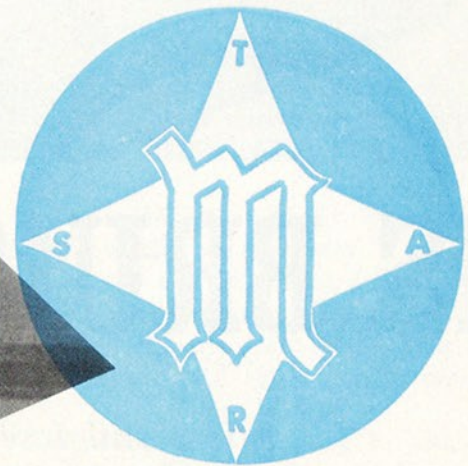


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Christians still face the age-old question: Why do good people suffer?

By **FRED J. GREVE**

AS OLD AS THE FIRST TEAR AND YET AS NEW AS DAWN this morning is the problem of why good people suffer. We must in clear and current language interpret the meaning of life from the Scriptures.

Why do *good* people suffer? This is not the problem of ordinary pain. Pain has a function; it warns us of real physical trouble. Neither is it the problem of suf-

fering in general. In a sinful world, suffering is the logical concomitant of sin: if you break a moral law you will pay the consequences; you will suffer. But what about good people—those sincere, dedicated Christian people—who suffer adversity or illness or distress? What about young and innocent children; should they suffer? Is life a meaningless blur of chance and caprice?

Isaiah brings the answer. In a simple pastoral allegory (Isaiah 28:24-28) he shows a most profound insight. He says tersely, "Bread corn is bruised. . . ." He had noticed in the context that cummin and fitches are not threshed. Those Palestinian plants resemble the decorative seeds we sprinkle on certain breads—poppy seeds and caraway seeds. They have no food value; they have no function; they are only decoration. They grow in small pods, and they are not bruised or threshed. Just a little shaking of the pod loosens them. But bread corn is bruised. Isaiah uses sharp literary contrast as he states this eternal principle: bread corn is bruised.

The law then is: if there will be food there will be crushing and sifting and threshing. People are like this. Some people choose only to be decoration. They are cummin and fitches. Theirs is not the life of pain. But people who will function as chosen ones will suffer. Bread corn is bruised. Great lives are bruised lives. Notice the Biblical pattern.

The Price of Glory. Revelation 5:12 quotes the song of the thousands of thousands of the Redeemed who, in absolute gratitude and unrestrained adoration, cry with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing." Notice the arrangement of the words—"Worthy is the Lamb that was *slain to receive*. . . ." The glory and honor came as the result of His sufferings. Bread corn is bruised. Jesus became bread corn.

Isaiah had said in chapter 53, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him." In the verse "by his stripes we are healed" the word translated "stripes" really is in the singular so that it would be translated "by his *bruise* we are healed." His back was so beaten that there were no individual stripes but just one massive contusion. Bread corn is bruised.

The Purchase of the Inheritance. In Ephesians 1:18 there is an expression, "His inheritance in the saints." What inheritance, really, is fit for the Son (since by Him and for Him were all things made)? Golden streets? Adoration of the seraphim? No, the inheritance of Christ is the Church! Yet the Church was born in travail.

When Adam was to have his helpmeet, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon him and from his side the woman was drawn. When Christ, on the other hand, was to receive His Bride, His side was opened at Calvary and from His side was drawn the Church. This is His inheritance. The suffering of Calvary reaffirms the law: bread corn is bruised.

The Potential of the Bride. The Song of Solomon is a picture of a bride and a bridegroom. The bridegroom is Christ; the bride is the Church. In the fourth chapter

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the Bridegroom wishing to express by metaphor the beauty of the bride compares her with a garden of pleasant fruit and spices. In a soaring allegory and a burst of hyperbole he says that she is a "fountain of gardens."

But this profusion is all latent and dormant and unexploited: potential beauty only. The Bride finally realizing that although the possibility of the beauty is there it must be released, cries, "Awake, O north wind, and blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out." The adversity is a means to an end. The suffering releases the potential and makes it become actual. Why do good people suffer? Bread corn is bruised.

It is our nature to seek respite from suffering and resolution of pain. Yet without adversity we gravitate to a plateau of arrested spiritual growth and fixated spiritual development. We view a mentally retarded child as a tragedy. Yet it is an even greater tragedy to see an apathetic Christian whose potential for God is never developed, never released. Christ wants you to be bread corn. Bread corn is bruised.

William Wilberforce was an English preacher. Small and sickly, he confessed that in his last 20 years he did not know a moment without pain. Yet James Boswell,

speaking of Wilberforce, made this observation: "I saw a shrimp in the pulpit. But as I watched and listened the shrimp grew before my eyes and became a giant." Through his preaching Wilberforce stirred England to free its slaves voluntarily. The United States fought a bitter civil war to free hers. Wilberforce was bread corn.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, at middle age, watched in terror as flames swept the clothing of his beloved wife. With his bare hands he vainly tried to beat out the flames, but his wife died. This man, refusing to yield to discouragement, alone in his house translated Dante's *Divine Comedy* into English in spite of his heart loss and in spite of his painfully burned hands.

There are those who at this moment are enduring bitter disappointment and severe pain. To you the message of Isaiah is: "Bread corn is bruised." There are entire Assemblies which have cycles of corporate affliction. They are becoming bread corn. Some persons are so afflicted at this moment that they are never quite free from pain and adversity. To all of us the law is: *bread corn is bruised*. We may not understand why. We only know that God in limitless love and infinite wisdom has arranged it so. ◀◀

God repeats the miracle of Acts 2:8-11 in Portland mission

Signs Follow a Trembling Witness

By MABLE STAFFORD

THE ATMOSPHERE IN BURNSIDE MISSION (PORTLAND, Oregon) seemed depressing. The songleader was absent, the singing seemed laborious, and I arrived 30 minutes late!

In fact, it had been a trying day all around. I couldn't please the customers in our second-hand store. I had to hurry to the laundry after work, grab a bite of supper, and then drive 25 miles into Portland from my home in Sandy, Oregon.

Suddenly I heard myself being introduced to the little Skid Row congregation. "Sister Stafford will bring you a message from God's Word," the leader said.

I rose, shaking. As I read the text I experienced such depression I could hardly go on. When I stopped trying and began to pray, the anointing came.

I spoke about heaven and hell. The urgency of choice underlined my remarks for about 15 minutes as I looked into the faces of unfortunate men and boys.

There was a young Mexican boy in the crowd who sat and glared at me as I spoke. When I took my seat I could still feel the defiance from those dark eyes. I began to pray for him. Oh, how I prayed.

No one stirred when the altar call was made. We sang a hymn and closed the meeting with prayer.

Then, before the audience dispersed, it happened. The Spirit of God took my tongue and the most beautiful language began to flow from my lips. I recognized it as Spanish and knew at once that God was speaking

to the boy with defiance in his eyes. Now the room was in complete silence except for the words I was speaking in a language never before uttered by my tongue.

When the words ceased a holy hush fell on the congregation.

Then came a cry from behind me: "I know what you said now. I know what you said now."

Turning to the boy I saw that all of the defiance was replaced with a softness of tender love. He came toward me with his hand outstretched. My own hands went out to him. The joy of the Lord had settled down on the hearts of us all.

"Son," I said, "I knew God was speaking to you, for I have never spoken a word of the Spanish language in my life. God wants you to serve Him. He spoke straight to you."

"You called me a sinner," he said.

"God called you a sinner," I replied. "God calls everyone a sinner until he is saved by an experience of the new birth."

What a victorious moment it was when we knelt again to pray and to see God's power at work in the salvation of a soul. For one brief moment I found myself thinking of the problems he would face beyond the door of the mission. But only for a moment. I was made to know that the Father who thought enough of a drunken Mexican boy to talk to him in his own language would continue to take care of him in all his tomorrows. ◀◀

The Missing Ingredient

It happens in every family at one time or another! Parents and children sit down to eat. Father prays and the plates are passed. Mother, too busy serving to taste any food, notices her family isn't eating with the usual gusto. Finally she sits down and takes a bite. Immediately she exclaims, "Oh, I know what's wrong—I forgot to add the salt."

If our religion is tasteless and ineffective, perhaps this is why: we forgot to add the salt. Jesus said to His disciples, "You are the earth's salt. But if the salt should become tasteless, what can make it salt again? It is completely useless and can only be thrown out of doors and stamped underfoot" (Matthew 5:13, Phillips).

There is a saltiness in New Testament Christianity. Without it the Church is void of value to God or man.

In the beginning the Church was not popular with the public. The preaching of the apostles was flavored with salt, not sugar. They spoke out against sin and were martyred for their courage. But the Church grew. Tacitus, one of the most careful Roman historians in those days, wrote of the persecution of the Christians under Nero in A.D. 64 and said there were a great multitude—*Ingens Multitudo*.

The expansion of the Christian Church in those early days is one of the marvels of history. Persecutors tried to stamp it out but only pressed the seed into the ground so that it sprang up a hundredfold.

When the apostles began to preach the gospel of Christ they were ridiculed by the ablest satirists of the day. Every foul crime was charged against the converts. They were tortured, murdered, thrown to wild beasts, yet for everyone who fell a hundred new believers took their stand for Christ.

Have you wondered which texts were treasured the most in those days? Undoubtedly one was 2 Timothy 3:12—"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Another was the saying of Christ Himself, "I have not come to send peace on earth, but a sword!" These texts were relevant. Why do we ignore them today? If the world hated our Saviour, why should we expect to receive any better treatment than our Master received at its hands?

If mankind could not be regenerated without a baptism of blood in the beginning, can we expect to see our generation changed without tasting some persecution? If aggression is one side of the coin of evangelism, persecution is the other. It is the inevitable outcome of a true missionary spirit. The two are linked together as action and reaction.

Persecution is no mere accident in the life of the Church. It may come in many forms but it is not something we should try to avoid; rather we should welcome it, for did not Jesus say, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake"?

Is there an ingredient missing in our type of Christianity? Is there a saltiness in our message? Is there a sharp edge on our sword? Or have we ceased to strike at the sin that abounds in the world—and is this why the world has ceased to strike back?

Persecution presupposes a live, spiritual, powerful Church. Lack of it may imply the contrary. When Satan rages against the Church he is paying her the highest compliment. When there is no Satanic opposition we need to ask ourselves whether we are fighting God's enemies or fraternizing with them.

—R. C. C.

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

hat's wrong with simplicity?

A sophisticated society may poke fun at innocence, but secretly it envies the simple joys of Christians who are uninitiated in the ways of the world.

BY CHARLES A. HARRIS, OSHAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

IN ROMANS 16:19, PAUL SAYS, "I WOULD HAVE YOU wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."

One does not have to touch a flame to prove that it burns. And we do not need to know or experience what is evil to decide we ought to avoid it.

True wisdom begins with fear of the Lord. We can be wise and still leave much alone that the world calls wisdom, for, "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" (1 Corinthians 1:20).

There is a wisdom that "descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. . . . But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:15-18).

Those who never have tasted God's grace find it hard to believe that the simple, wholesome life of the Christian can be truly satisfying. Yet many times they confess that it is refreshing to meet simple and unaffected people. In the world they are so accustomed to the veneer, the pretense, the *front*, that the Christian who can show his genuine personality as it has been renewed in Christ awakens within them a desire for the true and right things of life.

Heaven-bound people can thank God for His Spirit who led them from the pursuit of evil to the pursuit of eternal things. A man once said to another, "I would die of shame to be seen at your church, singing the simple hymns you enjoy."

The other answered, "And I would die if I could not go. The simplicity of the gospel and the gospel hymns won me to Christ in the first place."

Let us seek to know more of God's goodness and to retain the simplicity we sought when we first were attracted to Christ. We need not apologize for it.

Many consider the life of the Christian as circumscribed and narrow. Nothing could be further from the truth. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

We lack nothing necessary for true happiness. The laughter of the Christian is full of zest and life. Every natural joy is accentuated when one has accepted Christ. Although we do not run "to the same excess of riot"

as those who have not found Christ, neither do we have the heartache which is the harvest of evil. We avoid the things that would ruin; we concentrate on the things that count for eternity. Jesus promised, and He has kept His word to us, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). In reality, the Christian misses nothing but evil and the consequences of sin.

A worldly-minded woman of means, who had traveled widely, visited a poor Christian woman. When she was unable to evoke any expression of envy or discontent from the happy Christian, the woman left in amazement. "Such a simple soul," she said to a friend. "It takes so little to please her." May God lead us all into this joyous simplicity of living, for "godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us therewith be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

A young man once asked me how I spent my free time. I answered: church twice on Sunday, as well as Sunday school; two midweek church meetings; reading the Bible and other good books; visiting among friends, and very often ending such visits with a prayer meeting.

When I had finished, he threw up his hands and said, "What a life!"

Now there are natural pleasures in which Christians may engage. They can have a better time together in group recreational and cultural activities than most of the ungodly! But they put spiritual issues first. And if they give priority to activities based on the certain knowledge that they are "strangers and pilgrims on the earth," they are not therefore narrow. They are only obeying the Bible. One of the concerns of Paul for the Corinthian Christians was that their minds should not "be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3).

To be "wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil," is a good guide for our every-day lives in 1965. While the worldly-minded continue to live their weary lives of sham, let us who know Christ live happily and simply for our God. It is the way of the transgressor that is hard; but our Master's yoke is easy, His burden is light. ◀◀◀



The crowning of six Missionette Honor Stars was a highlight of Indiana's annual WMC Convention, October 26 and 27 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Chairs for the girls were beautifully covered with gold foil. This, along with angel hair "clouds," and the girls' blue and white satin capes, made a lovely setting. Those participating in the crowning service included (left to right) Pastor Robert Bayless, Bonnie Allison (first Honor Star in Indiana), Patricia Boswell, Judy Mattes, Mary Gee, Rebecca Hiles, Jennifer Carr, Mrs. Robert Bayless, and the district WMC president, Mrs. Zella Anthony. In the back row are the girls' sponsor, Ann Frazer, and the district superintendent, William Van Winkle. All of these girls are from First Assembly of God, Anderson, Ind.

