \$75 to \$150 a month to go to a university.

What are the churches able to do in Russia? They are forbidden to have Sunday schools. They cannot teach the Word of God to any person under 18 years of age. A few years ago I visited the Russian exhibition in

Grant A. Wacker is Director of Public Relations at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. New York City and conversed with a young guide who was a student at the University of Moscow. She said, "I would be humiliated if I had to teach in any of your public schools in America."

"Why is that?"

"You don't take pride in learning in America, or place any premium upon achievement except in athletics or social events. Take note of the results of our educational program in Russia!"

I had already done so. American scientists were stunned by the Russian display.

Then she added with a sneer, "All the youth of Russia are atheists, and sir, these accomplishments have been made without God. See how your educational system is going down the road of decay with the so-called God you claim to worship."

The strategy of Communism is not confined to the Soviet Union. When they overthrew Yugoslavia, what did they do? They captured the minds of the college youth. They gave large scholarships; they paid high salaries to the faculty. Then they were able to conquer the nation.

In America, according to *American Mercury* magazine, there are 1,500 card-carrying Communist teachers in our colleges and universities today! I would be the last to accuse the members of our Supreme Court of being Communists, but they certainly played into the hands of the Soviets when they ruled that a teacher who hides behind the Fifth Amendment cannot be discharged.

Have you ever wondered what the formula of survival is for the Roman Catholic Church? During the American Revolution the Catholic Church had only 18,-000 members in the U.S. Their present membership is over 42 million. The secret is their policy, "Give us a child until he is seven years of age; let us indoctrinate his mind with Catholicism and he will not depart from it."

According to *Program for Parents of Catholic Children not in Catholic Schools*, published under the imprimatur of the archbishop of St. Louis, no Catholic parent in the U.S. may send his child to a non-Catholic school "except for grave reasons and with the permission of the bishop." The book emphasizes, "Parents of children not in Catholic schools must remember they are bound under pain of mortal sin to send them to the regular instruction classes held by their priest for such children..."

Let's bring it a little closer home. What is a formula for survival of the Protestant church? According to Dr. (Continued on next page) Clarence Benson in *The Sunday School in Action*, 65 per cent of our Protestant young people depart from our churches, never to return. It has been estimated that 50 per cent of our Pentecostal youth who go to college never come back to our Pentecostal churches. A professor at the University of Indiana told an Assemblies of God minister, "If you don't get your young folk into your church within two weeks after they arrive on this campus, they will be forever lost to your church."

S. K. Biffle, Jr., pastor of the First Assembly of God, Lincoln, Nebr., told me: "I have pastored this church for 13 years. We have three fine Assemblies of God churches here. We know hundreds of Pentecostal youth have matriculated at the University of Nebraska. But I can count on my two hands the number of Pentecostal youth who come to our churches, or even identify themselves as Pentecostal."

I believe the fault lies in the fact we have not taken seriously the verse, "Train up a child...." Some people may say, "If they backslide in college, just don't send them to college." But this answer is becoming more and more untenable. At the turn of the century only about 10 per cent of American young people graduated from high school, and only 4 per cent were enrolled in college. In 1930, 19 per cent were enrolled in college. Today the national average is over 40 per cent. More than four million American youth are in college today.

Whether we like it or not, the necessity of a college education is being impressed on our Pentecostal youth. Where they get it is vitally important. Our spiritual responsibility to these young people does not end the day they receive their high school diplomas. If they come under the influence of modernistic, agnostic college professors, they must have God in their hearts and souls. They also must have the ability to give a reason for what they believe. It's your responsibility and mine to give them a guiding hand for at least another four years.

Fred Greve, today an instructor at Bethany Bible College, decided at the age of 37 to study for a master's degree so he would be better qualified as a teacher. He says, "After 15 years in the ministry, when I entered a university it took all I had to hold on to God. Those professors have a power of persuasion as they explain away the fundamental doctrines of God's Word. We need Pentecostal colleges of arts and sciences to indoctrinate our Pentecostal young people, as well as Bible colleges for those studying for the ministry."

In 1963 the U. S. budget was \$92.5 billion, of which sum nearly \$50 billion was allocated for defense. We all agree it is worth it. But what are we as Assemblies of God people spending for the spiritual survival of our C.A.'s? For every dollar coming to the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God in 1963, just 3.78 cents was given to educate our youth in Assemblies of God schools. At our very doorstep our sons and daughters are slipping through our fingers, lost to God. What does it do to our missionary work in Africa, India, and the isles of the sea if over 50 per cent of our own sons and daughters are lost to our church?

Our college youth will be the leaders of our churches and our nation. What we do for their spiritual survival tomorrow we must do today.

It will cost too much if we don't invest in Pentecostal youth.

They 'Mislaid' God

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

N THE BOOK OF HOSEA THE PROPHET BRINGS A serious charge against God's people in these words: "Israel hath forgotten his Maker" (Hosea 8:14). A noted Bible scholar tells us that the Hebrew word translated "forgotten," in simple terms, means "mislaid." It means, "Israel hath mislaid his Maker."

Repeated usage of this Hebrew word in other places carries the same meaning. Not that God was actually forgotten from an intellectual standpoint. Men cannot completely forget God, although they may deny Him shamefully. The tragic point here is that having known Him they neglect Him, put Him aside in their thinking, their living, their planning. He is carelessly brushed aside in their business life, their homelife, even (to a measure) in their religious connections. Mislaid, as one would carelessly drop a book!

God anticipated this very possibility in His charge to Israel through Moses shortly before that great leader's departure. Read for yourself Deuteronomy 8. Linger over that second verse: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no." What rich reward Israel was promised for faithfully remembering God!

Solemn warning comes in verse 11 of the same chapter: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day." It reaches the dire consequence of forgetting in verses 19 and 20: "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God."

The most apparent evidence of forgetting, mislaying God in their lives, would be in their failure to make



known to their children, constantly and constructively, three things mentioned in Psalm 78:4: "The praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done." God commanded this not only for the children of the day in which Moses wrote but "for the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them unto their children." Thus would the knowledge of God be passed from generation to generation, making strong and stable the nation Jehovah had chosen to establish His name in the earth. "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons especially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children" (Deuteronomy 4:9, 10).

Neglecting such action—mislaying God in their family life—would indicate a certain lapse in their personal relationship to God. This would soon permeate Israel's national life. To repeat—personal neglect of God, leading to family neglect in proper training of the children, would bring such neglect of God in the nation that only calamity could ensue.

Remarkable statistics of two families have been compiled to illustrate this truth. The descendants of Jonathan Edwards, a famous New England preacher, include: 265 college graduates, 12 college presidents, 65 professors, 60 physicians, 100 clergymen, 75 army officers, 80 prominent authors, 100 lawyers, 30 judges, 80 public officers, 3 congressmen, 2 senators, 1 vice-president of the United States.

Living about the same time as Edwards was a New England vagabond who married a worldly girl. Their 1,220 descendants include: 300 who died in infancy,

310 professional paupers, 440 crippled by disease, 50 prostitutes, 60 thieves, 7 murderers, and 53 who committed other crimes.

Turn the pages of history and refresh your memory with the stories of Greece and Rome, and the factors which led to their downfall. Chief among them was the undermining of the homelife. Their decay developed from generation to generation, evidencing the soundness of God's plan declared to His people long before the tragic downfall of these nations.

Several decades ago modernistic trends of teaching began to infiltrate our schools. Almost simultaneously so-called Christian homes began to "mislay" God, neglecting the family altar, personal concern for the children's spiritual welfare, godliness in daily living. What is the result? Note this recent statement from a veteran juvenile officer: "The swarm of young thieves and gangsters today is the most ominous condition I have ever faced."

What shall we say further of the moral conditions uncovered in many of our schools—drinking and vice of unspeakable kinds made smart and glamorous. From generation to generation has come a sickening collapse of character in our youth, those who should be the pride of our land.

Are you in danger of "mislaying" God? The "God who only doeth wondrous things" — whose grace has wrought so abundantly in your life? Are you neglecting to rightly, clearly, emphatically interpret His testimony to the younger generation in your home, your business, your related associations? May God strengthen your purpose to realize your indebtedness under God to every boy and girl, every young man and woman, that touches your life.

The apostle Paul said: "I am debtor to all men." So are we, more than ever in these lax days. Live it, pray it, speak it—your renewed purpose to present God's testimony to Children—"showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done!"

A hymn often sung in my school days included these words, by Rudyard Kipling:

The tumult and the shouting dies; The captains and the kings depart; Still stands thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart; Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget!

Is it not a pointed message to our own nation, assailed by evil forces within and without? And to every concerned parent in whose hands rests the future destiny of boys and girls? Actually, should not the start be in individual hearts who have consciously or unconsciously been "mislaying" God?

And what shall we do as a nation, as homemakers, as individuals? Perhaps the prophet gives us the full answer in Joel 2:12, 13: "There also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

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Evangelistic Center in Dakar, capital of Senegal.

BY DAVID WAKEFIELD

Missionary to Senegal

DAKAR, CAPITAL OF SENEGAL, WEST AFRICA, IS A PREdominantly Moslem city. Everywhere you are within sight of a mosque. And five times a day, starting at five o'clock in the morning, the plaintive voices of the *Maribous* (Moslem priests) can be heard calling the people to prayer.

At one p.m. every Friday (the Moslem sabbath) the people gather downtown to pray. All traffic stops. The policemen who have been directing it descend from their pedestals, take off their shoes, and join the throng kneeling in the streets.

This is the city to which my family and I came a year ago to preach the gospel. Because missionary pilot Talmage Butler had helped government officials, they in turn had donated to the Assemblies of God a tract of land on which to build an evangelistic center. (*Evangel*, October 27, 1963.) Receipt of this choice property as a gift from a Moslem country indicated to us that it was truly God's time to reach these people.

Since we had no building or congregation when we arrived in Dakar, we rented a house to live in and immediately began holding services in our small living room. The first attendants were young boys from the neighborhood who had become friendly with our son Jonathan. Soon the congregation increased to the point where we needed a larger meeting place. Finding a suitable-looking building in the vicinity of the Assemblies of God property, we asked the Moslem proprietor about renting part of it for church services.

"Why, I have a large storage room right here facing the street. I will rent it to you," he replied.

We were delighted, for the price was reasonable and the location was excellent—right across the street from the Monument of Independence on a busy thoroughfare called Avenue Liberty. We could simply give our address as "the Monument of Independence!" Since the building was so near the church property, we could oversee construction. At the same time, the neighborhood would have a chance to become acquainted with our work.

We began Sunday morning and Sunday evening services, Sunday school, a Tuesday night prayer meeting, and a Thursday night Bible study. Our congregation soon outgrew this meeting place which seated 75. The owner let us rent a hall twice that size. We kept the smaller one for a bookroom which we have named *La Bonne Nouvelle* (the good news). Open daily except Sunday, it provides literature in several languages and has created interest among the people. Many youth especially come to read and to hear the good news of salvation through Christ.

Recently one of these young inquirers listened intently



Busy seaport of Dakar where 12 to 15 ships dock daily.

to the gospel, then begged, "Tell me more. My father is a Moslem priest and I have never heard this news." We talked with him for a long time. Before he went back to his hometown he bought a Bible. We are praying that he shall become a Christian.

The greatest response to our ministry in this cosmopolitan city comes from the spiritually hungry Cape Verdians who have migrated here. It is believed that there are 20,000 of them in Dakar. A few of those attending our services were converted at an American mission in the Cape Verde Islands some years ago. We also have in our services Majacks, Diolas, Bambaras, Toucouleurs, Nigerians, Ghanaians, Sierra Leoneans, and occasionally some Wolofs (the strong Moslem people of this area). Dakar's melting pot of humanity turns up some very interesting people.

In January 1964 our daughter Ruth organized a choir. At first only a few young people participated, but they all loved to sing. Others were attracted and there are now 24 members. This choir is a means of reaching many with the gospel.

An organized Missionette group is reaching the young women—among them several who speak Wolof.

Our son Jonathan formed a Royal Ranger group with about 50 boys, mostly Wolofs, attending. A young Cape Verdian named Joseph helps Jonathan minister to these lively boys who sing lustily, listen attentively to gospel stories, memorize Bible verses, and learn handcrafts.

Each evening a training class is conducted to prepare nationals for Bible school. God has sent six young African men to study His Word in this class. National workers like these who will evangelize their own people are our hope for Senegal.

In March 1963 Brother and Sister Keith Belknap of Cushing, Okla., conducted our first revival meeting. New people started coming and several decided to become Christians. The Belknaps' consecrated singing and preaching was a great boost to our new work.

