

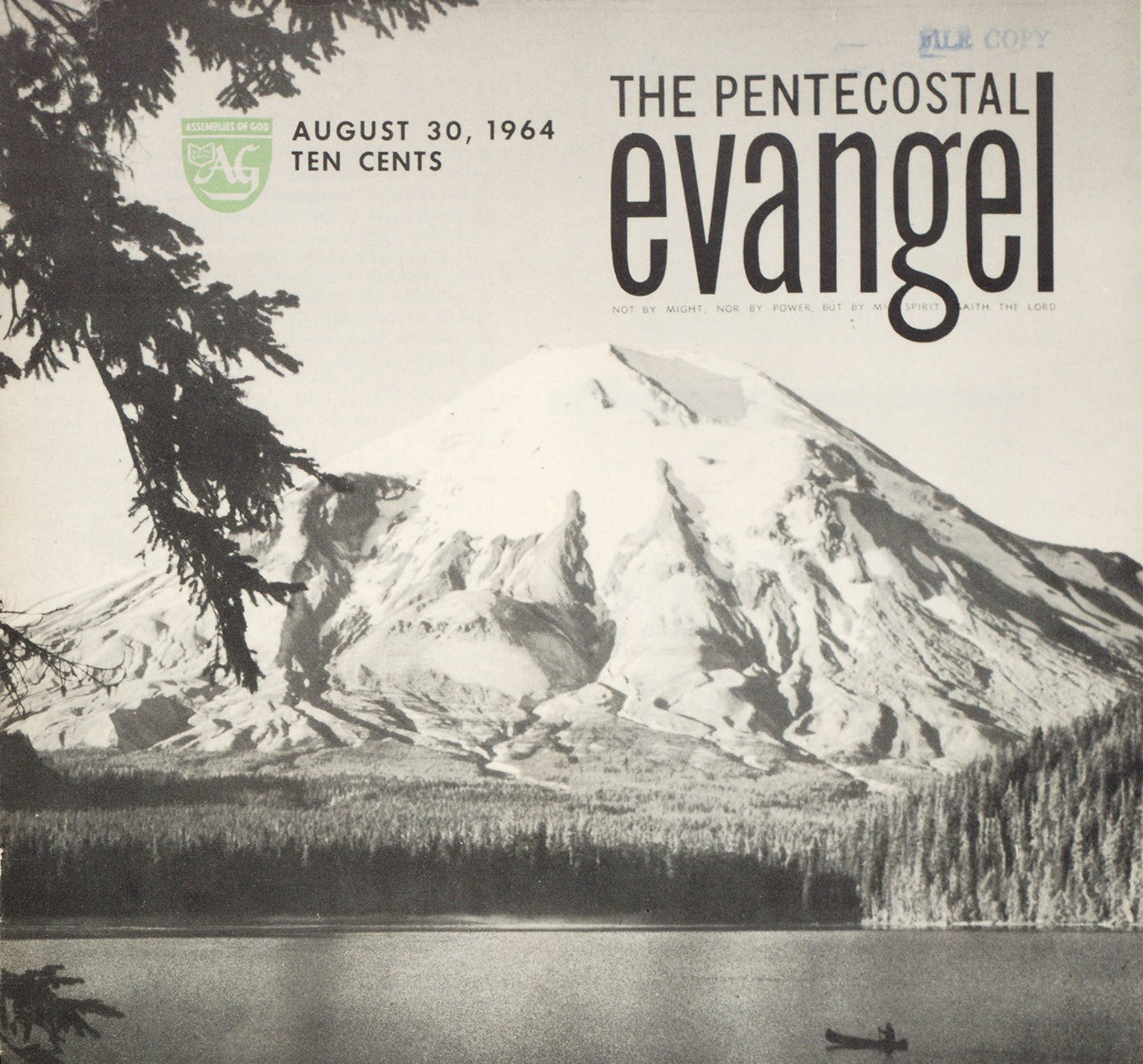
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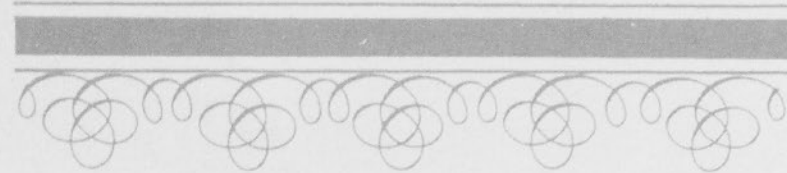


## *Rest*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier





# God Wants Your Will

**The important place of the human  
will in Christian experience  
should not be overlooked.**



*By*  
*Warren C. McIntyre*

AS I HAVE GONE ABOUT IN THE WORK OF EVANGELISM and dealt personally with many individuals, I have become convinced that something needs to be said to help people understand the importance of the human will in Christian experience.

The will is the prime factor in man's relationship to Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. This fact is basic to a sound, well-established Christian experience. Those who do not recognize this fact and fail to act accordingly are unstable and repeatedly backslide. Jesus talked about man's will, "If any man *will* do his will . . ." He said (John 7:17). So did the apostle Paul. He expressed the desire "that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will . . . that ye might walk worthy of the Lord" (Colossians 1:9, 10).

Let us notice what Revelation 22:17 says: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Not just **WHOSOEVER** (for that leaves something lacking), but **WHOSOEVER WILL!** The decision of the human will is the determining factor.

Psalms 110:3 says the same thing: "Thy people *shall be willing* in the day of thy power." That is, God is able to work the wonders of His grace when people are willing. When the Holy Spirit pleads, and the human will agrees—then God can wonderfully save!

In creating us, God built into the very structure of our being a set of tools with which we weigh, evaluate, guide, and construct our lives. These tools are reason, judgment, and the **WILL**. Reason looks at a given matter from every angle, turns it over, takes it apart, examines it, and lays the facts before the judgment. Judgment weighs the facts, listens to the plea of desire, draws upon experience for evidence for and against, hears what conscience has to say, considers the suggestion of Satan and the advice of God, draws its conclusion, and submits its recommendation to the will for decision as to action or restraint.

The will—the executive agent of personality—makes its decision for action or for restraint and thus determines the course a man takes. This action of the will determines moral attitude, behavior, relationship, and responsibility. It is thus that the soul maintains innocence before God or comes under a cloud of guilt. The whole matter resolves itself into this simple form: every sinner becomes what he is by a decision, or repeated decisions, of his will; and every Christian becomes what he is by a decision, or repeated decisions, of his will.

The work of the Holy Spirit in conviction may be deep and pungent and fully sufficient to lead to salvation, but no forgiveness and peace with God will be found until by a decision of the will one turns from sin and—meeting the conditions of surrender, repentance, and faith—obtains the divine pardon.

There is no keeping saved apart from repeated decisions of the will to agree with God and side with Jesus. The power of God to keep is effective only in conjunction with the decision of the believer's will to cooperate

with Christ by obediently walking in light and keeping true. When the believer thus furnishes the will to be kept, God furnishes the keeping power.

There is no growth in grace without a firmly maintained decision of the will to make progress spiritually. The point of greatest weakness in the Christian experience of many people is the lack of a definitely made and aggressively maintained decision of the will to grow spiritually—walking and working in glad cooperation with the Holy Spirit as He seeks to teach, guide, and mature.

There is no keeping true to one's appointed calling in life apart from a vigorously maintained decision of the will to be carefully and constantly obedient to the whole will of God for the heart and life. Paul stated how he had this issue definitely settled and how he kept his will set: "This one thing I do... I press toward the mark" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

There is no maintaining a genuine devotional life in the reading of God's Word and the kind of praying that brings blessings and help apart from a settled fixedness of the will to do this "in spite of" and "at any and all cost."

In every case, God, ready and anxiously willing, after warning and pleading, has to await the decision of the human will. The will decides what God can or cannot do about saving and keeping. Marvelous, astonishing, fateful fact—salvation or damnation turns on a decision of a man's will!

Sinner friends, the provisions of grace are adequate; the promises of God are reliable; the blood of the Lamb is efficacious to cleanse; the constant help of the Holy Spirit is available. You can be a Christian if—when He deals with you—you set your will to cooperate with Him. This you must do very soon or, by your neglect, you will pass beyond all hope of salvation. Hesitancy and postponement ultimately—and often very quickly—become fatal.

My Christian friend—if you want to do so—God will help you to maintain a firm decision of your will to walk humbly, to reject evil and do the right, to at once correct mistakes, to rectify unintentional wrongs, to heal accidental wounds, to earnestly push on, and to keep true to Christ. Thus the Lord Jesus will aid and enable you to keep in constant victory.

If you have not already done so, definitely settle it right now to keep your will doing its part in the maintaining of a good Christian experience. God is waiting to work out in your heart and life all the provisions of Calvary.

This decision and set of your will to always cooperate with Him will not only determine your present happiness but the future of your Christian experience, your character in this world, and your destiny beyond the grave. Let us pray:

"Dear Lord Jesus, by Thy grace and the help of Thy Holy Spirit, enable me to so maintain this set of my will that I can say with David, 'My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed!'"



## *Gleaning of His Goodness*

*Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn.*  
—Ruth 2:2

DOWNCAST AND TROUBLED CHRISTIAN, COME AND glean today in the broad field of promise. Here is abundance of precious promises, which exactly meet your wants.

Take this one: "He will not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax." Does that not suit your case? A reed, helpless, insignificant, and weak; a bruised reed, out of which no music can come; weaker than weakness itself; a reed, and that reed bruised, yet He will not break you, but on the contrary will restore and strengthen you. You are like the smoking flax: no light, no warmth, can come from you; but He will not quench you. Instead He will blow with His sweet breath of mercy until He fans you to a flame.

Would you glean another ear? Take this one: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What soft words! Your heart is tender, and the Master knows it; therefore He speaks so gently to you. Will you not obey Him, and come to Him even now?

Take another ear of corn: "Fear not, thou worm Jacob, I will help thee, saith the Lord and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel." How can you fear with such a wonderful assurance as this? You may gather ten thousand such golden ears as these! "I have blotted out thy sins like a cloud, and like a thick cloud thy transgressions." Or this: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Or this: "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. . . . And let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Your Master's field is very rich. See the many ears of corn that lie before you. Gather them up; make them your own. Jesus bids you take them. Be not afraid, only believe! Grasp the sweet promises. Thresh them out by meditation. Feed on them with joy.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

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

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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## A Burden for Souls

This is Global Conquest Day, and the slogan throughout our fellowship on this annual observance is, "Our Burden: Souls." It is a national day of prayer for foreign missions.

From many pulpits a roll of special requests is being presented today—prayer requests for missionaries, for national workers, for unreached souls. May God find our hearts sensitive to the burden that breaks His own great heart—the burden of millions of souls throughout the earth who need salvation but have never heard the good tidings of great joy.

The angel, when he announced those good tidings that first Christmas, said they should be "to all people." But today, after nearly 2,000 years of Christianity, only 35 per cent of the people in the world have ever heard the gospel. The other 65 per cent have not been told that Jesus died to save them from their sins.

We are responsible to preach the gospel to our generation. If we don't do more to win the lost in our day than our fathers and grandfathers did in theirs, there will be far more sinners on earth for our children and our children's children to evangelize than there are today. For people are multiplying at a much greater rate than they are being saved.

But this generation may be the last. The coming of Christ from heaven to call His people Home may be very near. The next few months may be our final chance to spread the gospel before the nuclear trigger is pulled and half of civilization is destroyed. Our commanding general has commissioned us to do a job. There are no *non-coms* in His army; the *entire* Church is commissioned to go into *all* the world and preach the gospel to *every* creature. What if military men were as derelict in obeying their leader as Christians are in obeying Christ!

What if the pilots of those American ships and planes in the Gulf of Tonkin had ignored the orders to strike back, three weeks ago, when Communist torpedo boats tried to sink two U. S. destroyers! Those pilots would have been court-martialed. And do you think for a moment that soldiers of the Cross will escape the censure of God if they shut their hearts to the eternal fate of lost souls? Turn to Ezekiel 3:17-21 and see what the Lord says to His people. He says, in effect: "I'm holding you responsible to witness to the heathen and to the wicked. If you warn the wicked and heathen but they do not turn away from their paganism and their wicked ways, then I will not require their blood from your hand. But if you fail to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the wicked and they die in their sins, the guilt of their blood will be upon your hands."

Let us lift our heads above our surroundings, forgetting for a while our selfish interests, and look on the whitened fields of humanity. Like a vast field of ripened grain the millions wait for someone who cares enough about their souls to take the sickle of prayer, the sickle of consecration, the sickle of evangelism, and garner them for God. Look at the 1,000 tribes still without a missionary. Look at the 1,700 language groups still without a single word of Scripture to read. People perish at the rate of 110,000 a day, dying without Christ and plunging into eternal darkness. Prayer can save them—for prayer in Jesus' name brings victory over Satan, and prayer makes every Christian a missionary at heart. May God give us a burden for souls in the uttermost part of our city, the uttermost part of our state, the uttermost part of the earth.

—R.C.C.





# Two-Way Obedience

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

IT APPEARED THAT ELIJAH WAS GOING FROM BAD TO worse. Hiding there by the brook Cherith had been a severe test, as he watched the dwindling water supply until "after a while the brook dried up." But now he was to face a harder situation.

As long as he remained at Cherith the ravens had fulfilled God's command, bringing a balanced diet of bread and meat night and morning. The birds were unclean according to the law, but still they had been chosen as God's messengers. What unusual, remarkable instruments God often uses to accomplish His purpose!

Now God had another plan. We need to appreciate the fact that God varies His ways or we may miss His fullest gracious purpose in our lives. So quickly we "settle on our lees" when by being "changed from vessel to vessel" we may be enlarged in spirit and faith, as well as become a means of uplift and sustenance to others. But it requires sensitivity on our part to know God's guidance, the import of which may come in many ways.

*Mystery past human finding  
Is His will from day to day;  
They who shun the trackless journey  
Miss God's own blest pilgrim way;*

*For the fire and cloudy pillar,  
Heaven's manna rich and rare,  
Are for those of His dear children  
Who will cross the desert bare.*

*Grieve not, then, if God would move thee  
From the old familiar road;  
Look above the strange new testings  
Right into the face of God.*

*His, the same dear hand of guidance  
Holding safely and secure;  
Every strange and fiery trial  
Only makes thy faith more pure.*

God spoke directly to Elijah, giving a positive command—"Arise, get thee to Zarephath which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there" (1 Kings 17:9). The "raven-fed days" were over. The ravens' command was finished as far as Elijah was concerned. The realization of this may have come to the prophet with a jolt as is the case so

often with us. The spot by Cherith had become a comfortable little nest (as in the life of Job—chapter 29:18-25). How we all dread these uprootings!