Missionettes Begin 10th Year with Official Uniforms

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

NEWS THAT AN OFFICIAL MISSIONETTE UNIFORM IS NOW available is being eagerly received by thousands of Missionettes. For some time Missionettes and sponsors have expressed their desire for such a uniform. Last August, at the District WMC Presidents' Seminar, a decision was reached concerning uniforms. It was agreed that Senior girls wear a blue A-line skirt with tailored white blouse having shoulder tabs and a pocket. Uniforms for Junior girls will be the same except that they will wear straps with their skirts.

As the girls dress alike for their meetings and public appearances, they will readily be identified. No doubt this will interest other girls in the Missionette program and give them a desire to join.

Young people like to feel they belong and are wanted. For girls a Missionette Club can fulfill this desire. Today there are more than 40,000 girls from nine through 17 years of age participating in the Missionette program.

The hours they spend together profit them spiritually and socially.

It is not unusual for the Spirit of the Lord to descend upon a group of Missionettes as they pray together. These are the times when girls can make new consecrations while earnestly seeking God's will. This is important today when there are so many temptations on every hand. Girls need to be encouraged to live consistent Christian lives.

The enthusiasm of sponsors as well as girls for Missionettes is outstanding. Pastors too have come to realize that a Missionette Club can be a real asset to the church. One pastor's wife wrote recently: "We have just resigned our pastorate to accept another church. If there is not a Missionette Club in the new church as of now, the Lord helping us, there will be shortly, for this is too great an asset for any church to be without. It is such a pleasure to see young girls' abilities unfold for Christian service. As pastors we heartily advocate the Missionette program as a real stabilizing influence for young girls and feel it will produce efficient workers for the church of tomorrow if the Lord tarries."

Not only in the United States, but also in a number of foreign countries, Missionette Clubs are being organized. The Ipoh group in Malaysia, for example, has a new senior club with an enrollment of 17. Mrs. Ruby McMurray, missionary, writes, "By God's help there can be groups all over Malaysia."

After nine years, Missionettes are still increasing. Almost 600 new clubs were organized in 1964. This means there will be more help than ever for our home and foreign missionaries, the ill and aged, and the local church. As 40,000 girls work, pray and fellowship together they are sure to make a strong impact for God. This impact can be greater than ever with the wearing of the official Missionette uniform.

Missionettes of more than 3,400 clubs start the new year full of anticipation. Because they care, they serve.



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Sally Pickering, age 9, wears the new Junior Missionette uniform and her sister Susie, 14, the new uniform of Senior Missionettes. The felt emblems worn by these girls are not added to the uniforms until the Missionettes begin their work on the Stairway to the Stars achievement program.
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MORE MISSIONETTE HONOR STARS CROWNED

THE DAY WHEN A GIRL COMPLETES THE WORK ON THE *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program and is crowned a Missionette Honor Star is one she will always remember. It is then she is rewarded for many hours spent in study, memorization, visitation and handwork.

The Achievement Program was not developed just to give girls something to occupy their time. Rather its purpose is to provide leadership training, help develop Christian character, and make our girls more aware of the worldwide missions program of the Assemblies of God.

While working on the *Stairway to the Stars*, girls must read the entire Bible, memorize passages having to do with salvation, healing, the infilling of the Holy Spirit and the Second Coming. Activities include visiting the ill and aged, writing papers on assigned subjects, reading recommended books, and inviting people to church who do not regularly attend.

Crowning services are usually arranged in the local churches of girls completing the Achievement Program. Often their pastor, sponsors and parents participate. Platforms are appropriately decorated and many Honor Stars wear blue and white satin capes with the chenille Missionette emblem which is blue, gold and white. It is recommended that girls also be honored at district functions. The presentation of a white Bible has become a part of some crowning services. The placing of the crown upon the head followed by the charge and prayer of dedication is a spiritual highlight in the life of a Christian girl.

Before a girl is crowned she is invited to give a demonstration of some of the things she has learned.



Missionette Honor Stars of the Riverside Assembly in Buffalo, N. Y., are shown with Pastor George L. Hubbard. Girls are (left to right) Lynda Albrecht, Connie Miles, Noreen Stengle, and Sharon Marvel.



Here is Judy Morrison, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., with her parents, (right) and cosponsors Mrs. Dave Freeberg and Mrs. Art Cote. Judy was crowned in her home church and honored at the district camp.

It is not unusual for a girl to quote without error First Corinthians 13 or the Statement of Faith from the masthead of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

We salute the Missionette Honor Stars who are pictured on this page as well as all others who have been crowned in the past. May their future lives be given to active service for the Lord because of what they have experienced in Missionettes. ◀◀



L. W. Dickinson offers the prayer of dedication for Honor Stars Joyce Osler and Carol Warriner of Hastings, Nebr., while pastor and Mrs. H. W. Lebsack stand by.



This is Linda Rogers of First Assembly in Binghamton, N. Y., who was crowned at a WMC convention in Schenectady, N. Y. Linda is very devoted to her blind parents.



Honor Star Darlene Myers of Medford, Oreg., is shown with Pastor Robert Cull (left) and her parents. Darlene was crowned by the district WMC president, Mrs. F. J. Walton.



A. DEVANEY

Tomorrow

BELONGS TO US

By ROBERT L. REX

AS WE VIEW THE WORLD SITUATION TODAY, WE SEE UNSPEAKABLE chaos. These are troublesome and confusing times.

So many things have happened that we thought could never happen in our civilized age. In the natural there is no rainbow in sight. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of what lies ahead.

What is the truth about tomorrow? What do we have to look forward to? Who will control tomorrow?

The Communists say, "Tomorrow belongs to us." They have a plan for world conquest. Step by step they have gained ground until now millions are controlled by this godless cult. They say that Christianity is the opiate of the people to drug them against the realities of life. They consider the Church their greatest enemy to progress, so they say the idea of God must be destroyed. They are the greatest enemy the Church has today. Their goal is to conquer the world. Will they succeed? No! The Word of God declares that all evil systems will be de-

stroyed and a kingdom of righteousness will be established. Tomorrow does not belong to the Communists.

Those promoting the ideals of humanism, materialism, evolution, and science are organized to capture the minds of men; some of them deny everything fundamental to the Christian faith. They say that man through his own wisdom can bring peace and justice to the human race. They strive to make man into his own god. They advocate education without moral indoctrination. They expect to produce prosperity with a standard of life never experienced by man.

Can they create this paradise on earth without the help of God? Will they control tomorrow? No!

To whom does tomorrow belong? Who is able to destroy evil and set up a kingdom of peace on earth? Tomorrow belongs to Christ and His followers. It belongs to you if you are a true follower of Christ. The day will come when the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our God, and of His Christ. We who have suffered with Him will reign with Him as kings and priests for a thousand years.

Regardless of how dark and confusing the present outlook may be, or what forces are organized against the righteous, the future is bright for the true saints of God.

The end of the conflict between good and evil was seen from the beginning. In the first promise of a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15) it was predicted that the seed of the woman (Christ) would bruise the head of Satan.

When Daniel was in captivity, God gave him a revelation of the future (Daniel 2:44, 45). He saw a stone (which was Christ) cut out of a mountain without hands and it came rolling down the mountain to crush the image which represented human government.

John saw that a one-world government would be developed in the last days (Revelation 17), consisting of 10 nations ruled by one man called the Antichrist. He saw also the destruction of this last evil world power. Then he saw Christ coming to the earth with His Church to set up a kingdom of peace and happiness which would continue for one thousand years.

Thus, we believe that all history is thrust forth by a redemptive God who reigns on high, and that events are now working together to bring about the consummation of all things in harmony with God's Word and promise.

In the fulness of time God sent His Son into the world to die for the sinner and set up a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of men. The birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ set into operation spiritual forces that changed the course of history.

From the Day of Pentecost to the present, followers of Christ have been the messengers of hope. They have marched through generation after generation under the banner of Christ with full assurance that the forces of evil could not prevail against the Church. They have suffered and labored with joy knowing that victory awaited them at the end of the way.

As you face the future, wherever you are, remember that tomorrow belongs to you, if you are a follower of Christ. Keep your faith strong by reading God's Word for knowledge and new assurance, and worship regularly to receive spiritual strength through fellowship and service.

—*The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*

KNOW YOUR ENEMY!

By JAMES L. SNYDER

THE OTHER DAY NEWSPAPER HEADLINES ANNOUNCED an event that all the world had been expecting and dreading—that Red China has succeeded in detonating a nuclear device.

As I read this news and wondered what it might mean to the world, I recalled vividly my experiences in the Korean War against the Red Chinese. I remembered how in 1951 I sat on the steel deck of a troop transport and heard my lieutenant say in a grim understatement, "There are 100,000 Chinese soldiers waiting to greet you. They do not like Marines, and they all carry guns." He knew the enemy's purpose, and he was careful to make sure that we did also.

General Sung Shin-Lun, commander of the Ninth Chinese Army Group, had marched his 100,000-man force into the combat zone for a single purpose. His prime objective was the annihilation of the men of the First United States Marine Division. Had we underestimated his objective, he might have accomplished it. But because my lieutenant used every means at his disposal to impress upon us that we were not going to a picnic but to a battle with an enemy, we were prepared for the conflict.

Now I am engaged, along with all of God's people, in another type of battle, a spiritual warfare. It is just as important that we know our spiritual adversary and his objectives concerning us as it was for us to know Sung Shin-Lun's objectives.

From painful experience the apostle Peter wrote, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Peter knew the torment of tampering with treachery! He had "wept bitterly" once because he had underestimated his adversary in a crucial hour. Now he wanted every soldier in the Lord's army to know the paramount purpose of the devil.

To put it bluntly, Satan wants every one of us in hell. He is not out to play games with the people of God. He "cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." But thanks be to God, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

The soldier in this world's wars knows that panic equals disaster, and that he is expected to meet hardship with control. This is easier when he trusts his commander. Yet the best of commanders may sometimes make mistakes because of circumstances beyond their control or knowledge. But the Christian soldier serves under a Commander who is never taken by surprise, and whose ultimate victory is assured. We have only to follow Him to share in this victory. We can say, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Paul often turned to the military for an illustration of the Christian life. To Timothy he wrote, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

In the winter of 1950, the First United States Marine Division made its epic fighting withdrawal from the "Frozen Chosin" Reservoir in North Korea. Shortly afterward I talked with one of the veterans of that magnificent military feat. He had served with the Seventh Marine Regiment, which had borne much of the enemy fury. During our conversation he told me some of the details of the bloody and fearful attack of hordes of Communist Chinese soldiers.

"It was pretty rough up there, wasn't it?" I asked.

"Yes, it was," he replied. Then with a gleam in his eye and the proud grin of a combat "leatherneck" he added, "But when it's too rough for everyone else, then it's just right for the Seventh Marines."

The soldier of Christ might say it a little differently, but when he is called upon to "endure hardness," his response is, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And he can say with Paul, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17). ◀◀

There Is a Place for God in Public Schools

By DR. MAX RAFFERTY

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

THERE IS A TREND RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE LAND which I mistrust and fear. A whole series of Supreme Court decisions, starting with the Vashti McCollum case back in the '30s and with obviously more to come in the not-too-distant future, point in one direction, and that is toward a time when the very mention of God will be forbidden in the nation's schools.

It's not so much what the Supreme Court has said as it is the interpretations which have been placed by local authorities upon the several decisions. In one of our great Eastern states, for example, the recitation in school of the last verse of *The Star Spangled Banner* has been declared illegal, presumably because it contains the phrase, "In God is our trust."

Here in California demands have been served on certain school boards to eliminate all prayers, spoken or

sung, from the curriculum. Yet the state music textbooks issued by my own office are full of prayers. For instance:

*"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing..."*

And:

"America, America, God shed His grace on thee..."

And even:

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Another begins with a quotation from Charles Dickens which has gladdened the hearts of mankind ever since Tiny Tim spoke it out of the fulness of his heart and in the happy reverence of the Christmas season: "God bless us, every one."

The move to outlaw Christmas carols in our schools is well known, despite the fact that these innocent, joyous folk songs, many of them out of the childhood of the race, are among our most precious musical treasures, sung alike by Christians and non-Christians during the Yuletide holidays.

In a nation founded largely for religious purposes, with God's name in its national anthem and its pledge of allegiance, with prayers to that same Deity rising each day from the chambers which shelter its Senate and its House of Representatives, it is incomprehensible to me that the little kindergartners in my new hometown of Sacramento should be forbidden by legal edict to say their simple thanks to their Creator for their daily cups of milk. No one can tell me that this sort of thing is what the founding fathers had in mind when they wisely wrote the principle of separation of church and state into the Constitution.

Teachers should not indulge in preaching, nor in an attempt to interpret the Scriptures. There is no place in our public schools for sectarian religion of any kind.

But it seems to me that there is a very positive and important place for God in the schools of the land which was colonized in His name, freed in His name, and kept together just 100 years ago in His name—not a Protestant God, nor a Catholic God, nor a Jewish God, but God the common Maker of us all.

There is no separating religion and education, any more than there can be the separation of Siamese twins joined by vital organs. Can history be taught minus the rise of Christianity, the Crusades, the Reformation? Can art survive the loss of the Sistine Chapel, Raphael's Madonnas, "The Last Supper"? Can music tolerate the amputation of Handel's *Messiah* and the magnificent canticles of our Judaeo-Christian heritage? Can literature, indeed, be taught at all?

True, our highest court has said nothing yet to imperil these great building blocks of education. But a trend is running like a river underground which every now and then foams ominously into view. In a time when national morals are at a record low, when the threat of disaster hangs over the whole land, when our juvenile crime rate has become an object of shuddering horror to the rest of the civilized world, it seems to me that we need more spiritual and moral values in our schools, not fewer.