As missionaries do in many African cities, we have a language problem. Often six to eight language groups are represented in our services. But God is helping us. By utilizing the linguistic abilities of our national Christians we are able to communicate in almost all these languages.

Construction of the Dakar Evangelistic Center began May 5, 1963. This building, which will comfortably seat 350, has been in use since December. The official dedication will be at a later date.

The evangelistic center is constructed in the shape of a star. A high tower, on top of which is a simple cross, attracts the attention of everyone who passes along this busy thoroughfare. The star shape is a special attraction to Moslems.

We thank God for making it possible for us to break into this metropolis with His message. We are praying and trusting that His glory will fill His temple and that within its walls many people will be drawn to Him.

Dakar is a great challenge. Here among the multitudes which constitute our parish we seek the lost for whom Christ died. We are confident that His power will transform lives and that He will raise up a church of redeemed men and women in Dakar, the "Queen City" of modern Africa.



Missionary David Wakefield with first group baptized at Dakar.



Ruth Wakefield with her cosmopolitan group of Missionettes.



Jonathan Wakefield (back row, fourth from right) with Royal Rangers.

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Business and Professional People Commend Revivaltime

BY VIRGINIA COUCH

PEOPLE HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE professional, political and business world have written *Revivaltime*. Their letters show that they listen to the weekly broadcast. They commend *Revivaltime* for its Christian service.

Because the Radio Department has been blessed by these kind letters, we think you too might like to read portions of them.

President Walter Block, Sr., of Quaker Industries, Inc., writes: "*Re-vivaltime* is our favorite program. C. M. Ward preaches with a punch and conviction that no other program has."

"Revivaltime has no church barriers," observes E. S. Christoffersen, president of the Christoffersen Poultry, Egg, and Feed Market, Turlock, Calif. "I have found people from all denominations listening very attentively and regularly to this outstanding broadcasting of the full gospel of Jesus Christ."

Eugene R. Bertermann, president of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., writes: "*Revivaltime* has attained a position of distinguished and undisputed leadership in the gospel broadcasting world. It has pointed countless men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. May our Heavenly Father continue to grant the broadcast additional opportunities for radio testimony for many years to come."

Corporation Head Writes

"To learn of the remarkable effort put forth by those producing the widespread *Revivaltime* broadcast—from the energetic and cogent messages of Brother Ward to the compelling songs proclaiming the good news—is to realize that gratitude to our Heavenly Father should be expressed with thankfulness for the zeal of fellow Christians" (Roger E. Leonhardt, Premier Film and Recording Corporation).

"I have admired the combination of professional quality and spiritual dedication which I have observed in the people responsible for *Revivaltime*" (Jarrell McCracken, president of Word Records, Waco, Texas).

Governor John M. Dalton of Missouri writes: "I should like to congratulate you on the fine work you are doing. C. M. Ward is a splendid speaker, and it is a wonderful thing that he can carry the Word of God to so many people through your fine network broadcast."

Proud of Revivaltime

From Radio-Paramaribo, Surinam's most powerful station, came this good report: "Our station is proud to broadcast *Revivaltime*. With your gospel music and your sermons each week, you are giving strength and faith to millions of listeners wherever you are heard. During the five years of broadcasting on our station, *Revivaltime* has become well liked and has a steady listening audience."

Writing of the tremendous effect of *Revivaltime* in British Guiana, Missionary Paul Palser says:

"There is no way for me to adequately tell how much your programs have meant to this nation. So great has been the reception, that we Assemblies of God people are known as the 'Revivaltime Church.'

"One of the young men that we recently sent out as a home missionary said that he listened to *Revivaltime* before your campaign here in 1960. During the campaign he came into the city and gave his heart to Christ. He is now a third-year student in Bible school and has opened a new church in a very needy and populous area."

Mayor Enjoys Program

"I am enjoying your sermons more each week. Keep up the good work" (Wayne Gilley, mayor of Lawton, Oklahoma).

"I have long kept track of Revivaltime and hear it on every possible occasion over the ABC radio network. I appreciate the full-gospel message in sermon and song as well as the spirit of this national broadcast. If we could have more programs of this type, based on our Christian heritage, it would not be necessary for us to testify as often as we do before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives toward slanted documentaries and nondiversified editorializing from one particular point of view" (Durward G. Hall, Missouri representative to the U. S. Congress).

God Sees All Equal

It is significant to note that *Revivaltime* meets the needs of all people. The gospel is intended for "downand-outers" as well as the upper class. Just as Jesus beheld the rich young ruler and "loved him" so He also had love and compassion for the "poor widow" who cast two mites into the treasury. We, like Christ, must be concerned for all.

Revivaltime presents a simple, positive, full-gospel message of truth. This appeals to those of every intellectual level, every social stratum, and forms a bond of worship in which everyone is equal.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The one in the president's chair needs God just as does the illiterate native. Christians are charged with evangelizing the whole world.

The radio ministry has no regard for political, social, economic, or denominational walls. With more than 430 station outlets, including 51 in foreign lands, *Revivaltime* is beaming the Light around the world. To continue its vast ministry it needs increased support. You can share the burden. Send your correspondence to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801.



Brother Kamerer with the Lord

J. Z. Kamerer, 82, general manager of the Gospel Publishing House from 1927 until 1952, went to be with the Lord on March 29 (Easter) following several weeks of illness.

Officiating at the funeral at Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., was E. S. Williams, assisted by T. F. Zimmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beadle sang "The Song of the Reaper" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me." They were accompanied by Miss Gwen Jones at the organ.

Brother Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, said,

"Our church has lost an exemplary member. Brother Kamerer was a dedicated Christian, a Christlike man. His influence was a blessing to all of us.

"In 1919, while living in Findlay, Ohio, Jesse Kamerer felt impressed of God to resign a profitable position on a newspaper production staff and cast his lot with the infant Assemblies of God organization, one that could not offer much remuneration, one whose future was still to be written. Under his wise and faithful leadership the Gospel Publishing House grew from a limited operation to one that produces several tons of literature each day."

J. O. Harrell, who became general manager in 1952, recalled his association with Brother Kamerer. Paying heartfelt tribute to our departed brother he said, "We worked together 32 years. He was a real friend to me. I admired him so much and counted it a great privilege to serve under him in the publication work."

One of the memories Brother Harrell recalled was a favorite text which Brother Kamerer often quoted in morning prayers at the Publishing House: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The funeral sermon was delivered by Brother Williams, former general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

"Here was a man 'in whom there was no guile'" he said. "Brother Kamerer was a man of God. It was my privilege to be closely associated with him for over 20 years. 'We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.' As an administrator in the work of the Lord he was extremely careful. We depended on his judgment in all business matters and never knew him to incur unnecessary expense.

"There were only three employees in the printing department when he came to Springfield. When he retired there were hundreds. The publication of Sunday school quarterlies began the year he joined the staff and Brother Kamerer took a great interest in encouraging the Sunday school work. When the circulation of some of the publications increased to the point where there was a measure of earnings, he urged that the funds be used for the aged ministers, or foreign missions, or the home missions work in the various districts. He loved the fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

"One of the last things he said to his wife was, 'Tell the people that I love them.' He loved the employees and they deeply loved him.

"He left a rich and godly heritage to all his loved ones."

Born October 21, 1881, in Mount Cory, Ohio, Brother Kamerer began work in a book bindery immediately after completing grade school. He was a deacon in the Assembly of God in Findlay, Ohio, when the General Council was formed in 1914. The General Council began publishing the weekly Christian Evangel and the monthly Word and Witness in Findlay in the fall of 1914. The type was set at the infant Gospel Publishing House and the press work was done in the newspaper plant where Brother Kamerer was employed. This contact with the newly organized church led him, five years later, to move to Springfield, Mo., where the Gospel Publishing House had relocated.

Brother Kamerer guided the plant through several expansion programs. Finally in 1949 he moved the Gospel Publishing House into the \$1.5 million printing plant it now occupies. Through careful management the new building was free of debt within four years.

In 1951, when he reached the age of 70, Brother Kamerer resigned from the general manager's post and was named credit manager. He continued in this capacity until 1957. The last seven years of his life he spent in active retirement in Springfield.

He was a charter member of the Central Assembly of God in Springfield where he served for many years as a member of the official board and as Sunday school superintendent.

His first wife, the former Julia Murray, passed away in 1940. He was married to Miss Margaret Beede in 1942. He is survived by his wife, who is secretary of personnel at the Assemblies of God headquarters, and by two daughters, Mrs. Lois Boswell of Lebanon, Mo., and Mrs. Rachel Anderson of Springfield, by two sisters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Springfield. Six men who worked under Brother Kamerer in the Publishing House for many years served as pallbearers. The executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God were honorary pallbearers.

One of the memories left by Brother Kamerer at the Publishing House was his frequent reminding that we need to guard our reputation in the community. "The printing process may be described as 'making impressions,'" he would say, "and we Christians are making impressions too." The impressions he made were always the best.

Brother Kamerer kept a poem in his Bible. He had printed it with his own hands. It is entitled, "The Law of the Kingdom":

There is no gain but by a loss, We cannot save but by the cross; A corn of wheat to multiply Must fall into the ground and die. Oh, should a soul alone remain When it a hundredfold may gain? Who saves his life, or cross does shun, Loses a hundred holding one! When we the ripened fields behold Waving to God their sheaves of gold, Be sure some corn of wheat has died, Some saintly soul been crucified; Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed, And fought hell's legions undismayed.

And, beneath this, Brother Kamerer had written: "May we all be willing to let this law work in our lives, is my prayer."

The Christian Home



BY ELLA MAY MILLER

FROM INDIA COMES A PROVERB, "HE has not lived in vain who has reared a son, planted a tree, or dug a well."

True, the world moves forward on the shoulders of some mother's son. If he only digs a well, water is supplied for those who follow.

To read the life story of a George Washington, an Abraham Lincoln, a Herbert Hoover, or a Nate Saint, one cannot help but pay tribute to the woman who bore him, directed, trained and inspired him.

Carolyn Leaman Weaver pays tribute to her mother in this poem:

- "Thank you for the many things You taught my heart to love, The prayer in morning stillness To a loving Father above.
- "You gave me a love for music, Were my music teacher too;
- For when your heart was joyful You sang the whole day through.

"I think, too, of an old rocking chair Where Mother and children three Would have a happy story hour; Of her days that used to be.

"Thank you for all the household chores

- I learned from your guiding hand, I can many times over be thankful,
- As in my own kitchen I stand.

"Thank you for deep planted virtues, For purity and love at its best, That my own 'beloved' and children

Can rise up and call me blest.

"So I thank God today for you, Mother, For things that you say and do, And I pray God make me always A patient, loving mother like you."

And now a special tribute to a *special* mother! The woman with a mother's heart, but who has never had any children of her own.

One recently said, "I wasn't lucky enough to have any children, but I claim my neighbors'." I can just picture her, can't you? From morning till dusk she is happily supervising, playing with, and enjoying these children. And she follows them on to adulthood.

There are also the maiden ladies with genuine mother hearts, who share themselves and their love with nieces and nephews. All through life "aunty" is a "runner-up" to mother.

Adoptive Mother

I also pay tribute to the thousands of mothers whose love and arms have gone out to someone else's child, the adoptive mothers.

One devoted mother reminds herself on Mother's Day that she is especially blessed. They needed a daughter to complete their happiness. "Out of all the oabies in the world we chose you, our baby," she told her daughter. "Because of you, each of my days is Mother's Day; and because of you, I am—indeed, the whole family is—specially blessed."

Another mother who is proud of her four adopted children says, "We are glad we did it." She and her husband are emphatic in their feeling that the child should know he's adopted as early as possible. As their children came to them, they tucked them into bed with these words, "We are so glad we adopted you," or "Goodnight, my sweet little adopted baby."

The word "adopted" became a part of their vocabulary before they knew its meaning. This mother always answered their questions; she never lied to them. They celebrate Homecoming Day—the date each child came to live with them.

During adolescent years the children sometimes wished they were not adopted, but they faced it honestly. They hid it from none of their friends. It was no barrier to their marriages. Today they have happy homes, because their adoptive mother was sincere, honest, and loving in all her relationships to them.

She had to make the same sacrifices as a natural mother makes—channeling energy, time, thoughts, money, and love to the raising of children. She says, "It was better to have fingerprints on the windows than to have shining panes. For those smudges meant busy little hands—reaching out to ours."

Foster Mother

Hers is a unique degree of dedication and devotion.

One foster mother says, "We had three children of our own, adopted another, and have had 26 foster children in our home. At present we have six, ranging in age from one to 15 years—including one with muscular dystrophy....

