

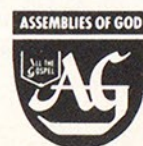
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MENTAL ILLNESS has become a common experience, even among the children of God. We live under such pressure that any of us is liable to become ill in mind or nerves. If, on the other hand, we are strong enough to stand the pace of the day ourselves, someone else in our family or circle of friends may succumb to an attack of weariness and weakness in his nervous system.

After undergoing a severe nervous breakdown myself and enduring fearful mental torture for two years, God wonderfully delivered me. I do not pretend to be an expert in the understanding of nervous breakdowns; far from it. But my experience has taught me some things that have helped some of my friends and may help others.

MENTAL ILLNESS IS NO DISGRACE

One of the first and most important things for us to learn is that it is no more disgraceful to be sick in mind than in body. The body is a very complicated and delicate mechanism. If it is abused, it will become ill. The mind is even more delicate and is usually more abused than the body. It was intended to be filled with thoughts of peace and love and faith and purity and kindness and holiness. We often allow thoughts of other kinds to dwell within it which produce actual poisons in the nerve cells of the brain and in our nervous systems. In addition, our mental life is closely connected with our physical life and is affected by it. When the mind becomes weary and the nerves are tired, the enemy attacks us in mind and nerves just as he attacks various parts of our bodies.

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS

All of us ought to be more careful of the thoughts and imaginations that we entertain. A survey of mental patients, made by one of our universities, showed that a large majority of them had been characterized by very critical and resentful spirits before their breakdown. Our minds were made to think thoughts of love and kindness and mercy and forgiveness. A critical or resentful spirit is very poisonous and should be renounced by the Christian.

Many of God's dear children are in the habit of entertaining self-pity, resentment, envy, jealousy, worry, anxiety, fear, discouragement, and other thoughts unworthy of faith in the Son of God, simply because they have never realized that these expressions of the carnal nature must be renounced. One day the Spirit of God made Isaiah 55:7 very real to me: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS." It was then for the first time I realized God expected me to surrender my thoughts and accept His, for His thoughts are of peace and love and grace. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. There is no surer way to the precipice of a nervous breakdown than to allow the mind to be filled with critical, self-pitying, worrying, fearful, and envious thoughts. On the other hand, there is no surer safeguard against a nervous breakdown than to have one's mind filled with the thoughts of God. These thoughts bring health, the opposite bring illness.

DON'T EXAGGERATE FEELINGS

One of the most common tendencies among us Pentecostal people is to exaggerate the importance of feelings. God gives us such real experiences of His bless-

The HEALER OF MENTAL SICKNESS

ing and such marvelous feelings of His nearness and power and love, especially when He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, that we are thrown open to the danger of subconsciously thinking that as long as we are walking with God and living under His blessing, we should continue to have these same feelings. Actually, when God has blessed us in this way in the realm of our consciousness, after some time feelings may cease and we become peculiarly susceptible to the enemy's attacks. He tells us we have grieved God and that He has taken His Spirit from us. He exaggerates the gravity of some foolish statement we may have made, or some mistake of which we may have been guilty, and says to us, "You have sinned away His blessing and grace."

Satan even accuses some of committing the sin against the Holy Ghost. I know dear saints of God who have told me their hearts are filled with fear because they think they have committed the unpardonable sin. The devil had been tormenting them for a long time with the thought that some statement, made in a moment of irritation, was "sinning against the Holy Ghost." Accompanying these accusations of the enemy was a sense of darkness and of being forsaken by the Lord, because the feeling of joy and peace that they had felt before was gone.

Many of us have fallen into the same trap. But thanks be to God, the Bible says "the righteous shall walk by faith," not by feeling.

If we have sinned with our lips, we must confess to the Lord the mistakes or the foolishness of which we have been guilty. He who told Peter to forgive 490 times if necessary would certainly not be less forgiving than that impetuous apostle. If we confess our sins, God forgives us instantly. But that does not mean we have the *feeling* of forgiveness. We know we are forgiven because of faith in the Word of God. Therefore let us be thankful for feelings when God sends them, but let us *live by faith*. When feelings deny the Word of God let us doubt our feelings, not the Word of God.

NEVER USE THE WORD "INSANE"

There are many factors involved in mental illness. It is never safe for us to assign reasons for some particular individual's breakdown, just as it is never safe for us to assign reasons for a physical sickness. But of this we may be sure: there is no more shame or disgrace attached to mental than physical suffering.

There is something important along this line which all of us can practice. We can drop the word *insane*



By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

from our vocabulary and use the expression "mentally ill" instead. Let us never again speak of *insane asylums* and *mad houses*, but let us say "mental hospitals." When we meet someone who is a mental sufferer, let us be as natural and kindly as though the patient were suffering in body. Frankly, the way some people glance at one who has just been dismissed from a mental hospital is enough to send them back worse than ever. Our attitudes toward the whole subject are so tinged with subconscious horror-reactions that most of us will have to make a real effort to rid our conversation and our thoughts of wrong conceptions, and make ourselves helpful instead of harmful to those who are mentally ill. Let us make this effort and influence others to do the same.

RECOGNIZE SATAN'S CONDEMNATION

Of course, there are various types of mental illness. What I am writing does not apply to all, but frequently earnest Christians are oppressed in their minds by a

spirit of accusation and condemnation that hounds them until they believe the lies of Satan and begin to doubt their own salvation. If weariness and strain and overwork are added to this, they become unable to sleep. Fear comes in (they may even decide they are lost) and then their nerves give way.