There was to be immediate action, a move right up into the home territory of Jezebel, the very woman whose conniving and abominable idolatry was corrupting the whole land. Dangerous territory, all right, for a prophet of Jehovah! God further revealed the change in His feeding arrangement—"I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee."

Note carefully the "there" in God's instructions. God's supply always comes in the path of obedience, however unlikely the opening prospect may be.

"So he arose and went to Zarephath." Elijah was obedient despite the host of questions the very suggestion must have brought to him. Little did he realize at the moment what wide effect his obedience would have. His arrival there revealed a pathetic picture of dire poverty, for there was the lone widow with an evidently undernourished son gathering sticks at the gate of the city. Apparently God's command had not reached her yet; for her attitude was completely self-centered when she finally answered the prophet. All she could recognize was her desperate situation; she was utterly unconscious of the relief just then knocking at her door through the approaching man of God.

"A little water in a vessel that I may drink," was Elijah's first request. Israel's drought conditions may have extended to Zarephath limiting this impoverished widow's water supply; but nevertheless she would do her best for the stranger. What a shock to receive his second request, "Bring me I pray thee a morsel of bread in thine hand." Even before she could grant the first!

This strange man had grown bolder and she must answer this time. God's command through His servant had not registered yet, nor did she know (as we have learned) that *God's commands are His enablers*. May we always remember this! Her answer gives us one of the Bible's most forlorn pictures—"As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruise; and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it and die" (1 Kings 17:12).

What a vivid portrayal of actual poverty! No cake, a disheartened widow woman, an only son, a handful of

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meal, a little oil, two sticks, just a final scanty repast with death to follow. This was the widow's natural reckoning of the situation and it was reasonable in her eyes with their limited vision. As yet God's word had not reached her ears. There was only the darkness of despair.

Now comes God's message through His obedient prophet with the glorious introduction, "Fear not!" Thank God for the 366 "Fear nots" in the Bible—a blessed sufficiency for every circumstance of life, one for each day of the year. God was about to do a new thing, something we see often repeated when these two important words are spoken—"Fear not."

Then follows the command with its reassuring promises. "Make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son." Elijah's words changed that widow's whole horizon; her attention was turned outward and upward until faith in the Lord God of Israel enabled her to obey. The word of the Lord quickened her heart to action "and she went and did according to the saying of Elijah." Faith and obedience are so marvelously interlocked. It takes faith to obey; and obedience always strengthens faith. Inspired was the hymn: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

The "meal of death" was changed to a continuing "feast of life," for "she and he, and her house, did eat many days." Meal a-plenty, oil undiminished "according to the word of the Lord which he spake by Elijah." The fear of impending tragedy was transformed into a glorious song of sufficiency, enabling her to be a proper hostess to God's faithful messenger.

And all because of two-way obedience. Elijah arose and went to Zarephath. The widow went and did according to the word of the Lord. From their action the whole household rejoiced in abundant provision.

*"Make first for me a little cake"—  
Thus spoke the prophet on that day  
And as the widow heard his word  
At once she hastened to obey.*

*Such meager store her barrel held—  
I wonder if she paused to see  
If truly there was meal enough  
To satisfy the hungry three.*

*Or did she blindly make the first  
Her offering unto the Lord,  
Assured that plenty would remain  
According to Elijah's word?*

*Whichever way, she made the cake,  
First for the prophet, then her own;  
And thus there was for many days  
In meal and oil no shortage known.*

*"Make first for Me thy little cake,"  
A greater than Elijah's voice  
Hath spoken deeply to thine heart,  
Thou who dost crave God's highest choice.*

*Oh, reckless, counting not the cost,  
The first and best all His to be;  
Know thus the joy of rich supply  
Today and through eternity.*

# SAVED BY BLOOD

By RAYMOND L. COX

"CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR" READ THE CAPTION UNDER the picture of Morris Weiss on the front page of an Oregon weekly newspaper. Beside the 50-year-old welder stood a Red Cross worker holding a container of blood and they had a poster which read, "80th Pint of Blood."

Mr. Weiss, who made his first donation 20 years ago, responded to congratulations with the remark, "I'm glad to do it!" Then he added a question, "But why don't more people help the cause?"

Modern science has learned what the Bible has taught for thousands of years; namely, that blood is vitally important to life. As recently as George Washington's time physicians were accustomed to treat some diseases by bleeding their patients. The father of our country, many medical men insist, actually was bled to death! Now we know what the Bible has taught all along, that "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11).

World War II suddenly made almost everyone "blood conscious." The Red Cross established blood banks and invited healthy citizens to give a *pint* of blood. Millions responded, feeling this was the least they could do in the light of the fact that so many men had given *all* of theirs!

"Why don't more people help the cause?" has been asked by more than Morris Weiss in view of the constantly critical need to replenish blood banks to save human lives. But no one need ask this question concerning the provision of blood to save human souls. There is not, never has been, and never will be a shortage of the blood of the Lamb!

I speak of no ordinary lamb, although in fact medical history hails the experiments of Dr. Jean-Baptiste Denis in 1662 as the first actual blood transfusion. Dr. Denis' patient recovered after receiving nine ounces of lamb's blood. But the Lamb who gave His blood to save men's souls is Jesus, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The right type of blood must be administered for the transfusion to be successful. My blood might be incompatible with yours. Serious complications may follow the introduction of a different type of blood into a man's veins.

Franz Devizini endeavored to blame his change of character on a recent transfusion. Arrested in Vienna for robbery, the 63-year-old man pleaded, "I have been an honest man up to now. But not long ago I had a blood transfusion. Apparently I must have been given the blood of a thief."

He didn't get away with that excuse! Physicians have proved that transfusions do not communicate character-



istics of donors to their recipients. But believers who receive the blood of the Lamb of God do receive the righteousness of the Lamb upon whom the Lord laid the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6). We are washed in the Blood, but the Blood does more: Jesus died, according to Hebrews 13:12, to "sanctify his people with his own blood."

Christ's is the only blood effective to save sinners' souls. If you needed a transfusion to save your physical life there are thousands whose blood would do. It would not matter at all about the size, nationality, race, or sex of the donor. It would not matter whether his gift was his first or 50th pint of blood. So long as it was the right type it would suffice.

If you need the application of blood to save your soul, however—and the Scripture emphatically declares that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission" of sins (Hebrews 9:22)—there is only one who can help, the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason is that His is the only spiritually healthy blood available!

When a man contributes to the blood bank it must be determined that his health permits the donation. Many prospective donors are turned away. The loss of blood might affect them adversely. Again, the possibility lurks that they might communicate diseased blood to the eventual recipient. Average physical health is required by the blood bank before volunteers' blood is accepted. But God requires perfect spiritual health for the donor of blood to save souls!

No one who ever lived on earth could qualify until Jesus Christ came, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He was the first and only man on earth who never sinned. He did no sin. He knew no sin.

In Him could be found no sin! His blood alone was spiritually healthy. His blood alone met the divine requirements.

The long-promised fountain to be opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1) commenced flowing when Jesus was crucified. He shed His blood, not just a pint, nor a quart, but all of it. As His blood flowed from His wounds He made a crimson carpet on which sinners like you and me might go to God and glory.

Men must come to God by Christ's blood, or they cannot come at all. As one has said, "We do not sail to glory on the salt sea of our tears but on the red sea of our Saviour's blood." Morality may keep a man out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep his soul out of hell. Those who deny the Blood are rejecting the only provision for their salvation. Ephesians 2:13 emphasizes that men are "made nigh by the blood of Christ." Without the blood we are thrust afar off, heading for the outer darkness of a lost eternity.

Some deny or deride or defy the Blood on earth, but not in heaven. Everyone who arrives there at all will arrive via the crimson stream of our Saviour's sacrifice, and the blood of the Lamb will figure prominently in the praises of paradise. The "new song" which the ransomed sing before the throne in the heavenly worship hails the Blood. "Thou art worthy," the redeemed voices carol, "for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Revelation 5:9).

You will have the privilege of joining in that refrain in heaven if on earth you receive salvation through the blood of the Lamb! ◀◀◀

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## Propaganda Assault on Moral Standards

By  
MICHAEL HORBAN

EVIDENTLY WE HAVE NOT DONE A GOOD JOB OF TEACHING our generation the value of purity. We seem to be undergoing an entire shift in public opinion with regard to moral standards.

Some self-styled authorities describe the Christian standard of love and marriage as a gloomy relic of the past, an ethical requirement no longer relevant. Hollywood movies, cheap novels and sentimental songs daily feed us bold lies about thrills and happiness. Those who live loosely and remarry many times are viewed as chic and extremely smart. It would seem that adultery in one form or another has become a matter of major interest. This propaganda in favor of unchastity obviously tends to loosen the grip of morality.

But no matter the trend of our times, the reasons for purity are not passé. The Christian rule, chastity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage, will always be valid.

One reason for chastity is our need for self-respect, inner cleanness, and integrity. Everyone has to live with himself, and it isn't easy when after the fun has fizzled the folly comes to stare him right in the face. Some bear shame and humiliation all life long.

God's law is more than print on paper. It is written into our flesh, conscience, and nervous system. Nature is organized against the unclean life, and she has no pity.

And how about the other person involved? Sex alone is not love. Unless it is part of total married love with all its joys and responsibilities, it drags and cheapens another. No one has the right to do that.

Also, unchastity and adultery are blows against the home and society as a whole. A wide circle of persons have a stake in each marriage. It is not merely a private affair. In the marriage ceremony, the couple makes vows not only with each other but with society and with God. Fidelity in marriage is one of the chief bulwarks of any social structure.

Marriage was God's first institution. He intended it to be permanent and exclusive: the union of one man and one woman for life in the bond of love and trust. And the God who made us made life so that it will only work His way. He protected the sacredness of marriage, parenthood, and childhood with the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." That law stands and it has its own way of vindicating itself. The man who goes against it breaks himself to pieces on life. Unchastity leads to rot and ruin—always.

Never forget: old-fashioned chastity brings with it old-fashioned rewards—the rewards of peace of mind, contentment, self-respect, and the higher delights of pure love. ◀◀◀





**"CALL TO THE  
FELLOWSHIP"  
SERIES**

Point 8: Accept the  
Responsibility of  
Total Stewardship

# TOTAL STEWARDSHIP

**BY C. W. DENTON**  
National Sunday School Secretary

A MAN MAY DECIDE EITHER TO ACCEPT OR TO REJECT Jesus Christ. But once he has accepted Christ, it is not for him to decide whether or not he will be a steward; for he becomes a steward when he becomes a Christian. He may be a good steward, or he may be a poor steward; nevertheless, he is a steward. He has been entrusted with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and has been given the gift of eternal life. It now becomes his responsibility and high calling to share this gift with others. This high calling demands a *total* stewardship which is the intent of point 8 in the "Call to the Fellowship" issued at the recent 50th Anniversary Convention.

Consideration of *total* stewardship is necessary because so much emphasis has been limited to the stewardship of property—the getting, giving, and using of money. Total stewardship has to do with the inner life of the believer—what one *is* as well as what one *has*. Stewardship of material things is only a portion of full Christian stewardship.

Tithing is only a part of our stewardship of giving. On the other hand, moral living alone does not meet the requirements of total stewardship. The rich young ruler could say, "All these things have I kept from my youth up," but Jesus said to him, "One thing thou lackest." He was to *give* as well as *live*. A part is never equal to the whole. The call is for stewardship living that will include the whole life. Self and substance will come under the rule of Christ.

## **TOTAL STEWARDSHIP CALLS FOR SURRENDER**

"Ye are not your own" (1 Corinthians 6:19). Yet many Christians act as though they were masters of their own destiny. No corner of one's life is exempt from this call to surrender. This is what makes total stewardship more difficult than a stewardship limited to the administration of material things.

Spiritual demonstrations are more difficult than physical. It is easier to kneel than it is to pray. It is easier to sing than it is to worship. It is easier to talk religion than it is to live it. It is easier to send a check to the church than to take the family to God's house and worship. It is easier to sign the church roll than it is to follow Christ as Lord. Total stewardship calls for the higher and harder things.

The Chinese have a character for "peace" which de-

picts a house roof with one woman under it. The character for "strife" is the same roof with two women under it. Where there is *one* purpose—that of complete surrender to Christ—there is peace and consequent power. Where there is inner division of loyalty and purpose, there is inward strife and consequent weakness.

With such a heart condition in mind, Jesus said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." These words were spoken to the Pharisees who were living compartmental lives. It was as though a certain room were set aside where the Pharisee might do as he liked, while in the rest of the house he was very orthodox in keeping the law. Christ went to the root of the matter. They could not keep the principles of His kingdom because there was a lack of total surrender. Note the manner in which He dealt with this inner strife:

1. Take heed and do not your alms with a divided motive of pleasing God and obtaining credit from men. Matthew 6:1.
2. You cannot pray to God and at the same time try to impress men with your religious act. Verse 5.
3. It is not possible to take advantage of both worlds and lay up treasures in two directions. Verse 19.
4. Do not try to serve two masters. You cannot divide your loyalty. Verse 24.
5. Be concerned about today only. Do not be anxious in two directions—today and tomorrow. Verse 34.
6. It is impossible to judge two lives—your own and that of another. Give attention to yourself. Matthew 7:1-5.

The closing statements of Christ's sermon point out that if one tries to live with a dual motive, he is like the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The end is failure and disappointment. The only remedy for this divided house of man's soul is to surrender himself in loving loyalty to the Divine Leader.

## **TOTAL STEWARDSHIP CALLS FOR SACRIFICE**

Now is the time for the entire church to consider the essentials of Christian living. There is an urgency for a revival of New Testament discipleship. More Christlike living and Christlike sacrificial service needs to be insisted upon as a standard for church membership. If there is no sense of personal responsibility for giving loyal support to the church and its mission in the world, church membership is empty and meaningless.

The cross must be borne by every follower. Not to become involved with the cross is to forfeit the claim



of discipleship. Christ makes this clear in Luke 14: 26-33: "Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, *cannot be my disciple*. . . . So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, *he cannot be my disciple*."