"Most of the children came from broken homes, or unwed mothers.... Many of the older children are deeply hurt by their home conditions and it isn't easy for them to accept the kindnesses or the opportunities offered by those who they think are only doing it 'to be good,' as one teen-ager put it. The babies and smaller children many times are frustrated and confused by the change imposed on them, but when they realize the kindness and love they are receiving they become attached and lovable and respond so well. I wouldn't exchange all the money in the world for the smiles, the love in their eyes, and the

response that only in their baby way they can express.... It is wonderful to be a Christian and give these children Christian training. Yet many times I feel helpless and only wish I could do more than I am able to do for them."

Fortunate are the boys and girls who receive love from someone like this mother. It isn't easy to take children from many distinct types of environment and bring them together in harmony under one roof. This requires a love like Christ's and an unusual understanding of children.

Then to see these dear foster children leave, one by one, brings heartaches which only Christ can heal.

Stepmother

The stepmother takes an active interest in each child personally. She has no favorites, but daily shows her interest and love. To this *any* child



ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLAY SPOTS AS a lad growing up on a farm was my father's blacksmith shop.

The various tools—the vise, the anvil, and particularly the old, pumphandle forge where the blacksmith heated the iron—held a special interest. Even if there was no fire I loved to hear the fan roar and see the dust fly as I vigorously worked the handle of the forge.

Since he sometimes could not find his tools, Dad had strictly forbidden me to play there and had promised a severe whipping if I disobeyed. But one day when he was not at home I decided he would never know about it, so I again went into the shop.

As I was pumping the old forge, suddenly the handle broke. In vain I tried to fix it. Soon I heard my mother calling me to run an errand, but I answered, "I'm busy; I can't come." When she came out to see what I was doing, she quickly surveyed the situation. "My boy, you can't fix that. Let it go. Dad will fix it when he comes home." I insisted that I must will respond with his heart.

The stepmother who willingly and gladly sacrifices her own personal interests and former career for the best interests of her husband and each child, has no regrets—for truly her children will rise up and call her blessed.

Abraham Lincoln's stepmother entered his home when he was five years old. Her love and gentle influence encouraged him to continue his education in spite of difficulties. To Abe, she was his best friend; no son could have loved a mother more than he loved her.

Motherhood is not a biological term; it means possessing a "mother heart"—love, understanding, unselfishness, sharing, sacrifice, and a willingness to "give and take." This is true of all mothers who have won a place in a child's heart.

-Tract (reprinted by permission)



BY C. L. STROM Missionary Pastor at Petersburg, Alaska

fix it, or Dad would fix me! But I couldn't.

That evening I dreaded to see my father come home. I just knew he would go right to the shop and see what I had done. But nothing happened.

Fearing a whipping, I did not get much sleep that night! But several days went by and Dad still had not mentioned the broken handle.

One day as I walked by the open shop door I saw that it had been repaired. I said:

"Mom, Dad has fixed the broken forge handle, but he hasn't said anything to me about it yet."

Never will I forget her tender look as she said: "Son, I told him about it that first night. I told him how sorry you were, and how hard you had tried to fix it. I asked him to go easy on you."

My eyes blurred with tears and, in childish embarrassment, I ran from the house. Mercy had triumphed. Judgment had been averted.

Mother had interceded for me-



Musements for Minors

by Dick Champion

What to Do . . .

Here's an important commandment that you should be following. To find out what it is, start at the upper left-hand corner of the puzzle. Take one letter at a time, moving either right or left or up or down—never diagonally. The gray squares tell you that you are at the end of a word. (The first word, for example, is "For.") Use each letter only one time.

You can check your answer by looking up the first part of Matthew 15:4.

guilty and disobedient though I had been. A new appreciation of her love overwhelmed me!

The Bible tells us that Jesus is our great Intercessor. Guilty and sinful though we be, we have One who is our Mediator, Jesus the Son of God. "Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Friend, if you are living under condemnation because of sin and in vain have tried to repair your broken life, come to Jesus. Tell Him about it. He will not turn you away. You will find mercy can triumph over judgment!



BY EVANGELIST WILLIAM L. STEPHENS Auburn, Washington

THE HISTORY OF THE ASSEMBLIES of God to the present time could be expressed briefly as fifty years of evangelism. For if one activity more than any other has characterized the movement, it has been evangelism.

Recognizing the Great Commission, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry it out, we have considered soul winning the greatest business on earth. Because we have accepted the commandment to seek first the kingdom of God, many have gone forth at great personal sacrifice to take this witness to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The sense of urgency, the brightness of the vision, and the depth of the burden have combined to produce an evangelistic fervor that has influenced the entire church world. Some, not understanding, have misinterpreted the motives of such intense evangelistic efforts. Others, who have taken more time to consider our aims and objectives, have come to realize that this evangelistic emphasis actually has more to do with attitude than with motives as such. Evangelism is the basic philosophy of this movement. It is in the very warp and woof of our being. It is not a matter of becoming evangelistic for our own purposes; we are evangelistic, because men are lost, and we believe that the purpose of the outpouring of the Spirit was that we might witness effectively of God's saving grace. In the Assemblies of God, evangelism is an expected result of normal Christianity. By birth, teaching and environment, we are evangelistic. This has become true because of our emphasis on evangelism in five distinct areas:

We accept the fact that soul winning must be the concern of the *in*- *dividual* Christian. It is not merely a professional task. Ephesians 1:8-10 tells us that the eternal purpose of God toward man is to conform him to the image of Jesus Christ, and to reveal Christ in man for eternity. This eternal purpose was so strong and the love of God toward man so great that, though man sinned, God still was not willing that any should perish, but gave His Son for man's redemption.

In the coming of Jesus Christ the world saw the will of God made flesh. Everything Christ did manifested God's will toward man. Christ did nothing of Himself, but was the witness of the Father, doing His will. To His disciples Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." If we are to be effective witnesses to Christ, we must conform to His image even as He was the express image of the Father. Christian stewardship is not a matter of working for God, but of allowing God to do His work through us. This, Jesus told us, was the reason for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came to reproduce not only Christlike virtues in us, but also Christlike power for witnessing in the life of every believer.

Therefore, since Christ was not willing that any should perish, neither can the individual Christian be willing. We must possess and manifest the same attitudes as Christ. He actively sought the lost; so must we. He wept with compassion; so must we. He prayed earnestly and preached constantly, both in word and deed. He desires to reproduce this same concern in the life of the individual Christian.

II

Evangelism is the concern of the *local church*. The Assemblies of God

have promoted this through the years by emphasizing that every department of the church should be truly evangelistic. Churches have been encouraged to sponsor workers training classes, personal soul-winning courses, visitation evangelism teams, and other evangelistic efforts, including the ministry of Bible teachers and evangelists. This has resulted in an opportunity for every member to participate in the united effort of the local church to win the lost.

III

Evangelism has also been the concern of the 500 *sections* within our districts. This is particularly so where home missions works are involved. Many churches have been started and buildings erected, revival meetings financed, and home missionaries sustained through the cooperation of the assemblies within the section. Thus the sectional fellowship meeting becomes a springboard for evangelistic effort by several churches.

IV

On the *district* level the fires of evangelism burn no less brightly. Through the constant encouragement of district officials and departmental leaders, our membership has multiplied many times over. The camp meetings, youth conventions, Sunday school conventions, missionary conventions, ministers' institutes, leadership conferences, etc., have all emphasized various phases of evangelism.

V

Finally, the General Council of the Assemblies of God has probably addressed itself more seriously to this matter of evangelism in the past few years than to any other business. Our denominational periodicals have promoted evangelism. Our executive brethren and departmental leaders constantly stress this theme, making the entire movement evangelism conscious. The wonder is not that members of this group are evangelistic, but rather how anyone could be a part of it and not be evangelistic. Encouraged by our leaders, prodded by our fellow workers, and moved upon by the indwelling Spirit of God, we scarcely could fail to be deeply concerned for souls.

May God grant that in the years ahead the Assemblies of God shall continue to follow the pattern set by our early leaders. God is no less concerned about souls now than He was in the first 50 years of our existence. The world is still needy. Men still wait for light. We must not lose the urgency of our mission. The vision must not dim. The burden for souls must not lose priority while we strive for lesser goals, lest we forget the primary purpose for our existence as a movement.

FOR YOUR VBS-

FREE MISSIONARY STORIES

Here are two worthwhile missionary projects for your VBS! They help to direct the attention of your boys and girls toward the needs of others.

Both the Home Missions and Foreign Missions Departments of the Assemblies of God have designated specific projects for this year's VBS missionary giving in order that your boys and girls may have the opportunity to help other children receive the kind of training you are giving them.

A free missionary story (with helps) has been prepared by each department.

The Home Missions VBS offering will go for vacation Bible schools among the American Indian children. The department is offering a story with directions for presenting it with flash cards.

The Foreign Missions VBS offering will go for building churches in Assam, India. The Foreign Missions story will include directions for its use as a flash card presentation.

Pastors or VBS principals who wish to participate in these missionary projects may have these stories free of charge. Mail your request today. Send it to either the Home Missions Department or the Foreign Missions Department (or both) at 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Ask for "VBS Missionary Story." Be sure to give the full name and address of your church.

Churches which do not request the stories but wish to participate may take missionary offerings at VBS and send them to the respective Missions Departments. Clearly designate them:

Home Missions Department, "American Indian, (VBS)."

Foreign Missions Department, "Charles Anderson, Assam Church Building, (VBS)."



Another in the 50th Anniversary Series of reminiscences by veterans of the faith.

BY E. L. NEWBY



LOOKING BACK ON MY CHILDHOOD, some of the first things I can remember are church and Sunday school. It was a Missionary Baptist Church, where my father was deacon. When I was very small I received a beautiful New Testament for committing to memory portions of the third chapter of Matthew. My teacher wanted me to get ac-

us about Christ and the Holy Ghost. In 1907 I was married to Emily Grubbs. The Grubbs family had membership in the Holiness Church in Ryan, Okla. In 1908 Sister Newby and I attended a tent revival with Sister Newby's parents in their hometown of Ryan. A. G. Jeffery was the preacher and a mighty preacher he was! I can remember so well how his voice would ring out with the message, echoing the words of Jesus, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." I went to the altar and followed the leaders in all the "grace and glory" they told me about.

gainted with John the Baptist who told

The next year, 1909, Archie and Pearl Adams came to us with the message of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They said they had never seen anyone who had spoken in tongues but that they had sought the Lord in their home and had received this Baptism. So, I was anxious to receive this experience and a few days later I was filled with the Spirit. My brother-in-law, J. J. Grubbs, was filled the same day. Later the rest of the Grubbs and Newby families received this wonderful experience.

We began at once to preach and conduct revivals wherever we could find an opportunity. We held meetings in schoolhouses and churches of all denominations that would open their doors to us. We then sold what possessions we could spare and bought a gospel tent, portable organ, and other equipment. We engaged in interdenominational revival work and in the next seven years we had some wonderful revivals.

In 1916 we met some of the Assemblies of God leaders, A. P. Collins, S. A. Jamieson, and others. We felt we needed the help and fellowship of these brethren, so we united with the Assemblies. For the past 48 years we have worked with this Movement and have enjoyed some great experiences. We have seen hundreds of souls saved and filled with the Spirit and have watched the work grow.

There were times in the early days when some unscriptural issue would arise, and many of the people would leave us, but we just went on preaching the Word. In the first chapter of Genesis the phrase, "and God said," is used about nine times and the phrase, "and it was so," usually follows. "God said . . . and it was so." When God does speak, it is always the truth. We should therefore support the Holy Word of God.

My early teachers told me to stay with the Word of God, so I read it over and over, and studied all the available Bible helps. When I read the 16 fundamentals of the Assemblies of God I realized these were what I believed and I am glad that this Statement of Fundamental Truths has never been changed. I have used these 16 points in revival work with good results: souls were saved and believers filled.

I have labored in various kinds of gospel work but always enjoyed revival work the most. These 55 years of gospel service have been wonderful. We have enjoyed working with the brethren wherever we have been. If we stay right scripturally, we are right spiritually; otherwise we can go astray. "In the multitude of counselors there is safety."

E. L. Newby, born September 24, 1889, became a Pentecostal preacher in 1909. He was ordained in 1916 by Oscar Jones and Fred Eiting of the Texas District Council. Brother Newby has devoted his adult life to pastoral and evangelistic ministry in Oklahoma and Texas (mainly the latter). He was a general presbyter and district presbyter for many years, serving six years as North Texas District Superintendent (1931-37). At present he resides in Fort Worth, Tex. Occasionally he preaches as a supply pastor.



CAMP CALENDAR

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Tri-State Bible Camp Between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, Va.