And there are no spiritual values without God.

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CHOOSING DEACONS

By C. J. WATKINS

**Look ye out among you
seven men of honest report . . .**

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST DEACONS AROSE OUT of a minor dispute concerning the daily functioning of the Early Church. Its social and welfare responsibilities toward the needy of its own fellowship were in debate. Deacons were appointed to bring about order, to produce and maintain harmony among the believers, and to release the apostles from any burden or worry over the daily functioning of the church in such matters as appertained to temporal things.

The apostles realized that their obligation, calling, and sphere of service lay in the ministry of the Word of God and prayer. It was their intention that nothing should detract them from their great task and responsibility. Let us look closely at the Scripture and see the good advice and guidance given that we also may make wise choices in selecting brethren to supervise our local church affairs.

The command of the apostles was clear: "Look ye out among you. . . ." The men appointed were not to be strangers or outsiders, though some may have been found who specialized in social welfare and human relationships. The men chosen were to be of the number of believers, well known to the company, sincere followers of Jesus Christ.

The question immediately arises as to how these men were chosen and Acts 6:3 is both simple and explicit in its answer: "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." These men were chosen from among the number by the number themselves, unlike the apostles who were appointed and chosen by God.

We see further that the choice of the people was not in itself enough, for popular choice was to be ratified by the apostles: "whom *we* may appoint over this business." A simple pattern clearly emerges: the believers as a general body were not to go their own way isolated from the apostles in matters of administration, nor on the other hand were the apostles to appoint men to tasks in the church itself without reference to the body of believers to learn their mind on certain matters.

To look a little closer, we will observe also that there was a limitation to the scope of duty and authority designated to the men chosen to be deacons. They were bound to the limits of "this business." Now it behooves every believer to know something of the limits of his service. We do not rule a church just because we are members, neither do we run a Sunday school just because we have been appointed teachers. An individual deacon does not dictate every policy or seek to control every part of the church's activities and witness. The general teaching of the Epistles about our relationships to one another in the body of Christ clearly reminds us of these things. Let us seek to put all our love and devotion into "this business," whatever the particular business may be, and see to it that it fits into the general pattern of the whole effort of the church of Jesus Christ. One must neither try to rule nor isolate his service until it revolves solely around his own personality.

It is also clear from our text that not just any believer would do. Certain qualifications were involved. Deacons were to be "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." We notice therefore that the scope of popular approval was greatly limited. The men were to be chosen not because they were likeable fellows, but because they had character and grace which suited them to perform the task in hand. Men who are to have any authority in the local church should have a good report in the world for common honesty and behavior. They also should have a good report at home, where they command the respect of family, as well as commanding respect in the assembly.

These men were to be "full of the Holy Ghost." By this we do not understand that they were to be prominent speakers in other tongues, the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the ensuing utterance in other tongues being the rich inheritance and privilege of all believers. Neither do we think the statement means they were to be great miracle workers. We consider this to mean that there was to be seen in the lives of the men chosen something of the qualities and characteristics associated with the Person of the Holy Spirit; primarily the fruit of the Spirit, which is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . ." (Galatians 5: 22). This fruit of the Spirit should, of course, be evident in every life claiming to belong to Jesus Christ.

One more requirement of the men to be chosen must not escape our notice. They were to be men full of the Holy Ghost "and wisdom." Some people seem to think wisdom is not needed in spiritual matters. They

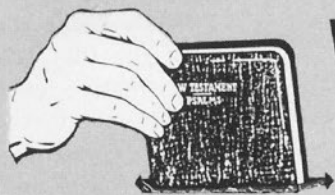
talk glibly of not needing any man to teach them now that they have the Holy Ghost. One would think the Holy Spirit bypassed the human mind completely in all His operations, rather than enriching the mind or enlightening our understanding. Let us make no mistake about this; it is one of the great purposes of the Holy Spirit's indwelling to illumine the mind and so produce wisdom which is highly beneficial to the whole church of Christ as well as to the local assembly.

I was reading recently of a certain curate who was criticized as a totally uneducated man. "I don't know whether he is uneducated or not," remarked his bishop, "but what I do know is that the Holy Ghost makes a point of enlightening him." Paul reminds the Corinthian believers that they surely have some among their number wise enough to be set as judges over certain matters. Solomon asked of God wisdom to lead and to judge the people of God aright. Because he asked for wisdom God gave him everything else he could have asked for besides. So we come back to the assembly again and remind ourselves that we are to look for men of sound judgment to advise and to help in matters of import for the well-running of the assembly. We certainly need enthusiasm, liveliness, and zeal, but we must couple these to wisdom.

The choice of the people, confirmed by the apostles, did not hinder or constrict the call of God in the life of Stephen, one of the seven chosen men. Indeed we may say that the service to which these men were appointed may have proved the seed-bed out of which came a full development and fulfillment of God's purposes. Stephen had that gift and calling of God that leaped over the limitations of human appointment. His life was like a river in full flood which soon leaped over man-made channels and flowed out into the broad stream of the church of Jesus Christ, accomplishing a mighty witness and testimony which has left us with one of the most thrilling stories of the New Testament era. We must always be careful lest in our fervor to departmentalize church activity into rigid conformity in personnel and practice, we frustrate the ability of the Holy Spirit to overrule in all matters. Unless we are careful, no Stephen will ever be allowed to rise who will break through custom, conformity, and pattern and lead the church out into the fresh breathings of the Spirit of God.

Let us then seek the leading of the Spirit as we choose men for office in the church of Jesus Christ.

—*Elim Evangel*



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READING FOR JANUARY 10-17

Sunday—Psalms 6, 7	Thursday—Matthew 9
Monday—Matthew 6	Friday—Matthew 10
Tuesday—Matthew 7	Saturday—Psalm 8
Wednesday—Matthew 8	Sunday—Psalm 9

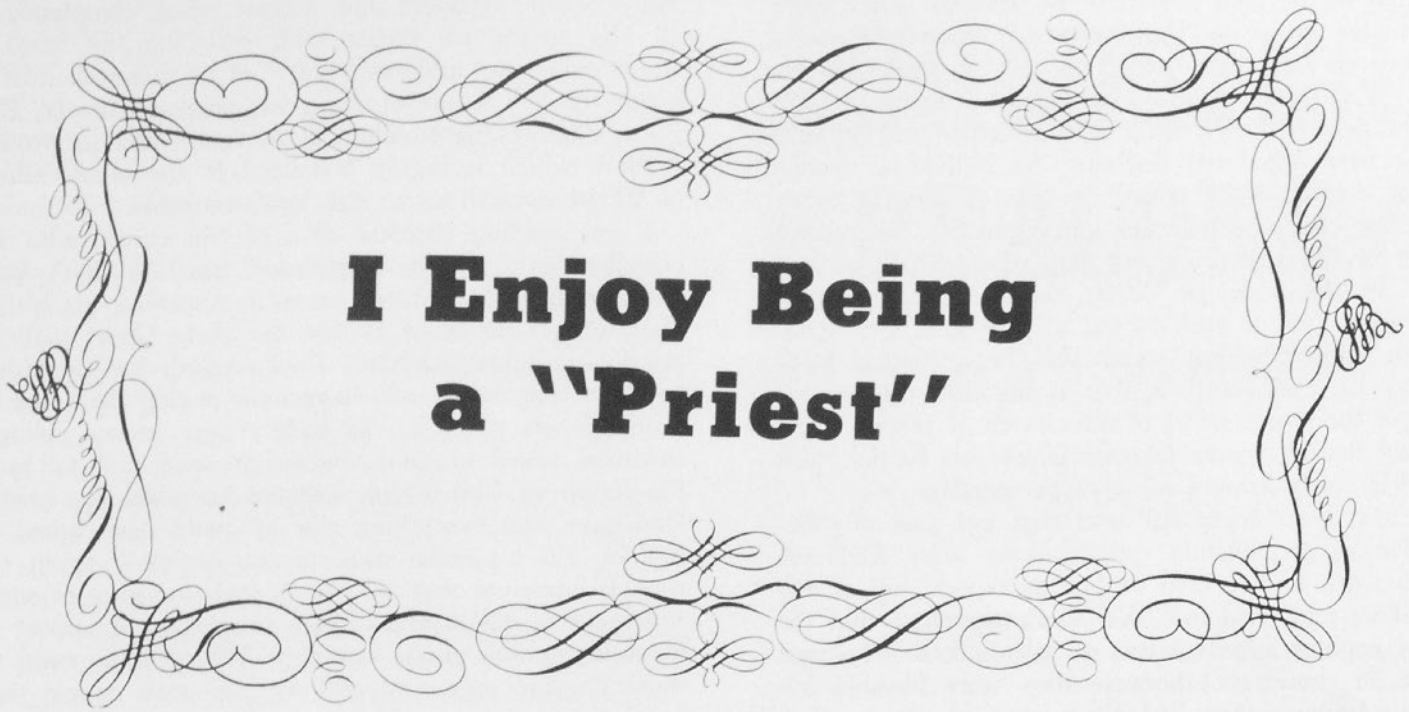
WHAT KIND OF SONGS?

A man who had been converted late in life and who possessed a beautiful voice lay weeping a few days before he died. His daughter bending over him asked the reason for his grief.

"I dreamed," he said, "I was in heaven and everywhere people were singing; and they wanted me to sing with them, but I didn't know their songs. I cried so much I wakened crying."

As he looked up into her face, he said, "I've sung all my life, but I never learned heaven's songs."

—*Redemption Tidings*



I Enjoy Being a "Priest"

"In pre-Mosaic times the office of priest was occupied by the father of a family, or the head of a tribe, for his own family or tribe. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob built altars, offered sacrifices, purified and consecrated themselves and their households."

—from "Unger's Bible Dictionary"

BY WARD M. TANNEBERG, PASTOR, ASSEMBLY OF GOD, FORKS, WASHINGTON

SOME OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE have come since I became "priest" to what I consider the most important congregation in the world.

This priestly office is not reserved for those who stand in pulpits, though I am one of these. It must be filled by faithful parents who sincerely desire to augment the ministry of the church to their families. Our most important congregation consists of the children God has given us to nurture and to love. Every Christian can and should respond to this calling.

A priest is one appointed by God to care for the spiritual welfare of His children. Is anyone in a better position to know, or is anyone more responsible for your family's spiritual life than you as parents? We must not be misled by the false notion that religious instruction and guidance is only the church's business. It is ours, too.

Under the pressures of our present society, we are in danger of being more concerned that our children grow up to be socially acceptable than that they be spiritually prepared. It ought not to be thus in Christian homes. To combat such a situation within the Christian home, it is important that every parent-priest fulfill his spiritual duties faithfully. A big part of these duties consists of leading a sound devotional program within the family unit.

I do not pretend to have the ultimate answer to family devotional needs, but our experiences have been most interesting and rewarding.

Simply reading the Bible and praying together met our spiritual needs during the early years of married life; and the Bible and prayer still form the core of our devotional periods. However, after the children came we soon discovered that the worship pattern we had adopted as adult Christians was not necessarily meaningful to preschool hearts and minds. A change was definitely needed. But where to start and how to interest the little ones in God and family worship, when they were anxious to be off to play, was our concern.

We found that one of the earliest and easiest places is around the table at mealtime. Both of our children lead in "saying grace" at each meal. Prayer for the entire day is added at breakfast. Bedtime prayers afford another excellent opportunity for teaching children how to worship.

We selected, as an aid to understanding the Bible, a very fine book entitled, *The Child's Story Bible*, by Catherine F. Vos.* It covers almost all of the Old and New Testaments, and is interesting and informative, even for adults. We have been reading recently about the tabernacle. Our five-year-old daughter was completely enthralled with the vivid descriptions of material and construction.

The Bible stories are sometimes read at the table,

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but more often than not we share them in the living room or in the children's room. We do not have a rigid program for reading, but use natural opportunities to create informal yet continuing interest. It is important for a little child to know that Christianity is a happy life as well as the right one.

Singing choruses is always a part of our devotional period. As a result, Stephen, our two-year-old, knows almost every chorus that is sung in Sunday school or church.

Bible quizzes and games for older youngsters can provide happy learning about the Bible.

In order to teach our children about missions, I have created three imaginary characters called Andy, Randy, and Sandy, two brothers and a sister. These "travel" all over the globe to visit other little boys and girls in foreign lands. They also visit missionaries with whom our children have become acquainted as they have been in our church. Since these three world travelers are "personal friends" of our children, they take greetings to the missionary families, etc. The idea has endless possibilities.

When our youngsters are a little older we plan to interest them in special projects for some of their friends living on the mission field. Letters will be exchanged, suitable gifts made and sent, etc. Studies of foreign lands, their customs and their peoples, as well as their spiritual needs, will deepen their interest in praying, giving, and serving wherever God wants them. I believe that part of our responsibility as parent-priests is to make our children aware of their great blessings and give them a desire to share them with a needy world.

This ministry as a priest to our families is a great responsibility, but it is an enjoyable one too. If there are little ones in your home, don't miss the opportunity to lead them in the great discovery—of a God who loves and cares for them, and who can make their lives worth living. Minister to your own "most important congregation." Give them your very best. ◀◀◀

NEEDED?

BY ROBERT R. WAY

WE HAD JUST PURCHASED OUR STEREO AND, BECAUSE of the strain on the family budget, were unable to buy many records. So over and over we played the only one we had. The soothing strains of the Christian orchestra seemed to bring the very presence of Christ into our living room each time we listened. It was not long till we could anticipate each hymn. Our minds seemed synchronized to the record.

One day had been unusually hectic. Somewhat depressed, I entered the house, sauntered across the living room, and mechanically turned on the hi-fi. With a long, pensive look out over the yard, I waited for the tranquil strains of, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" and began quietly humming the melody. My spirit was heavy. As I glanced at the turntable, I became almost entranced watching the little needle gracefully gliding in the groove. Its musical product was a peaceful balm for my turbulent spirit.