The story is told of the standard-bearer of a company of soldiers who advanced way ahead of the company in making an attack on the enemy forces. The captain called to him, "Bring the standard back to the company." The brave soldier replied, "Bring the company up to the standard."

Every weak, fearful, and unfaithful church member is requesting that the standard of Christian living be brought back to his level. The "Call to the Fellowship" is an earnest endeavor to bring the church up to the New Testament standard. It is an effort to safeguard the Assemblies of God fellowship against a downward pull. The world's needs can only be met by sacrificial living. It was through giving His life that the Lord Jesus brought blessing to the world. The appeal goes forth to every Assemblies of God believer to unreservedly enlist in the forward moving work of God; to make his life, in its entirety, serve Christ for the winning of the multitudes.

#### TOTAL STEWARDSHIP BRINGS SATISFACTION

Faithfulness in God's service is always rewarded. Abandoning one's life to Christ and the gospel brings satisfaction in this life and in the life to come. In this life, we have the assurance of being redeemed children of God in fellowship with an all-sufficient Saviour and the indwelling Holy Spirit. We have peace of heart and mind, and joy in doing the Lord's will. In the world to come, we have the promise of everlasting life with Christ and the manifold blessings of heaven.

God challenges men to test Him. When His will is obeyed in total stewardship, the windows of heaven are opened and God pours out such blessing there is not room to contain it (Malachi 3:10).

The man in the parable of the talents who gained five talents through an investment of his time and abilities, was entrusted with a much greater stewardship (Matthew 25:14-28). He was made ruler over many things in the kingdom of his lord. Take a look at the three enriching rewards granted this man:

1. Words of commendation—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (verse 21).
2. Compensation—"I will make thee ruler over many things" (verse 21).
3. Eternal companionship—"Enter thou into the joys of thy lord" (verse 21).

The reward of faithful stewardship is a commission to larger service and the joy that belongs with it. If the principles of total stewardship should be demonstrated in the lives of the members of our fellowship both at home and abroad, what do you think would happen? Would there be lack of workers, gaps to be filled, lack of money for missions, burdensome church debts, or inefficient church operation?

Answers to these questions must be left with the reader. It is hoped that there will be a general response from the fellowship to the call for total *stewardship living* and service. Only this will give us an adequate ministry for our space age—or any age.

#### MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

##### SOMEONE NEEDS YOUR LOVE

Dr. Karl Menninger, a great American psychiatrist, decided one day that many men and women in his sanitarium were there because love was missing in their lives.

He ordered his staff to show love in their everyday acts, even if it was just changing a light bulb in a patient's room. After six months of such an approach the average period of hospitalization was cut in half.

—ELLA MAY MILLER

##### SHE HAD A BODYGUARD

A little girl skipping down the street was being followed by a huge shaggy dog. She was serenely happy until, turning suddenly, she discovered the animal was behind her, and gave a frightened scream.

An older girl, walking some distance behind, saw the child's predicament and hurried to the rescue. Grasping her hand she walked along beside her and the little girl had no more fear. Having a companion made a difference. The Psalmist had a Companion who was bigger and stronger than he. He could say: "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4).

—GARNET SKILES

##### GOD'S WHOLLY HOLY DAY!

A little girl, trying to learn the Ten Commandments, was told by her mother to write them out. When she brought the result for inspection she had written, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it *wholly*."

The mother said, "Don't you know how to spell better than that? The word should be 'holy,' not 'wholly.'"

The grandmother who was sitting by said, "Maybe the child has not made a mistake. At least her idea of holy is preferable to that of many who think they keep the Lord's Day if they go to church in the morning and spend the rest of the day feasting, lounging, or pleasure-seeking."

—Unknown

##### TO WAIT IS NOT TO WASTE

"I will meet you when the sun is straight overhead," is one of the ways a Tibetan makes an appointment with his friend. In that land of the Himalayas the people do not like clocks. They believe life is too short to watch it "tick away."

If perchance to one the sun may seem to be directly overhead and to another it may not, it is of no matter either. The person who gets to the meeting place first considers himself fortunate and regards the time he must wait as an added dividend to living—a gift from the gods! It is something he can call his own—his time to meditate, to think, to plan, to enjoy the scenery, or just to recall some pleasant happening in the past!

Quiet contemplation will enrich one's life. Let us discover the wonderful secret of the Orientals and redeem each spare moment by putting it to good use, rather than waste it with fretting or impatience!

—KATHERINE BEVIS



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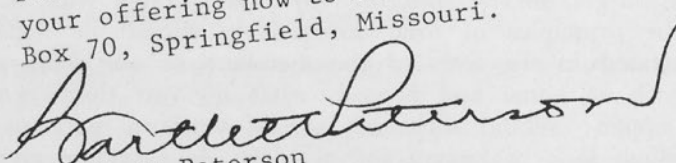
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THE FULL GOSPEL ON THE ABC RADIO NETWORK





# "Miracle Church" on Indian Reservation a Result of Prayer

Mission Church Doomed Until God Answered the Prayers of Revivaltime Prayer Partners

ON NOVEMBER 24, 1963, AROUND THE WORLD 36,362 Christian workers united their voices in fervent, specific prayer for some 22,000 special prayer requests which had been sent to the Radio Department. This was the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting, and the results are still being felt by Christians everywhere.

*Revivaltime* is still receiving letters from around the world praising God for His wonderful response to that united prayer effort.

A glorious testimony of God's wonder-working power recently reached us from Albert C. Holland, missionary to the Sioux Indians in Lower Brule, South Dakota. Brother Holland writes:

"We returned to Lower Brule July 3, 1963, and found that our church would have to be torn down.

"The Lower Brule Indian Reservation is located on the Missouri River near the site where the Army Corps of Engineers decided to put in a new dam for power and flood control. It was to be put in at what is called Big Bend and the dam was so named.

"This dam would cause a few problems: (1) it would completely flood the old town of Lower Brule, and (2) it would force us to move from our old church site since the church was located on or near the high water mark for the new lake to be formed.

"The government would, of course, pay for the land they flooded, and so the tribe decided to build a new town. It has been said that we now have one of the best organized towns of any Indian reservation community."

The strict building code of the new town of Lower Brule could not be met by the old church and it was necessary to tear it down. "We had no idea where the money would come from to build a new church," wrote Brother Holland.

Then began the long, complicated formalities of government procedure. As financial responsibility was passed from one government agency to the other, the church's hopes grew dim. The people's spirits sank lower and lower as time went by and they received no answer to the problem.

"Then in the fall of 1963," writes Brother Holland, "our district superintendent, S. Harland Petersen, attended General Council and met a pastor from California. The pastor told him that his church helped build a new church on some mission field every year.

"They discussed the possibility of helping us at Lower Brule, but some time passed and there was no official confirmation."

In desperation, the church sent a request to *Revivaltime's* World Prayermeeting to pray for a solution to the situation.

"We had applied to Speed-the-Light for a new car in the late summer or early fall of 1963, as the frequent breakdowns were forcing me to miss services. After many days, we gave up hope for Speed-the-Light to meet our need since they were presented with so many requests.

"After the World Prayermeeting—the very next day—there was a check in the post office at Chamberlain, South Dakota. It was a check for \$1,500 from Speed-the-Light. I had already determined to get a new car and had signed the papers, trusting the Lord to bring in enough each month to make the payments. But He did better than I expected—He brought in almost all the money in one lump sum! Praise the Lord!"

Brother Holland continues:

"Shortly after we received the check from Speed-the-Light, we were informed that the church in California had committed itself to helping finance a new church at Lower Brule and was sending us \$4,000!

"Then the Army Corps of Engineers assumed their responsibility by granting us \$1,700 for our old building, which was practically worthless.

"We feel that these were definite answers to prayer and that this World Prayermeeting is a God-send. We still lack some funds for the new church, but God is able to meet this need also. The Lord bless the prayer partners of *Revivaltime*!"

Isn't it amazing how the Lord meets our needs when we join together in prayer believing? Our hearts are flooded with joy when we hear of the myriad ways our Saviour is working today. So many letters reach us thanking God for the anointed ministry of *Revivaltime*.

We hope that letters such as Brother Holland's thrill your heart also. For this is *your broadcast*—supported by Christians like you, and owned and blessed of God.

As you continue to give faithfully to *Revivaltime*, please pray with us that we will see a greater move of God than ever before, that the world will hear of Christ through our broadcasting ministry.



Standing in front of the old church building at Lower Brule, South Dakota, members of the congregation surround the new Speed-the-Light automobile, the first in a series of miracles at Lower Brule that followed the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting.



# Confessing Christ

BY C. M. WARD

## *Should a Revival Meeting Be Less Exciting Than a Political Convention?*

EVERY FOUR YEARS AMERICANS INDULGE IN NATIONAL political conventions, inherent to our two-party system. It becomes a time of soul searching. Democrats confess that they are Democrats. Republicans testify that they are Republicans. *It is all very vocal, uninhibited and fervent.*

I do not think anything less is required in our confession of Christ. *The very essence of confession is that it is public.*

*"Jesus, and shall it ever be  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine through endless days?  
Ashamed of Jesus, I never, I never will be;  
For Jesus, my Saviour, is not ashamed of me."*

Isaac Watts wrote the memorable lyric better than a century ago:

*"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord  
Nor to defend His cause;  
Maintain the honors of His word,  
The glory of His cross."*

Jesus Christ demands this acknowledgment. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me *before men*, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:33, 34).

The emphasis is "before men." The unforgivable sin in either party is "to take a walk," to repudiate the party label publicly, or turn one's back on the candidate.

The New Testament makes this condition of salvation very plain. "If we deny him, he also will deny us."

### BOLD

The attitude of "I do not care who knows it" prevails at these conventions. Buttons, streamers, gimmicks all say, "Look at me! I am proud to say *I am one of them.*" That is confession of faith.

Confession is *against* as well as *for*. These conventions are not places for the timid or sensitive. You come to name the victor and oppose the adversary. Every Democrat is poison to the Republicans, and every Republican is a nasty person to the Democrats.

Lines are sharply drawn. There is no fraternizing. Even the President of the United States is not invited to speak at the convention of the party out of power. Nor does the President send greetings or express a wish for their success at the party convention.

*No one can serve both camps.* You are either in or out. *Confession involves such finality.* Jesus said: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

The apostle said, "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-christ (1 John 4:2, 3).

*You cannot love Jesus and be at peace with the devil.* Tag him for what he is—your enemy. He is out to overthrow you, to take your privileges away from you, to sit in the place of administration. He does not care what names he calls you—drunkard, call girl, mobster, cheat, pimp, hoodlum, delinquent, addict, bum! *He has a catalogue of epithets to throw at you.*

Name your opponents—the world, the flesh, and the devil. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. *Resist the devil*, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Resisting the devil is not something that is passive. It is active. Move to the offensive! "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (John 2:15). Confession of Christ says, "I am against you, devil, and all that you stand for."

### ENTHUSIASTIC

Manifestation and demonstration are involved in confession. You get carried away. It pours out of you. There is no holding back.



Sometimes these conventions break into bedlam. Bands play. Delegates march. Everyone is shouting at once. *The person who sits unmoved does not belong.* That person is as obvious and marked as a coyote among sheep.

It is not enough to feel in some secret recess of your life that you are for the candidate. *You must say so enthusiastically.* The spirit is, "I do not care who sees me. I want everybody to know it." So you break loose. It sweeps over you. Someone has captured your heart.

New Testament religion is like that, mister. You cannot hide it. You do not want to hide it. "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother" (1 John 3:10).

*It takes more than a registration and a membership card.* It did not take long to identify Paul. He let folk know where he stood the moment he got to town. He testifies: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Paul loved to *demonstrate* the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. Whether it was a jail break in Philippi, a beach-head on Crete, a riot in Ephesus, or a deliverance in Rome, Paul was up front and center, leading the cause of Jesus Christ. There were no apologies. It was front-page news. Everyone knew the believers were in town.

What about you, my friend? Has it gripped you like that? Do you not want to talk about it? The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10). You have to *confess with your mouth.* You have to declare yourself.

#### OPTIMISTIC

Confession implies faith. *These conventions are not gatherings of pessimists.* Every speaker is going to put his or her candidate in the White House, and fill every governor's chair and every sheriff's office with members of his or her party.

*To hear them speak there is not a doubt about it.* They are already elected and installed as far as the speakers are concerned. No odds are too great. No polls are too conclusive. No records are too forbidding. *Every speaker announces publicly that he or she is on the winning side.* Doubters are ostracized. Anyone who questions the outcome is quarantined. It is a wonderful, heady atmosphere of "all things are possible."

Jesus asked His cowering, whimpering followers one time, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40).

If you cannot say it—if you entertain one doubt that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is in the least degree anything less than the Only Begotten Son of God—you do not belong.

Philip put that test to a very powerful politician who wanted water baptism. He said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). *That man was convinced.* "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

*If you are saved, you will talk faith.* Never forget it! "By grace are ye saved, through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). Jesus Christ will be your all in all. You will not present Him as an also-ran, a postscript of history. You will acclaim Him Lord of your life and Master of your affections. Your attitude will be that of the writer to the Hebrews: "Now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus" (Hebrews 2:8,9).

#### JUBILANT

Conventions are clothed in an atmosphere of victory. Everyone talks victory. Everyone thinks victory. *Everyone acts victory.*

How could these same people possibly turn around and criticize a revival meeting? Flags fly. Trumpets blare. Sleep vanishes. The enemy is driven out of Cuba and South Viet Nam. The national budget is balanced again. There is full employment. The Constitution is defended so stoutly. Thousands are stirred. You see it on the delegates' faces. There is a ring to their voices. A pride of bearing marks their dedication to the cause at hand. *Nothing could be accomplished without it.*

Are you prepared to make any lesser confession about Christ? Saul of Tarsus was not. He said, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Your candidate cannot fail. He has made that pledge to us. He has said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

Salvation is *victory*, sir!

*"Hallelujah, what a thought!  
Jesus full salvation bought,  
Victory, victory!  
Let the powers of sin assail,  
Heaven's grace can never fail,  
Victory, victory!"*

Proclaim His victory over every problem. Do you have a gnawing deficit in your life? *Affirm Christ's ability to meet that need.* "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). Believe it! Shout His praises.

Are you writhing in condemnation and failure? Cast your unqualified vote for Jesus Christ. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

#### COMMITTED

Finally, it all comes down to *the roll call.* Everything else is contributory. The noise, the excitement, the pageantry, the talk, the association are all a part of it. These colorful, enormous conventions capture the imagination of our nation.