As in my case and many others, the most terrible thoughts, evil suggestions, and wicked imaginations may obsess the sufferer. This makes him feel sure he is lost, and no amount of reason or Scripture or discussion can persuade him otherwise. Of course, this is the enemy taking advantage of weak nerves, but it is important to point out to such a sufferer that the enemy throws such thoughts and suggestions into the minds of God's people all the time—the only difference being that the normal, well Christian mind is able to disregard these thoughts and suggestions, while the ill mind is unable to do so.

MENTAL ILLNESS DISTORTS THE WORLD

When I was in a mental hospital in New York, I met many different people who had nervous breakdowns. There I learned that a nervous breakdown has a tendency to follow the pathway of the chief interests of the patient. The medical missionary there was afraid his skill and his knowledge were gone; the banker was certain that people were conspiring to rob him of his earnings; the professor was sure that everything he had been teaching would be useless when he would get better and that no one would believe him; and the preacher was certain he was a failure and that God had no further use for him.

For those of us who are mentally well, the world of friends and work and family (the things we see and hear and touch) is the real world. But things that are most real and obvious to us are quite unreal to the mentally ill person. He lives in the world of his fears and imaginations. Even his dearest ones are not what they have been before; he fears the worst about them and often shows hatred and meanness toward them. That is why it is usually better for such a sufferer to be among comparative strangers, if they understand him, than it is to be at home. The most real things to the mentally sick are the things in the realm of his thoughts.

HOW TO HELP THE MENTALLY ILL

One should not hesitate to get in touch with persons who are familiar with the treatment of the mentally ill. Do not be afraid to consult experts, especially if the experts are Christians. You may save yourself many mistakes and also save those whom you are trying to help from many needlessly trying experiences.

When one of God's saints tells us that he is sure he is lost or possessed of demons and wants us to pray for his deliverance, then is the time for quiet assurance that he is no more lost than we are. What such a sufferer needs is not prayer or exhortation, but rest. Of course, there should be much prayer by others on his behalf, *but not with him or in his hearing*. Prayer is often a battle; and in my own case and in the cases of others with whom I have had the opportunity of talking, prayer serves to accentuate our fears and condemnation.

Bible readings or quotations often have the same effect. One of our own people writes that both he and his wife have been undergoing a nervous breakdown,
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Code for Campers

In the 166 years since the first camp meeting was held on the American frontier—in Logan County, Kentucky—camp meetings have undergone a great change. No longer do preachers use stumps of sawed-off trees for pulpits, nor do campers sleep in their covered wagons. Campers sleep in comfortable cabins or dormitories and eat in well-equipped dining halls. The preaching is done in screened pavilions with the aid of microphones and loud speakers.

But the purpose of camp meetings is still the same. They are places set apart for a rendezvous with God—places where people may lay aside the cares of this life and enjoy a renewal of spiritual life. Here they may spend prolonged periods in prayer, Bible reading, and Christian fellowship. Here they may receive healing. Here they may be filled with the Spirit. And if they are sinners they may be saved at camp meeting.

In days gone by, camp meetings were evangelistic campaigns. The believers would congregate near a town that needed a revival and camp there until conviction fell upon the people and many would be saved. Today our camp meetings are fixed institutions, no longer mobile, and they serve a variety of very worthy purposes; but evangelism is still one of the goals. Let us pray that thousands may be saved in the evangelistic services at the camps this summer.

Back in 1906 an article entitled, "Camp Meeting Soliloquies," appeared in *Gospel Banner*. Written by O. B. Henderson, it was a personal code of conduct which he placed in his Bible to regulate his own life during a 10-day camp meeting. There is not room for all of it here, so we will quote only parts of it:

1. I am not here merely for an outing; not merely to breathe the fresh air or to get rest from household duties or home cares. I have come here to fill an appointment with God and to be used of Him in the salvation of souls. I must redeem the time.
2. I will not let an opportunity go by either in public or in private to tell of the goodness of God.
3. I will seek to occupy my spare time between meetings in prayer and the ministry of the Word to some hungry soul.
4. If people come to visit me in my tent, I will treat them cordially, but as soon as I discover their visit is a social one I will convert my tent into a prayer room and encourage them to pray with me. After prayer we will have a praise service.
5. I will not run away as soon as the sermon is preached and leave the individual and altar work to others.
6. I will take my rest at the appointed time and not visit in the nights after meetings to the annoyance of those around me.
7. I will be diligent to attend early-morning prayer services.
8. I will not let my soul be defiled by anything that is foolish or vain or contaminating.
9. I will be faithful to have family devotions each day, even during camp meeting.
10. I will seek earnestly to be led of the Holy Spirit at all times, and endeavor to do all things in the love of God.

Unless you can find a better code of conduct, why not adopt this one when you go to camp meeting! It will remind you to glorify God, and to be a blessing to others. If you will let the Lord have His way, camp meeting can be the high point of your entire life.

—R. C. C.

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A PRESCRIPTION from GOD

By HAZEL W. TIBBITT

IN UTTER DISCOURAGEMENT I wrote the checks to the two doctors I had been consulting—two more payments added to many in my search for health—a search seemingly without end.

"I wonder if I'll ever be well?" I pondered. It all looked so hopeless after hours and hours in doctor's offices, and months and months of doctor's bills. The medicine chest was filled with at least a dozen different prescription bottles—none of which gave any permanent relief from my many symptoms of ill health. The last prescriptions were for indigestion and a tranquilizer to calm my nervous tension.