August 2-8 Speakers to be announced

ARIZONA DISTRICT Prescott Assembly of God Camp Prescott, Ariz. July 28-August 9 Edgar W. Bethany, speaker

ARKANSAS DISTRICT Ozark-Lithia Camp Near Hot Springs, Ark. June 15-19 Leland Keys and Joe Neely, speakers EASTERN DISTRICT

Living Waters Camp Cherry Tree, Pa. June 26-July 12 Paul Olson Party, evangelist; Bible

teacher to be announced. For accommodations write to Frank

Yarnal, Manager, Box 12, Cherry Tree, Pa.

Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa.

July 18-August 2

Wesley Hurst, Bible teacher; Jesse Smith, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. John Tucker, Maranatha Camp, Green Lane, Pa.

GEORGIA DISTRICT

District Council & Camp Griffin, Ga. (First Assembly) June 29-July 3 C. M. Ward, speaker

ILLINOIS DISTRICT Lake Williamson Bible Camp Carlinville, Ill. July 31-August 9 O. B. Harrup, Bible teacher; C. M. Ward, evangelist

INDIANA DISTRICT Lake Placid Bible Camp Near Hartford City, Ind. June 30-July 10 W. Millington and U. S. Grant, speakers For accommodations write to District Office, 2915 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

KANSAS DISTRICT Wheat State Family Camp

All over the country, devoted workers are busily engaged in preparations for another great camp meeting season. In these pages you will find pertinent information regarding the Assemblies of God camp meetings to be held this summer in your area. Be sure to attend and get under the "show-ers of blessings." Plan to stay for the entire camp if possible. Each camp offers accommodations for eating and sleeping (if you bring your own linen). Your spiritual life may be revolutionized by the prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Christian fellowship to be found at an old-fashioned Pentecostal camp meeting.

West of Augusta, Kans. June 22-28 Glenn Horst, speaker

Woodston Family Camp East of Woodston, Kans. July 27-August 2 Jimmy D. Brown, speaker

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

District Camp Clore Lane, Ky., (1 mile west of Crest-

wood) June 30-July 9 (District Council July

7-9)

C. C. Crace, speaker

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Fa-Ho-Lo Park

Grass Lake, Mich.

June 23-July 5

Cyril E. Homer and Calvin W. Melton, speakers

For accommodations write to Michigan District, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich.

Lost Valley Camp Just west of Gaylord, Mich. July 26-31 Ivar A. Frick, speaker For accommodations write to Arthur Austin, 219 Hurlbut, Charlevoix, Mich.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT Lake Geneva Bible Camp Alexandria, Minn. June 25-July 5 Klaude Kendrick, Bible teacher; Lloyd Shoemaker, evangelist

For accommodations write to Herman H. Rohde, 820 East 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT District Camp Hurley, Miss. August 2-7 Speakers to be announced

MONTANA DISTRICT

Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont.

July 9-19

T. E. Gannon, Bible teacher; Kenneth Schmidt, evangelist

For accommodations write to Glacier Bible Camp, Box 65, Hungry Horse, Mont.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

District Camp

Lexington, Nebr.

August 7-16 Cyril Homer and Robert G. Voight, speakers

For accommodations write to Mrs. Don Herrman, Box 226, Lexington, Nebr.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

District Camp Mountainair, N. Mex. July 23-30

Arthur Arnold, speaker

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Lakeview Gospel Camp Troutburg, N. Y.

July 4-19 Robert Cummings, Bible teacher; Ernie Eskelin, evangelist

Mountainview Gospel Camp

Sherburne, N. Y. July 25-August 9 Howard Carter, Bible teacher; Ernie Eskelin, evangelist

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Eastern Camp

North of Windsor, N. C. August 10-23

R. L. Brandt, Bible teacher; Ernest Pruett, evangelist

Western Camp

Near Franklin, N. C.

June 23-July 5

O. L. Harrup, Bible teacher; Vaudie Lambert, evangelist

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Lakewood Park Bible Camp South of Devils Lake, N. Dak. (on Rt. 3)

June 21-28

Lorne Fox Party, evangelists For accommodations write to Mel J. DeVries, Route 3, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Bethany Park Camp

Santa Cruz, Calif.

June 26-July 5

T. E. Gannon, Bible teacher; Kenneth Schmidt, evangelist

For accommodations write to Joe D. Wright, 826 Sanborn Rd., Salinas, Calif.

Mt. Lassen Camp

Mineral, Calif.

June 26-July 5

L. R. Keys, Bible teacher; Clyde Henson, evangelist

Redwood Camp

Eureka, Calif. July 15-26 Howard S. Bush, Bible teacher; Carl

Alcorn, evangelist For accommodations write to Joseph

C. Murray, 3095 School Street, Fortuna, Calif.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Long Lake Bible Camp

Naples, Me. (3½ miles north toward Harrison, just off Route 35)

July 3-12

Warren Litzman, speaker

For accommodations write to Camp Registrar, 283 Main St., Sanford, Me.

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Austin Section Camp

Driftwood, Tex. (20 miles from Austin off Fredericksburg Rd.)

July 29-August 6

A. N. Trotter, speaker For accommodations write to W. W. Cothran, Box 7, Georgetown, Tex.

District Camp

Bedford Ranch, Bedford, Tex. July 27-August 1 Calvin Melton, Bible teacher; J. G. Hall, evangelist

For accommodations write to J. Doyle Brown, Box 158, Bedford, Tex.

Ole Fashion Camp Meeting

Halfway between Fairfield and Palestine, Tex. (Daniel Memorial Children's Home)

July 1-12

Don Rippy, speaker

NORTHWEST DISTRICT Eastern Washington Bible Camp Near Spokane, Wash. July 15-26 D. H. McLaughlin, speaker For accommodations write to Box 342, Medical Lake, Wash.

Fruitland Camp

Fruitland, Wash. June 24-July 5 Speaker to be announced For accommodations write to Lawrence D. Randall, P. O. Box 6, Kahlotus, Wash.

Yakima Valley Camp Yakima, Wash. June 22-July 4 Watson Argue, speaker

OHIO DISTRICT

District Camp Big Prairie, Ohio June 28-July 5 David A. Hastie, speaker For accommodations write to Ohio District Council, 3377 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

District Camp

Oklahoma City, Okla. (District Auditorium, 4½ miles north of State Capitol, 8101 North Kelley)

July 14-21

James McDuff, Thomas F. Zimmerman, J. Philip Hogan, speakers

OREGON DISTRICT

Bethel Gospel Park

Brooks, Oreg.

June 29-July 12 Wm. F. Kirsche and D. H. McLaughlin, speakers

Marching for Christ in North Dakota

Last July the following letter to the editor was published in the newspaper at Devils Lake, North Dakota:

"One of the most impressive parades I ever saw was in this city of Devils Lake Friday afternoon—176 children from youth camp carrying Bibles, waving American flags and Christan flags, and singing songs! After the parade through the city streets they formed into a large group and sang, 'God Bless America,' and other songs. One of the leaders, speaking through a loud speaker, explained who they were and why they were marching.

"Many were seen taking pictures of the children as they marched. This makes better publicity than the pictures and stories of juvenile delinquents that fill some of the papers. City officials are to be congratulated on their cooperation. Such activities should be encouraged. These children had been attending a week-long Bible camp on the Assemblies of God campgrounds at Lakewood Park and had received instruction in the Christian principles which are the foundation of our country. It seems to me this is one of the most effective ways to combat Communism."

(by H. A. Samuelson)

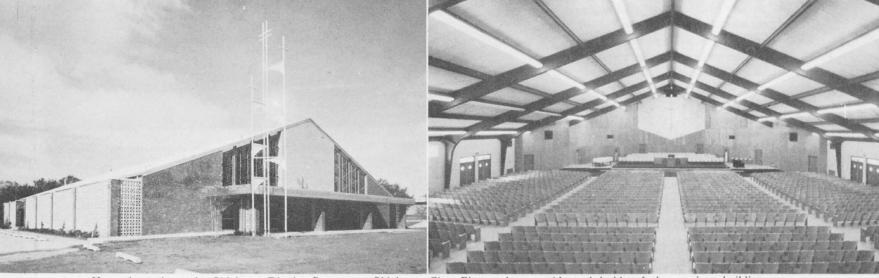
PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT Lake Bonny Bible Camp

Lakeland, Fla. June 29-July 3

Bert Webb, speaker

For accommodations write to Mrs. Virginia Chadwick, 1000 Longfellow Blvd., Lakeland, Fla.

POTOMAC DISTRICT Potomac Park Camp Falling Waters, W. Va. July 11-August 2



New tabernacle at the Oklahoma District Camp near Oklahoma City. Photos show outside and inside of the spacious building.



Thousands receive spiritual refreshing at camp meetings such as this one at Bethany Park in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Stanley Horton, Bible teacher; Jack West, evangelist For accommodations write to H. O.

Ganoe, Rt. 2, Box 85, Winchester, Va.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT District Camp Littleton, Colo. August 4-14 Klaude Kendrick, Bible teacher; James Brown, evangelist

Utah State Camp Location to be announced June 23-July 1 E. Eugene Perrault, speaker

Western Slope Camp Near Cedaredge, Colo. July 20-29

O. Cope Budge and Kenneth Schmidt, speakers

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif.

July 18-26

Bible teacher to be announced; Arne Vick, evangelist

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

District Camp

Nampa, Idaho

June 30-July 9

Wesley Morton, Bible teacher; Robert Carrington, evangelist

For accommodations write to Assemblies of God Office, 721 W. Havens, Mitchell, S. Dak.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Camp

Charlton, Mass.

July 3-12

G. Raymond Carlson, speaker

For accommodations write to Gerald Flokstra, Jr., 12 Columbus Avenue, Meriden, Conn.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT District Camp

Summer Camps With a Western Touch

By Warren McPherson

How WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN charge of a Christian education program for about 25,000 youngsters between the ages of eight and 20? Of course, they are not concentrated in just one location or at just one time. In fact, they are scattered throughout the United States and they are spread over all the summer months.

This large—and ever expanding— Christian education program is the Assemblies of God summer youth camping program. It is supervised by the Assemblies of God Youth Camp Commission but the camps themselves are encouraged by two parent organizations. The National C. A. Department encourages and provides materials for camps for young people of C. A. age, while the National Sunday School Department encourages camps for boys and girls below the C. A. age.

Every year since 1948 youngsters in increasing numbers have been "heading for the hills" for summer camps. While a few districts were conducting



Around 25,000 will attend our youth camps and boys and girls camps. Here they will enjoy spiritual instruction as well as Christian fellowship and recreation.

youth camps over 20 years ago, the program did not get its real thrust until after World War II. By 1948 the National C. A. Department was encouraging summer camps and 20 districts reported a total of 26 camps held that summer with 3,585 campers enrolled. They reported 392 saved and 373 filled with the Holy Spirit.

In 1952, youth camping got its second thrust. In that year the National Sunday School Department began pushing boys and girls camps. Their efforts were rewarded because 24 disNear Eldon, Mo. June 25-July 4 Edgar Bethany, Bible teacher; A. N. Trotter, evangelist

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT Assemblies of God Bible Camp Rapid City, S. Dak. June 27-July 5 John Phillips, Bible teacher, Jimmy Brown, evangelist

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT Pearl Wheat Family Camp Kerrville, Tex. August 3-7 James Dodd, speaker

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT North Missouri Camp Excelsior Springs, Mo. September 9-13 J. G. Hall, Bible teacher; James Brown, evangelist For accommodations write to Arnold

Brown, Box 825, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Storm Lake Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa July 23-August 2

(Continued on next page)

tricts conducted 36 camps with 4,135 youngsters enrolled.

This refreshing summertime activity has enjoyed an increasing popularity so that by last summer camping for youth was at an all-time peak. About 160 camps—both for youth and for boys and girls—were conducted, with an attendance of around 25,000. In these camps there were over 4,000 decisions for Christ and about the same number of baptisms in the Holy Spirit! Prospects for the 1964 camping season are equally bright.

To help encourage a high quality of Christian education in these camps the Youth Camp Commission of the Assemblies of God provides the National Youth Camp Standard by which each camp can evaluate its operation. Camps which meet all the minimum requirements of the standard are recognized as "certified" camps and may use the youth camp certification seal in advertising.