But eventually they reach a sobering moment. The din ceases. The tumult and the shouting fades. The preliminaries are finished. The speeches are concluded. Time has run out. The moment of truth has arrived and *the count begins.* Each must answer to his or her conscience, and to his or her commitment. The choice is final.

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# What Your Child Reads

By F. HELEN JARVIS



## Take the initiative early if you care—

"MOMMY, READ ME A STORY," CHANTED LITTLE ANN. "Read *my* book," and she lifted her treasured ABC Bible storybook for them to see.

Ann was fortunate to be learning early the delights of reading. And her parents were wise enough to begin early to select the kind of reading material they knew would help her later on.

They had begun the habit of reading to Ann when she was a toddler, and it was paying off in several ways. There was a closeness that came from sharing thoughts as they read together. Every new book was new territory to explore together, and every old book became a treasured, familiar friend.

For Ann and her parents, reading was a pleasure, but it also was something more. It helped to establish mental, emotional, and spiritual communication between parents and child. Ann's parents, like many other Christian parents, were determined that the power of the printed page should be used for good in influencing the mind of their child.

As Ann grows older and begins to select her own books, she will be able to find her way in the world of good literature.

Experience has shown that with early and thoughtful direction, good books are an excellent antidote to excessive TV interests and the allurements of the "unfunny funnies."

It is important that good reading habits be nurtured in the young child if he is to have them later when he can make his own choices. Too soon he will have free access to the flood of filthy and unwholesome literature, attractively displayed at bargain prices in an open bid for his interest. It is not enough to warn of the dangers of trash peddled in the name of literature. It is not even enough to sign a petition to have it removed from local newsstands. We must begin early to give our children good books. Before they are old enough to explore the cheap, let them learn to enjoy the good. Start early with their library and adapt it as they grow in perception.

For your little ones, those little ABC Bible storybooks *are* worthwhile! Some have received their first impressions of the Lord Jesus through these little books. Through well-told Bible stories, a child may learn basic concepts of Christian living.

As they grow older, most boys like adventure, sport, and animal stories. For cultural concepts of the world about them, and interesting information to store away in their inquiring minds, give them books with geographical and historical settings. These need not be dull. Your little hero-worshiper will enjoy a well-written biography, and there are many slanted for children.

Good fiction has a place in developing the imagination of the child, and it contributes to his general understanding of the world about him. But you should know what he is reading. Knowing who wrote the book may be sufficient. Otherwise, find out about the book. Does the story give him some insight into life's problems and does it increase a zest for wholesome living?

The normal child enjoys both fantasy and reality, and usually he is able to distinguish between the two. Fiction helps him in this.

There is a place for both secular and religious books in the development of good reading habits in our children. An hour or two spent in the children's section of the public library will net a gold mine of ideas on secular books for children. Many of today's educational books are so well written and beautifully illustrated that children enjoy them as much as any other kind of reading. The world is a fascinating place to them, and they should be encouraged to explore it in many directions. Books are a good beginning.

Your child's schoolteacher can make helpful suggestions as to good books of interest to his age-group. But you will want to be sure your child has access to religious books too. In fact, here is where you must take initiative, for he will find it much easier to obtain secular books than religious ones.

If your church has a library, encourage him to use it. Cooperate with him in the matter of checking out and returning books. The hours will probably be much more limited than at the public library.



The Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, devotes a number of pages in its general catalog to descriptions of children's books, and these are classified according to age-groups.

Especially recommended are the Basic Bible Readers, an excellent series of five books which is now available (up to and including grade 5) from the Gospel Publishing House. For further information about these, write to Donald F. Johns, Book Editor, at the Gospel Publishing House address. As the children grow older there are good biographies of great Christians, helpful books on teen problems, thrilling missionary stories, and wholesome fiction awaiting them.

When a new book is secured for the home library or for one of the children, make an occasion of it. Select a time when at least a chapter of the new book may be read when the family is together. Of course, daily Bible reading is a hallmark of the Christian home, but good Christian books have a place too in family reading.

Often as a parent reads aloud, he becomes an unconscious interpreter of what is read, instilling in the children right concepts, high ideals, and moral values.

Christian parent, do not be content to let chance mold your child's reading habits. Modern social trends, ungodly philosophies, and easy access to harmful reading matter make it imperative that you screen the books and magazines that come into your home.

The best antidote to bad reading is good reading. Do not be slack—take the initiative and be selective! "Give attendance to reading!"

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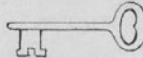

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Jude 21



# Dedicating the Temple

Sunday School Lesson for September 6, 1964

EZRA 6:16-22; ROMANS 12:1, 2

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our previous lesson described how the building of the temple was begun again after 16 years of delay. Adversaries were on hand as usual to hinder the work if they could. The right of the Jews to resume their work was challenged. And when the Jews replied that Cyrus, the former king of Persia, had given them authority to build, their unbelieving enemies wrote to Darius, who was now king, and asked if the Jewish claims were true.

When Darius investigated he found the Jewish claims were valid, and wrote to Judah's adversaries saying: "Let the work of this house of God alone!" Not only so, he also decreed that money from his own treasury be given to assist the Jews, that supplies be given them for their temple services and sacrifices, and that any who dared to hinder their work or disobey his decree should be hanged on a scaffold made from timbers of his own house! Thus the purposes of Satan and his tools were overruled! (See Ezra 5:1 to 6:13.)

PROSPERED IN BUILDING (Ezra 6:14, 15)

"And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai... and Zechariah.... And this house was finished... in the sixth year of... Darius the king." Consider the following secrets of successful building for God:

1. *Building According to God's Will.* "And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel." A great deal of time, energy, talent, and money is wasted in religious work which was never authorized by God. If such work is not God-ordained it cannot be God-anointed. And if it is not God-anointed it is powerless to produce spiritual results. To know that God *wills* a work is to be sure that God will empower us to do it!

2. *Inspired and Timely Preaching.* Inspired preaching gives the proper direction, spirit, and motivation to that which needs to be done. Timely preaching shows what needs to be done. Thus Haggai and Zechariah were used in rebuilding the spiritual character of the people as well as in building the material temple.

3. *Wholehearted Obedience.* Though the preachers did the stirring, it was the people who did the work. In building the kingdom of God both preachers and laymen are needed. Neither can do without the other. We do well to recognize that the Holy Spirit enables some to lead and others to follow. All work done for the glory of God is spiritual work and necessary to the building of God's kingdom.

THANKFUL IN GIVING (Ezra 6:16-18)

"And the children of Israel... kept the dedication of this house of God with joy... and offered... an hun-



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dred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; . . . a sin offering for all Israel." The offerings given by the people were small in comparison with those given at the dedication of Solomon's temple. However, the people in Solomon's day were much better off materially, and God judges our giving not by how much we give but by what we have left! He also judges by the spirit of the giver.

#### JOYFUL IN DEDICATION (Ezra 6:19-22)

The manner in which these Jews kept their sacred Passover suggests the manner in which we should worship the Lord! Observe:

1. The leaders themselves were spiritually prepared. "For the priests and the Levites were purified together." This is as it should be. We can hardly lead others higher than we ourselves have gone.

2. The people had consecrated themselves. "And all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land . . . did eat." These words undoubtedly refer to converts to Judaism from heathenism who had forsaken their false gods and evil ways.

3. The second portion of our text (Romans 12:1, 2) contains Paul's plea to New Testament believers to present themselves and all their faculties unto the Lord in entire consecration. Paul's plea is based on the truth that each individual believer is a spiritual temple indwelt by Christ and the Holy Spirit, and as such is to be wholly dedicated to Christ and His service. The Old Testament temple is thus a type of the New Testament church corporately and of each believer individually.

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Visiting minister Glen Johnson (left) from Indiana assists at baptismal service in Peruvian jungle.

# Jungle Seed

BY C. A. HAUN, MISSIONARY TO PERU

"KILL HIM!"

"No, I will not."

"If you do not kill him, I will kill him myself. Then I will kill you!"

"All right, I will kill him."

And so he did. Then he returned to kill the one who had given him the murderous command. These killings recently took place among the fiercest people in Peru. They are a tribe at the headwaters of the Amazon, in headhunting territory.

Several years ago an Assemblies of God national preacher contacted this tribe—the first and only one to carry the gospel to them. While on his second trip, via the river, his motor failed and he was unable to reach the Indians at the appointed time. According to their culture, a man who fails to keep his word is a liar. On this basis our worker was refused entrance when he finally managed to return to the tribe.

Now a series of recent killings has brought about a change in chieftain-

ship. The new chief is so interested in the gospel he even made a trip to Iquitos, hunting for our worker. Chief Ahuanari returned to his tribe with a promise that someone would come. The fulfilling of this promise is now my responsibility—and yours!

We are looking to Speed-the-Light for help in getting a boat capable of long river journeys for this and other opportunities. We have an invitation to contact a tribe four days from Iquitos which is entirely without the gospel. Some of its people have had outside contact with Christianity, but no one has yet carried it to them. It will be expensive to initiate these works. Is it worth it? To answer this, let us see just how this jungle ministry works.

Iquitos is a jungle city of more than 60,000 people. When we arrived in November, 1963, the local congregation had been without a pastor for almost four years, so there were few

people left. But by now the church is filled.

In January, 1964, we began river work with a visit to a jungle church our former worker had established. We found some still faithful. Now this church is also filled.

We were then urged to visit the next jungle town up the river. On this visit five young men were saved. When we had our first service, two more men were saved, including the governor of the town. In the second service seven were saved. Four have requested and received water baptism.

Young men are interested in spreading the gospel. I give them literature; they get it out, witnessing for Christ. And I am trying to train them as they go along.

The converts wanted to take the gospel farther up the river to San Antonio, so we planned a small-scale literature invasion. I had no literature to use, but our good Baptist friends helped us with enough for the job.



Two eager workers went with me to San Antonio. We covered this jungle village of about 400 souls with literature. Then we held our first service for a small crowd in the schoolhouse. Fifteen adults were saved! Again, one was the town governor. He with other young men are now zealous for Christ, and studying the Bible.

A few weeks ago a man from Baradero, a jungle town up the river from San Antonio, came to our home here in Iquitos to give his heart to Christ. He wants a church in Baradero. How can I say no? I cannot.

The work is not easy. I have sometimes gone for days with only enough food to keep body and spirit together. I have walked jungle trails, weakened by lack of food. I have been soaked with tropical rains, then chilled through to the bone. I have tried to sleep where mosquitos made it impossible, where death drums beat all night. Bats with two-foot wing spreads fly nearby. For breakfast I am sometimes served fried rat. I eat it.

Any missionary, any gospel worker worth his salt is consumed by the burden, by the zeal of the work of God. Unless he receives an abundance of help, both divine and human, he soon wears out.

We are looking forward to receiving soon the help of two graduates from the Bible school in Lima, Peru. The more help we get, whether from here or from home, the more soul-hungry Indians may hear of God's saving grace.

Before long we plan a trip to the headhunting territory I first mentioned. We expect to sow seed with the written word, then harvest it with the spoken word as we did in San Antonio. Light-for-the-Lost has undertaken to help us by supplying literature. (This particular project has been undertaken by the Southern California Men's Fellowship.) Victory in this effort will be possible only by prayer and support from you, our partners at home. Your dedication sends the gospel even to the deepest jungle.

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This sturdy river "bus" is similar to the boat Speed-the-Light will provide for river evangelism.



Missionary Haun hands workers some literature for distribution in San Antonio village.



Worker hands literature into a village home.

Christian villagers join for worship at primitive meeting place.



# Her Music Ministers to Millions

*As Margot Zilch meditates on the Word of her Lord, the Scriptures are illuminated to her heart and beautiful songs are born.*

MARGOT ZILCH HAS WRITTEN SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL songs that have been given to the Church in the past few years—and yet, when she was six years old, her teachers said she never would have any musical talent!

Mrs. Zilch, wife of Pastor Ernie Zilch (Riverside Assembly of God, Jacksonville, Fla.) has written both words and music of such songs as "Thou Remainest," "My Home Is God," and "Except as a Child." Her piano playing and song writing, she says, is a "gift I received after I became a Christian."

Her mother, desiring that her little girl be given a musical education, took her to the Toronto Conservatory of Music (Toronto, Canada) and enrolled her in a class. After some time the school informed her she was "wasting" her time. "The girl will never have any musical talent," they said.

They had tried every way, even to marching six-year-old Margot around in a circle with others marching to music, but she could not even keep time.

"It was quite a disappointment to my mother," she says, "but one she had to accept."

However, two years later Margot and her mother were converted, and shortly afterwards both received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. From that time on she began to finger out little tunes on the piano, and by the time Margot was 12 years old she was playing for services in her home church, Danforth Gospel Tabernacle in Toronto.

"I have often thanked God for the kindness and patience of my two pastors, George B. Griffin and the late C. B. Smith, who had faith in my experience (or inexperience!) and bore with me, probably in spite of much criticism, when I made mistakes," she says.

By this time she was beginning to realize she was not merely playing hymns by ear, but had an increasing ability to read music, know harmony and chords, and write music, too, in spite of the fact she had no training.

Calls started coming from other churches to accompany guest artists in appearances if the music was too difficult for the pianist they had. She accompanied artists such as Professor Bjornstad, Einar Waermo, Rose Arzoomanian.

"Youth for Christ was beginning at this time in Toronto, and I was chosen to play the twin grand pianos with Tedd Smith, who is now pianist with Dr. Billy Graham. We played every Saturday night to crowds of 3,000 for two years, and when Tedd Smith left Toronto to join the Graham team I assumed his duties as Director of Music for Toronto Youth for Christ. During this period

I played for large rallies 18,000 strong, conducted by Dr. Charles E. Fuller, Dr. Billy Graham, Stuart Hamblen, and others.

"All this time I was still pianist for my own local church, and was approached by the Musical Director of the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College (now at Peterborough, Ontario) to write the theme music for their graduation exercises. This was a new step for me, a venture in faith, but the Lord gave me the music and words, sometimes waking me in the small hours of the morning. Each year for four years I wrote the graduation song for the Bible College, also getting requests for theme choruses for conventions.