Then the lesson flashed into my heart. No matter when the record is "needled" it always produces the same music. It cannot change its tune. The music has been pressed into it by contact with the master disk. I silently prayed, "Oh, God, make my spirit like this record."

Countless experiences "needle" us. No one is immune to life's pressures and demands. But if we have received the impress of the life of Christ—if we are partakers of His divine nature—the needling process can only produce the music of heaven in our spirits. Even those about us will be blessed by the restful strains. It is not so much the needle but the impress on the record that the world notices.

Is something needling you? Let it amplify the music of the Master to bless your environment.

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

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 Psalm 73:28

The First Murder

Sunday School Lesson for January 17, 1965
 GENESIS 4:1-13; JAMES 1:14, 15

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our previous lesson told the story of the origin of sin; our lesson today records the progress of sin as it began to spread from the individual through civilization.

1. THE TWO BROTHERS

a. *Their Names.* Cain means "acquired." In her simplicity Eve may have felt that her firstborn might be the promised redeemer of Genesis 3:15, and so named him Cain, as if to say, "I have obtained a son in relation to Jehovah." If such was the case, her hopes were dashed and she named her second son Abel (which means "vanity") as if to express her disappointment.

b. *Their Occupation.* "Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground."

c. *Their Offerings.* "Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock." Both boys were workers and both were worshipers. But what a difference in their worship! Abel's worship was acceptable while Cain's was rejected. Cain's sacrifice was the fruit of the ground, the produce of his own hands—a bloodless sac-

rifice. The reason for Cain's rejection is given in Hebrews 11:4, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Faith was lacking in Cain; he failed to obey God. Abel confessed himself a sinner and demonstrated his faith by bringing a slain lamb as a substitute. In the rejection of Cain we are faced with the inescapable truth that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

2. THE DIVINE REBUKE (Genesis 4:6, 7)

Two interpretations of verse 7 are possible: a. "If thou doest well, will there not be acceptance for thee? And if thou doest not well, sin is lying at the door like a crouching beast ready to spring upon thee, and unto thee is sin's desire, but thou shouldest rule over it." Here sin is personified as a lurking beast ready to spring upon its victim. Cain, in becoming angry, was openly inviting attack and was warned to rule over it. b. "If thou offerest not well, even then there is a sin offering lying at the door for use as a propitiation." Possibly a pet lamb lying at the door of his tent could have been used as a sacrifice.

3. THE FIRST MURDER (Genesis 4:8)

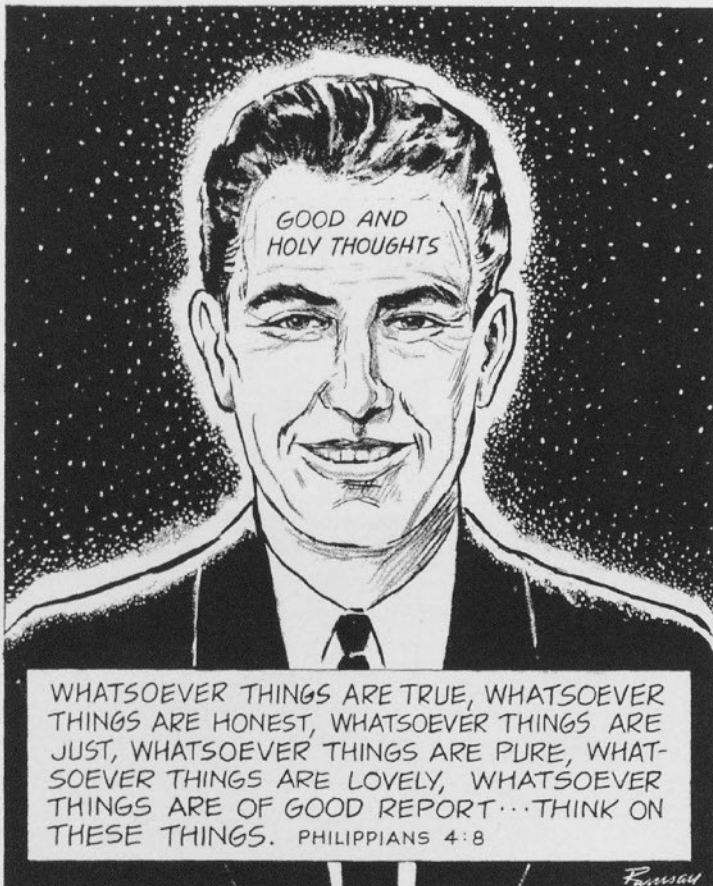
God's warning went unheeded, and jealousy and envy found expression in murder. Thus, the first murder was committed in connection with the worshiping of God. Several lessons are evident: a. Conduct *after* church reveals the depth of a man's religion. Someone has said: "If you want to know what a man's worship is worth, see him out of church. Cain killed his brother when church was over, and that was the exact measure of his religion." How is it with us? When we leave the church do we gossip, criticize, envy, become angry? b. Wrong heart attitudes lead to terrible outbreaking sins. Cain nourished and cultivated a feeling of envy and resentment and it led to murder.

4. THE DIVINE JUDGMENT (Genesis 4:9-15)

a. *The Searching Question and Impudent Reply.* Cain's sin found him out and became the occasion for searching questions from God—"Where is Abel thy brother?" "What hast thou done?" Notice Cain's answer, "I know not." One sin leads to another. Murder was followed by a bold-faced lie, "Am I my brother's keeper?" What an insolent reply to make to the Almighty God! Are we our brother's keepers? In some senses, no; in others, definitely yes! Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments as love to God and love to man. We cannot fulfill this command unless we do take practical interest in the welfare of others.

b. *The Divine Sentence and the Human Reaction.* Upon Cain judgment was pronounced—he would become a wanderer. Wherever he lived the curse would follow; the soil would be barren. Cain's response in verse 13 may be interpreted in two ways: (1) "My punishment is greater than I can bear," which implies that God is unfair and that Cain was thinking more of the severity of his punishment than of the enormity of his sin. (2) "My sin is greater than that it may be forgiven" (margin), which would suggest that Cain was beyond forgiveness. The attitude of either interpretation is to be avoided. Let us neither minimize our sin nor feel that we are beyond the reach of the efficacy of the atoning blood of Christ! Let us, regardless of our sin, flee to Him in prayer for cleansing and reconciliation!

HOW TO AVOID EVIL THOUGHTS



SELF-PLANNED LIVES

An architect complained that many of his clients come and ask him to design a home for them, only to let him discover that they have already designed it for themselves. What they really want is his sanction of their own plan and the satisfaction of seeing him draw on paper what they have fully in mind.

It is in very much the same fashion that we often go to the Great Architect of the universe with our lives. We ask Him for wisdom and guidance, but we have already planned how we will build our fortunes and shape our course; and it is not His way we are seeking, but His approval of our way.

—H. BONAR

SHARING GOD'S PURPOSES

When we place ourselves at God's disposal, to be used in whatever way He sees fit, we may have many experiences which do not seem meant for us at all. It is necessary that we suffer them in order to understand and lift another in his suffering.

The Lord Jesus endured temptation that He might be able to deliver us when we are tempted. He accepted human limitations that He might better feel with us in our need. So if we are to share in His ministry of compassion, we must not think it strange that we also share the "fellowship of his sufferings." "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him."

—Adapted

KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER

One of the most hazardous things that any system of education could do would be to give youth intellectual capacity without character. When a young man imbibes the knowledge of chemistry, he has a twofold capacity either to concoct a deadly poison or to make a healing medicine. Character determines which he shall do.

—LOUIS H. EVANS, in *Youth Seeks a Master* (Revell)

MAKE TODAY A GOOD DAY!

Recently, when the Times Tower in Times Square, New York City, was being reconstructed as the Allied Chemical Corporation Tower, the box which had been sealed in the cornerstone was opened. In it were found 12 New York newspapers, dated January 18, 1904.

These 60-year-old papers revealed that times do not change as much as we think and that the past was not much better than the present. Trouble was reported in the Far East and Panama; Erie Railroad commuters complained of congestion; Broadway box-office practices were under fire; Brooklyn police were chasing the Mafia; there were bloody uprisings in Africa; and editorials told the dangers of cigarettes.

This reminds us that every era has its day. So has every person. No one else can use it, no one else can claim it. In the "good old days" our fathers had their lives to live; but now belongs to us. Let us make TODAY a good day with a Saviour who is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever."

—KATHERINE BEVIS



STONY HEARTS

While sitting on the bank of a river one day, I picked up a stone from the water and broke it open. It was perfectly dry in spite of the fact that it had been immersed in water for centuries.

The same is true of many people in the Western world. For years they have been surrounded by Christianity. They live immersed in the waters of its benefits. And yet it has not penetrated their hearts; they do not love it. The fault is not in Christianity, but in men's hearts which have been hardened by materialism and intellectualism.

—SUNDAR SINGH, quoted in *Leaves*

DIVINE HEALING DEFINED

Divine healing is not giving up medicines, nor fighting with physicians, nor against remedies. It is not even believing in prayer, or the prayer of faith, or in the men and women who teach divine healing. It is not even believing the doctrine to be true.

But it is really receiving the personal life of Christ to be in us as the supernatural strength of our body and the supply of our physical life. It is a living fact, and not a mere theory or doctrine.

—A. B. SIMPSON

If Two of You

Please pray for me, my friend!

I need your prayers,
For there are burdens pressing hard,
And many cares;
Pray, too, that Christ will make of me
The Christian that I ought to be.

Do pray for me, my friend,
At morning hour,
That I may not be overborne
By Satan's pow'r;
That mid the whirl and maze of "things"
My soul may drink of hidden springs.

And pray for me, my friend,
When night comes on;
God's stars look down upon us both,
Apart—alone;
Will you, dear friend, before you sleep,
Pray Him my soul, with yours, to keep?

Cease not to pray for me,
Tho' sundered far;
Come, meet me at the mercy seat
From where you are;
Nor time nor distance can divide
Our hearts that in His love abide.

Thus, praying each for each,
That will come true
Of which your Lord and Master spoke—
"If two of you"—
No purer joy may friendship share
Than in the fellowship of prayer.

—Gladys Gorton



Are You Looking for Answers— or Questions?

BY EVANGELIST RALPH E. LESLIE
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MANY A FOOLISH MAN HAS THOUGHT HIMSELF WISE because he could ask questions. But there are some things that should not be questioned at all.

Our Lord was constantly running into contentious questioning. The woman of Samaria tried to avoid His witness with a technical question. The Sadducees tried to trap Him with a difficult question. In fact, this was a common reaction of those who didn't want their wrongs exposed by the Lord. They tried by their questions to discredit Him.

To false, questioning accusations Jesus often gave no answer at all. When questioned by Pilate He answered not a word. Often He ignored questions asked in the wrong spirit; but our Lord always entertained sincere questions, and in those situations He invariably answered from the Old Testament using the exact words of the Scriptures.

The secular spirit among us tends to question everything. Our young people in high school and college are taught not to accept anything without questioning it. Even seemingly devout men are influenced by this spirit of questioning. Articles written in some of our finest magazines seem only to pose questions. But Christians are not searchers *after* truth as much as proclaimers of truth. Christ said, "I am the . . . truth . . ." (John 14:6). Those things which we know in Christ we should not question.

A communist writer has said that communism would have failed completely if just a few hundred men in the time of its infancy had stood up for what they believed. A questioning attitude, however, was the popular spirit of that day. How devastating the spirit that allows us to question the truth to the point that we do not defend it.

When one allows the spirit of questioning to be on the throne of the mind, it is doubtful that he will receive sound answers. Consider the apostle Paul on Mars' Hill in the city of Athens (Acts 17). He did an able job of answering questions, yet we see no record of a church being established in that great cultural center. They didn't want answers. They wanted questions.

From a Roman prison cell Paul wrote to the young preachers Timothy and Titus. No doubt he was reflecting on a lesson learned on Mars Hill when he offered his advice. To Timothy he wrote, "Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle . . . in meekness instructing those who oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance" (2 Timothy 2:23-25). He also warned concerning those who were "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." To Titus he said: "Avoid foolish questions and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Titus 3:9).

Peter, after having received his personal commission from the risen Lord, asked an unnecessary question, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" Jesus answered, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." In the midst of grave circumstances on the night the Lord was betrayed, we find His disciples arguing about "... which one of them should be accounted the greatest" (Luke 22:24). In Acts 15, the great missionary work of the young church could easily have been upset over the question of a young man's qualifications for the ministry.

Any child can ask a thousand questions that none of us can answer. The answers the world really needs are the answers to be found in Christ.

Honest questions are answered in the Word of God. There are occasions in the Book of Matthew where Christ answered the questions of the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees by a simple statement, "Have ye not read?" One who neglects the Word of God cannot hope to have his spiritual questions answered. We must have the Spirit of Truth to lead us into all truth (John 16:13).

God has provided the preaching of the gospel to answer the sincere searching heart. The Bible tells us, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Daniel Webster said, "Though we live in a reading age and in a reading community, yet the preaching of the gospel is the form in which human agency has been and still is most efficaciously employed for the spiritual improvement of man."

Of course, prayer is an important activity. Pentecostal people have found prayer around the altars of our churches a Spirit-led means of problem solving. How often a problem situation has been transformed as one puts himself on the altar of sacrifice. Here many of our questions become unimportant. When the Spirit of God moves in our lives we get a heavenly perspective on earthly things.

As we find ourselves busy for God rather than bogged down in questions, we find that many of them are answered in the field of service. As we work, we find faith on the increase because we see God meeting the needs of others. Often we find, almost unconsciously, our own needs being met.

Finally, answers to many of our questions can be read in the lives of men who have lived and died for God. When one considers the personal testimonies of statesmen, scientists, educators and others who have followed Christ without question, his own doubts become disqualified.

When we place our sincere questions before God, it is then that we understand Mark Twain's comment, "It's not the things I don't understand about the Bible that

bother me, it's what I do understand." Very often questions tend to magnify little things and ignore great and far-reaching facts. When we consider the claims of Christ and the Bible together with the great effects of Christianity, our questions find proper perspective.