Camps which achieved certification for the 1963 camping season are located as follows:

Alabaster, Alabama (Boys & Girls Camp, Youth Camp)

Hot Springs, Arkansas (Kids Kamp, Intermediate C. A. Camps, Senior C. A. Camps)

Twin Peaks, California (Pinecrest Camps) Cedaredge, Colorado (Western Slope Junior Camp)

Sedalia, Colorado (Eastern Slope Junior

Storm Lake Camp Gets 29th Editorial Welcome

The following editorial appeared in the *Storm Lake Register* (Storm Lake, Iowa) on July 16, 1963. It was entitled, "Number 29 in Series." We quote: "Attention, readers! We are about to write our 29th annual editorial welcome

to the Assemblies of God Bible Camp across the lake. "This is pleasant duty, always. For we have always regarded this annual gathering at Casino Park as a period of uplift to the entire community.

"Without fanfare, the Bible camp has been going for a fortnight or so. Groups of younger Christians have been in session. There have been special speakers and interesting programs that are for the well-being of the juniors.

"Now comes the adult gathering for its 29th session.... A special feature will be a Men's Fellowship rally Monday afternoon. Rev. Johnnie Barnes, national Royal Rangers commander, will be in charge.

"It is difficult to write 29 annual welcomes and not repeat. But we reemphasize that the writer was active away back when a group of dedicated presbyters from the Assemblies of God came to Storm Lake with an idea. They sought help in changing the old Casino Park from a hangout for bootleggers and illegal fishermen into a Christian Bible camp. We joined with them in a promotion that we have never regretted.

"A personal welcome to our good friend Rev. T. E. Gannon of Des Moines, district superintendent, and to all of those sincere and devoted church folk who gather each year as our neighbors.

"Our wish," concludes Editor Wm. C. Jarnagin, "is that this year's assembly will surpass all of the many profitable religious gatherings of the past 28 years!"

Camp, Eastern Slope Senior C. A. Camp) Columbus, Georgia (C. A. Camp)

Storm Lake, Iowa (Boys & Girls Camp, Teen Camp, Youth Camp)

Crestwood, Kentucky (Youth Camp) Troy, Missouri (Boys & Girls Camp, Youth Camp)

Lexington, Nebraska (Kids Kamp, Teen Camp, Youth Camp)

Kingston, New York (Hidden Valley Boys & Girls Camp, Hidden Valley Teen Camp)

Sherburne, New York (Mountainview Boys & Girls Camps, Mountainview Youth Camp)

Syracuse, New York (Lakeview Boys & Girls Camp, Lakeview Youth Camp)

Devils Lake, North Dakota (Lakewood Boys & Girls Camp, Lakewood Teen Camp)

Bristow, Oklahoma (Oklahoma C. A. Camps)

Andersonville, Tennessee (Big Ridge Youth Camp)

Millington, Tennessee (Shelby Forest Youth Camp)

Kerrville, Texas (Pearl Wheat Youth Camps)

Leakey, Texas (Singing Hills Youth Camp)

Silsbee, Texas (Wildurr Youth Camp) Medical Lake, Washington (Eastern Wash-

ington and Northern Idaho Boys & Girls Camp, and Youth Camp)

Waupaca, Wisconsin (Spencer Lake Boys & Girls Camp, Spencer Lake Youth Camp)

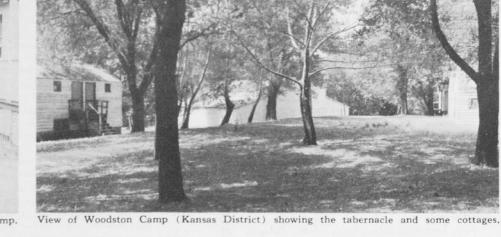
The foregoing is only a partial list of the camps which will be functioning in 1964. Literally hundreds of Assemblies of God camps for boys and girls, teen-agers, and young adults as well as older folk will be in operation this summer. The number increases each year. Most of the camps for younger folk will follow a western motif this summer. This motif lends itself exceptionally well to youth camping and provides some unusual ways to achieve Christian education.

With the theme, "Youth Aflame," the C. A. camps will emphasize the western flavor. Two new curricular courses will be used in teaching vital truths to youth. One course, "Branded," emphasizes Christ's claims of ownership upon the individual, while the other course, "Our Worship," investigates the scriptural basis of the distinctives of our Pentecostal worship.

The boys and girls camps will use the theme, "Camping on the Circle S." These campers will take an imaginary glimpse into the Old West and many valuable Christian principles will be unfolded to them in the process.

There is at least one youth camp or boys and girls camp in your area. To find the camp nearest to you, contact your district C. A. president or your district Sunday school director. If these addresses are not known you can get the information by writing to the National C. A. Department or the National Sunday School Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.





Cottages in a wooded area at Potomac Park Camp.

For accommodations write to Silas An-

derson, 18-3rd Avenue, Le Mars, Iowa

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

For accommodations write to G. H.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Charles E. Butterfield, Bible teacher;

Speaker to be announced

District Council & Camp

Cyril Homer, speaker

Blair, Box 111, Marianna, Fla.

Wm. E. Kirschke, speaker

Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Near Waupaca, Wis.

B. Owen Oslin, evangelist

July 29-August 9

July 20-30

District Camp

Lubbock, Tex.

August 4-13

2 Miles East of Marianna, Fla.

For accommodations write to Paul J. Bicket, Box 309, Waupaca, Wis.

WYOMING DISTRICT District Camp Lions Camp Ground (atop Casper Mtn.) June 29-July 5 Speakers to be announced For accommodations write to E. D. Beard, Box 1608, Casper, Wyo. GERMAN BRANCH

GERMAN BRANCH Bethel Park Bridgman, Michigan (South Church St.) July 2-12 Oscar Jeske and Paul H. Coxe, speakers For accommodations write to Arthur

Klaus, 4448 N. Richmond, Chicago, Ill.

GREEK BRANCH Greek Branch Camp Los Angeles, Calif. July 12-19 Speakers to be announced ITALIAN BRANCH **Pine Grove Camp** Malaga, N. J. **July 3-August 16** Speakers to be announced For accommodations write to Jos Piori, Holley St., Glassboro, N. J.

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH Chama Camp Chama, N. Mex. June 30-July 5 Speakers to be announced Santa Cruz Camp Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif. July 20-24 Speakers to be announced

UKRAINIAN BRANCH Ukrainian Branch Camp Lanesville, N. Y. July 5-26 Michael A. Kolb, speaker



Interior view of the tabernacle at the West Florida District camp.



A time of fellowship at Bethel Gospel Park, Brooks, Oreg.

God Healed the Apples

A Tithing Testimony

MANY TIMES WE HAVE BEEN ASKED, "Does it pay to tithe?" We trust this testimony will answer everyone as to the value we place on faithfully paying God's tithe.

We were married in 1927 and less than two years later we began to give one-tenth of all our income to God. Many times in those early years we had no cash, so from time to time we would sell a chicken to pay our tithe. The path was not always smooth, but through the years God proved His faithfulness in stretching the ninetenths to meet every need.

We left Arkansas in 1937 and came to Michigan hunting for work. People were walking the streets looking for jobs, but God did a miracle for us. He opened up a job at Sanborn Orchard here in Goodrich. Our first wages were \$45 a month and a house for my wife and me and two children to live in.

Shortly after this the Roscoe L. Berthumes came to Goodrich to pioneer an Assembly of God and in their visitation came to our house. After this we attended the Assembly and have continued until now taking an active part in its activities.

After a few years we took over the responsibility of the orchard, agreeing to share the profits half and half with Mr. Sanborn.

In October 1952 we went to Arkansas to attend a funeral. While we were gone there came an unusually early freeze in Michigan. The temperature went down to about 19 degrees. When we returned we found about 2,000 bushes of apples still in the orchard, in crates. They were frozen solid.

Since this was our main living for the year, and our landlord's, we were desperate. As we walked through the orchard and kicked at some of the hard frozen apples, we suddenly were moved to remark: "We have not paid tithes all these years for nothing. Let's pray for God to *heal* our apples." Immediately we praved. During the next few days relatives and friends helped us to get the apples in. God DID "heal" them and it was one of the best crops we have ever raised. We marketed those apples all through the winter and spring at the Farmers Municipal Market in Flint, Mich., where we maintain a permanent booth.

As Mr. Sanborn grew older, we were privileged to lead Him to the Lord in a definite experience of salvation. At his death he willed us the orchard and some money with which we paid the taxes, etc.

Since we believed as we do in tithing, we paid tithes on the orchard and all, out of our own money.

We have always advertised, "No Sunday Sales." And over and over God has blessed the honoring of His day in our business. Our children grew up believing in and practicing tithing.

Truly it pays to tithe, not only for the material benefits but especially for the glorious spiritual blessings that come when it is done with a heart of love to God!—Virgil and Belas Barker, Goodrich, Mich.

(Pastor and Mrs. George Hempton who presently pastor North Side Assembly of God, Kalamazoo, Mich., were pastors of the Goodrich Assembly when the "healing" of the apples occurred. Mrs. Hempton writes: "God answered prayer in so many miraculous ways. To Him we give all the glory!")

CHILD HEALED

ONE DAY OUR FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON FELL off a porch onto some boards. He did not appear to be hurt, but later in the day we noticed he had stopped playing and was lying down. We took him to a doctor and he rushed him to a hospital for X rays.

The pictures showed a ruptured spleen. The doctor said he must have surgery at once or he would die.

We called our pastor, Ernest Bane, and he and others of the church prayed. When the doctor operated, he found there had been internal bleeding, but there was no trace of the rupture he had seen on the X ray. God had healed our son. We thank Him.—Mrs. Mary H. (St. Anant) Hasli, Biloxi, Miss.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest A. Bane, Latimer Assembly of God, Ocean Springs, Miss.)



THUS SAITH THE LORD:

Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live.

ISAIAH 38:1; 2 KINGS 20:1

There was a time when God, through His prophet, counseled a king to put his house in order because of his seemingly imminent death. It would have been folly for the king to neglect to obey. But it is just as unwise for the prudent Christian not to heed the counsel of the prophet and accept his duty, the making of a Will, preferably early in life.

It may seem strange that God should be interested in something so materialistic as a Will, but a little thought will soon convince you that God is interested.

A Will is the wise steward's means of carrying out completely his stewardship to his Lord, even after he has been called home. It is his last witness and testimony to his love for his Lord and Saviour. For further information and help, please clip and mail this coupon.

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UNDAY'S LESSON

Isaiah Speaks of Salvation

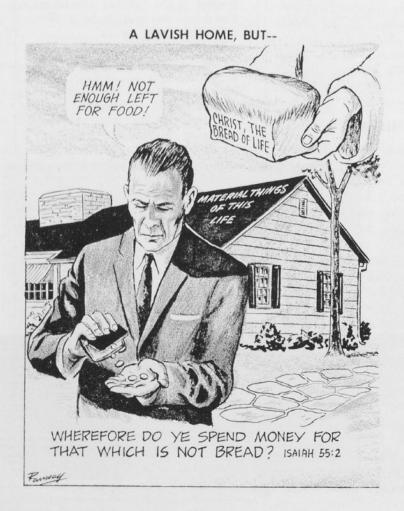
Sunday School Lesson for May 17, 1964 ISAIAH 55:1-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Commenting on today's lesson text, Dr. Albert Barnes said, "There is not to be found in the Bible a chapter more replete with rich invitations than this...it will stand as the fullest conceivable demonstration that God intended that the offers of salvation should be made to all men.... While this chapter remains in the Book of God, no sinner need despair of salvation...no one can plead that he is too great a sinner to be saved...and no minister of the gospel need be desponding about the success of the work in which he is engaged. The gospel shall just as surely produce the effect God intended, as the rain which comes down in fertilizing showers upon the dry and thirsty earth."

THE CALL OF THE SPIRIT (VV. 1-5)

1. An Arresting Call. God seeks in every conceivable way to get the attention of mankind. While it is to be remembered that throughout this chapter Isaiah was ad-



dressing Israel of his own day, he was also speaking for God to men in all ages. He said: "Ho...hearken diligently...incline your ear...hear." God *wants* to save all men. He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

2. A Universal Call. The call to salvation is to "everyone." Not one soul is beyond the reach of God's saving grace!

3. A Vital Call. "Hear, and your soul shall live." The implication is that unless man accepts God's salvation as provided in Christ, his soul will die. This means he will be lost eternally!

4. An Attractive Call. Salvation's blessings were described in terms which are not to be interpreted materially. Isaiah offered water, wine, milk, and fatness as blessings for the *soul*, not the body. He further made a number of points which men today desperately need to recognize: (1) All men have either a conscious or unconscious soul-thirst. (2) Men vainly endeavor to satisfy the soul with those things which can only satisfy the body. (3) The spiritual blessings so freely offered promise to "delight" the soul.