I have to admit the doctors did everything possible to get to the root of whatever was bothering me. I had been subjected to many physical tests. I now knew I didn't have diabetes; I wasn't anemic; there were no signs of tumors; my blood pressure was normal, and my blood was (almost embarrassingly) of good quality. Seemingly, there was nothing physically wrong with me.

Then what was the trouble? Why was I constantly tired, depressed, nervous, and just plain not feeling well? Why headaches and numbness in my hands and feet?

It was mid-morning now and the house was quiet. My husband was at work and our youngest son in school. Normally I would have been at work, but because I felt so bad I could barely drag myself out of bed—let alone sit at a typewriter all day surrounded by telephones which never seemed to quit ringing.

I sat down wearily in the platform rocker facing the living-room picture window and watched the cars driving by. The neighbors directly across the street were working in their yard. The little preschoolers were playing on the sidewalk. I wish I had energy to work in the yard, I thought complainingly. I wish I had energy to do anything.

The sight of the children brought to mind our own children. There was our daughter Ellen in far-away Ecuador. It was four years now since she and her new

husband left to make their home there. And now there were three grandchildren we had never seen. We might never see them! A tear spilled over and wet my cheek. It always made me sad to think of the possibility of never seeing them again. And the primitive life they lived—no refrigeration, no telephone, no washing machine, no automobile! Ellen had not been prepared for a life of hardship, scrubbing clothes on a washboard in that equatorial heat. How frustrated I felt at not being able to help her, and how guilty at even letting her go.

Suddenly my head began to ache with that awful throbbing that made me sick.

Then there was Rob, our eldest son. He and his wife and young son lived less than 500 miles away, yet it had been three years since they had been home. There were always good reasons—work, lack of money, a reunion of his wife's family. Surely there must be more to it than that. It just seemed as if they didn't want to come home. In self-pity I wondered what we had done to cause them to forsake us this way.

Numbness started creeping into my fingers now and I rubbed them as if they were frozen. But it didn't help. My toes were beginning to feel the same way.

My thoughts turned to David, our youngest, who was so enthusiastic about school sports. Lately it had been wrestling. This was dangerous, I thought. He could be injured permanently. Only last week he had pulled a muscle in his leg and strained his elbow.

A truck went by, and my thoughts leaped to my husband and his roofing business. It had been slow lately, and he had trouble meeting his payroll last week. The wholesale supplier was demanding payment. I remembered how tired and unhappy my husband looked lately. My heart went out to him as I wished I could help him in some way.

A tight feeling gripped my chest and I was finding it hard to get enough air. Pure nerves, the doctor said, but how could I be so nervous sitting in a soft rocker, in a quiet house, looking out the window?

In desperation I dropped my head in my hands and poured out to God every worry and care I had about myself, my children, and my husband. I included the resentments, the guilt feelings, the fears. I admitted my total inability to handle my own life and the problems which beset me. I felt futile, inadequate, and even worthless.

"Oh, God," I cried with tears streaming down my cheeks. "I'm sick and tired and I've done a terrible job of handling things. I can't go on this way for I have no strength left. I can't solve all these problems, so I'm going to turn each and every one over to You to be worked out. You have said in Your Word, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' *Oh, Father, give me that rest now.*"

I raised my head then with the realization that I had actually shifted over to God the burden I had been carrying so long. And, true to His precious Word, He gave me peace—a peace that all the tranquilizers never brought. My headache was suddenly gone; I was breathing normally; and the numbness had left my hands and feet as suddenly as it came. I felt warm, clean, and very peaceful—as if I had just been bathed in warm oil.

And then God spoke to my heart out of His Word: "*In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.*"

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It was a prescription from God. The Great Physician was speaking. In *quietness* I discovered spiritual healing. In *confidence*, by prayer, I gave to God the cares which were robbing me of my health, causing much unhappiness and keeping me from giving needed help and encouragement to my husband. In *confidence* I found sweet relief and assurance that God could and would work out every care. Spiritual and physical strength flowed through me and I rose from my chair with joy

in my heart—a feeling I had not had for a long time.

Every day since this experience of complete surrender, I have made room in my day for a time of quietness and confidence with God—accepting the *command with promise* that by doing this I would find strength. Through this practice I have learned to commit every care into God's keeping. In return, I have found restored health, peace, and happiness. The time I used to waste in worry, I now use for praise and meditation on God's goodness.



A GOD-FILLED LIFE

By DONALD F. JOHNS

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How MANY STORIES has a house? No set number. Most houses have one story; some, two; occasionally you see one which has three. Have you realized it is like that with persons? Most persons have but one level of experience; some, two; occasionally you meet a person who has three levels of experience.

Take the person who has but one level of experience. He's the natural man, dead in trespasses and sins. He lives his life completely at the natural level. Biologically alive, he is nevertheless spiritually dead and hence totally out of touch with spiritual reality. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). These one-level, natural persons are everywhere about us traveling down that broad road which leads to destruction.

Not all men, however, are content to live a one-level life. Sensing its incompleteness, many turn to Christ and find that He adds a new level to their being. No longer do they have biological life only; now they also have spiritual life. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). When the born-again person allows the natural level of his being to dominate him, the Bible refers to him as carnal, as one absorbed with physical things, as a babe in Christ. When he brings the lower natural level under the control of the higher spiritual level, the Bible calls him spiritual. (See 1 Corinthians 3:1.)

To be a spiritual person is intensely satisfying. It is so satisfying, in fact, that many spiritual persons fail to realize that God has yet another level which He desires to add to their experience. What is this other level? It is the level of God-filled, Spirit-filled living where one experiences the continual fullness of God.