What questions, then, should a man ask? Surely God placed the spirit of inquiry in man for some purpose. Paul asked simply, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The question of the fearful Philippian jailer was, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The writer to the Hebrews asked, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

These questions should be asked by all of us. But we must accept God's answers and act on them. The Bible says of one young man who did not accept the answer given by Jesus, that he "went away sorrowful."

There is one proper place for the questioning soul—bowed in humble unquestioning devotion before his Maker. Here alone will truth be found. ◀◀



This is a special month, Dad!

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FEBRUARY 7



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Was Anna the prophetess 84 years old when she saw the infant Jesus, or had she lived 84 years after the death of her husband? (Luke 2:36, 37).

Various recent translations including Phillips and the New English Bible read, in substance, that Anna "was a very old woman, having had seven years of married life, and was now a widow of eighty-four."

Where does the Bible teach that it is wrong to play cards?

I suppose you are referring to cards that are used in gambling. If we are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, why should we identify ourselves with any means of practicing evil? Is it not much more Christlike to "touch not the unclean thing"? This is what the Bible teaches concerning both evil men and evil methods. "Wherefore, come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Was the "mercy seat" a seat on which the priest could sit, or before which he could kneel and pray? Was it real, or is the term symbolic?

The mercy seat was the actual golden lid or covering of the Ark. "And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold. . . . And thou shalt put the mercy seat above the ark. . . . And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:17-22). The shekinah glory representing the presence of God settled upon the mercy seat.

Why do ministers attack Pilate for doing his duty in turning Jesus over to crucifixion when the Jews accused Jesus of blasphemy and seeking to set up a kingdom opposed to Rome? Did Pilate not defend Jesus as far as he could by saying, "I find no fault in him," and by refusing to yield to the demands of the Jews that he alter the inscription on the cross to read, "He said, I am King of the Jews"?

Pilate was in a hard place. To let Jesus go would open the way for the Jews to accuse Pilate of unfaithfulness to Rome, of being a traitor to his government. But Pilate felt in his heart that Jesus was innocent of the charges laid against Him. He had to decide with the Jews if he was to retain his office, or free Jesus and thus preserve the innocent at the risk of losing his political position.

Pilate's dilemma becomes ours when to decide for right may jeopardize our standing among men. We are tempted to decide against right to preserve our prestige or position. We answer by our actions the question Pilate asked and answered by his, "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"

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.



This attractive new brick church in Vermilion, Ohio, was dedicated last October.

Miracles in Vermilion

By C. Danny Betzer

*Pastor of First Assembly of God
Vermilion, Ohio*

GENTLY TUCKED INTO THE ROLLING SLOPES OF NORTHERN Ohio, overlooking majestic Lake Erie, lies the village of Vermilion. A former fishing hamlet, now the home of booming industry, Vermilion is next-door neighbor to Lorain and Cleveland.

When big business moved into town, Vermilion tripled in size from its former 2,500 residents to 8,000. Families came from all over America. Among them were several Assemblies of God families who began an immediate search for a church home.

They found the nearest Assemblies were in Lorain, Huron and Oberlin. Full of faith and vision, these people determined to have a church in Vermilion. They began to meet in their homes in the fall of 1962. They made many house calls during the week to lead others to Christ.

In the meantime, the Ohio District Council had decided to launch a *Breakthrough* program. Once a site was chosen, the worker would tour the district—much as a foreign missionary would—to raise his support for a two-year term. Vermilion became the initial *Breakthrough* project.

The church officially began on December 2, 1962, with Sunday morning services conducted in the Valleyview Elementary School auditorium. My family and I arrived to pastor this group the last day of the year and were greeted that Sunday morning by 59 persons.

A great revival spirit fell upon the church and it began to grow rapidly. Now we met morning and evening in the school—even though it meant paying a high rental rate. Sunday school, Christ's Ambassadors, WMC, and other groups were formed to assist in our evangelism effort.

During the summer of 1963 we searched for a suitable building site. We found $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres of heavily wooded land in the most desirable section of the city. Surrounded by homes in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 bracket, this land was subdivided into 14 house lots worth a total of \$30,000. God enabled us to buy this property from a Roman Catholic organization for only \$8,500 and to pay cash.

In March 1964 we broke ground for our new building. This was an act of faith for we had not chosen a contractor. After a day of fasting and prayer on the part of the entire congregation, a builder, known not only as

an outstanding contractor, but also as a Christian gentleman, was sent our way. In June the William C. Smith Company began construction.

The building is 50 by 100. It has seven classrooms plus the auditorium class, two church offices, heated fiber-glass baptistry, ceramic-tiled lobby, carpeted prayer room, fully equipped kitchen and an auditorium seating 250 people. The color scheme was professionally planned. The pews are pecan with full aquamarine upholstery on the seats, backs and side panels. The carpet is a matching blue. The property we now have is bank-appraised at \$135,000. The church has invested only \$65,000 in the entire project.

For the last Sunday school year we averaged 102 in attendance. Since moving into the new building we are averaging 115 with an enrollment of 135.

This year the congregation will give close to \$2,000 to missions. The church sponsors *Revivaltime* on a Lorain station.

Over 150 persons have accepted Christ through the ministry of First Assembly. Many have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there have been wonderful testimonies of divine healing.

The high point of the church thus far was reached on October 6 when we dedicated the building and 265 persons filled the auditorium to hear *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward preach. The choir of First Assembly in Cleveland presented beautiful musical numbers. At the close of the message, just before the actual dedicatory ceremony, two men walked forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

We praise God for His miracles in Vermilion!

SITES FOR SOULS PROGRESS

THIRTEEN STRATEGICALLY LOCATED SITES PURCHASED, \$94,500 allocated, nearly \$45,000 cash paid on allocations—that's the *Sites for Souls* story to date. But it is only the first chapter in what we believe will be an increasingly more thrilling story.

The introduction to chapter two will be written during the Home Missions rallies which will be conducted across the nation in February. In addition to placing the Church Extension challenge clearly before the constituency, two definite *Sites for Souls* goals will be projected for 1965: (1) a grand total of 1,000 *Sites for Souls* churches (that is, churches pledging to contribute a minimum of \$1 per member per year), and (2) \$100,000 cash during the year for *Sites for Souls*.



Danny Betzer, pastor, led the singing at the dedication.



Participating in the dedication were (left to right): William C. Smith, contractor; Howard Davidson, district secretary; E. E. Eliason, presbyter; C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist; Pastor Danny Betzer; C. T. Beem, *Revivaltime* office manager and program director; and Howard Spriggs, pastor in Oberlin, Ohio. The Cleveland First Assembly choir presented special music.



Dedication crowd is proud of the new church in Cotonou, Dahomey (full view shown at right) which features walls finished in hand-set pebbles.

NEW CHURCH FOR NEW CAPITAL

COTONOU, CAPITAL CITY OF DAHOMEY, now has a fine building on a choice site because of the missions-mindedness of American donors. In memory of her husband, the late Edwin A. Beck, former missionary Florence

(Blossom) Beck donated the money to buy the property on which this beautiful church now stands. Cost of construction was paid by an American evangelical foundation which has asked to remain anonymous.

African doorman was once himself among curious onlookers crowding church doorway.

Most churches in Africa today are being built by contributions from the Africans themselves; but there are places—such as Cotonou—where gospel impact on an important city can be greatly accelerated if an adequate building can be built even before the local congregation has resources to do it.

The Cotonou work was begun with great success by missionary Eugene Bascue, and is now under the guidance of missionary Wayne Turner. A thriving congregation now worships in a building of which they can be justly proud—and which will be the means of reaching thousands of Africans for Christ.



Missionaries Eugene Bascue (left) and Wayne Turner join with national pastor in ground-breaking ceremony witnessed by Christians.

Large crowds attend meetings in Cotonou conducted by Evangelist Gene Martin as church is being built.





◀ Hari Prasad turned from Hinduism to Christ . . .

LITERATURE was the WEDGE

By LAWRENCE LARSON
Missionary to Fiji

HARI PRASAD GREW UP IN SUVA, THE capital city of the Fiji Islands. His father, a Brahmin Hindu *pandit* (teacher), had come from India with many others to work on the sugarcane plantations. The Prasads, being extremely religious, had built just outside their home another small house for their gods. In this shrine there were idols of every description, but the most important idols were the brass monkey god, the idols of Krishna and Rama, and a picture of the fire-walking goddess.

After completing his schooling, Hari became a truck driver. Some time later the company for which he drove offered him an office position. He studied bookkeeping through an Eng-

lish correspondence course and soon became the firm's accountant.

One day as he was on the bus going home from work, a Fijian Christian spoke to him. His testimony was short but backed up with a promise to give Hari some gospel literature the next day. Hari was not really interested at first because he felt, as many Indians do, that to change to Christianity would be a direct defeat to the Indian race. But the next day, out of curiosity, he accepted an *Evangel* and several other pieces of gospel literature.

Arriving home, he began reading at once. His wife, a strict Hindu, was quite indignant; but the seed of the Word of God had been planted and

Hari secretly continued to read. The more he read, the more interested and convicted he became.

Several days later Hari asked the Christian if he might visit his church. So they went together to the midweek Bible study and prayer meeting. He enjoyed the singing immensely, and he remembers that the study was about Philip going to Samaria. The next day he purchased a Bible. The following Saturday night he attended the Christ's Ambassadors service. When the altar call was given, Hari without hesitation went forward for salvation.

Hari says it was the literature that first drew him to Christ. Then when he read the 24th chapter of Matthew in his new Bible, he wanted to get right with God as quickly as he possibly could.

In spite of his wife's opposition, Hari continued to attend church. To help overcome his problem at home, he would go to the church prayer room each day after work to ask God to help him stand. He prayed desperately for his wife's salvation and against her will he brought literature home for her to read.

At the end of three months his wife responded to this literature. She called for the missionary and gave her life to Jesus Christ. From that time the Prasads together with their five children have faithfully served the Lord. They are pastoring the Assembly of God church at Navua, 27 miles from Suva.

Hari Prasad concluded his interview with me by saying: "I thank the Lord for gospel literature. It has helped deliver me from the darkness of the Hindu religion and bring me into the glorious experience of a born-again Christian." ◀◀

By WILLIAM STEPP
Missionary to Venezuela

Kidnapped by Terrorists

I AM INDEED THANKFUL TO THE Lord to be alive, after being kidnapped.

It happened last Saturday night. I had just returned from a city-wide evangelistic rally and had put the car in the garage, when four young gunmen pointed guns at me. They ordered me back in the car and then got in themselves and drove off. A block away they took my money and watch. Then they forced me to lie low in the back seat while they assaulted the police guard of the Prefecto. They fractured his skull, kicked his eye, and shot him. He was taken to the hospital critically wounded.

Next they tied my hands behind me

and ran off, leaving me in the back seat of the car. As quickly as I could I untied my hands and got behind the steering wheel. *They had even left the keys.* I drove home and called the police.

This was no robbery, but a communist act of violence to create disorder, to show the public that the Reds are still on the scene.

When the police heard what had happened they said, "Sir, God must surely be with you, for these communists usually harm or kill the owner of the car they steal, often dumping him off in the country so he will not be able to report and denounce them."



"I will not leave thee," the Lord said as He stood above the ladder in Jacob's dream. So grateful was Jacob when he awaked that he entered into a covenant of gratitude, saying, "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

BY R. E. ORCHARD

Covenant of Gratitude

MANY OF THE GREAT PRINCIPLES OF the Christian faith had their beginnings in God's dealings with the patriarchs of old. For this reason, God caused to be recorded in His Word certain events in the lives of the early fathers which encouraged their faith and revealed Himself to their hearts.

Abraham and Isaac learned that "God sees and provides" in the events on Mount Moriah when Isaac would have been offered to the Lord. God's hatred for sin was demonstrated in the story of Cain, and in the events of the Flood, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. His preservation of the righteous during judgment is typified for us in the story of Noah's ark, and in the translation of Enoch even before the Flood.

In the life of Jacob, God began to reveal the great principle of stewardship. We note that Abraham paid tithes before this time to Melchizedek, but God's dealing with Jacob in this regard gives us the details of this principle of giving.

In Genesis 28 we read that Jacob went out from Beer-sheba toward Haran. That first night away from home he camped in an open place, taking a stone for a pillow. That night he dreamed a ladder was set up on the earth with the Lord above it and angels ascending and descending upon it. The ladder was typical of Christ. As the ladder was set up on the earth and reached to heaven, so Christ came from heaven to earth and became the Way for us. "No man cometh unto the Father but by me," He said.

Jacob's place of rest that night became an awesome place. It demanded respect and reverence, for God had appeared to him there. So Jacob set upright the stone upon which he had slept, and poured oil upon it, and called the name of the place Bethel, *the house of God*.

Then Jacob made his vow: "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and will give me raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then the Lord shall be my God: and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:20-22).

God's part of this covenant was to make Himself known to Jacob, and to keep him in the right way of life and to supply him with the basic necessities of life. Jacob's part of this covenant was to worship the Lord, respect the house of God, and give a tenth of his increase back to the Lord.

This simple plan of stewardship was detailed very carefully for the children of Israel in the laws and precepts given to Moses. However, the stewardship principle was observed long before the Law was given, and was a vital part of the life and faith of the earliest patriarchs. It is significant, too, that when the dispensation of Law ended and the dispensation of Grace began, the principle of stew-



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Therefore, faithful stewardship is not a matter of giving to see how much we can get from God; He has already promised and provided more than we can ever repay. We must give out of love and appreciation, keeping a *covenant of gratitude*, a sign of the privilege of partnership with God in His kingdom.

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material things will also gain spiritual ground by their sweeter disposition, their willingness to serve in many other ways, and the abundance of peace in their hearts and in relationship with others.

Those who are unfaithful in serving God with material things also tend toward spiritual poverty, a cynical attitude, and a reluctance to serve in other ways.