THE CONVICTION OF THE SPIRIT (VV. 6-11)

1. The Duty Enjoined. "Seek ye the Lord." The spiritual blessings and soul-satisfaction offered in the preceding verses cannot be found in *things*, but only in a *Person*. God is the author of salvation. He made man for Himself and man cannot be satisfied apart from Him. Hence, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring men to God through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The Time Specified. "While he may be found." God's grace is unlimited. Man, however, may fail to avail himself of it. He may put off salvation until one of two things happens: he may die suddenly and unprepared; or he may reject the Spirit's wooings until he eventually loses all desire to be saved.

3. The Conditions Detailed. "Call ye upon him.... Let the wicked forsake his way...and let him return unto the Lord." Isaiah differentiated between the divine and human aspects of salvation. God alone can save. Moreover, apart from Him man cannot even desire salvation. On the other hand, man is called upon to repent, to forsake his sins, to turn to the Lord. God's commands presuppose divine enablement. God will not ask men to do what they cannot do! He supplies the necessary power!

4. The Blessings Promised. "He will have mercy upon him...he will abundantly pardon." What is meant by "abundantly pardon"? Is it not that God not only forgives but that He forgets, that He blots out transgression, that he brings forth the best robe (Luke 15:22)?

THE COMFORT OF THE SPIRIT (VV. 12, 13)

It is thought by many scholars that Isaiah's words here had application to the promised return from the Babylonian captivity. However, they may also be used to illustrate the joy and fullness of blessing which is the portion of those who have been delivered from sin and brought into fellowship with the Lord.

You may always be quite sure that the nearer you get to the heart of our gospel the nearer you get to those things without which we cannot live and without which we cannot die.—G. H. MORRISON

SWALLOWING SUNSHINE

A little girl was sitting at the breakfast table. Through a crack in the window shade the sun was shining on the table. As the little girl lifted a spoonful of cereal to her mouth, the sun was shining on it. She exclaimed: "Oh. Mama, I swallowed a spoonful of sunshine!"

Our lives and home would be brighter if we would swallow some sunshine at breakfast! -Selected

STRAIGHT FURROWS

When I was a boy ploughing on the farm, my father would go to the field with me and try to teach me how to make a straight row. He would say, "Get an object in view on the other end of the field and don't take your eyes from that object."

I would start down through the field looking straight ahead. I would turn from my goal and look back once in a while to see how I was doing, but each time I did so there was a crooked place in the row.

So God reminds us to walk straight before Him, to keep the Lord ever before us, and our hearts fixed upon Him. Too many times we have chanced to glance to the right or the left, or maybe to look back, only to find we have deviated from the way that God laid out for us to follow. Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). -L. W. DICKINSON, in The Nebraska Fellowship

A Mother's Trust

They shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house. Exodus 12:3. Beneath the Blood-stained lintel I with my children stand; A messenger of evil is passing through the land. There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face; Beneath the Blood-stained lintel shall be our hiding place.

The Lamb of God has suffered, our sins and griefs He bore; By faith the Blood is sprinkled above our dwelling's door. The foe who seeks to enter doth fear that sacred sign; Tonight the Blood-stained lintel shall shelter me and mine.

My Saviour, for my dear ones I claim Thy promise true; The Lamb is "for the household"-the children's Saviour, too. On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine; Beneath the Blood-stained lintel Thy blessing give to mine.

O Thou who gave them, guard them-those wayward little feet, The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet. My mother-love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care! Beneath the Blood-stained lintel, oh, keep me ever there!

The faith I rest upon Thee Thou wilt not disappoint; With wisdom, Lord, to train them my shrinking heart anoint. Without my children, Father, I cannot see Thy face; I plead the Blood-stained lintel, Thy covenant of grace.

O wonderful Redeemer, who suffered for our sake, When o'er the guilty nations the judgment storm shall break, With joy from that safe shelter may we then meet Thine eye, Beneath the Blood-stained lintel, my children, Lord, and I.

-Author Unknown

- Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Was the ark that Noah built similar to present-day ships?

Scholars indicate that Noah's ark was more like a great box, made to float on the water rather than to plow through it as modern ships do. Nautical experts have said its proportions were ideal. It was made for protection and safety until the deluge was past, not for plying the sea.

Can you tell me what the gopher wood was, out of which Noah built the ark? (Genesis 6:14).

Most scholars agree that this wood was from pitch (resinous) trees, probably cedar, pine, or cypress. Ships were made of such material, as well as ancient Athenian coffins and encasements for Egyptian mummies. Such wood resists decay.

Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem and offer Himself as King of the Jews if He did not think He would be accepted?

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to fulfill the Scripture (Zechariah 9:9) knowing He would be rejected. Some believe He offered Himself as their King. Others have maintained that it would have been treason against Rome for Him to do this. But none can deny that He rode into Jerusalem to fulfill prophetic Scripture. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). His rejection was "according to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Through His rejection the Church age opened with both Jews and Gentiles being equal as "fellowheirs" to the gospel of grace.

How do you reconcile such Scripture passages as, "But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:22), and, "Immediately after the tribulation he shall send his angels ... and they shall gather together his elect" (Matthew 24:29, 31), with the doctrine that Christ will come for His own before the great tribulation?

Many interpret Matthew 24 as having a double fulfillment, and look upon the "elect" spoken of in these verses as the elect of Israel. The time of fulfillment will follow the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30: 7: This will take place at the revelation of Christ when the Jews shall look upon Him whom they pierced (Zechariah 12:10). It would be well to read all of Zechariah 12 and 13:1 in this connection.

There is no contradiction in the Scriptures mentioned if one remembers that the Second Coming is to be in two phases-the first phase will be the rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17) which takes place before the tribulation. The second phase will be at the close of the tribulation when every eye shall see Him.

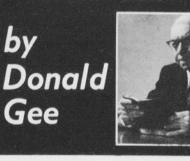
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A MOTHER'S TRUST REWARDED

OUR SECOND SON WAS BORN SEPTEMber 28, 1963, the answer to our prayers for another child. He seemed healthy and normal, but 27 hours later his life was threatened by a lung condition called pneumothorax.

The left lung was partially collapsed, and with each breath air rushed from a hole in the lung into the chest cavity, pushing the heart and right lung out of place.

Many people went to God in prayer for our son's life, and I too sought God. I recalled how I asked God many times for another child, a healthy child. I remembered how thrilled we were when we learned that God had answered our prayers. And now, being human, I asked God why; what had gone wrong?

But God always knows best, and when we learn this lesson we become much healthier Christians. Through all of this doubt and confusion God spoke to me in a still small voice, "Have I not given, will I not preserve?" What a comfort this was to me. I did not question God anymore. I knew He could not fail; we simply had to wait for God's time!

A team of doctors worked together to save our son's life. Through their efforts the hole in the lung soon sealed itself, and the lung began to function properly, which in turn relieved the load on the other lung.

The heart and right lung were expected to return to their normal places in a short time. Instead the heart stayed on the right side, completely out of place. Believing what God had already told me, I knew that our baby would be all right somehow.

That night I asked God to move Daniel's heart enough so that it would be seen on the X rays the next morning. In Ephesians 3:20 we find these words: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." I knew He was able.

Early Tuesday morning the head nurse told me that Daniel's heart was back on the left side in normal position.

All the doctors were amazed, and early Friday morning, October 4, we brought Daniel home, much sooner than we had expected!

Now a perfectly healthy baby, he has progressed even more rapidly than the average. He continues to be a healthy, living example of God's healing power .- Mrs. Wilma J. Hoskins, Fresno, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Charles H. Sandefer, Revival Tabernacle, Fresno. Calif.)

HEALED IN SPIRIT AND IN BODY

IN MAY 1959 I BECAME VERY ILL WITH rheumatism, and there were calcium deposits on my spine. Within two years my condition became so that I could hardly walk.

My feet dragged and I had to be turned in bed. On October 21, 1961, the doctor told my husband that I must get better soon, or there was no hope for me.

That was discouraging news, but the worst was to come. For after returning from the doctor's office, my husband went hunting and was instantly killed. That was a day I felt I could never live through. I was almost helpless and now I was left alone. Could things be worse?

An aunt took me to her home in Kansas, and while there I was prayed for. I was not healed, but I kept trusting God.

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If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be en-couraged to believe and receive the Lord's heal-ing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boon-ville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

I returned home and in a service one night in January 1962 my pastor said, "Sister House, I feel God will heal you if you will come to the front." The pastor and congregation prayed for me. God came down in a wonderful way and touched my body that night.

Now I do my own work. I can walk, run, even mow my lawn, and

A FAMILY FINDS GOD

MY HUSBAND AND I NEVER ATTENDED church services during the first eleven years of our marriage. He had been brought up a Roman Catholic, but no longer believed that way; I was raised in the Assemblies of God and naturally wanted to attend an Assembly. I did not want to insist that my husband go with me, for fear it would drive him further away from the things of God. So I began to pray that God would help us to get into some church and bring up our three children to know the Lord.

It took sickness to do it. On May 23, 1962 I was taken to a hospital in a semiconscious condition. It was discovered I was suffering from anemia, dehydration, and an advanced case of serum hepatitis caused from a blood transfusion received a few months before.

I went into a coma on May 29, and the doctor told my husband there was nothing more he could do. He advised him to call the family if they wanted to see me alive. This my husband did, and then asked a nurse to call Pastor Sorenson of the Arabi Assembly of God (Greater New Orleans) to come to pray for me. I was beyond praying for myself, but God heard the prayers of others. My husband promised God if He would



Dorothy L. Trahan

make a living by sewing. Praise God, He healed me!—Mrs. Pauline House, Bearden, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor Harold R. Cobb, First Assembly of God, Bearden, Ark., who writes: "I' know this to be true. I have been her pastor through all this sickness. She is faithful in her work for God, and was even while sick!")

spare my life he would go to church and take the children.

On the morning of June 3, I regained consciousness. The doctor told my husband he could thank "the good Lord" for my life—it was entirely out of his hands! I remained in the hospital for 51 days, helpless and unable to sleep much of the time, but Jesus became very near and dear to me, I learned all over again to rely on Him.

When I was released on July 14, I was helpless beyond using my hands. I had to be cared for like a baby and carried everywhere. Slowly I learned to walk again, but the doctor is still amazed at how quickly I recovered, because, as he tells me, he had no hope at all that I would live. He calls me his "miracle girl."

As soon as I could walk with help, I went to church with my husband. I thank God that He not only touched my body and spared my life, but He also saved my soul. God also saved my husband and filled him with the Holy Ghost. My husband, our oldest son, and I have all been baptized in water, and we have become members of the Arabi Assembly of God.

It was a long, hard struggle but if the Lord had to bring me to death's door to bring us back to God I am glad it happened. I hope to spend the rest of my life serving God and telling of the wonderful miracle of healing and salvation He gave me. I can never thank Him enough, He is so good to us.—Mrs. Dorothy L. Trahan, Chalmette, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor Norman J. Sorenson, Arabi, La., who says: "The records of her sickness and recovery can be found in the hospital ... and in the files of the physician who attended her. Today this is a happy family of five. Many other miracles have been performed in their lives since Sister Trahan's healing. I have watched them 'grow in grace,' and they are still growing.")

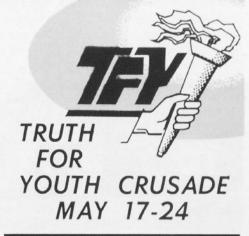


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DME MISSIONS



Who Will Take His Place?

BY RUTH LYON

HE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LOST A great missionary March 27, 1964, when the earthquake and tidal wave struck Valdez, Alaska.

Lowell Duane Carriker, 33, pastor of the Valdez Assembly of God, was working on the municipal dock at the time. He was helping to unload a freighter. His body has not been recovered.

There were 31 who were on the dock and fell into the huge crevasse that opened. One who was well acquainted with Brother Carriker and knew how diligently he witnessed for Christ at every opportunity, expressed the opinion that all who were lost had been told the way of salvation at one time or other.

For no one was more burdened for the lost of Alaska than Duane Carriker. He lived close to God and there were very few people in the town of Valdez who had not heard of the Lord from his lips.

It was in 1959, following military service in Alaska, that Duane requested home missions appointment to the new state. Prior to this he had been a student at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. He was converted and baptized with the Holy Spirit in 1949. His first Alaska pastorate was at McGrath.

While in Bible college in 1956 he was married to a fellow student, the

former Yvonne Loraine Bates, better known as Bonnie. The Lord gave them two children: Janette Lou, seven, and Leland Duane, three years old. Duane's mother, Mrs. Sheldon Wheeler, lives at Macon, Mo.

Brother Carriker was a great soul winner. A few weeks before the earthquake he wrote the following poem:

Can you see them falling down Into the depths below? Falling—yes, they're falling, going Where no one wants to go.