But with each gift we receive there come tests. Margot was tempted to use this God-given ability in avenues other than gospel service. During her high-school years she had many invitations to play for dances, at summer resorts and other places. As the desire to "belong" and to be "accepted" is inherent in every young person, these opportunities tempted her. There were many miserable times when she knew she could not continue serving God and also use His gift for worldly purposes. But the Lord was faithful to sustain His handmaiden and to direct her feet in His paths.

Until about three years ago Mrs. Zilch was doing little original composing; she was too busy playing the piano and writing ensemble and choir arrangements. Her love for the Bible moved her to meditate on it and verse after verse became illuminated to her. As it was made real, she set these words to music. In this way beautiful songs have been born.

Last year six of her numbers were sung by Miss N. McCracken at the Women's Division of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington. Two were written espe-



Pastor and Mrs. Ernie Zilch and sons

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cially for that occasion—"There Is a Path," a song elevating the wisdom of God, and "The Sun Also Rises," which proved prophetic in the tragic events which were to follow, including the assassination of Pres. Kennedy.

Sometimes a song is prompted by a sermon preached by her husband. The last two verses of the song, "He Is God," came forth in prophecy during one of his sermons.

"A Temple unto God" was written for the dedication of a new sanctuary.

One of her best-loved songs is "Thou Remainest," heard by millions on the *Revivaltime* broadcast. Her music finds its source in the ever-living Word of God. From this limitless source the songs flow on and on.

The Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House is delighted to publish songs like those of Margot Zilch which exalt the Lord Jesus and the power of His Word.

One of her pieces was written with her two little boys and husband in mind. The first verse goes like this:

*"I looked in the face of a child,  
What beauty beyond compare,  
His eyes that speak of love  
So fresh from heaven above,  
Who to his father runs  
With sorrows too hard to bear;  
I looked in the face of a child  
And closed my eyes in prayer."*

The chorus says:

*"Except I become as a child,  
Pure and undefiled  
By doubt and fears and care,  
I shall not enter there.  
Give me the faith of a child  
And heaven is in my hand."*

## CONFESSING CHRIST

*(Continued from page thirteen)*

The record cannot be changed. There is no further time to think. *What is done is done!*

Confession means all of that. It is more than flag waving at an opportune moment. It is more than talk and argument. It is bigger than conformity.

You can be a fellow-traveler just so long. You can tag along. Others can take for granted that you are committed. You can love the thrill and clash. You can march and counter-march. *But have you made up your mind?*

Are you ready for the roll call? Are you prepared to stand up and be counted? That moment is ahead for each of us. *Confession demands conviction.* Ask now, "Is my name written there?"

*"When the trumpet of the Lord  
shall sound,  
And time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal,  
bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall  
gather  
Over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there."*



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Are the new birth and the baptism with the Holy Spirit the same?*

In the new birth the life is renewed and cleansed. In the baptism with the Spirit the renewed life is filled with the Spirit.

*Is there a difference between the new birth and regeneration?*

I do not see any difference. In the new birth the life of God is imparted by the Holy Spirit. Man becomes spiritually alive. Regeneration is the result—generating a new and spiritual life. In the new birth, or regeneration, a believer becomes "a new creature" in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).

*We have a good pastor, but he never prays when he makes a call, even on the sick. What can we do about it?*

Next time the pastor calls, if he does not offer to pray, ask him to pray with you before he goes. It will be a gentle reminder to him. Some become so occupied with the task of meeting many needs they seem to forget that their greatest ministry is to bring spiritual help to the souls of their people.

*Was the prayer of Jesus for His tormenters answered in their forgiveness and salvation when He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"?*

We have no record that His accusers repented and accepted Him as Saviour and Lord. His prayer was an expression of His own attitude toward them. When Stephen was stoned, he prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:60). The spirit of forgiveness and the desire to help is the spirit of Christ, but there must be a response on the part of the sinner before he receives the benefit of Christ's willingness to save. Christ died for all, but only those who appropriate His atonement will benefit by His sacrifice.

*What is meant by the prophecy that the moon will be turned to blood (Acts 2:20; Revelation 6:12)? Will man have to arrive on the moon to cause it to be turned into blood?*

The passages mentioned have no connection with man's getting to the moon. I believe it is the appearance of the moon rather than an actual change in the moon that is meant.

The sun is also described as becoming "black as sackcloth of hair," which may result from a total eclipse. Were the sun literally to become black as sackcloth, it would no longer be the great light bearer. Perhaps we should look upon these phenomena as typical rather than literal.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

# New Churches in Three Districts Give Inspiring Reports



Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Jones pose in front of their new church at Phoenix, Ariz. Since the picture, the people decided to change the name to Flowing Wells Assembly of God.



This attractive new church in Indianola, Miss., houses a two-year-old congregation.



Family of A. L. Wolfe, pastor at Indianola, Miss.

## TUCSON, ARIZONA

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY, TUCSON, ARIZ., HAS MOTHERED ANOTHER church! In 18 short months the "baby" has grown from a Sunday school of 13 to a thriving Assembly averaging 130.

Flowing Wells Assembly (originally called Mountain View Assembly) began in a rented building. Three months later with the support of Spencer A. Weddle, then pastor of Central Assembly, and the district officials, the church was enabled to purchase a church building and property approximately 300 by 300 feet. The building is located on Flowing Wells Road in the Flowing Wells school district.

Since moving to its new location in February, 1963, the congregation has grown rapidly. In April they added two new Sunday school rooms and in September began a new Sunday school unit. In February, 1964, they remodeled the auditorium and purchased new seats. Because of continued growth, the church is already making plans for a new building.

The church owes its existence and progress to the full cooperation of all the Assemblies of God churches in the Tucson area, as well as to Central Assembly. The prayers, good will and material help extended by all these Assemblies have resulted in a continuous and healthy growth. Virgil L. Jones, pastor of the new church, says he expects the story of his church to be repeated many times when other churches likewise become burdened to start a new work.

## INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI

SPONSORED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT AND THE LOCAL section, an attractive new brick church has been erected in Indianola, Miss.

A. L. Wolfe started services in Indianola in a portable tabernacle July 1, 1962, with about 31 people present, including six out-of-town helpers.

Churches of the district and the section provided finances and donated labor for the new church. The new building is 34 by 60 feet, having an office and pastor's study, a nursery, rest rooms, and two classrooms. The auditorium will seat 175.

J. C. Burks, then District Superintendent, was the dedication speaker July 28, 1963. Attendance is increasing and several have been saved and filled with the Spirit since the church moved into the new building.

Indianola, with a population of 8,000, presents a great challenge for full-gospel ministry. Two large plants—Ludlow, and Modern Line Products (the largest wholesale grocery business in the South)—provide employment for many people. The community is expanding quite rapidly.

## PINEVILLE, MISSOURI

UP TO TWO YEARS AGO, NOEL, MISSOURI, HAD THE ONLY Assemblies of God church in the entire county. In June, 1962, the C. C. Thompsons began a pioneer work in Pineville, Mo., feeling God's leading to build a church there. God has blessed the effort. Several have been saved and filled with the Spirit. A number have been healed. The Sunday school attendance has reached 50.

The congregation purchased a choice lot and the new church building is nearing completion. The lot has been



landscaped. James Griggs, district secretary-treasurer, Jess Snider, pastor at Noel, and Daniel Branham, pastor at Neosho, attended the ground-breaking service.

The little congregation is joyously anticipating the day in early fall when they can dedicate the new building.

# Flying in Alaska

By KENNETH ANDRUS  
McGrath, Alaska

FIRST, LET US THANK EACH ONE OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED to the fund for new radio equipment for our plane. Let me tell you something of what this equipment means to us.

When we take off, we always leave a "flight plan" with someone. This briefly specifies the route to be followed and the destination, with planned arrival time or time of return. If for any reason the plane does not arrive as scheduled an air search is organized immediately, and many planes may join in the search until the missing plane is located or all search areas are exhausted.

The areas we fly over are so great in unpopulated expanse that, at least in winter, survival after being forced down is almost more critical than the forced landing. Sometimes the most experienced "bush pilots" become lost in a snowstorm and have to land somewhere until the weather improves. If the plane is equipped with radio capable of transmitting long distances, the pilot simply calls in and explains his difficulty.

Since first learning to fly at Fort Yukon, Alaska, in 1945, I have had several such experiences. Much of my earlier flying was without any radio and later with a radio capable of transmitting relatively short distances.



Ken Andrus stands by his Piper Cub plane.

Several times Sister Andrus has waited long hours when I was overdue on a flight. More than once, two long nights and a day have passed without any word, and only her faith that I was in God's hands sustained her. While Sister Andrus endures these hours, I may be comfortable in a cabin; or, as on one occasion, sleeping out in the open with the temperature 35 below; but in any case unable to advise that I was safe and would be home when the weather cleared.

So you can imagine how much this fine radio is going to mean to both of us.

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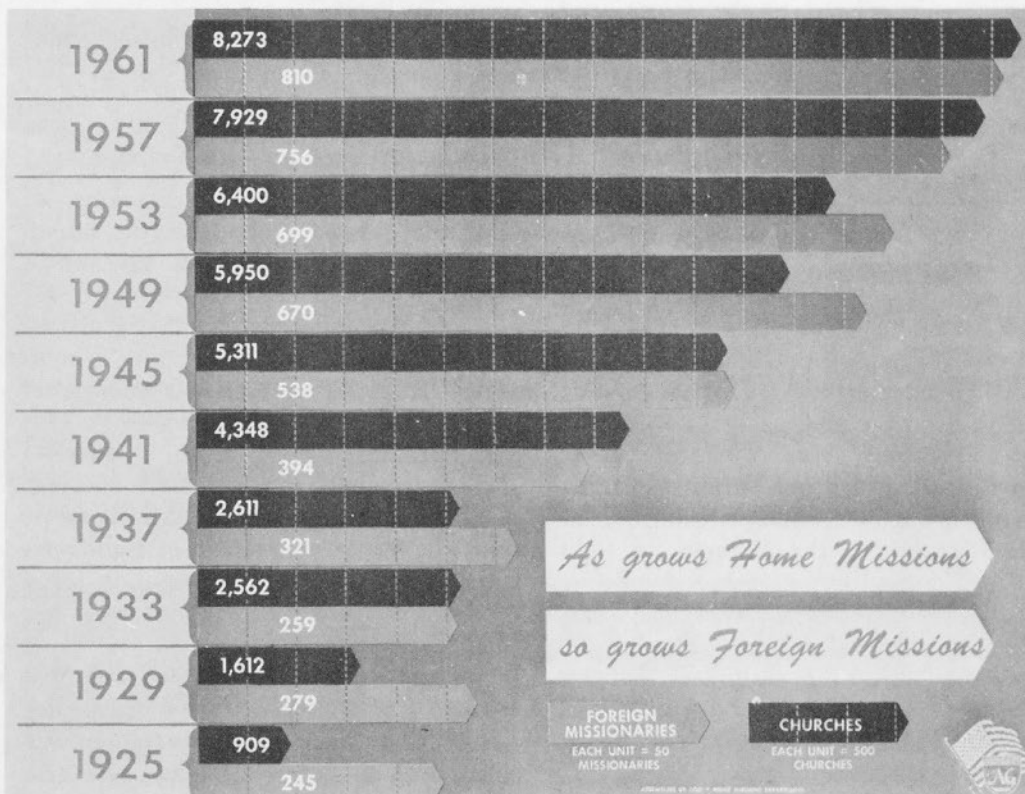
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## Our Foreign Missions Program Expands as Our Home Churches Continue Multiplying

The Home Missions Department has compared the growth of the Foreign Missions program of the Assemblies of God with the increase in the number of U. S. churches from 1925 through 1961. The graph is based on a ratio (for comparison purposes only) of one foreign missionary to every 10 churches in the U.S.

The totals are given in four-year intervals. What will be the growth by December 31, 1965?

An attractive 20- by 26-inch, two-color poster of this graph is available free upon request from the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



# How to Get Light and Gladness

BY GEORGE STORMONT

SOUR-FACED CHRISTIANS ARE A CONTRADICTION in terms! But all too frequently they move among us, miserable in themselves, creating an atmosphere of gloom, and discrediting the Good News of Jesus Christ. The trouble is that so many people become unhappy in the very pursuit of happiness. They seek for happiness, and cannot find it, simply because happiness does not exist alone. It is always the by-product of something else, something outside ourselves. That is the message of Psalm 97:11, "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

In the first verse the Psalmist calls on the earth to rejoice, the multitude of the isles to be glad; yet he follows it immediately with the revelation that clouds and darkness surround God, and that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. Then in verse 10 he challenges the saints, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." It is in this context that verse 11 is set. Joy is offered to the saints, and indeed is required of them, but it is joy on the basis of righteousness, first God's righteousness, and then that righteousness shared by those who love Him. Only thus can joy be found.

The thought is confirmed in the imagery of verse 11. "Light is sown . . . and gladness." The thing sown seems far removed from the thing we are after. Paul talks about "bare grain." How dull and unattractive the seed in comparison with the glowing pictures on the seed packets! And even that dull seed has to be buried, to be hidden away, until from its heart there springs a life larger and lovelier than itself. So the harvest of light and gladness can be gathered only by those who are prepared to lose sight of it, to bury it in righteousness.

Hosea adds his testimony to this truth, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy" (Hosea 10:12). Righteousness comes first. Paul

observes the same order, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). In the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes—"rules for happy living," they have been called—are based clearly on a righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, and that of the law. Righteousness must come first. Light is sown for the righteous.

The supreme illustration is our Lord Himself "who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2). For Him there was not joy first, but righteousness. Obedience to the will of God; following the path of truth and holiness at all costs; persecution, rejection, death and burial: all this He willingly chose, knowing that only thus could He, and all who should believe on Him, experience the eternal joy. "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

We must make our choice, either "the pursuit of happiness," or to "follow after righteousness." At first sight the former is the more attractive. It offers quick results. For the believer the immediate sensations of spiritual ecstasy, and for the unbeliever "the pleasures of sin for a season," would seem much more desirable. On the other hand, righteousness seems drab, unattractive, repressive. It seems to deny freedom and beauty, to turn the world grey. But the unchanging principle is there—"Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy." "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

Having made our choice, we must attend to the sowing. The Lord makes clear in the Parable of the Sower that the condition of the soil has

much to do with the results of the sowing. "That on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). Maybe we lack joy, or have lost it, because the soil of our hearts has become trodden down with the traffic of the world, or robbed of vitality by the stones of indifference, or choked with the thorns of anxiety or materialism. If so, then hear Hosea, "Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." Alan Redpath has well said, "God will never plant the seed of His life upon the soil of a hard, unbroken spirit. He will only plant that seed where the conviction of His Spirit has brought brokenness, where the soil has been watered with the tears of repentance."