All of this is in harmony with the scriptural teaching that the outgoing life toward God and others is the full and happy life; and the withholding, grasping, minimal effort tends toward spiritual poverty. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there

is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Proverbs 11:24).

I would urge you to make God your constant companion; attend His house consistently; and work in practical ways toward the extension and expansion of His kingdom. If you will do these things, God will be with you. Be faithful in stewardship and He will keep you in the right way. The basic necessities of life shall be provided, and you will have an abundant entrance into your eternal home.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). ◀◀



For many persons the radio broadcast service is their only link with fellow Christians. Many wonderful letters come each week from these faithful listeners.

Elderly and Shut-in Listeners Helped Greatly By Revivaltime

By RON ROWDEN

THE SAME REVIVALTIME MESSAGE THAT challenges unsaved souls, strengthens young families, and captures the hearts of little children, is also an encouragement and a companion to elderly and shut-in persons around the world.

Faced with a life of loneliness and limited activity, these people anxiously look forward to each *Revivaltime* broadcast when they can enjoy fellowship with God and His people.

"I wonder if you know what your program means to us who have walked with our blessed Lord and Saviour for 60 or more years?" wrote a woman in Washington. "When you come over the air, I feel so close to all of you—it's like sitting in heavenly places with Christ. I try to sing with you; I pray with you, and for you; and I drink in blessings that words cannot express. Thank God for such faith and such preaching."

A great favorite of elderly radio listeners is C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist. Brother Ward's down-to-earth, pungent sermons bring back memories of the fiery, old-fashioned, camp-meeting preachers of former days.

Wrote a Fresno, Calif., listener: "Your radio program is a blessing to me. I love the good singing. Your messages are straight from the Word of God, and they are not sugar-coated."

This letter from Prosser, Wash., also filled our hearts with joy: "My 97-year-old mother, who was healed by the Lord through your prayers, said what is needed are more men like Brother Ward, who tell the people that to be saved and healed they need Jesus."

Many believers in whose lives church services have become a vital factor, find themselves isolated, away from friends and the warmth of Christian fellowship. The thirty minutes of inspiration and devotion afforded them by *Revivaltime's* weekly broadcast service does much to brighten their lonely lives.

"My husband and I listen to *Revivaltime* every Sunday evening," wrote an Omaha, Nebr., lady. "Since my husband is a shut-in, and we are unable to attend church, this service means a great deal to us."

Another listener in Clearwater,

Kans., expressed her appreciation of the broadcast service in this manner:

"I am shut in with a very ill 87-year-old mother. Because she requires constant care, I cannot go to church anymore. My radio has meant so much to me. I listen to your sermon every Sunday, and it means so much to me."

From California came this letter: "I just had to take time to tell you how much I enjoy your broadcast service. I really feel the Spirit of God when you pray.

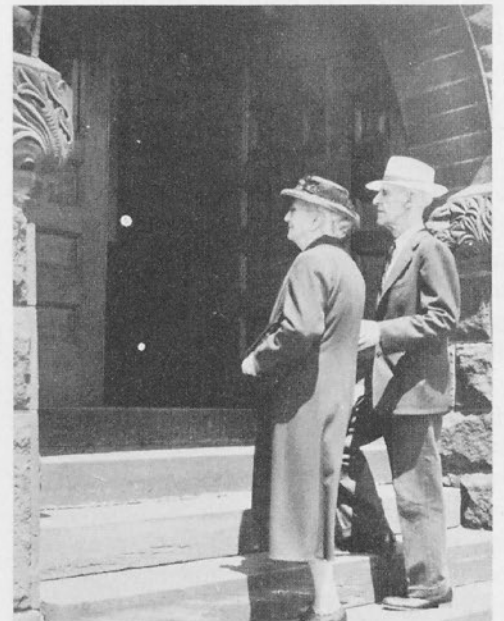
"I am in a wheelchair and cannot attend church; therefore, your service has a twofold meaning and blessing to me."

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Pray with us daily for *Revivaltime*. Make a genuine effort to give something for the furtherance of His Word in these last days. Defeat Satan by giving an offering to God's work, and see how abundantly you will be rewarded.

Send your letters and sacrificial offerings to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.



Some elderly folk still are able to attend services at church, but they also enjoy *Revivaltime* broadcast in their homes.



Parents

REPORT PRAYERS ANSWERED FOR THEIR CHILDREN

HUNDREDS OF LETTERS REACH *Revivaltime* each year from parents around the world who are burdened with the needs of their children. The requests vary, some being for healing, some for guidance, and some for relief from unemployment problems. But one underlying burden seems to be present in all the parents' letters—a burning desire to see their sons or daughters drawn closer to the Lord.

When God answers their prayers they give Him the praise. Typical of many testimonies is this one from Nassau, Bahama Islands:

"Last year I sent in a request for the salvation of my five sons. I am very happy to say that two of them have given their hearts to the Lord, and there is a great change in the lives of the other three. Praise the Lord with me."

Perhaps one of the most distressing problems of parenthood is the wayward, unyielding child. Christian parents know the only answer is God, and requests reach *Revivaltime* each day from such people asking for prayer. And God answers!

"I wrote to you asking prayer for my daughter Brenda," testified a mother in Virginia. "That very week, a tent meeting came within blocks of our home. This meeting lasted four weeks, and Brenda went every night except one. She is a changed girl! Now she is in Bible college and has received the baptism in the Holy Spir-

it. Everything has happened so fast that I'm still shocked. God has been so good to us."

A parent in Madras State, South India, also received a glorious answer:

"Two months ago, one of my sons, a teen-ager, left our home and his whereabouts were not known. One morning on your broadcast you were praying for changed lives. I prayed along with you for my lost son. At the very same time, my son was writing a letter of apology to me, which I received the next day. On Sunday, after your morning broadcast, my son returned home. Who else but God could have worked this miracle? As you always say at the close of your program, 'It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.'"

The curse of alcohol destroys the happiness of many families, but a listener in Mississippi writes to tell us that God can also erase that dark blot:

"I wrote to you about a year ago requesting prayer for my boy who was an alcoholic. He was in an awful condition, and had been ever since he came home from the Navy. I was

desperate when I wrote you, for he had been drunk so often that he couldn't keep a job. After I wrote, he slipped off to another state in an effort to get away from us.

"About a month later I got a telephone call from his wife. He had gone to an Assemblies of God church and had been saved. He is still delivered from drink. I know it was God because he hadn't been able to quit by himself."

Parental love does not cease when the son and daughter leave home to start families of their own. Through experience, mothers and fathers realize the difficulties of young married life, and when their child's marriage is in jeopardy they know where the remedy is found. A letter says:

"In March of this year, I wrote for prayer for my daughter and her husband who were separated. Praise the Lord for answered prayer. They are back together. Both are saved and going to church regularly."

And a mother in Illinois testifies: "I wrote asking you to join me in prayer for the reuniting of my son's home. Thank the Lord, today it is reunited, and I truly believe it is nothing short of a miracle."

We can never repay our parents for their love, devotion, and concern for us. Only by displaying that same love to our own children can we express our gratitude.

If your heart is burdened for the physical or spiritual condition of your child, don't hesitate to turn to the One who is willing to meet your need. If you desire support in your prayers, the *Revivaltime* staff will be happy to share your burden.

Through prayer, the broadcast service has encouraged thousands of mothers and fathers. In many instances, a chance turning of the radio dial to the *Revivaltime* broadcast has prevented a young marriage from failing. At other times, the radio service has caused a drunken soul to realize the condition of his life and to come back to God. The answer to your child's problem may be revealed in the very next broadcast service. ◀◀

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Robert R. Way, Servicemen's Representative

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Miraculously Snatched from the Brink of Death

BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY the Lord has redeemed my life from destruction.

In the early hours of November 18, 1962, I fell from the International Railroad Bridge in Buffalo, New York, to the hard pavement of the Throughway below. It was a distance of about 30 feet. My skull was fractured, and my jawbone had been thrust through to my brain, disfiguring me beyond recognition. The bones of my right leg were shattered, and my pelvis was broken with the fragments perforating my internal organs.

The doctors at Meyer Memorial Hospital gave my family very little hope for my recovery. In fact, they said that if I did live I would be a "blithering idiot" because of the injury to the brain.

During those early days at the hospital I was in severe pain. I felt as though my life were ebbing away. I became very concerned about my spiritual condition.

Away back at the beginning of the long, long path to that drunken moment on the bridge, I had a precious Christian mother who taught me to love and reverence the Lord. But after she went to heaven our family drifted from one another and from the things of God. My husband was a good man, and I had two lovely children, but God was left out of our home and our lives were empty. We tried to fill the emptiness with social drinking and drifted into a round of parties.

Now I found myself in a hopeless condition, pleading with the nurse for a visit from a minister. It seemed that he never came. Then with my last bit of strength I cried to the Lord and vowed if He would spare my life so that I could bring up my children I would live for Him. I wept tears of repentance. And then it seemed I heard a voice reassuring me that my prayer had been heard.

Meanwhile a Christian neighbor had given the newspaper clipping of my accident to Pastor Frank Mangano of the Christian (Full Gospel) Church. He came and pointed me to the way of salvation through Christ. He led me to full assurance and peace. Now I *knew* I was a child of God!

A team headed by a plastic surgeon and a dental surgeon set my face back

into shape by wiring me from eyes to chin. Later the fragmented bone in my leg was replaced by a metal plate. There was a four-inch metal pin in my hip.

Pastor Mangano regularly visited to encourage me in my Christian experience and brought Gospels and other literature. I told him I would love to read these, but could not. (My vision was so dim I could not see the nurse in her white uniform if she were standing just outside the open door!) He encouraged me to believe that the Christ who gave sight to the blind could now restore my sight and enable me to read; he prayed to this end, and left.

The following day the patient in the bed next to mine saw me pick up a paper and asked, "Are you looking at the pictures?"

I replied, "No, I'm reading!"

She almost jumped out of her bed, exclaiming, "I heard that minister pray that you would be able to read!" This definite demonstration of the Lord's power to heal helped to build up my faith for further victories.

After ten weeks in the hospital, I obtained reluctant permission to return home. Strict orders were given to never put my weight on the injured leg. I moved about in a wheelchair with that leg on a horizontal extension. As soon as I could I began to attend church services on crutches. From time to time I suffered severe headaches, loss of hearing, and once even the loss of my voice—lingering effects of my fall from the bridge.

During my follow-up examinations at the hospital, I kept asking the doctors whether they expected I would ever walk again. They finally told me that, even after years of care, there was the likelihood that the 10-inch metal plate would not hold under pressure, in which case my leg would have to be amputated.

I could not accept this verdict. One night after my family had retired I brought my grief to the Lord. As I wept before Him it seemed that a mighty hand came down on my shoulder, and I felt in my heart God would undertake to heal me before very long!

In about two months Pastor Anthony Vigna of Gary, Indiana, came

for evangelistic meetings. He announced a message on divine healing and prayer for the sick on Friday evening (September 27, 1963). I knew God's people were praying, but things were against me that day. I awoke with one of those severe headaches; also my leg was very sore around the metal plate and pin; but I was determined to believe God.

When we were invited to come forward for prayer, I came down the aisle on crutches. After I was prayed for I returned to my seat, still using my crutches. But when I sat down God spoke to me saying, "You are as whole as anyone in this room."

With a cry of joy I threw my crutches away and walked home without them. The wheel chair was discarded, and I have walked unaided ever since. That night I was too excited to go to bed. Our lights were on until 3 a.m. as neighbors came to "congratulate" me on my healing. And for days neighbors kept coming in to see for themselves!

At the next scheduled examination at the hospital, the doctors were amazed to see me putting my weight on that *precarious* leg and walking without crutches. They ordered new X rays and seemed bewildered as they compared new with old.

Now a year later I am a healthy person, fully able to make a home for my husband and children. I do all my housework. A slight limp is about the only visible effect of the experience that brought me to the gates of death.

After the healing, my husband and our 10-year-old son received the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour, and I became hungry for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. One evening I completely yielded myself and there came the manifestation of speaking in other tongues. Thank God for this more abundant life of joy and power.

Truly the wages of sin is death. My own reckless, rebellious way had brought me to the very brink of hell. The worldly pleasures and allurements of sin cannot in any way be compared with the peace, joy, and freedom that are now mine in Christ. By His grace I want to live always for Him.—Sara E. Moore, Buffalo, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Frank Mangano, formerly pastor of Christian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., now pastoring Christ Pentecostal Church, Glassboro, N. J.)



Mark Buntain giving out tracts with the King's Men Literature Team on the streets of Calcutta.

Light-for-the-Lost in Calcutta, India

By MARK BUNTAIN

THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY THE Christian church has ever experienced in the land of India. The constant changes in the political world, the uneasiness of international pressures and the persistent gnawing hunger of the rice-famished millions, has spurred the hearts of the people to an eager search for something to satisfy the inner longing. The universities are packed as the youth of the nation are seeking the right perspective on life.

This is the hour! Tomorrow will be too late! This is the hour when we must put the precious Word of God into the hands of these eternity-bound multitudes. The thing that points daggers at Christian visitors to India is the throngs of people, millions of souls moving like human ants, slowly shuffling along the highway of life. I have seen one of our Assemblies of God visitors break down and weep at the sight of the millions of people. One of our lady evangelists could not leave her room for four days, she was so overwhelmed at the sight of the Christless crowd. But (praise God!) the power of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is on the streets of this great metropolis. Our workers are out each day with the printed Word of God.

It will encourage you to know that the present output of tracts is 90,000 per month, all made possible by Light-

for-the-Lost. Each tract is printed or stamped with the invitation for the reader to enroll in our Bible correspondence school. We now have nearly 2,500 in the Bengali-language course alone. The outstanding book "Who Jesus Is" written by Elton Hill has been translated into Bengali and Hindi and 15,000 copies are now in the hands of the workers.