The opportunity to cross the threshold to this new dimension of living is conferred by God in a spiritual experience just as definite as the salvation experience which confers spiritual life. This experience is variously referred to in the Bible as the baptism in the Holy

Ghost (Acts 1:5; 11:16), the coming, falling, and receiving of the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:8; 2:38; 8:15, 16; 10:44; 11:15; 19:6), and being filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4). The initial evidence of the experience is speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance.

The sad thing is that some people, having been baptized in the Holy Spirit, never step across the threshold into the God-filled life. Perhaps this is because there is a tendency to view the baptism in the Holy Spirit as the apex of spiritual progress rather than as the bottom rung of a new ladder leading to higher spiritual elevations, to new spiritual opportunities. It is difficult to believe that people would deliberately refuse to enter the God-filled life if they realized its richness.

The fifth chapter of Galatians sketches in broad strokes some of the characteristics of the God-filled life.


First, it is *living in the Spirit*. Perhaps we can understand more about what is meant by living in the Spirit if we analyze what is meant by one of the terms used to describe the experience which ushers us into the possibility of this kind of living. The term is *baptism in the Holy Spirit*. Our English word *baptism* comes from the Greek word *baptisma* and carries the same basic meaning that the Greek word does. The Greek word comes from another Greek word, *bapto*, which means, "I dip" or "I dye." In other words, an immersion or complete covering is implied. When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, He completely covers us, becoming our total environment. When we emerge from our baptism in the Holy Spirit, we can carry with us a continuing consciousness of the enfolding presence of the Holy Spirit. If this occurs, we are living in the Spirit; He is our environment in a very real sense.

Second, the God-filled life involves *being led by the Spirit*. External guidance and government by the Old Testament Law become incidental and unnecessary. The indwelling, filling Holy Spirit leads us in this same direction.

Third, the God-filled life is *walking in the Spirit*.

The person who is walking in the Spirit discovers that the lusts of the flesh are not being fulfilled in his life. The Spirit keeps reminding him that his lusts were crucified with Christ, and that, in consequence, they have no further claim on him. The lustful works of the flesh—adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings—these have no hold on the person whose life is filled with God.

Fourth, the God-filled life *evidences the fruit of the Spirit* which is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22, 23). These flourish and abound because, in the words of Jesus, "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit" (Matthew 7:17). It is not enough that a God-filled life be attested to by an apparent absence of lustful works of the flesh; it must also be attested to by the obvious presence of the fruit of the Spirit.

How many levels has your life? Have you accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord and have you received spiritual life? Have you been baptized in the Holy Ghost? If so, *have you stepped across the threshold into the joys of the God-filled life?* 

Copying Scripture Became Divine Therapy and Brought Healing

MY HEART REJOICES WHEN I think of how the Lord Jesus delivered me from a nervous breakdown.

My nerves collapsed in September, 1960. My father passed away when I was expecting our third child, and it seemed I restrained my emotions until the baby was born. When our baby was six weeks old my nerves worsened. I would cry all the time, beat my children for no reason, and treat my husband cruelly. A terrible weakness pervaded my body. It seemed I was incapable of loving anyone.

Several physicians and a psychiatrist diagnosed my condition as a state of anxiety. Many different tranquilizers were prescribed, which I took, but they brought no relief. Gradually my condition worsened.

But many Christians of different churches were praying for me. My victory came as I trusted Christ for all things. At every opportunity I wrote scriptures that brought strength to me. My favorite was: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

At a Billy Graham Crusade meeting in September, 1961, I reaffirmed my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord definitely touched my body and soul! Gradually my weight returned and I felt alive again.

In October of the same year I volunteered, by faith, to be troop leader for a group of 14 bubbly seven-year-olds, and held that position for three enjoyable years.

My husband and I are now active in church work at Colonial Manor Assembly of God, and have the privilege of conducting Junior Church every Sunday morning. God has been so gracious to me and my family that I can never thank Him enough!—Mrs. Dorothy DiGennaro, Gibbstown, N. J.

(Endorsed by Pastor George M. Dashiell, Colonial Manor Assembly of God, Woodbury, N. J.)

Comfort...

In Time of Sorrow

A story is told of an Indian woman who lost her only child. In great grief she asked a priest to return life to her child. Knowing the sorrow which many suffer, he told the woman to obtain a bowl of rice from a home that had never known sorrow and he would restore the child. After seeking earnestly, the woman returned without the rice. *All had suffered sorrow!*

You need only read a newspaper to learn of sorrow all around you. Tragedy has come to everyone at some time. Persons who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour find comfort in Him. But many individuals have no one to whom to turn in time of grief.

The shortest Bible verse says, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). If the Son of God knew grief, how much more will the frail human. However, because He suffered all for us, He understands our sorrows and has said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Christ, "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation..." (2 Corinthians 1:4), is sufficient for the most difficult of situations.