Get alone with God, and go through with Him in wholehearted and maintained consecration. Get right in the matter of your prayer life; your reading of the Word of God; your worship, witness and Christian service; your relationship to God, man and the things of the Spirit. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." Then the harvest will be sure.

And what a harvest! Back to Psalm 97:11, which says, "Light is sown . . . and gladness." Light speaks of radiance, glory, purity, illumination, understanding. Gladness speaks of exuberant delight in the presence, purposes, and power of God. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11). Here is the joy of pardon, of peace, of belonging, of fellowship, of worship and of service. But the harvest only follows the sowing. We must "sow in righteousness" if we would "reap in mercy."

"Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."



THERE IS A LONELINESS OF OLD AGE that no philosophy can obviate. Even the wise, persistent learning of avocations and hobbies and all the inner resources of heart and mind can never do away with much of the loneliness of old age. In our country, through no fault of their own, there are millions of people cut off from participation in the big tasks and movements of the world and doomed to suffer from sheer loneliness due to loss of their jobs and isolation from their fellows.

Frankly, I am one of the "lonely aged," and I know the reaction of the good woman who expressed warm thanks for the dinner brought to her, but who sent back the message: "Tell the good women, 'Thank you for your kindness, but it's people I want even more than good things to eat!'"

A widow of a minister, who is in her eighties, has written: "I was a great visitor up to 80, when I could no longer walk much. I had been very active in the missionary groups of my church and taught in nearly all departments of the Sunday school. Now a shut-in for years, I hunger for people; yet literally weeks pass when no one from my church comes to see me, and days with no one even ringing my phone for a friendly word. It's a red-letter day when my pastor comes in for five minutes, reads a verse or two from the Bible, and offers a prayer; but with so many others to visit, he can get to me only once in several months. And that's a long time to wait!"

I know precisely that feeling. One day my doorbell rang, and an honored college professor came in. I said joyfully: "Well, well! I wish you'd tell me why you came to see me?" We had been warm friends for years, and I had been in to see him often and always pressed him to come to see me. At last after 20 years he had come! He replied to my half-jocular question: "Well, I always have meant to come, and at last I just decided I would!" His intentions had not helped me, but at least his few minutes with me was a boost!

I have loved people, and my love and longing for people has increased with age. For years it was my habit, especially on Sunday afternoons, to drop in to speak to maybe a dozen people, partly to cultivate and hold friends. I was sure I would need them in later years for I knew old age

# The LONELINESS of OLD AGE

By S. L. MORGAN, SR.

without friends would be desperately lonely.

Yet I believe I could count on my fingers the men who have ever been to see me. Few men visit, and I long for people. I think—I read—I grapple with personal and world problems, and I long to discuss them with congenial people.

My good pastor can get to me about once a quarter. So I hold firmly to the view that deacons ought to be the leading visitors to make up for what the pastor cannot do. (I speak out of experience as a pastor when I say no pastor can give the needed personal attention to a large congregation. Logically the deacons, second in rank as church officers, ought to be delegated to go where the pastor cannot possibly go in personal ministry.

Our 80-year-old lady also wrote: "One day I asked the chairman of the deacons, 'Don't the deacons visit the shut-ins?' He said, 'No, we don't do it that way anymore.' Even when committees visit, it is usually prefatory, and lacks something of representing the whole church. If only our deacons visited me, what a joy it would be! But they never have. Now

and then one has dropped in as a mere friend."

I would like to tell of my model deacon. It was in an early pastorate. He was a young man, a lovely singer, leader of the choir. Sometimes I would take him with me to visit the sick and shut-ins. Many years passed and we both aged. Now and then I would go back to visit. And my admirable deacon, now with white hair, would take me to call on the shut-in group he visited regularly. And I would hear them say with enthusiasm: "Mr. S. is the best visitor in town. No pastor does as much for the sick and shut-ins as he."

I plead for such a ministry in every church. From across the continent come hundreds of letters from lonely people. To the old people I urge: *Prepare for old age; learn some avocation; develop some skill; keep your heart young; do not pity yourself.*

But even by experience I know the loneliness of old age. Much of it cannot be escaped. And I wonder seriously if there is any greater weakness of the church than its failure to provide an adequate ministry to the lonely aged!

## A Captive Set Free

I was in and out of hospitals for years, suffering with kidney stones and infection. A specialist told me in 1941 that one kidney was not even functioning. My struggle for health took all the money I had and more, but to no avail.

Although I was not a Christian I was prayed for in 1950. As a result I felt better, but was not completely healed. No one explained divine healing to me, so I did not understand how God worked.

In 1951 I heard of a so-called "divine healer" and went to him, hoping for prayer and help. He had a beauti-

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ful image of Jesus built into a wall, with lights all around, and an open Bible lying at the feet of the image. There were religious pictures on the wall. All this led me, in my limited knowledge, to believe that he was a Christian. But he never prayed or mentioned Christ or the Bible to me. He simply gave me a card with his picture on it and told me to read it daily. Later I learned that he was a spiritist.

Things started going wrong for me from that time on. I felt gripped by something black, and the harder I fought, the harder it fought, till at times I could not move. I could not get through the thick fog before me. I tried to read the Bible, but the terrible blackness that gripped me fought against the Truth and it became almost impossible for me to read.

The face of the spiritist was before me day and night, and the darkness grew. Night after night evil spirits came to me and tortured me. I sought the Lord as best I could, and longed to touch the hem of His garment as the woman long ago touched it and was made whole. Murder, suicide, jealousy, and love of the world were among the temptations I had to fight during this time of darkness.

I asked God to help me not to do anything wrong, and to protect me from the evil spirits. He heard my plea, and said, "Let me do it." Things began to change. The face of the spiritist disappeared and the evil spirits fled. God gave me grace to forgive the spiritist, though it was months before I had complete victory. Now Jesus walks beside me and I am free.

I believed that if God could deliver me from such evil, He could also meet my physical need. This He did, and now both kidneys are functioning as they should. I have regained 80 pounds, after having lost 90 pounds when I was so ill. I do all my own work and have strength to help others. I rejoice in God's Word, which I have read through ten times. Thank God, the enemy of my soul, mind, and body did not win! God is still on the throne. He saved my soul and mended my broken body. He is all I need!—Mrs. Carl Drews, Antigo, Wis.

(Endorsed by Duane L. Land, pastor of Assembly of God, Antigo, Wis., who writes: "Mrs. Drew has had a real and solid experience in the Lord.")



Paul Crouch and Bill DeDiego filming the documentary, "Like a River." Assemblies of God officials (left to right) are Noel Perkin, E. S. Williams, T. F. Zimmerman, and J. R. Flower.

## Anniversary Film now Available for Rental or Purchase

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The film entitled, "Like a River," is now available on a rental or purchase basis. Also available is an informative filmstrip entitled, "A Visit to Headquarters."

One of the features of the 50th Anniversary Convention in April was the premiere showing of this historic 16mm film. The half-hour color production traces the history of the fellowship from the founding session in Hot Springs, Ark., to the present time. And like the theme of *Revivaltime*, it covers the work from "coast to coast and around the world."

The title of the film was selected to visualize the spread of the Pentecostal work. First begun as small rivulets, gentle droplets, and light latter rain, the full flow of the ministry and outreach now touches 73 countries of the world. Streams, waterfalls, and rushing ocean currents form the transition of the film with appropriate music.

Perhaps one of the most interesting parts of producing the film was "re-living" the early days. Three former executives of the Assemblies of God who have seen the movement grow from infancy to worldwide proportions met together to recall the past. An entire Saturday was given to recording on film the story by former General Superintendent E. S. Williams, former General Secretary J. Roswell Flower, and former Missions Director Noel Perkin. The historic meeting and review by the leaders of the past was highlighted by each sharing old pictures explaining what happened

during the formulative days of the fellowship.

The former executives met with Thomas F. Zimmerman, the present General Superintendent, in the headquarters building lounge. Photograph albums were spread on tables and each old picture was shared as a part of the historic growth of the movement. As someone remarked, "These men are the living link between the past and the present." They colorfully bridged the gap between two generations of Assemblies of God history.

Following introduction of the past, the production moves rapidly to give the story of the present. The viewer has an opportunity to look over the shoulders of workers in the international headquarters, to see and hear the large presses at work in the Gospel Publishing House, and to watch the literature produced. He shares the burden and the glories of missionaries on far-flung fields of the world and has an opportunity to see new churches formed, planned, and constructed.

Every phase of the ministry of the Assemblies of God is covered in the color film. From youth camps to benevolent homes, and from the cradle roll classes to the college graduates, no level of the ministry is left out. The first such production in the 50 years of history of the Assemblies of God, the film was well received by the estimated 8,000 persons who saw it at the convention. Now it is made available for showing in churches.



## A PASTOR SAYS—

"The *Evangel* continues to be a constant source of inspiration. I am proud to stand in the foyer of my church, at the close of our morning worship service, with the *Evangel* in hand to present to all the people. The tremendous value of the *Evangel* as a supplement to any man's ministry is inestimable. . . ." —A pastor in Texas

Each district in the Assemblies of God has been offered a print of the film on a purchase agreement. Thus far Michigan, New York, Arkansas, Peninsular Florida, Oregon, Ohio, New Mexico, Kansas, Minnesota, and Southern California have purchased the film. Information on rental in these areas may be obtained from the district offices. Churches in other districts may write to the Assemblies of God, Public Relations Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, for information on showings. The film is rented for \$25 a showing or sold for \$300 a print.

In addition to the 50th Anniversary film, the Public Relations office also makes

available a filmstrip visit to headquarters. A 15-minute color strip, the production is accompanied by a record describing the visit. The filmstrip is particularly fitting for youth groups, Sunday school classes, and others who would like to see the headquarters but have never had an opportunity to visit Springfield. The filmstrip and record sells for \$10.

Churches or groups planning showings should allow at least 10 to 15 days for delivery of the film or filmstrip after ordering. Also, it is well to indicate alternate dates for showings of "Like a River" when renting.

### COMING SOON!

Another Outreach Issue of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL will be published September 13 to help you win your neighbors to Christ. Watch for it. This special issue will be offered at a special price in quantity lots. Plan to sow down your community with this great evangelistic issue of the EVANGEL this fall.

## RUSSELL J. COX NAMED COLLEGE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE



SPRINGFIELD, MO. —Russell J. Cox, former district director of Men's Fellowship activities for Arizona, has been appointed College Youth Representative of the Assemblies of God. He succeeds Leland G.

Shultz who recently was named Radio Department Secretary.

Brother Cox was pastor in Glenwood Springs, Colo., 1953-54, and in Tempe, Ariz., 1961-64. Before moving to Arizona he was district C. A. President for the Rocky Mountain District for five years.

In his new position Brother Cox is working with more than 12,000 Assemblies of God students attending secular colleges. He is establishing Chi Alpha (C.A.) chapters on college campuses throughout the U.S. A further responsibility is the editing of *Campus Ambassador*, the periodical which is mailed to college students.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox and their three children are now residing in Springfield.

## HISTORIC ITEMS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY AT HEADQUARTERS

An attractive display area has been provided at the Assemblies of God headquarters for exhibiting items of historic interest. It is located on the first floor of the new administration building in Springfield, Mo.

Visitors who drop in at headquarters are invited to view this collection of mementos of the early days. The displays will be changed from time to time. At present the desk and chair used by the first General Superintendent, E. N. Bell, is on display. The photographs of all the men who have filled this high office in our fellowship are hanging on the wall.

It is hoped the display will be ready for viewing this fall. The paneling and cabinets already are installed. Vintage photographs and documents of the early days of the movement will be seen in the glass-encased wall cabinets. There also will be a large showcase in which other objects of historic value will be displayed.

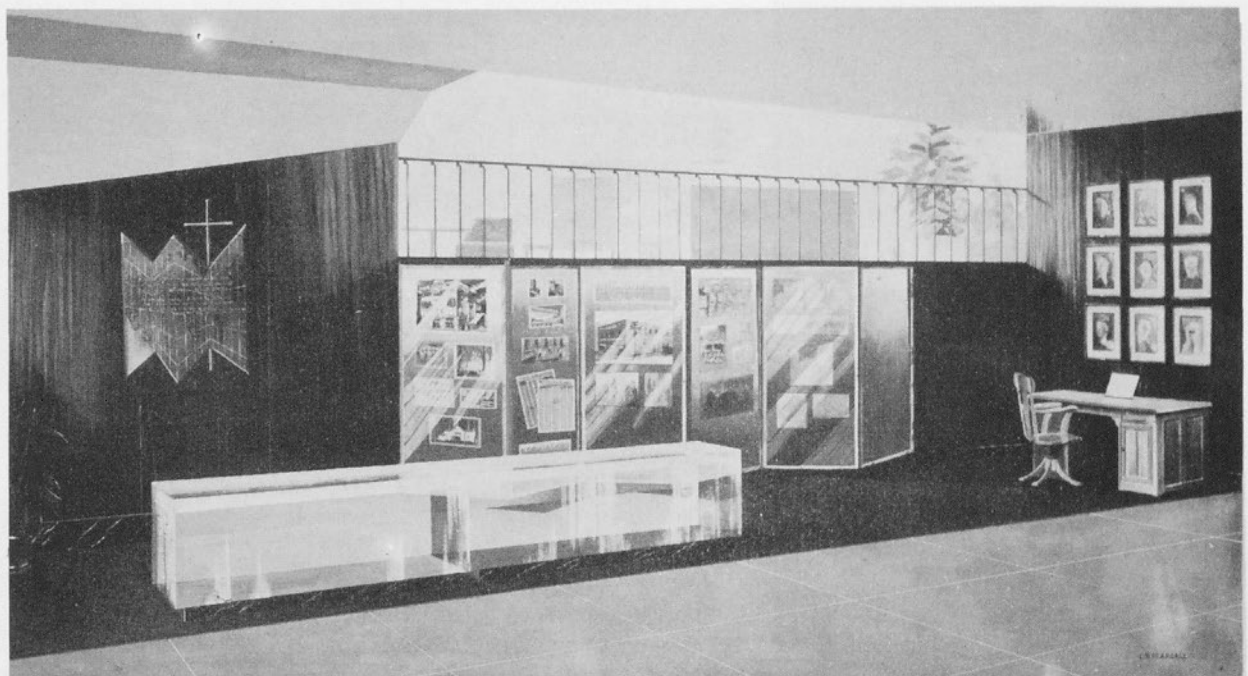
Friends who can contribute photos of the early days and other objects and documents, including early Pentecostal periodicals (published prior to 1920) are asked to communicate with C. W. Ringness, Chairman, Historic Exhibit Committee, 1445

Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. All objects will be preserved very carefully. Credit to the donors will be given.