Friends, this is our big day for the Master. The figure of 90,000 tracts per month is very small in comparison to the seven million people crowded into the 36 square miles of the city of Calcutta. Brother and Sister Willis Long are 250 miles away; we are the only Pentecostal missionaries in the State of West Bengal with a population of nearly 40,000,000 people. But we are convinced that our Heavenly Father loves these precious souls, and He is not willing that any should perish. Thank God, we have the young people to do the job. What we must have now is the printed material, the ammunition to place in the hands of these young people.

Beginning in October, we are conducting the greatest gospel literature crusade ever attempted in this part of the world. By God's grace we will put the Scriptures in every home in the city of Calcutta. This is a gigantic task, but if you will pray for us the Holy Spirit will certainly supply the means and the strength to do the job.

CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg
NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

ENROLLMENT IN NINE SCHOOLS UP 13.9 PER CENT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The total enrollment in nine Assemblies of God Bible institutes and colleges for the current term is up 13.9 per cent from last year. The enrollment increase for individual schools ranges from 5.5 to 25.5 per cent.

Leading in student gain is South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla., with 25.5 per cent increase. Evangel College, Springfield, Mo. is second with 17.3 per cent and Southern California Collage, Costa Mesa, Calif., is third with 16 per cent.

There are 1,947 young men enrolled and 1,666 young women making a total of 3,613. The student-faculty ratio averages 24 to one.

More than 60 per cent of the students are enrolled in theological studies. The Assemblies of God has seven Bible colleges (two of which offer junior college programs) and two senior liberal arts colleges, located in various parts of the U.S.

EVANGEL COLLEGE ENTERTAINS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ernest Snook, Evangel freshman, has been elected regional chairman of the American Association of Evangelical Students for the coming year.

The regional convention of the A.A.E.S.

was held on the Evangel College campus recently.

Snook, a history major from Oak Park, Mich., is on the Evangel varsity basketball team. His term as regional chairman will start after the national convention of the A.A.E.S. at Asbury College this spring.

Serving as regional chairman until the spring convention is Paul Anderson, Evangel junior. The region covers the south central United States.

During the recent regional convention delegates and guest students held workshops on the Christian scholar and his relationships to government, community, church, and home. When workshop reports were given, the group studying government said that Christianity and central government do mix, and there is a need for Christians to serve in our American system of government.

Students studying community relations advised that those working for community betterment should retain a world view and not become limited.

Church workshopers reported that students in Christian colleges should be prepared to work readily in their local churches after they graduate, but positions of leadership must be earned.

The workshop on the home reported that Christian couples should realize they are not exempt from problems, but difficulties can be solved by keeping their home centered upon Christ.

CBI SEMINAR URGES "EVANGELISM WITH INTENT"

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—"Evangelism with Intent," Central Bible Institute's fall evangelism thrust, was held November 9 because of the need of evangelism expressed during the last General Council and the need for the involvement of future Christian workers.

Speaking on "The Need for Evangelism," radio evangelist C. M. Ward presented the opening challenge in the morning chapel.

"Evangelism moves through people and not through conventions," he emphasized. "Because John Wesley obeyed the call to preach, Britain was spared from a French

bloodbath. Thus, the immediate challenge is to become a Moody or a Wesley.

"The personal motivation of the pastor or evangelist is like unto the Master when He said, 'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.' The hireling will not stay when there are problems; he will flee when the wolf comes. The only way to a life of successful ministry is to be crucified to self, laying down your life for the life of Christ," insisted Brother Ward.

"Personal evangelism is the collision of souls," explained D. V. Hurst, coordinator of the new Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission of the Assemblies of God. "That is, every man having Christ within, coming in contact with those who have not Christ."

"The purpose of overseas Evangelism is threefold," voiced Missions Editor John Garlock; "that of winning souls, aiding the appointed missionaries, and most important, helping to establish churches. The goal should be to make each church on the mission field self-sufficient, self-governing, and self-propagating."

"Man is physical, intellectual, social and spiritual," Pastor Ralph Kay declared. "The evangelist must keep his equipment in good shape. Study will keep his message fresh. However, the success of a revival rises or falls on the evangelist's social relationship with the pastor and his flock. Try to be a blessing and they will always want you back."

Other speakers during the Evangelism Seminar were Stanley Horton, Anthony Palma, and William MacDonald, all members of the CBI faculty. Lee Schultz, National Secretary of the Assemblies of God Radio Department, dealt with "Radio and TV Evangelism."

NCBC GRADUATE ACCEPTS PASTORATE IN TRINIDAD

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Cora Alleyne, who graduated from North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, last May with a degree in Bible and theology, has accepted a pastorate in Trinidad.

Miss Alleyne was born in Georgetown,

Ernie Snook (extreme right) is shown with other delegates to the American Association of Evangelical Students regional convention at Evangel College. Other Evangel students shown are David Armstrong (fourth from left) and Paul Anderson (sixth from left).



Four ministers participated in the evangelism symposium at Central Bible Institute. After giving their individual presentations they engaged in a general discussion and answered questions from the audience. D. V. Hurst (left) was moderator. C. M. Ward spoke on "The Message." Ralph Kay's subject was, "The Messenger." John Garlock (at extreme right) spoke on "The Method."

WEST COAST RALLIES SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY OF GOSPEL MUSIC



Cora Alleyne addressing students in chapel at North Central Bible College.

British Guiana. Her father, the late Mr. Fitz-Herbert Alleyne, was Inspector of Police and Secretary of the Ex-Servicemen's Legion.

Cora attended elementary and high school in British Guiana. Afterward she worked for 3½ years as a teacher of religious knowledge and literature in a secondary school.

In 1954 during her last year in high school Miss Alleyne was saved under the ministry of Charles Clark, a national pastor in British Guiana. Soon after her conversion she began teaching Sunday school. Later she took on the duties of Sunday school superintendent at an outstation and treasurer of the Kitty Village church. She received the baptism of the Holy Spirit under the ministry of Melvin Hodges during his first visit to British Guiana. Soon after this, she felt the call of God for Christian ministry and decided to attend North Central Bible College.

During her senior year Miss Alleyne received a letter from the Superintendent of the West Indies churches (under the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada) in which he stated that the presbytery of southern Trinidad wanted her to take over the San Francique pastorate.

"SO LITTLE TIME" IS THEME OF SCC MISSIONS EMPHASES

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Beginning with a film entitled "A Cry in the Night" and climaxing with a rally that realized over \$9,000 in cash and pledges, Southern California College enjoyed a week of missionary emphasis in October. God moved among the students as missionaries Edward Malm, Robert Carlson, and returned missionary Kenneth Short ministered in the chapel services.

It was a week of heart-searching and dedication as all were challenged by the whitened harvest field and the theme "So Little Time." Added emphasis was placed on various world regions during the dinner hour each evening. Menus reflected the food of the area, and a program was presented by the prayer band associated with that area.

Projects proposed were library equipment for a Bible school, equipment for an orphanage in Tijuana, a share in helping purchase Bible school sites in two areas, and three missionary internships.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The first in a series of music rallies to be held throughout the country was conducted recently at the First Assembly of God in Spokane, Wash. Other rallies were held at Yakima and Seattle. These meetings were in charge of Bud Tutmarc, Northwest District Music Director. Brother Tutmarc, an outstanding Seattle businessman, is music director at Calvary Temple in Seattle. With his Hawaiian guitar he is a recording artist for Word Records.

Following the rallies in the Northwest District, similar rallies were conducted in northern and southern California. The purpose of the rallies was to focus attention on "the ministry of music."

Edwin Anderson, Music Editor for the Gospel Publishing House (Assemblies of God), was guest speaker at each rally.

Each rally was preceded by a one-hour music clinic. Taped choral music was played and those present were able to sing along with the choir by using a music packet made available by the Music Di-



Edwin Anderson

vision. In this way choir techniques were taught and new choir music was introduced. Pointers were also given to song leaders, pianists, organists, and vocalists.

Following the Northwest District rallies Brother Anderson went to the Northern California District to speak at a series of music rallies in Bethel Temple, Sacramento; Bethel Church, San Jose; and Full Gospel Tabernacle, Richmond. Earl Johnson, District Music Director, had charge of these meetings. Brother Johnson is minister of music at Bethel Temple, Sacramento.

This series was followed by music rallies in Bakersfield, San Bernardino, and Costa Mesa, directed by Paul Johnson, Southern California District Music Director. Brother Johnson serves on the music staff of Southern California College, Costa Mesa.

In each meeting the audience was challenged to give offerings toward a music fund to be set up in the district. It is hoped these music funds will grow so that music scholarships can be made available to promising young people to encourage them to enter the field of sacred music.

The music rallies offered outstanding musical presentations and were well attended. Some had as many as 800 present. Not only musicians and ministers but many others came to enjoy the program of sacred music.

The Music Division will participate in other area-wide music rallies in the near future.

CAMP LEADERS TO MEET

GREEN LAKE, WIS.—More than 800 evangelical believers from the U.S., Canada, and other nations are expected to attend the second international convention of the Christian Camp Association. It will meet at the Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wis., Mar. 30 to Apr. 2.

The program will feature seven general sessions, 12 seminars, and 80 workshops. Outstanding speakers including Dr. Walter H. Judd, former medical missionary and U.S. Congressman, Dr. Henry Brandt, psychologist, and Mrs. Ethel Barrett, well-known story teller, will be on the program.

The Assemblies of God was represented by a large delegation of pastors, youth leaders and camp directors at the first convention and it is hoped many more will take advantage of the opportunity to attend this year's convention. For further information write to: Christian Camp Association, 14312 Runnymede St., Van Nuys, Calif.

LIBRARIAN REQUESTS "EVANGEL"

Recently we received a notice from a public library in St. Louis, Mo., indicating that *The Pentecostal Evangel* was not being received. On checking our records we discovered that an *Evangel* reader had bought a subscription for this library over a year ago and the subscription had expired. The librarian was very much interested in having it renewed.

The chaplain of a hospital in Chicago,

Ill., wrote to us asking if we could renew the hospital's subscription. He said he wanted the *Evangel* to be available to patients and visitors.

A woman 76 years old wrote a few days ago saying she has taken the *Evangel* for many years and does not wish to be without it, but her pension is very small and she cannot afford to renew.

These are samples of the work the "Free *Evangel*" Fund can do. Many friends have contributed to this Fund in the past. Through their kindness we have been able to supply hundreds of free subscriptions, all of which have been carefully screened to be sure they were deserving. The Fund never has been large enough to honor all requests for free subscriptions. At present there are only a few dollars in it. If you would like to make a donation, you may send it to: "Free *Evangel*" Fund, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Five dollars will enable us to send the *Evangel* to two libraries, hospitals, prisons, or other carefully selected addresses for a year.

CITY-WIDE CRUSADE IN CANADA

REGINA, SASK.—The evangelical churches of this western Canadian city will jointly sponsor a "Crusade for Christ" in the Exhibition Auditorium, largest hall in the city, Feb. 14-28. Watson Argue will be the evangelist. Straton Shufelt will be songleader, soloist, and director of a mass choir from the cooperating churches. Special prayer is requested for this effort.

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



JERSEY SHORE, PA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed the good music, anointed messages, and missionary slides during a revival with Evangelists Stan and Marilyn Morris. Sixty people visited the church for the first time. Five were saved, and four reclaimed.

—*Jack Provard, Pastor*

THREE SPRINGS, PA.—Jack and Dawn Schell of Trafford, Pa., presented the gospel very effectively during a "Kids Crusade" at the Assembly of God here in August. Many children were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The spirit of revival continued in the October meeting with Evangelists Stan and Marilyn Morris. House-to-house visitation prior to the meeting resulted in many visitors.

Many were saved, reclaimed, healed or brought to a deeper experience through the anointed ministry of song and the Word. Evangelist Morris painted oil scenes to give as attendance boosters and made a large painting for the church baptistry.

—*Raymond Herbert, Pastor*

CORSICANA, TEX.—The Northside Assembly of God here just closed a five-night revival with Jimmy D. Capehart of Garland, Tex. Six were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and several refilled.

—*David Williams, Pastor*

ANGELS CAMP, CALIF.—People were stirred and blessed by the anointed ministry of Evange-

list Fred A. Howe during the 12-day meeting at the Assembly of God here. Even though the weather was bad several never missed a night.

—*Fred C. Howe, Pastor*

ALVA, OKLA.—The church was greatly blessed in October during the revival with Evangelists Mary Ruth Branham and Pauline Steele of Fayetteville, Ark. Seven were baptized in the Holy Spirit and many were refilled.

—*Edwin P. Lack, Pastor*

EAU GALLIE, FLA.—Michael and Peggy Lord's "God Save America" crusade and the messages concerning materialism, atheism and Communism stirred and challenged people at the First Assembly of God here. People were at the altars seeking salvation, dedicating and rededicating their lives, in every service.

—*Earl L. Frerking, Pastor*

CANOGA PARK, CALIF.—A youth crusade was conducted by Evangelist Eugene Burgess of Memphis, Tenn., at the Assembly of God here October 25 to November 1. Several were saved and others reclaimed as a result of this effort. Evangelist Burgess spoke to an open session of the youth departments on, "Evolution—Fact or Fiction." His ministry had a very good impact on the young people.

—*Cameron W. Wilson, Pastor*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—We are happy to report "Summer is ended, the harvest is past, and many were saved." Thank God! Our summer work began the week of Memorial Day and climaxed the Sunday before Labor Day. We conducted youth camps for six weeks, a Youth for Christ Crusade, and eight children's crusades.

Attendance reached 1,200 at the East Gary, Ind., children's roundup (see photo at left), over 1,300 in Columbus, Ga., and 1,457 in Canton, Ohio. Pastors report many homes reached which had no church or Sunday school affiliation.

During a boys camp in Hartford City, Ind., the youths marched around the downtown square carrying Bibles and flags for Christ. Then they held a stirring gospel service on the courthouse lawn.