Can you hear them calling? Their cries are ever heard: "Why, oh, why am I falling?" When they could have had God's Word.

Can you keep them from falling? Oh, yes, my Christian friend! You *can* keep them from falling; God's Word you can take or send.

So go out in the streets and byways— They are falling all around. Tell of Christ, the mighty Saviour— Tell them *now*, while they can be found.

In an article in *The Pentecostal Evangel* ("Far North Mission Field," August 18, 1963) Brother Carriker set forth many reasons why Alaska is still a vast mission field, although it is now a state. "In spite of the hardships, the high cost of living, and all other hindrances, none of our missionaries would trade places with anyone else," he wrote. "God has called



us to this place, and God is giving us the victory. We have been able to further the kingdom of God in Alaska with the Lord's help and the financial support of interested individuals and churches. Many Alaskans have not yet had the gospel; and where missionaries have penetrated into the interior they are finding an intense spiritual hunger."

Duane Carriker

You may wonder why Brother Carriker, a missionary pastor, was working as a longshoreman that Friday on the wharf at Valdez. The reason was that he did not receive adequate support from churches and individuals to take care of his little family. It was necessary for him to supplement his income in this way, due to the high cost of living in Alaska. About 80 per cent of our home missionaries have a similar problem. They have to do secular work to make ends meet, and this consumes much time and strength they ought to spend in gospel service since there is so much work to be done for Christ.

If our missionaries are willing to devote their lives to preaching, teaching, and establishing churches is it not a pity that we do not provide them with the support they need to stay on the job? We could do this, if everyone would get under the burden and contribute regularly to Home Missions. Some of our missionaries have become seriously ill from overwork, from exposure, or from lack of conveniences which most of us consider necessities in this modern age. Some have lived in tents summer and winter in order to remain among the people to whom the Lord has called them. Missionaries in Alaska have hazarded their lives many times to carry the gospel to isolated villages. They have endured long periods of loneliness and isolation in the winter darkness, but they do not complain. They are ready to give their all for the sake of getting the gospel to these neglected people.

Brother Carriker always took a great



interest in the Assemblies of God Children's Home located in Valdez. The children from the Home attended his church and he did his best to make them feel welcome and loved. More than that, he tried by word and example to lead them into a personal relationship with Christ. He helped to supply food for the Home from time to time by hunting moose. He often helped in maintenance work at the Home.

After the earthquake, the children and staff were all airlifted safely to Fairbanks and then transferred to our Juneau Children's Home. The Children's Home at Valdez is still standing, surrounded by rubble.

Bonnie Carriker, wife of the missing pastor, was evacuated safely from Valdez. In a letter addressed to Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of Home Missions, she writes:

"I can't begin to tell you of all the miracles the Lord has performed since that horrifying night. I can only praise the Lord.

"At one time I looked around our home (in Valdez) and said, 'Lord, it's in Your hands.' The fire was just starting (when we were taken out) and we thought surely the next time we saw it the place would be a heap of ashes. Gasoline and fuel oil were bubbling up out of the manhole in front of the church. Only God knows why the whole town did not burn. There was no wind, and we had had nothing but wind for the four previous weeks. The smoke was billowing from the exploding storage tanks but was going straight up in the sky.

"The buildings were on fire downtown and there was only a short distance between one building and the next, but the fire did not jump! There was no water to fight the fire with, either.

"The largest tidal wave came within half a block of the church. To God be the glory for all these things....

"My husband is with Jesus who was the Light of his life. He has finished the race and won. Sometimes I wish I were with him but the Lord has something more for me to do, and I can only ask for His will to be shown to me... Please keep praying for me." The other pastors and families of the stricken towns and villages are all safe. The Lord mercifully protected the lives of His people in the midst of the devastation.

Now a great reconstruction job awaits the people of Alaska. Our missionaries face added responsibilities and they are challenged by new opportunities for ministry. Nothing would please Duane Carriker more, were he living, than to know that all members of our Assemblies of God fellowship were getting under the burden by praying, giving, and doing everything possible to evangelize Alaska *now*.

Obeying the call to Alaskan ministry cost this young man his life. But Jesus said, "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Brother Carriker's sacrifice will not have been in vain if we catch and carry the torch he and others have lighted in Alaska.

In Isaiah 6:8 we read, "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Who will take Duane Carriker's place?

BREAKTHROUGH



PLYMOUTH, N. H., WITH A POPULAtion of 3,300 is a business and shopping center. Site of a State Teachers College, it also is a gateway to some of the Northeast's most scenic resort areas.

In the fall of 1962 the Joseph Cofones came to Plymouth to pastor a small group meeting in Grange Hall. Meetings had been conducted here for some time since Richard Bennet of Long Island, N. Y., first began holding Sunday school. Brother and Sister Cofone felt Plymouth needed a permanent church home rather than a rented hall that was not always available or adequate for all the services.

By the following summer, an excellent site was obtained and the church established a building fund, which was augmented by the \$3,800 *Breakthrough* offering designated by the National Home Missions Department to the Northern New England District. They soon began construction of a 69-by-32 auditorium with adjoining four-room parsonage. Members of the group and friends from neighboring churches contributed much of the labor. The dedication service on December 9, 1963, was a time of rejoicing.

Attractive new church in Plymouth, N. H.

The assembly has experienced continual growth in attendance. A family of six, hungry for God and the moving of His Spirit, came in. The oldest daughter, a Bible college student, became the C. A. president, and within a short time the group won the sectional C. A. attendance trophy twice.

There are many other small towns around Plymouth without an Assembly. The Cofones and their congregation have a desire to penetrate the heart of the "Granite State" with this gospel which is able to "take away the stony heart...and give a heart of flesh."

He's Just a Name on the Superannuated List

When a minister is forced to retire from his pulpit, either by old age or by sickness, a name card is made for him in the file of superannuates. He is removed from the active file, and in all probability never returns to the pulpit.

Sounds like a simple office transaction, doesn't it? Is that all there is to it—just the changing of a name card from one drawer to another? In many cases it is just the beginning of a desperate struggle on the part of the aged minister to survive.

A minister — an "old-timer" who was with the Assemblies of God in its days of infancy, knows the inside story of poverty and the heartache of a parent who cannot provide for his family's needs. He also knows the driving force of his dedication which kept him in the ministry despite its complete lack of financial security.

Those were the days before he was entitled to Social Security; he had no retirement program; he could not make ends meet, let alone save for his old age. But it didn't matter then—the souls he reached more than compensated. It wouldn't matter now, because he doesn't expect to live in carefree serenity. But he has come face to face—at an age when he is completely powerless to better his situation—with destitution.

The church is this minister's only hope—the **Aged Ministers' Assistance** fund, made up of contributions from people who still care about him.

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The Final Earthquake

BY ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND, PRINCE GEORGE, B.C., CANADA

E WERE IN THE CHRIST'S AMbassador's Sectional Rally on Good Friday, March 27, 1964. A. R. Kalamen, assistant pastor of the Kamloops Calvary Temple, was the guest speaker. Brother Kalamen had begun his sermon on the crucifixion of Christ. Suddenly the church building began to sway. We felt the continued movement of the building and heard the creaking of the structure. We were experiencing the shock waves of the earthquake that had destroyed buildings and taken lives in Alaska.

People were sitting in their homes watching the Crucifixion on TV. When the presentation had reached the rending of the veil—at that precise time—the earthquake came. Along with the earthquake there were tidal waves. The cities of Alberni and Port Alberni on the coast of British Columbia were inundated by the tidal waves that rolled inland for many miles, causing much damage.

A young man picked up a sacred recording: a narration of the Crucifixion. It had recently arrived in the home. He put it on the phonograph. In the recording the narrator had reached the place of the hours of darkness, the rending of the veil, and the earthquake—then the earthquake came!

A few days earlier a father had been talking to his family. The subject had been earthquakes. He had said: "Earthquakes do not come in cold climates; they come in the hot climates of the world." Both history and the Bible contradict this.

When Christ died, there was an earthquake. "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent" (Mat-thew 27:50, 51).

When Christ rose from the dead, there was an earthquake. "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men" (Matthew 28:1-4).

When Christ comes back again, there will be an earthquake. "...And, lo, there was a great earthquake ... and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:12-17).

Jesus said: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments... and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great" (Revelation 16:15, 18).

There is no record that any lives were lost as a result of the earthquake either at the time when Christ died or when He rose again. He did not come to earth to destroy human life. He came to destroy the powers of death, hell, and the grave. Now the way is open for men and women everywhere to receive eternal life in Christ. But for those who refuse to accept His salvation there will be a future judgment day.

Two significant earthquakes are in the past: one is in the future. It will be the final one. Will you be ready for that one? There will be no hiding place apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I dreamed that the great judgment morning

Had dawned, and the trumpet had blown; I dreamed that the nations had gathered To judgment before the white throne; From the throne came a bright shining angel And stood on the land and the sea, And swore with his hand raised to heaven, That time was no longer to be. "And oh, what a weeping and wailing, As the lost were told of their fate; They cried for the rocks and the mountains, They prayed, but their prayer was too late."

Now is the time to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. Delay is a dangerous thing. There is complete rest and eternal safety in Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." You will then be ready for His coming again, and you will escape the greatest earthquake of all time! It will be the final one!

Every-Member Participation Urged for Pentecost Crusade

By GLENROY SHEDD

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WILL LAUNCH a nationwide literature campaign May 10-17 emphasizing the work and power of the Holy Spirit.

Spotlighted in the drive will be the Pentecost Crusade issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* which was sent to more than 184,000 regular subscribers on Sunday, April 26. Over half a million additional copies have been printed and are available to churches in quantity for community distribution.

The Crusade Issue has been tailored to explain the Assemblies of God position on such subjects as the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. It is designed to answer questions of persons of all denominations who have become deeply interested in the Spirit-filled life.

Mass mailings to more than 8,400 Assemblies of God churches throughout the nation have encouraged distribution of *The Pentecostal Evangel* during the Pentecost Crusade. In addition, each church has received a poster and a phonograph record with two inspirational messages by General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman for use in the Sunday school or morning worship services, one on May 10 and the other on May 17.

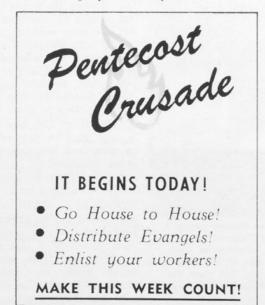
Each age group of the church is being requested to take part in the eight-day drive. Men's Fellowship groups are asked to pay for *Evangels* to be used for distribution, sponsor visitation teams to residential areas; distribute *Evangels* to local businessmen, service stations, service clubs, public transportation terminals, jails, and others; and/or sponsor an *Evangel* mailing to local boxholders.

Women's Missionary Council groups have the opportunity to distribute *Evangels* to shut-ins, hospitals, convalescent homes, and other contacts; invite neighbors to church services and WMC meetings with a Pentecostal emphasis; and to participate in the Day of Prayer (May 15) sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

Planning and developing church bulletin boards is being accomplished by the Christ's ambassadors. They will also stamp the *Evangels* with the church name and address.

Pastors are being urged to make special visits to local ministers and interest them in the work of the Holy Spirit; to plan and conduct special services during the Crusade; and to emphasize the ministry of the Holy Spirit throughout the church program.

Many churches will conduct a water baptism service Sunday night, May 10; and will designate May 17 as membership day. All members are asked to pray earnestly for activities



of the Crusade and to take part in as many activities as possible.

In the past few years, wide interest has been aroused in the baptism of the Holy Spirit among so-called "denominational" churches. Mail from hundreds of ministers and laymen has come to the Assemblies of God headquarters at Springfield, Mo., requesting additional information on the Pentecostal position.



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as a one-week meeting, the serv- two-week revival. One was filled America" Crusade at the Full Gosof the Louisiana District at the received a refilling. Assembly of God here continued for three weeks. Nine were saved, 11 received the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, seven were baptized in water, and 16 joined the church. Many consecrations were made, and a number were healed. One week after the evangelist left two more were saved, as revival fires continued to burn.

-N. J. Sorensen, Pastor

SHEPHERD, MICH .-- Oil City Assembly here was richly blessed PRICHARD, ALA .- A blessed by the good ministry of Evange- visitation from God was experilist and Mrs. J. W. Beam of enced during Evangelists Michael

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-Earl G. and Mrs. Monroe, Pastors

TUCSON, ARIZ .- The recent revival at Central Assembly here with Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Tex., was a great success, the pastor says. Several complete families were added to the church.

> -Jack D. Brock, Pastor * * *



PEORIA, ILL .- A crowd of over 400 attended this service at First Assembly of God during the meeting with the Musical Lebsacks. Pastor Bobby Ray reported over 60 decisions for Christ.