The donation of these materials will be appreciated very much. If an outright gift is not possible, items will be accepted on a loan basis.

It is believed that this display will be an effective means of educating the members and friends of our churches, particularly the younger people, concerning the origin of the Pentecostal movement and the principles governing the work of the Assemblies of God.

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Artist's drawing  
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## SAGC ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—Blake Farmer, former dean of Southwestern Assemblies of God College has been appointed president by the Board of Directors for the college.

After Brother Farmer was graduated from Southwestern's junior college and Bible college, he took his Master's Degree at the University of Houston. He continued his studies in the University of Tulsa and in Baylor University, completing the classroom work and the examinations for his doctoral program. At present he is working on his dissertation requirements.

As an educator, Brother Farmer has enjoyed a variety of experiences as classroom teacher, counselor, student life coordinator, and academic dean. While in public school education he pioneered an Assemblies of God church in Jacinto City, a suburb of Houston, Tex. The church began in the living room of his home. Within a short period he had a good congregation and a modern church plant valued at \$50,000.

Since he joined the teaching staff at Southwestern in September, 1958, Brother Farmer has filled the pulpit in many fine churches throughout the Southwest. His preaching services are in constant demand.



Blake Farmer

## CBI LIBRARY NOW AIR-CONDITIONED

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The library at Central Bible Institute is now air-conditioned, thanks to the generosity of the alumni.

In addition to raising \$1,350 for the air-conditioning project, the CBI alumni recently contributed \$243 to purchase bamboo shades for the library stack room, \$962 for a new water-heating system on campus, and approximately \$500 to remodel and furnish the Bowie Lounge which is named after Eleanor G. Bowie, former dean of women.

These four projects represent a large part, but by no means all, of the support CBI has received from its alumni in the past few years. The 9,000 members of the Alumni Association have contributed more than \$25,000 in designated and undesignated gifts to the school since 1959, including \$1,127 for other campus improvements, \$1,074 toward retirement of the debt on Evans Hall, \$1,820 for faculty welfare, and \$13,729 for student aid in the form either of scholarships or of loans to students.

The main source of contributions is the annual Roll Call at which time all graduates and former students are requested to send news of their activities. This news is published in the *CBI Bulletin* which is mailed free of charge to all alumni who furnish up-to-date addresses.

The CBI office is very anxious to hear from any alumnus who is not now receiving the *Bulletin*.

At this year's business meeting Ralph Harris was reelected president of the Alumni Association. Other officers are David Drake, Robert Cunningham, Wildon Colbaugh, Norman Pearsall, Eleanor Parry, and Carol Christensen.

As a highlight of the 1964 alumni banquet and business meeting, Carl Brumback was honored as Alumnus of the Year.

## EVANGEL FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—An Evangel College faculty member was awarded a National Science Foundation stipend to attend the institute in comparative animal physiology at Carleton College this summer.

Riley H. Denton, assistant professor of biology at Evangel, was one of 40 college teachers throughout the nation selected for attendance at the National Science Foundation Institute. Duration of the institute at the Northfield (Minn.) college was six weeks.

Brother Denton holds an M.S. degree in educational administration from the University of Tennessee and an M.A. degree in biology from Memphis State University.

## LIBRARIAN JOINS NCBC STAFF

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—James Earl Hearn, Crystal Lake, Iowa, has been invited to join the staff of North Central Bible College. Brother Hearn, an ordained Assemblies of God minister with several years' experience as a pastor, received his post-high school training at Central Bible Institute, Drury College, University of Georgia, Drake University, and Auburn University.

He has taught in several junior and senior high schools in Iowa.

# Royal Ranger Earns Top Award

The Royal Ranger national office recently awarded "The Royal Ranger Gold Medal of Achievement" to Ranger Dale Larson of Moses Lake, Wash. The Gold Medal of Achievement is the highest achievement award in the Royal Ranger program.

The earning of this award involves a tremendous amount of time and effort on the part of each boy. He first must earn Master Rating in either the Sea Rangers or Air Rangers. A Ranger may earn the top award of the Royal Ranger program, The Gold Medal of Achievement.

The following two requirements are necessary to earn this award.

1. Read the *Royal Rangers Leader's Manual* and complete the test sheet for Leaders in the back of the manual.

2. Write a 500-word theme on the subject, "The Value of Royal Rangers." The theme should tell the most important benefits received in being a Royal Ranger. Also, it should point out what this program would do for other boys.

(This theme is sent to the National Office for its approval and use.)

Upon earning the Gold Medal of Achievement, a Ranger will also be commissioned to the rank of Junior Commander in his outpost and have the privilege of wearing the Junior Commander bars. He may hold this rank until he is 18. Then he will have the opportunity of becoming a Lieutenant Commander. (See *Air-Sea Ranger Handbook*.)

Dale is to be congratulated not only for his effort but also because he is the



Dale M. Larson



first Royal Ranger to receive this top award. Dale is a Royal Ranger enthusiast. In addition to the regular requirements for advancement in Royal Rangers, he has also earned 15 advanced awards. They are: "Physical Fitness, Swimming, Advanced Swimming, Hobby, Church, Bible, Indian Lore, Camping, Boating, Music, Wildlife, Hiking, Christian Service, Astronomy, Wilderness Survival.

Dale is a 17-year-old high school senior. He serves as Senior Guide in his Sea Ranger outpost and is vice president of his local C. A. group. He is a member of the Northwest Assembly of God choir, and also teaches the high school Sunday school class in his local church. Dale states:

"Royal Rangers means a lot to me. It has provided a challenge to my mental and physical abilities. It has given me leadership experience through the rank of senior guide. It has encouraged me to learn new things in order to earn awards. Royal Rangers has encouraged me to study the Bible more, and to engage in more active Christian service. I think Royal Rangers is a great program and I am proud to be a Royal Ranger."

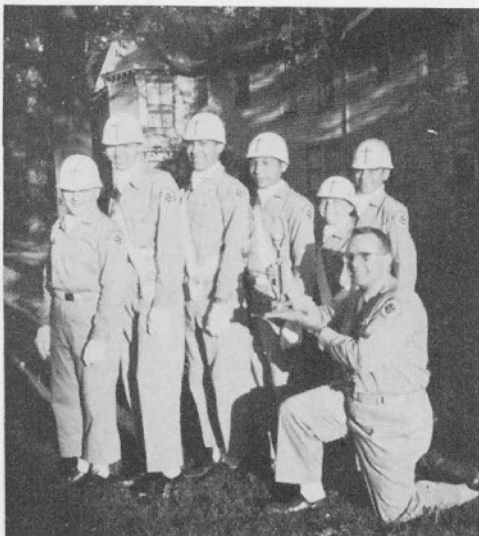
Dale is a member of Outpost No. 21 in Moses Lake, Wash., and his commander is Loren Bailey.

## National Commander Becomes Honorary Mohawk

National Commander Johnnie Barnes was recently made an honorary member of the Mohawk Indian Tribe. This ceremony took place in the Hogsburg Assembly of God which is located on the St. Regis Reservation in upper New York.

Commander Barnes was presented with a beautiful authentic Indian costume and was also given the Indian name, Ha-ri-wat-he-tha. Translated into English it means, "One who makes the way plain."

Officiating at this very colorful cere-



Commander Gene Lowery and Royal Ranger honor guard display marching trophy won in the Tulip Festival parade at Holland, N. Y.



Johnnie Barnes (right) receives Indian ceremonial turtle shell rattle from Pastor Andrew Maracle.

mony was Pastor Andrew Maracle. Brother Maracle is a Mohawk missionary pastor under appointment by the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department.

Commander Barnes says: "It was a real joy to have the opportunity of ministering to these fine Indian brethren. It certainly was exciting to be honored in such a way. We have a great appreciation for the fine work being done by our missionaries among the American Indians."

## Rangers Save Companion's Life

On June 18, 1964, two Royal Rangers saved a fellow Ranger, Mike O'Bryan, from drowning. This incident took place during a camping trip on Lake Talquin near Tallahassee, Fla.

Mike was swimming in the lake and began to experience difficulty. Prompt action on the part of the two Trailblazers, Steve and Daniel Mills, saved his life.

Steve and Daniel are members of the Hayden Road Outpost in Tallahassee, Fla. Their commander C. J. Marlow states: "These boys saved the life of their friend at great risk to themselves. Any person that would risk his own life for another deserves a lot of thanks and gratitude."

## Win Trophy

Sixty Royal Rangers of the Niagara Frontier Council, representing outposts from East Aurora, North Tonawanda, and Riverside in Buffalo, N. Y., won the Marching Trophy for the best youthful marching unit at the annual Holland (New York) Tulip Festival.

The marchers were led by Council Commander Major Gene Lowery and Assistant Council Commander James Rossette. In the forefront was the official color guard of the Niagara Frontier Council.

As the Royal Rangers marched past there were many comments from the people watching the parade, such as this: "Look at this group; they're carrying their Bibles."

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## First Man to Complete Training Course

Joseph Hearld of Ajo, Ariz., became the first Royal Ranger Leader to complete Part One of the new Royal Ranger Leadership Training Course. Commander Hearld is the Outpost Leader at the Assembly church in Ajo. National Training Coordinator of the Royal Rangers, Bob Reid, reports that over 1,300 Ranger leaders are now enrolled in this free, four-part, correspondence course. Enrollment is open to prospective leaders over 18.

## Jeannette Assembly to Observe Golden Anniversary

JEANNETTE, PA.—The Jeannette Assembly of God will celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall. The anniversary services will begin Oct. 25 with District Superintendent Russell Williams as guest speaker. On Oct. 27 an old-fashioned revival campaign will be launched with Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass assisted by the musical talent of Evangelist and Mrs. James Boettner. A week-long missionary convention will begin Nov. 10 followed by homecoming week Nov. 17-22. The homecoming services at which former pastors will speak, will be climaxed on Sunday, Nov. 22, with the ministry of Robert Clayton, Eastern District D-CAP, whose boyhood years were spent in the Jeannette Assembly.

Benjamin E. Mahan began preaching the glorious gospel on the city's streets in 1914 which resulted in the establishing of a mission on Clay Avenue. In 1919 the United Presbyterian Church was

purchased and the church became affiliated with the General Council.

In 1925 the church was remodeled and enlarged and about five years later another addition was built.

In 1933 David H. McDowell became pastor and served faithfully for six years; then Alfred E. Gidman pastored for three years. He was succeeded by K. D. Baker during whose 11-year pastorate the Sunday school program was enlarged. A building adjacent to the church was purchased and used as an educational building. During the ministry of A. A. Amerine (1954-58) the church was redecorated and an eight-room, brick parsonage was built.

In 1958 R. J. Barriss became pastor. God has blessed the ministry of Grother Barriss and plans have been drawn for a new church building. Over two and a half acres have been purchased on a four-lane highway between the cities of Jeannette and Greensburg as the



The Jeannette Assembly of God

new site. The first phase of construction will include a sanctuary seating 270 and an educational wing which will accommodate 500 in Sunday school. The building will also include a pastor's study, office rooms, WMC room, and conference room. There will be ample off-the-street parking.

In 1960 the church adopted the "mother-church plan" in order to begin a new Assembly in Monroeville, Pa. A building was purchased for \$11,500 to serve as temporary sanctuary and parsonage. The Herb E. Hulls, both from the Jeannette Assembly, were installed as pastors. In November 1963 a lovely church-parsonage combination was dedicated. The new church is located in the center of University Park and surrounded by 1,000 new homes.

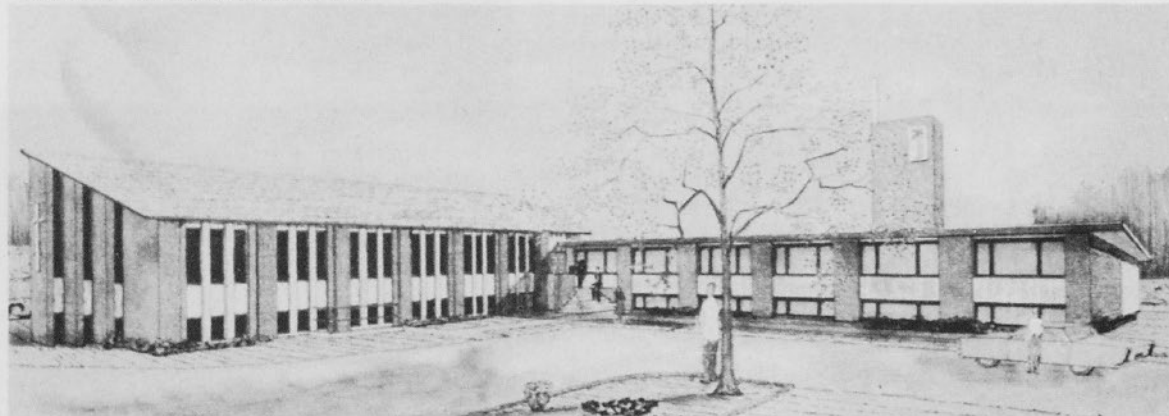
Pastor Hull states, "Much of the success of our Assembly can be attributed to the Jeannette Assembly and Pastor Barriss." Slightly over \$21,000 was invested by the Jeannette church. The new church also received help from the Southwest Section, the Eastern District, and Speed-the-Light.

From its beginning the Jeannette Assembly has felt a deep responsibility for world missions. Over \$161,647 has been given for home and foreign missions exclusive of the "mother-church" venture in Monroeville and the extensive work of the WMC's. Around 50 people from this church have entered the ministry.



Pastor Herb E. Hull (right) receives the keys to the new church in Monroeville, Pa., from District Superintendent Russell Williams during the dedication.

Shown below is the architect's drawing of the proposed new Jeannette Assembly which "mothered" the Monroeville church.



## J. P. HOGAN IN CHARGE OF COUNCIL ARRANGEMENTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—J. Philip Hogan, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, has been named chairman of the arrangements committee for the next biennial General Council which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 25-31, 1965.