—*Evangelists Paul and Myrtle Hild*

ALBANY, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed by the meeting with Evangelist J. C. Nichols of Leland, Miss. There were four saved and two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. An 84-year-old man prayed through to a real experience of salvation and God delivered him from the tobacco habit. He attended every service of the two-week meeting.

—*G. C. Fowler, Pastor*

SORENTO, ILL.—A special one-week Youth Outreach meeting at the Assembly of God here was extended due to good attendance and several being filled with the Holy Spirit. The evangelist was Arthur Ortega of the Latin America District. Though fluent in English, Brother Ortega's ability to sing in Spanish and teach Spanish choruses to the congregation added flavor to the services. The results of the revival are good. Some who were saved and filled with the Spirit have joined the church and are keeping a good testimony.

—*Paul V. Chamless, Pastor*

ELDON, MO.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed an outstanding revival with Evangelist Leroy Morgan of Lafe, Ark. Brother Morgan's pungent ministry was rewarded with conversions, healings, and an outpouring of the Spirit. The Sunday school also responded. The attendance has doubled within four years. (The pastor recently accepted a call to return to Berea Temple in St. Louis, Mo.)

—*William N. Sachs, Pastor*

DENVER, COLO.—Through fasting and prayer the power of God was manifested at Glad Tidings Tabernacle here during a four-week revival with Evangelist Walter Smith of Peoria, Ill. Many were saved and approximately 10 received the Holy Ghost baptism.

—*R. C. Schachterle, Pastor*

GREENVILLE, MISS.—Attendance was good during the meetings at First Assembly of God here October 25 to November 8. The preaching of the Word by Evangelist Alfred Allen brought results. There were six saved, two reclaimed, two baptized in the Holy Spirit and three refilled.

—*L. C. Cunningham, Pastor*



EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA—Evangelist Watson Argue conducted the dedication revival at the new Central Pentecostal Tabernacle here. Photo shows partial view of crowd attending the official opening and dedication. The first Sunday 30 responded to the altar call. The campaign concluded with extra chairs being required for the overflow crowd.—*R. W. Taitinger, Pastor.*

EAST GARY, IND.—Evangelist Paul Hild (center) conducted a children's crusade at the Assembly of God where Denver L. Baker is pastor.



MISSIONARY CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Missionary Convention at the Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, 5511 W. Burleigh, Feb. 11-14. Speakers: Morris Plotts, William Venske, Charles Slater, Norman Rehwinkel.—by Ernest J. Moen, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

CALVIN STANTS, 79, of Lafayette, Ind., went to be with the Lord October 7. A member of the Indiana District, he was ordained by G. F. Lewis in 1937. Brother Stants served as a pastor and evangelist. His pastorates included Lafayette and Peru, Ind.; Wiloughby and Wickliffe, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Daisy and three children.

JEROME LINKSWILER, 88, of Hugo, Okla., went to his eternal reward August 29. Ordained in 1922, Brother Linkswiler was a member of the Oklahoma District. He was superannuated in 1947. Pastorates he held include Boswell, Pine Valley, Muse, Hugo and Stapp, Okla. He is survived by his wife Sintha, five children, 21 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

ROBERT ILA JOHNSON, 60, of Strathmore, Calif., went to be with Christ on November 3. Ordained in 1943, and a member of the Southern California District, Brother Johnson served as a pastor and evangelist. His pastorates include Strathmore and Pixley, Calif.; Ola, Manila and Mansfield, Ark.; and Vian, Okla. He also pioneered churches in Bald Knob and Black Oak, Ark. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

MRS. ALTA OLNEY, 79, of San Bernardino, Calif., went to her eternal reward October 17. Sister Olney ministered over the radio in the San Bernardino area for eight years. She was licensed by the Southern California District in 1964. Surviving are 10 children.

JOHN A. McPHAIL, 86, of Tulsa, Okla., was called into the presence of the Lord October 18. Ordained in 1918, Brother McPhail was a member of the Oklahoma District. He was superannuated in 1948. During his 45 years of ministry he served as a pastor and evangelist. His first pastorate was in Cameron, W. Va. He established churches at Coffeyville, Pittsburg and Oswego, Kans., and Siloam Springs, Ark. He also started a mission in Little Rock, Ark. Other pastorates included Wynee and Ft. Smith, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla. Surviving are his wife Katheryn, five children, 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

WILLIAM S. McINTIRE, 56, of Sand Springs, Okla., went to be

forever with Jesus on October 19. He was ordained in 1954 and served as a pastor and evangelist. A member of the Oklahoma District, Brother McIntire pastored in Keystone and served as a lay minister in Sand Springs, Okla. He is survived by his wife Opal and 10 children.

RANDOLPH C. JACOBS, 61, of Mantua, Ohio, went to meet the One he served October 20. A

member of the Ohio District, he was ordained in 1943. Brother Jacobs was pastor in Mantua, Ohio. Surviving are his wife Blanche, five children and 11 grandchildren. One son, James R. Jacobs, is a licensed minister in Madison, Wis.

PETER M. (TODD) CANTELON, 66, of Seattle, Wash., passed away October 23. Brother Cantelton started his ministry in Canada prior to 1931, transferring to North

Dakota in 1936. His pastorates include Seattle, Wash.; Sidney and Wolf Point, Mont.; Osabrock and Minot, N. Dak. Surviving are his wife Lorena and two children.

ARTHUR H. HOSTVEDT, 81, of Portland, Oreg., went to be with the Lord October 24. He was ordained in 1933 and held pastorates in Portland, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Winchester Bay, and Dufur, Oreg.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Jan. 13-24	John & Faith Stallings	Howard Trawick
Ark.	Hector	Cedar Grove	Jan. 17-31	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	W. D. Hooten
	Helena	First	Jan. 17-29	R. L. Courtney	Alvis Dickinson
	Pine Bluff	First	Jan. 13—	Carl L. Tillery	M. P. Fostrey
Calif.	Benicia	A/G	Jan. 10—	T. P. Beck	D. E. Park
	Hoopa	A/G	Jan. 10-15	Charles Senechal	W. M. Frazier
	Lafayette	A/G	Jan. 12-24	Bob Watters	E. Joseph Perna
	Lindsay	A/G	Jan. 10	Quentin Edwards	Roy Lee
	Modesto	Central	Jan. 17-31	Sara E. Sharp	Donald J. Bogue
	National City	Paradise Tab.	Jan. 5-17	D. A. Lewis	F. D. Reed
	San Bernardino	First	Jan. 17-22	J. G. Hall	Louis Hauff
	San Pedro	First	Jan. 12-Jan. 24	Neville & Beulah Carlson	Ralph I. Salzman
	Taft	First	Jan. 3-17	Watson Argue	Leonard Palmer
	Ukiah	A/G	Jan. 6-17	Garfield J. Unruh	W. Cornish Jones
	W. Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	Jan. 15-26	Winferd Mack	W. W. Brewer
Colo.	Commerce City	First	Jan. 12-24	Wesley F. Morton	R. D. Emerson
	Grand Junction	First	Jan. 17-31	Marvin Schmidt	Kenneth R. Schmidt
Fla.	Miami	Calvary Bible	Jan. 13-17	Diehl Family	Rex Anspaugh
	Marianna	First	Jan. 17-27	Russell Peavy	Lloyd Beverly
	Winter Park	*Calvary	Jan. 31-Feb. 15	Eddie Barg	Dale C. Zink
Ga.	Adel	First	Jan. 14	Nettie Parham	C. Coursey
	Griffin	First	Jan. 6-17	Gene Burgess	Ernest P. Pruett
	Macon	First	Jan. 17-31	Wilburn H. Fisher	Milford Hicks
Hawaii	Olaa	A/G	Jan. 12-17	Stanley P. MacPherson	P. C. Hughes
Ill.	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Jan. 3-17	The Tanner Team	Richard W. Bishop
	Danville	First	Jan. 12-17	Harry V. Vibbert	James E. Hyllberg
	Granite City	First	Jan. 8—	Neil Eskelin	J. Boyd Wolverton
	Vandalia	First	Jan. 10-Jan. 24	Bob & Paughnee Bornert	A. L. Matejka
Iowa	Eldora	A/G	Jan. 17-31	K. E. Matschulat	John F. Perry
	Ft. Madison	Calvary First	Jan. 3-17	Cox & Brown Team	Grover Senf
La.	Gretna	A/G	Jan. 13-18	Ernie Eskelin	Paul Hunt
	Kenner	First	Jan. 12-24	Oren & Inez Paris	L. O. Waldon
Mich.	Applegate	A/G	Jan. 12-24	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Arthur Hambleton
	Plymouth	A/G	Jan. 12-24	Duane M. Wessman	John Walasky
Minn.	Redwood Falls	A/G	Jan. 14-17	James G. & Mrs. King	Gary A. Carlson
Mo.	Farmington	First	Jan. 12	Ernest & Lolita Varner	John W. Allen
	Humansville	Evangel	Jan. 3-15	Knott-Olson Team	Perry Griffin
	Poplar Bluff	First	Jan. 3-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Clifford C. Truitt
Nebr.	Lincoln	Glad Tidings	Jan. 3-17	Musical Lebsacks	Jerry Spain
N. Y.	Rockville L. I.	First	Jan. 12-24	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	Richard Robedee
Ohio	Chardon	Good Shepherd	Jan. 15	Bob Ludwig	Elder Boytar
	Cleveland	Glad Tidings	Jan. 17	Daena Cargnel	William Rhyand
Okla.	Meeker	A/G	Jan. 12-24	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Charles W. Decker
	Okla. City	Evangel	Jan. 8—	Donnell-Holler Team	Floyd Poag
	Shawnee	Glad Tidings	Jan. 10-24	Jack Martz	B. E. Potter
	Tulsa	Faith Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Victor Etienne	Don Mallough
Oreg.	Baker	A/G	Jan. 10-24	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Richard Allen
	Beaverton	A/G	Jan. 13-24	Raymond Miller	Harold F. Steward
	Toledo	A/G	Jan. 3-17	D. L. Nultemeier	Leland Morse
Pa.	Steelton	Full Gospel	Jan. 13-17	Byron D. Jones	Anthony R. Mayeski
S. C.	Honea Path	A/G	Jan. 13-24	H. Syvelle Phillips	H. Lamar Hunt
Tenn.	Memphis	Sherwood	Jan. 3-17	Ed Eaton	Paul S. Brendiar
Tex.	Baytown	Memorial	Jan. 10—	Dan Kricorian	J. R. Woods
	Bloomington	A/G	Jan. 13-24	Burnie Davis	Bobby Brown
	Malakoff	First	Jan. 11-17	Samuel Calk	O. B. Cook
	Mulshoe	First	Jan. 13-24	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. W. Farmer
	Tyler	Glad Tidings	Jan. 12	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	L. H. Hubbard
Va.	Shenandoah	A/G	Jan. 5-17	Peiffer & Harden Team	Linwood Ball
Wash.	Everett	Bethany Temple	Jan. 3-17	Eddie & Mrs. Washington	Eugene A. Born
	Medical Lake	A/G	Jan. 10-17	Roy & Arlene Brewer	James P. Terry
Canada	Leamington, Ont.	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 10-24	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	E. Giles
China	Hong Kong	Queen Eliz. Gym	Jan. 12-17	Tommy Barnett	Harland Park
Fiji Is.	Suva	Calvary Temple	Jan. 1-20	Bob Hoskins	Ralph Elmore
India	Madras	Open Air	Jan. 11-17	Eddie Wilson	D. N. Edwards
	Calcutta	Bethel Church	Jan.-March	Dan Morrocco	David Roychodery

*Midwinter Camp

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SHAME!

**If shame is uncomfortable now, how will it
feel in the endless tomorrow we all face?**

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THE DICTIONARY DEFINES SHAME AS: "PAINFUL EMOTION excited by a consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety. It is disgrace or dishonor. It is that which brings discredit or reproach. It involves indecency, scandal, lack of modesty, and impudency."

Today's engineers of human conduct are trying to eliminate this emotion. They are working on the blush, the sensitive conscience, and the tear. They are busy building a brazen attitude by every means available, from the abbreviated bathing suit to a new theology.

The preacher Hosea faced this problem. Speaking for God, he said: "As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame" (Hosea 4:7).

God built this reflection into man. It cannot be excised like a diseased appendix or a pair of tonsils. Shame is always there, like hunger, thirst, and weariness. It is a part of sin that is seldom mentioned. Misery and shame go together.

You cannot make sin pay. It is impossible. It is the parent of misery and the forerunner of destruction.

Paul asked the Romans, "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?" In today's language he was saying, "What was the profit?"

It seems insane to invest in something that never shows a profit. This is exactly what you do when you sin. Let the Bible spell it out for you! "Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

You cannot snub God's laws of honesty, purity, sanctity and truthfulness without wallowing in disgrace and reproach. You cannot violate the rules of this universe

without experiencing torture and disappointment in your soul.

Why? Part of the answer is this: you will be embarrassed. The kick you get out of rebellion, out of doing wrong, is short-lived. It fades quicker than anything else you will ever experience.

There is an inner part of you, your soul, that wants a better deal. There is a part of you that repudiates vanities. It chokes on husks. It retaliates.

The shame you now feel is only a prelude, a heaven-produced warning of the eternal guilt that acts as a worm that never dies, always crawling, always festering in your consciousness with a sense of failure.

The mortification you feel now is God's promise to you that there is more to come. The gnawing will never cease. The anguish will never be relieved. The gloom will never lift. You will eternally feel unwashed, indecent, impoverished, unwanted, condemned. This is the big death. Sin will never finish with your life until it has locked forever the doors of this big death upon you—unless you turn toward Jesus Christ who took our shame upon Himself.

Daniel, the statesman, saw it all at close range—the banquets, great military victories, the move of God upon the genius and talent of his day, history's parade, and he said, "Many of them that sleep in the dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).

Sinner, it is up to you to prove personally in the one life given to you on this earth that you have the right to live again in God's bigger world. Your shame will guide to Jesus Christ, who alone can take it away.