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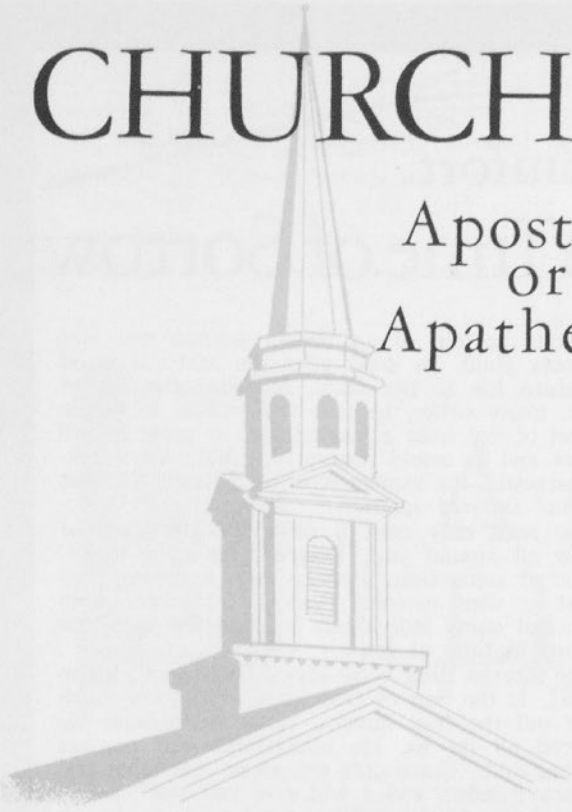
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Apostolic or Apathetic?



By R. D. E. SMITH

TOO MANY CHRISTIANS ARE LINGERING IN THE MISTY, gray no-man's-land between active and passive church membership. It is an apathetic existence which finds no affinity whatever with some of the normal experiences of church membership in the New Testament.

Paul, on a rare occasion, listed some of these for the church at Corinth. He says:

"I have been beaten times without number. I have faced death again and again.

"I have been beaten the regulation thirty-nine stripes by the Jews five times.

"I have been beaten with rods three times.

"I have been stoned once.

"I have been shipwrecked three times.

"I have been twenty-four hours in the open sea.

"In my travels I have been in constant danger from rivers and floods, from bandits, from my own countrymen, and from pagans. I have faced danger in city streets, danger in the desert, danger on the high seas, danger among false Christians. I have known exhaustion, pain, long vigils, hunger and thirst, doing without meals, cold and lack of clothing.

"Apart from all external trials I have the daily burden of responsibility for all the Churches. Do you think anyone is weak without my feeling his weakness? Does anyone have his faith upset without my longing to restore him?" (2 Corinthians 11:23-29; Phillips*)

What a challenging list! What do we know of stripes? Rods? Stones? Hunger? Cold? Nakedness? What have we endured and suffered because of our attachment and devotion to the Lord Jesus and to the Church for which He died?

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But, besides the stripes and the rods and the stones, there was a burden that constantly rested upon Paul. He speaks of it as "the care of all the churches." The members of these churches were young in the faith. Many of them were feeble. They had insuperable problems rising out of the pagan society of which they were a part. They were faced with the danger of divisions. And Paul felt a tremendous responsibility toward them all.

TWO REACTIONS

We can anticipate two reactions to the choice of Scripture reference. "This is a word for pastors, leaders and ministers rather than members," someone may say. "We are the problem children not the problem-solvers!"

But are we forever to remain immature, undeveloped, and dependent? The responsibility of leadership must be handed down. And, mark you, it *will* be handed down to us whether we are prepared to accept it or not. The question is not, "Do I have responsibility?" but, "Am I responsible?" About this there can be no evasion.

In our fellowship there is no rigid distinction between pastor and people. Our ministers are not set apart as the "right reverend doctor" but are known simply as "brother." We practice and are jealous of what we call "audience-participation" with its blessed sense of community as well as its own peculiar problems! But how far beyond the immediate service does that participation reach? This, of course, is the subject under discussion.

The second reaction is: "Will not the Lord care for His own? Did He not say that the gates of hell should not prevail against His Church?" Indeed He did! And true to His promise He will be with us in every situation of life. But that is His part. It is ours to assure our absolute identification with His Church.

Let us consider this responsibility in terms of *attending, extending, defending, and commending* our church.

LET US ATTEND THE CHURCH

Absentee members water down its effectiveness. They dilute the pungency of its witness to the lukewarm insipidity of a mouth wash—designed to be spit out. Weigh, for example, the quality of a sparsely attended meeting with the eagerness which is evident in a full house.

Much of the professed disinterest in the so-called preliminaries can be traced to the pernicious habits of the fresh-air fiends, the hall-wanderers, the hair-combers, and the face-primpers. Only when these have trickled in and settled down can the meeting really get underway. Often by that time the keynote of the morning worship—that which ought to be a unanimous chord of glad praise—has piped its weak note and is long gone.

LET US EXTEND THE CHURCH

I have four suggestions on how this may be done. First, by a careful stewardship in financial matters so the church can carry on an adequate program. Second, by introducing others into the fellowship of the church

by bringing them to its services. Third, by caring for those who do come. And fourth, by cultivating a missionary vision.

LET US DEFEND THE CHURCH

There are seven great dangers which threaten every assembly.

1. The infiltration of *false doctrine*. We are living in days of apostasy. We should see to it that the membership consists only of those who have been truly born again, and that our Pentecostal emphasis is kept pure and alive. We should insist that the full gospel be proclaimed. We should avoid those novelties which are the expedient of the moment and which develop a taste for the sensational and the bizarre.

2. The danger of *wrong leadership*. Much discernment is needed in the choice of leadership for there are always those, like Diotrophes (3 John 9), who seek prominence or a platform upon which to exhibit their peculiar views.

3. The snare of *worldliness*. While standards vary in emphasis from one area to another, the requirement—"be not conformed to this world"—remains absolute.

4. The peril of *complacency*. Any church that has passed through a time of prosperity and blessing is in danger of becoming satisfied with eternal things.