Serving with Brother Hogan will be three other executive presbyters—Howard Bush, Bert Webb, and Thomas F. Zimmerman.

Sessions of the 31st General Council will be held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines.

Carl G. Conner, public relations officer, will coordinate the convention activities. T. E. Gannon, district superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Iowa, will serve as local coordinator.

From his office at 2122 E. University in Des Moines, Iowa, Brother Gannon will direct the work of the various local committees on housing, equipment, exhibits, publicity, and ushers.

## EIGHT REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1965

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Sunday School Department will sponsor eight conventions throughout the nation during March and April, 1965, Charles W. Denton, national secretary, has announced.

Cooperating with churches in various regions, convention programs are being set up to encourage and strengthen the work of local Sunday schools. Each region will select its speakers and workshop emphases tailoring the convention to regional needs.

The first convention will be held in the Great Lakes area March 2-4, 1965. Sessions will be conducted in Abundant Life Memorial Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Will Rogers Auditorium, Fort Worth, Tex., will be the scene of the second gathering March 9-11. In the northwest, the Sunday school convention will be in Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., March 17-19.

Delegates in the northeast will gather at Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., March 23-25. The Colosseum Arena, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will be the scene of the north central convention April 6-8. Hot Springs, Ark., will host the Gulf Region session April 13-15 in the Municipal Auditorium.

The final two conventions will be held simultaneously, April 20-22, in the Municipal Auditorium, Panama City, Fla., and Long Beach Auditorium, Long Beach, Calif.

Operating three nights and two



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days, each convention will include general sessions, workshops, films, other visual features, and exhibits. Morning sessions are planned to give general information to delegates. Afternoon workshops will be held for ministers, Sunday school teachers, and departmental workers. Evening rallies will emphasize evangelism through the Sunday school.

Chas. W. H. Scott, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and executive director of Sunday school work, is supervising the general convention plans.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION**  
—Sept. 11-13 at First Assembly of God, Utica, N. Y. Missionaries from Liberia, Taiwan, and other countries speaking. William H. Douglas is pastor.—by Susan Lachut, missionary secretary.

## UKRAINIAN BRANCH MEETS

LANESVILLE, N. Y. — The Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God had its regular council July 15-17 on the Ukrainian Branch campgrounds at Lanesville. Here in the beautiful Catskill Mountains the Lord blessed the brethren and gave them a good conference.

A spirit of unity prevailed in all of the business sessions. The following brethren were elected to serve the Branch for the coming two years: Joseph J. Matolina, superintendent; John Kiszenik, secretary-treasurer; Joseph J. Matolina and John Kiszenik, general presbyters.

Lukasz Kurjan was added to the committee members: William Pashchak, Alex Kowal, John Datzko, Walter Marshalek. Joseph Matolina was chosen to be editor of the Ukrainian periodical *Pilgrim Evangel*.

In the final service of the Council, John Bordigon was ordained to the ministry.

## WITH CHRIST

NOAH CLINTON GIBSON, 72, of Pascagoula, Miss., was called into the presence of the Lord June 12. Brother Gibson spent 12 years in the ministry before his ordination 24 years ago with the Mississippi District. Since then he has served on the evangelistic field and held pastorates in Canton and Ellisville, Miss. Survivors include his wife Effie and six children.

MRS. ORA LEE MORRISON, 65, of Globe, Ariz., went to be with the Lord July 17. Sister Morrison, the former pastor of the Bond Ridge Assembly near West Plains, Mo., was affiliated with

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Camden	Calvary	Aug. 30-Sept. 6	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Gene Thompson
	Searcy	First	Sept. 1—	Carl L. Tillery	Carter Rogers
Calif.	Searcy	Searcy Mission	Sept. 1-13	Ervin & Mrs. Asiatico	Tommy R. Carpenter
	Texarkana	Central	Sept. 1-13	Winferd Mack	A. C. McCaugh
	Ceres	Glad Tidings	Sept. 1-13	Sam Klein	Dan Robinson
	Milpitas	Calvary	Sept. 1-13	Billy D. Young	Floyd Larson
	Ontario	Calvary	Sept. 1-13	Bobby Black	Ray Wilkerson
	Pedley	A/G	Aug. 26-Sept. 13	J. W. Henegar	Bennie H. Franklin
	Ripon	Good Tidings	Aug. 30—	Dorothy E. Foster	Grover Birmingham
	Rodeo	* Bethel Tab.	Sept. 1-6	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Bill Younger
	Ventura	A/G	Sept. 6-13	Doug Payne	H. M. Skoog
	Victorville	First	Sept. 2-13	Garfield J. Unruh	Vernon Nybakken
Colo.	Westwood	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 4	Loretta Kaupner	Donald Harvey, Sr.
	Greeley	First	Sept. 2-13	Musical Lebacks	Harold Maley
Fla.	Orlando	First	Sept. 1-6	L. M. Addison	Crawford B. Railey
Ga.	Atlanta	Bouldercrest	Sept. 2-20	James H. Black	Eugene Gustafson
	Douglas	First	Aug. 30—	Nettie Parham	H. C. Wilson
Ill.	Forest Park	A/G	Aug. 30—	Dave Collins	S. L. Broadhead
	Benton	First	Sept. 1-13	Frank J. DePolo	Herbert V. Knight
	Chicago	Central	Sept. 1—	Don & Dixie Cox	George W. Lee
	Chicago	Good Shepherd	Sept. 1-13	R. S. Peterson	A. I. Siczko
	Skokie	North Shore	Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Robert Watters	Wallace K. Pearson
Ind.	Skokie	North Shore	Sept. 3-4	C. M. Ward	Wallace K. Pearson
	East Gary	A/G	Sept. 1-6	Paul Hild & Family	Denver Baker
	Gary	* Miller	Aug. 31-Sept. 4	Dedelow-Friederici	Floyd Petrucci
	Gary	West Gary	Sept. 1-13	Jerry Stegall	Basil Hillman
Iowa	Indianapolis	* Bethel	Aug. 31-Sept. 4	Marie Smith	Gerald Devore
	Cedar Rapids	First	Aug. 30-Sept. 6	K. E. & Mrs. Matschulat	Fred Gottwald
	Chariton	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 19	Maxine Willis	J. C. Hook
Kans.	Galena	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 13	Robert R. Morrison	H. N. Cooper
La.	Shreveport	First	Sept. 1—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Rodney Duron
Mass.	Greenfield	A/G	Sept. 1-13	A. A. Skyer	Ralph Jelley
	Quincy	Glad Tidings	Sept. 6-13	Shelvey Holland	Hugh M. Corey
Mich.	Springfield	** Bethany	Sept. 2-6	Gene Burgess	David W. Flower
	Goodrich	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Duane M. Wessman	Everett Herberger
	Hastings	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Ralph & Faith Leslie	Melvin F. Goble
	Onaway	A/G	Sept. 1-13	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Norman Horton
Minn.	Owosso	A/G	Sept. 1-13	John Higginbotham	Roscoe Berthume
	Minneapolis	Peoples Church	Sept. 2-20	William Caldwell	Douglas Henderson
Miss.	Willmar	A/G	Aug. 30—	The Tanner Team	R. E. Orchard
	Jackson	First	Aug. 30-Sept. 13	Don & Mrs. Logan	L. R. Logan
Mo.	Marshall	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 13	Arthur & Anna Berg	Warren P. LaRose
	Springfield	Eagle Heights	Aug. 31-Sept. 13	Tommy Heady	Paul Luckey
Mont.	Bozeman	* First	Aug. 6-11	Charles Senechal	W. A. Redmond
	Fairfield	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 6	Roy & Arlene Brewer	William J. McRae
Nebr.	Holdrege	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Ray C. Eskelin	H. H. DeMcRae
	N. J.	Baptistown	A/G	Sept. 6-11	Dave & Pat Johnson
N. Mex.	Passaic	Trinity	Sept. 2-13	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	David Clattenburg
	Gallup	A/G	Aug. 30—	David O. Bunch	C. A. Harper
N. Y.	Depew	Transit Heights	Sept. 2-13	Abraham Kudra	J. Steves
	Celina	A/G	Sept. 2-6	Andrew G. Basell Party	C. E. Dewlen
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Grace	Sept. 1—	Glen & Faith Shinn	J. D. Keen
	Ponca City	Glad Tidings	Aug. 30—	Hazel Burns	Dwayne Bobbitt
	Seminole	First	Aug. 30-Sept. 13	B. R. Minton	Paul W. Savage
Oreg.	Tulsa	Lighthouse Tab.	Sept. 1—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Cham Livingston
	Milwaukie	A/G	Aug. 23—	Hervel Hensley	Bennie R. Harris
Pa.	Salem	Central	Aug. 30-Sept. 13	Jack West	Fred Versolenko
	Bellwood	Pent. A/G	Sept. 1-13	Stan & LaVonne Morris	B. Gregory Fisher
S. C.	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 1—	George Butrin	LaVerne Clute
	Florence	First	Sept. 2-13	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Gene Brown
S. Dak.	Aberdeen	A/G Tab.	Sept. 2-14	Ernie Eskelin	D. W. Wartenbee
	Denton	Lindsey St.	Aug. 30—	Bob Huie	Billy P. Carroll
Tex.	Estelline	A/G	Sept. 2-16	Franklin A. Burns	E. G. Johnson
	Wash.	Snomish	Full Gospel	Paul & Lavonne Clark	J. J. Wagner
W. Va.	Sumner	* A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 4	Christian Hild	R. F. Ashworth
	Fairmont	* Trinity Gos. Tab.	Aug. 31-Sept. 6	Bettie Jane Wessman	Cyril T. Chegwin
W. Va.	Moorefield	** A/G	Sept. 1-13	Irving & Mary Howard	Nellie Kight
	Weston	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Daniel Summa	Joe Moscufo
	St. John	Full Gospel	Sept. 2-13	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Carro Davis

\* Children's Crusade

\*\* Youth Revival

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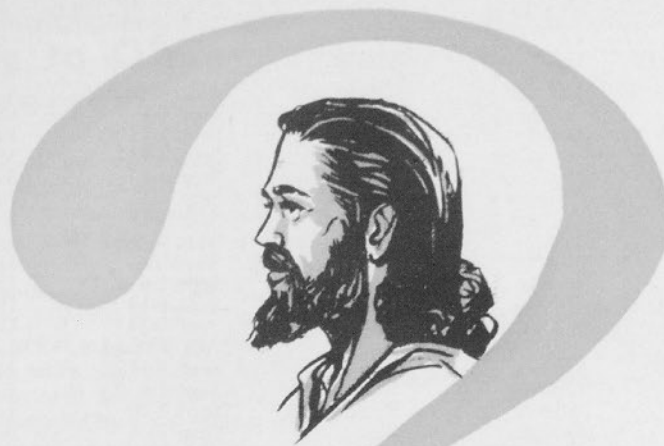
the Southern Missouri District. She also served as an evangelist. WILLIE H. BICE, 81, of Fort Worth, Tex., went to his eternal reward May 30. Ordained by the Texas District in 1930, he held evangelistic crusades and ministered throughout Oklahoma and Texas. He is survived by his wife Minnie and eight children.

DIEGO A. SANCHEZ, 76, of San Angelo, Tex., went to meet

his Master July 12. Brother Sanchez was a member of the Latin American District and was pastor of the Second Latin America Assembly of God in San Angelo, Tex., 15 years. He also served on the Latin American District Council. Survivors include one son and two daughters.

WOODROW M. JENSEN, 48, of Brooks, Oreg., was called into the presence of the Lord following an

auto accident May 30. Brother Jensen's ministry began in Pelican, Alaska, in 1951. Ordained with the Oregon District in 1958, he held pastorates in Red Lodge and Columbus, Mont., and Garibaldi, Oreg. He was appointed as a home missionary in 1960 and served in that capacity for two years in Skagway, Alaska. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Mary, and three children.



# The Big Question

By ELVA J. HOOVER

THERE IS HARDLY A MORE SIGNIFICANT QUESTION THAN this one—"What do you think of Jesus Christ?" The full answer to this question will reveal more about the person to whom it is addressed than the answer to any other question.

Two Christian women spent an hour knocking on doors and asking this question of those they met. The variety of responses was amazing.

Some were obviously disturbed by it; others were embarrassed; one became angry; one joyfully acknowledged Christ as her Lord. One man began to talk about his problems, for somehow the mention of Jesus had reminded him that Jesus was our burden-bearer. "Come unto me," He said, "all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

A woman looked shocked, and wondered what the catch was. "Well, what a question!" she said, and refused to put into words what she felt about Jesus.

She was not the first to feel uncomfortable in the face of the big question. The first time the Lord Jesus asked the question was when He was confronted by a group of Pharisees who felt quite superior to Him. But when He gently probed their hearts with the question, they had no honest answer.

As you read these lines, you too are reacting to the big question: "What do YOU think of Jesus Christ?"

Have you gone only as far as Pilate, who said, "I find no fault in Him"? Pilate fell short of accepting Jesus as God's Son and his personal Saviour, so he missed the point. He thought he could remain neutral. Many a man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God will not be saved, simply because he does not accept

Christ as his personal Saviour. Devils also believe that much, and tremble, but they are not saved.

To believe, yet fail to make Him Lord of our own lives, is to miss all that He wants to be to us.

When Jesus asked, "Whom do men say that I am?" His disciples told Him what people were saying about Him. Then He asked, "Whom do YOU say that I am?" and Peter responded with a faith that only God could have placed in his heart, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's was a life-transforming faith. It was more than a passive belief. He had a belief that called for action, for surrender, for worship.

After the resurrection, Thomas had his battle of doubt, but when he saw Jesus his doubts were gone. "My Lord and my God!" he exclaimed. This was his answer to the big question.

To recognize Christ as *the* Lord is one thing. To address Him as "MY Lord" is quite another.

What do you think of Christ? Is He still a remote, impersonal being to you, or is He *your* Master, *your* Lord? Have you met Him? Have you accepted Him as your personal Saviour?

What you think of Jesus Christ, and how you act upon what you think, will determine the kind of life you live in this world and determine your destiny in the world to come.

In the day when all men will stand before God, the significant question, the big question for each of us will no longer be what we think of Christ, but what He thinks of us. If we have taken Him as our Lord in this life, we will not fear the answer to the biggest question in eternity—"What does He think of me?"