TALLAHASSEE, FLA .- The Tallahassee Section was blessed during a union Youth Crusade with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord. The C.A.'s were especially challenged by the illustrated message on Communism. The photo shows the sponsoring pastors and C. A. leaders of the section with the evangelists (standing 2nd and 3rd from the right) and the Sectional C. A. Representative Bernard Browne (standing with his wife 4th and 5th from the right).

ARABI, LA .- Originally planned London, Ontario, during a recent and Peggy Lord's "God Save ices with Evangelist Don Logan with the Holy Spirit and others pel Assembly of God here. In the very first service God's glory filled the house and a young man was filled with the Holy Ghost; a lady blind in one eye testified her eye was opened, and others gave testimonies of healing. There was hardly a service but someone was saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, or experienced healing.

-Melvin M. Byron, Pastor * * *

MANHEIM, PA. - The First Pentecostal Church here has just concluded the greatest revival in its history under the ministry of Paul Graban, Mrs. Graban, and their sons, of Vineland, N. J. For seven weeks people came from far and near to see God work. Over 50 made decisions for Christ; very earnestly, was severely burned nearly 60 were filled with the Holy Spirit; and scores were refilled. Many testified to being healed and set free from bodily ailments. The altars were filled with people seeking God for a greater move upon their livesoften they remained on their faces before God until the early hours of the morning. Many young people dedicated their lives to the service of the Master. As God blessed the people they freely gave to meet expenses and every bill was met.

-Howard E. Pfoutz, Pastor * * *

KISSIMMEE, FLA. - Calvary Chapel here closed a one-week revival with Evangelist Jack Martz of Atlanta, Ga., on February 23. On Monday night one who long had sought the Baptism received, cluded by Evangelist Billy Elder and the next night a young man of Ripley, Tenn. It was one of whose wife had just been saved experienced an outstanding con- year history of the church. Seven version. He now blesses the Saviour whom he once cursed. The closing Sunday morning four came to Christ. One of them, the father of several of the members, said he was glad he did not have to be wise and educated to understand salvation!

-George W. Cook, Pastor * *

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. - Several were saved and the attendance was very good during a revival at the What was experienced reads like First Assembly of God with Carl a chapter from the Book of Acts. E. Reynolds, Bible teacher and former pastor of Southside As- couraging with the attendance insembly in Tucson. One man, whose creasing each week, and the Sunwife had been praying for him day school breaking records for



LONACONING, MD .- Evangelist Charles Crank of Orlando, Fla., conducted a three-week meeting at First Assembly. The Sunday school attendance reached 306 during the meeting. Charles E. Fussell is pastor.

while his wife was at the morning prayer meeting. Knowing the way of salvation, he called on God and was saved. He now has a ringing testimony for Christ. -C. L. Collins, Pastor * * *

DALLAS, TEX .-- In spite of a record-breaking snowstorm, a revival at Oak Cliff Assembly here led by Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart during January and part of February was one of the most successful in years. Many souls were saved and a goodly number filled with the Holy Spirit.

-H. C. Noah, Pastor * * *

EAST PRAIRIE, MO. - The prayers of the First Assembly of God here for a revival were answered in a meeting recently conthe best campaigns in the sixwere saved, 10 received the Holy Spirit, and at each service the altars were lined with people seeking God.

-Lynn Drumwright, Pastor * * *

DES PLAINES, ILL.-Northwest Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. The meetings began early in January and lasted four weeks. The visible results were most en-

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all-time high of 224. A high per- rica; Paul Schoonmaker, India; vided. Former pastors ministering. Trio of Springfield, Mo .- by Kencentage of those prayed for ap- Loren Triplett, Nicaragua.—by —by J. J. Wakner, pastor. neth L. Gustafson, D-CAP. peared to be healed. The meetings Earl S. Henning, assistant to DISTRICT C. A. CONVEN- HOMECOMING at Assembly of closed with four nights of teach- Pastor E. C. Sumrall. closed with four nights of teach-ing on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Personal letters were sent to 45 local denominational ministo 45 local denominational ministers inviting them to attend, along with copies of the evangelist's book on Pentecostal Baptism. Revival blessing continues with good attendance. On a recent Sunday night three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one was saved.

-DeVore H. Walterman, Pastor

23 CHURCHES JOIN IN CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN

FORT MYERS, FLA .- Evangelist Sam Todd of Atlanta, Ga., and his party conducted a recent "Crusade for Christ" in cooperation with 23 evangelical churches of the city.

In spite of adverse weather conditions for one week, the results were gratifying. One hundred fifty came for salvation or rededication. There were 28 churches represented by inquirers in the prayer tent.

The financial budget (handled by a committee of local pastors) was all met. Pastor E. R. Schulz of First Assembly of God was general crusade chairman.

MOBILE AREA BLESSED DURING PRAYER AND **BIBLE CONFERENCE**

PRICHARD, ALA.-Assemblies of God ministers and churches of the Mobile area were greatly blessed during the Prayer and Bible Conference the first week of March. Morning sessions were for ministers and wives. The evening services were evangelistic rallies.

The meetings were attended by hundreds of people each night and were marked by gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The Mobile churches are presently experiencing mighty visitations of God's blessing.

The main speaker at this Prayer and Bible Conference was Edgar Bethany, who was born and raised in Mobile. Ministers and laymen alike were richly blessed by his ministry.-James C. Kofahl, President Assemblies of God Ministerial Association.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

55TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION, May 17-24 at Stone Church, 8401 So. Ashland, Chicago, Ill. Speakers: Mr. and

three consecutive Sundays with an Mrs. Edgar Pettenger, South Af- June 1. Lodging and meals pro- Bunch speaking. Music by Envoy

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Horatio	* A/G	May 10-15	A. G. & Mrs. Caloway	James L. Walker
	Horatio	A/G	May 17-24	A. G. & Mrs. Caloway	James L. Walker
Calif,	El Cerrito	A/G	May 17-24	O.E. (Gene) Vaale	Verlyn Skore
	Fallbrook	A/G	May 17-31	J. C.Campbell	C. D. Holley
	Fresno	McKinley	May 17-24	Doug Payne	Joe Opperman
	Harbor City	A/G	May 17-24	Garfield J. Unruh	Floyd McWhinney
	Lodi	First	May 10-17	Rick Howard	Gene Forrest
	Newark	A/G	May 12-17	Richard Williams	Andrew Rahner
	Plymouth	A/G	May 12-17	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	John Pettigrew
San Bruno		A/G	May 17-24	Gary & Sharon Archer	Ardon Schmidt
~	Tracy	First	May 5-17	Billy D. Young	Claud Wood
Conn.	Manchester	Calvary	May 17-31	David O. Bunch	Kenneth L. Gustafso
Fla.	Haines City	Faith Temple	May 6-17	Don & Sharon Parker	James H. Cain, Jr.
	Lake Wales	A/G	May 6-17	David Fernandez	James F. Ferrell
	Pensacola	Cottage Hill	May 17-31	Leonard Negrin	Atha Lackey
	Tavares	First	May 13-24	L. M. Addison	James Earl Gilmore
Ga.	Winter Garden	First	May 10-	David Grant	J. E. Winstead
Ga.	Columbus	Riverview	May 11-24	Robert Holland	R. C. Wetzel
	Dexter	A/G	May 10-	John Wetzel	Paul Wetzel
Idaho	Smyrna	First	May 13-24	Russell Peavy	T. C. Harty, Jr.
10ano [1].	Jerome	A/G	May 12-	C. M. Smitley	Elmer Ridgway
	Elgin	First	May 17-31	Norman & Evelyn Hays	C. R. Cleghorn
Ind.	Jerseyville	A/G E-ith City	May 13-	J. W. & Mrs. Walker	Frank Goss
lowa	Michigan City	Faith City	May 17-31	Wilburn H. Fisher	Stewart H. Robinson
lowa	Cedar Rapids Waterloo	* Central Central	May 10-17	Billy P. Bell Don & Dixie Cox	Dick & Nancy Messn
Kans.	Emporia	A/G	May 13-24 May 12-20	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Paul B. Tinlin
Nalls.	Great Bend	First	May 12-20 May 12-17	Ray C. Eskelin	L. J. Hollis
Kv.	Louisville	Evangel Tab.	May 12-17 May 12-24	Watson Argue	J. O. Rosenberg W. L. Rodgers
Md.	Baltimore	Essex	May 8-17	Ron Wahlrobe	Steve Bogdan
Mass.	Worcester	First	May 13-31	William Caldwell	Allen Mitchell
Mich.	Columbiaville	A/G	May 17-31	Glenna Byard	H. E. McMullen
and the second s	Gladwin	A/G	May 12-24	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Burdette Faulk
	Reed City	A/G	May 17-31	I. E. Friend	David Mover
Minn.	Brainerd	A/G	May 12-24	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Melford Olson
Mo.	Adrian	A/G	May 11-	Max L. Manning	Clyde Davis
	Monett	A/G	May 10-	Dorothy Knott	Nolan Wilkins
Mont.	Livingston	A/G	May 17-29	Charles Senechal	E. D. Nicholson
Nebr.	Naponee	Pleasant Green	May 17-31	Lula M. Ware	Eugene Shaw
N. J.	Jamesburg	Jamesburg	May 13-24	Daniel Summa	Michael Bocchichio
N. Y.	Brooklyn	Calvary Tab.	May 8—	Dan Kricorian	N. Ben Crandall
Ohio	Bethel	A/G	May 12-24	Jerry & Joy Spain	Vyrl Pember
	Burton	First	May 13-24	Michael & Peggy Lord	Raymond Milligan
	Cleveland	Calvary	May 13-24	Musical Lebsacks	Robert Crabtree
	Kettering	First	May 13-24	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	Raymond M. Bocker
	Youngstown	Bethel Temple	May 13-17	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	C. Leon Mooney
Okla.	Bartlesville	First	May 12-24	Jack Peters	Paul Holdridge
	Bristow	A/G	May 13-24	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	A. K. Davis
	Perkins	A/G	May 13-24	Erwin Moore Trio	Warren F. Gilchrest
Oreg.	Cottage Grove	A/G	May 12-	Lloyd Portin	Ray Alcorn
	Portland	St. John	May 10-17	Irene Abrahamson	Russell Emerson
Pa.	Boyertown	Calvary Tab.	May 15-31	Curtis Sample	Ernest B. Drost
	Pittsburg	A/G	May 17-31	S. B. Douglass	Richard J. Barriss
	State College	* A/G	May 17-22	Dave & Pat Johnson	Leo S. Starner
S. C.	Florence	First	May 13-24	Maurice & Mrs. Lednicky	C. Gene Brown
Гenn.	Covington	First	May 10-24	Lincoln Weech	Howard H. Jones
Гex.	Freeport	First	May 13-	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	E. W. Hancock
	Merkle	First	May 13-24	Tommy & Esther Lance	John Curtis
Jtah	Kearns	First	May 13-24	Don Brankel & Trio	Don Anderson
Va.	Arlington	Calvary	May 19-31	Arthur & Anna Berg	Elmer Bilton
	Whythville	A/G	May 12-24	John Higginbotham	James R. Ailles
Wash.	Bremerton	Evangel Temple	May 10-15	Dave & Sherry Harrison	Lincoln D. Wyman
	Puyallup	Pentecostal	May 12-24	Lloyd Perera	Eric M. Johnson
	Raymond	A/G	May 12-	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Vernon Skaggs
Wis.	Manitowoc	Calvary	May 5-17	Jack Martz	O. J. Hanson
	Marinette	Calvary Temple	May 3-17	Hattie Hammond	Daniel B. Spina
	Watertown	A/G	May 12-17	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Morris Ohlin
Canada	Victoria	Glad Tidings	May 12-24	Tanner Team	Eric A. Hornby

* Children's Revival

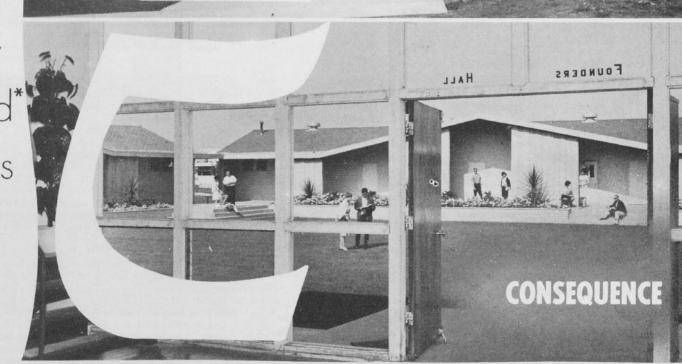
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