5. The paralysis of *pride*. Beyond doubt this is the worst of all evils. If there is any blessing, God has given it—and He must have all the glory.

6. The erosion of the *club spirit*. New people are immediately sensitive to "in group" tendencies. Whether a church is a "clique of the whole" where the services are in the nature of a family reunion, or whether the church contains a number of such private groups, the effects are the same. Those outside the fraternity will wither away, and friction will develop between the groups.

7. The demon of *disaffection*. One of the greatest hindrances to growth, blessing, and prosperity is lack of love among the members. This is very often manifested in criticism, prejudice, gossip, and other carnal "works of the flesh." These sins of the spirit are deadly. They dampen and hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in every assembly.

LET US COMMEND THE CHURCH

We commend the church more by what we are than by what we do. But this does not mean that what we do is insignificant. The eyes of the whole religious world are upon those who today claim the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is not enough to make loud noises about it. Our actions must support the great profession we make.

Although the concept is minimized in some areas, it is still true that the Holy Spirit fell upon the church on the Day of Pentecost, and it is the church which is the vehicle of God's blessing.

How can devotion to the Church, which is the Bride of Christ, be separated from love for Christ Himself? The church is the place of fellowship. It is the depository of the truth, the guardian of morality, the vitalizer of ethics, the custodian of the sacraments, the cutting edge of evangelism, the vehicle of the Holy Spirit, the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. It should be more than our responsibility. It should be our passion.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What is the difference in meaning between sin and iniquity?

Sin is a general term, used to designate all transgressions. *Iniquity* is one feature of sin. Various Hebrew or Greek words are translated *iniquity*. The two most prominent denote *perverseness* and *lawlessness*.

If a person asks God for something once, is it wrong to keep on asking for the same thing?

Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane. He also gave the parable of the widow who kept coming to the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) in teaching His disciples how to pray. We do well to pray persistently. But as we add faith to our prayers, believing God will answer in His own time and way, we will be able to rest in that assurance.

What does the Bible say against gambling?

One reference is, "Thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have" (Deuteronomy 25:15). Gambling is filled with dishonesty. The Bible repeatedly teaches that we are to live honestly. (See Luke 8:15; Romans 12:17; 2 Corinthians 8:21; Hebrews 13:18.)

The shrewd gambler knows how to "stack the cards." They who put on lotteries know they will gain while most of those taking chances are going to lose. Gambling is hoping to get something for nothing rather than by honest gain. One may "hit the jackpot," but this is only the bait to induce the many to take a chance. They hope to win, only to lose. Honest business is based on honest exchange.

Our pastor refuses any discussion of politics in the church. Why should the church not exercise itself in seeking to keep the nation what it ought to be?

The calling of the church is spiritual, not political. It is the center of fellowship among its members who may belong to different political parties. To use the pulpit to advance the minister's views or party might offend those whose political views are different, and thus divide the church. In the pulpit, let the minister "render unto God the things that are God's," preaching salvation for the lost and fellowship among believers.

Outside the church, in the field of politics, members may "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" as they think best. The church should be kept free from politics. I think the minister, called to serve all members in the church, does well if he does not take too active a part in politics.

On moral issues the minister may speak, but not as a feature of politics. Even here, let him be careful lest he identify himself with issues with which he may not be fully acquainted. The minister is safe if he follows the admonition, "Preach the Word."

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, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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CAMP DIRECTORY

ALABAMA DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Highways 231 & 82 South, Montgomery, Ala.

June 14-18

Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker
For accommodations write to C. C. Hidle, P. O. Box 1828, Montgomery, Ala. 36103

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Tri-State Camp

Between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, Va. (3 miles off Rt. 58)

August 2-7

Speakers to be announced
For accommodations write to Jack Carnley, St. Paul, Va.

ARIZONA DISTRICT

District Camp

Prescott, Ariz. (1840 Iron Springs Road)

July 30-August 8

William H. Robertson and Clyde A. Henson, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 2009 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Ariz.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Ozark-Lithia Camp

Hot Springs, Ark.

June 14-18

T. E. Gannon, speaker
For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 2580, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

EASTERN DISTRICT

Living Waters Camp

Cherry Tree, Pa.

July 2-18

D. V. Hurst, Bible teacher; Paul Olson Team, evangelists

For accommodations write to Frank Yarnal, R.D., Hillsdale, Pa.

Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa.

July 24-August 8

Wesley Hurst, Bible teacher; Paul Olson Team, evangelists

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

GEORGIA DISTRICT

District Council

No camp this year, except Council which will meet July 6-8 in the Music Hall, Augusta, Ga. (Arthur Graves, speaker).

For information write to John Moore, 1611 Fenwick St., Augusta, Ga.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Lake Williamson Camp

Carlinville, Ill.

July 30-August 8

Edgar Bethany, Jimmy Swaggart, and Cordas Burnett, speakers

For accommodations write to F. H. Toliver, District Office, P. O. Box 323, Carlinville, Ill. 62626

INDIANA DISTRICT

Lake Placid Bible Camp

Hartford City, Ind. (2 miles east on Road 26, south 1/2 mile)

June 29-July 8

Aaron Wilson, Bible teacher; Eddie Barg, evangelist

For accommodations write to District Office, Assemblies of God Camp Meeting, 2915 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46218

IOWA DISTRICT

Storm Lake Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa

July 22-August 1

John Hall, Bible teacher; G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., evangelist

For accommodations write to Silas Andersen, Route 1, Lucas, Iowa

KANSAS DISTRICT

Wheat State Camp

4 miles west of Augusta, Kans.

June 21-27

Alfred Cawston and John McDuff, speakers

Woodston Camp

3 miles east of Woodston, Kans.

July 26-August 1

Klaude Kendrick and Jay B. Oaks, speakers

For accommodations for both camps write to Paul Samuelson, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

District Camp

Crestwood, Ky. (10 miles east of Louisville on Route 22)

June 29-July 8 (District Council July 6-8)

W. Glenn West, speaker

For accommodations write to Carl E. Schmidt, 2407 Canton St., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240

Camp meeting is in the Pentecostal tradition. You and your family will be blessed by attending one of these Assemblies of God camps. Your spiritual life may be revolutionized by the prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Christian fellowship you'll find at a Pentecostal camp meeting. Write to the camp nearest you for further information and for reservations.

Many camps feature new buildings and accommodations—such as this lovely new chapel at Pinecrest Conference Grounds, sponsored by the Southern California District.



LOUISIANA DISTRICT

No information available

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Fa-Ho-Lo Park

Grass Lake, Mich.

June 30-July 11

Thomas Johnstone and Duane Wessman, speakers

For accommodations write to Assemblies of God, Michigan District, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48126

Lost Valley Camp

Gaylord, Mich. (7 miles west on M 32)

July 18-30

Arnold Segesman, speaker

For accommodations write to Burdette Faulk, 611 South Antler, Gladwin, Mich.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Lake Geneva Bible Camp (Kouples Kamp)

Alexandria, Minn.

June 11-13

Klaude Kendrick, speaker

For accommodations write to Harold Kamppi, 820 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

All Family Camp

Alexandria, Minn.

June 14-July 4

Edgar Bethany, Bible teacher; Don Mallough, evangelist

For accommodations write to Kenneth Freiheit, 820 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

District Camp

Hurley, Miss.

August 1-6

For accommodations write to E. E. Noland, Box 4195 West Station, Meridian, Miss.

MONTANA DISTRICT

Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont. (Highway 2)

July 8-18

Leland Keys, Bible teacher; O. Cope Budge, evangelist; Lee Robbins, C. A. seminar

For accommodations write to Glacier Bible Camp, Box 1549, Great Falls, Mont. 59401

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

State Camp

Lexington, Nebr.

July 30-August 8

Wesley Morton, Bible teacher; Charles Crabtree, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. Don Herrman, Assemblies of God Conference Grounds, Lexington, Nebr.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

No camp this year.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

District Camp

Mountainair, N. Mex.

July 22-29

Edgar Bethany, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, 222 Alvarado NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Mountainview Family Camp

Sherburne, N. Y.

July 3-18

T. J. Jones, Bible teacher; Ernest and Virginia Berquist, evangelists

For accommodations write to Charles Flach, R. D. 1, Hannacroix, N. Y.

Lakeview Family Camp

Hamlin, N. Y.

July 24-August 8

Cyril Homer, Bible teacher; Ernest and Virginia Berquist, evangelists

For accommodations write to Donald Riling, 32 King St., Brockport, N. Y.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Western Adult Camp

Franklin, N. C. (5 miles east on U. S. Highway 64)

June 29-July 11

R. L. Brandt, Bible teacher; Calvin Melton, evangelist

For accommodations write to Fred Sorrells, Route 5, Franklin, N. C.

Eastern Adult Camp

Windsor, N. C. (1 mile north on U. S. Highway 17)

August 9-22

Vaudie Lambert, evangelist; Bible teacher to be announced

For accommodations write to Carroll Daniels, Route 2, Colerain, N. C.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Lakewood Park Bible Camp

Devils Lake, N. Dak. (6 miles west and south on County Highway 1)

June 25-July 5

J. Philip Hogan, Wesley Morton, Olga V. S. Olsson, Russell Kensinger, Lawrence Larson, speakers

For accommodations write to Mel J. DeVries, Route 3, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Bedford Ranch, Bedford, Tex.

July 19-28

J. G. Hall and John McDuff, speakers

For accommodations write to District Family Camp, P. O. Box 415, Waxahachie, Tex.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Bethany Park

Santa Cruz, Calif.

June 24-July 4

Howard S. Bush, Bible teacher; Glenn M. Horst, evangelist

For accommodations write to Joe D. Wright, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95061

Mt. Lassen Camp

Mineral, Calif. (1 mile west)

July 2-11

Kermit T. Jeffrey and J. L. Johnson, speakers

For accommodations write to Stanley Wagner, P. O. Box 661, Weaverville, Calif.

Redwood Camp

6400 Redwood Drive (Cuttan Area), Eureka, Calif.

July 14-25

Frank M. Boyd, Bible teacher; L. J. Chote, evangelist

For accommodations write to Wilford M. Frazier, P. O. Box 196, Willow Creek, Calif. 95573

NORTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Excelsior Springs, Mo.

August 4-15

J. O. Savell, Bible teacher; Jimmy Brown, evangelist

For accommodations write to Arnold Brown, 317 E. Excelsior St., Excelsior Springs, Mo.

An inspiring service at the Southern Missouri District camp typifies the Pentecostal emphasis at camp meetings.



Standing in the meal line is part of camp tradition, too—and is a time for Christian fellowship (Iowa camp).



NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT

Long Lake Bible Camp

Naples, Maine

July 2-11

E. M. Clark, speaker

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

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Eastern Washington Bible Camp

Silver Lake, Wash.

July 7-18

Don Rogne, speaker

For accommodations write to Leonard R. White, W. 124 15th Ave., Spokane, Wash. 99203

Fruitland Bible Camp

Fruitland, Wash.

June 29-July 4

Leonard R. White, speaker

For accommodations write to Lawrence Randall, Box 14, Kahlotus, Wash. 99335

Yakima Valley Camp

Fair Grounds, Yakima, Wash.

July 5-18

Jimmy Brown, speaker

For accommodations write to Clifford Hobson, 212 Douglas St., Richland, Wash. 99352

OHIO DISTRICT

District Camp

Big Prairie, Ohio

June 27-July 5

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Miss Helen Stange, 3377 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

District Camp

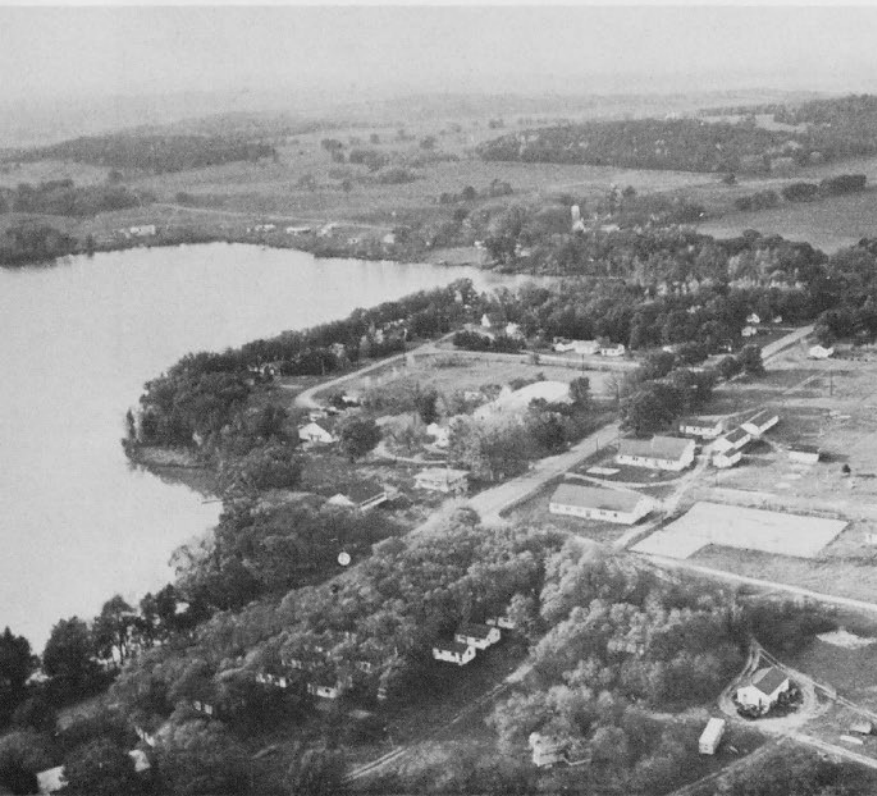
Oklahoma City, Okla. (District Auditorium, 8101 North Kelley)

July 12-18

Ivar A. Frick, Jr. and Bert Webb, speakers

For accommodations write to Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent, Box 14366, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

Aerial view of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan camp.



OREGON DISTRICT

Bethel Gospel Park

Brooks, Oreg. (10 miles north of Salem on Highway 99)

June 28-July 11

Kenneth Schmidt and T. E. Gannon, speakers

For accommodations write to Lester C. Young, P. O. Box 38, Brooks, Oreg.

PENINSULAR FLORIDA DISTRICT

Lake Bonny Bible Camp

Lakeland, Fla. (940 Longfellow Blvd.)

June 28-July 2

B. Owen Oslin, speaker

For accommodations write to Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., Drawer C, Lakeland, Fla.

POTOMAC DISTRICT

Potomac Park Camp

Falling Waters, W. Va. (Route 11-between Hagerstown, Md., and Martinsburg, W. Va.)

July 10-August 1

Harry J. Steil, Bible teacher; Jimmy Brown, evangelist

For accommodations write to H. O. Ganoe, Registrar, Rt. 2, Box 85, Winchester, Va.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

District Camp

Littleton, Colo. (5700 South Broadway)

August 3-12

Klaude Kendrick, Bible teacher; Jesse Smith, evangelist

For accommodations write to William W. Brandt, 5700 South Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

Utah State Camp

Layton, Utah

June 20-30

Murray W. McLees, speaker

For accommodations write to Peter Pilot, 57 East 13th South, Salt Lake City, Utah

Western Slope Camp

Cedaredge, Colo. (3 miles north)

July 5-14

C. C. Burnett, speaker

For accommodations write to Kenneth R. Schmidt, Box 1055, Grand Junction, Colo.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Adult Bible Camp

Rapid City, S. Dak. (Wesleyan Methodist campgrounds on Red Dale Dr.)

June 28-July 4

Loyal Miller, Bible teacher; David Hastie, evangelist

For accommodations write to W. F. Reichelt, 721 West Havens, Mitchell, S. Dak.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Camp Pearl Wheat, Kerrville, Tex.

August 2-11

Gene Scott and B. Owen Oslin, speakers

For accommodations write to Warren J. Piersol, Box 9714, Houston, Tex. 77015

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif.

July 3-11

John G. Hall and Paul Wells, speakers
For accommodations write to Paul Ferguson, P. O. Box 157, Twin Peaks, Calif.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

District Camp

Nampa, Idaho

June 29-July 8

Dwight McLaughlin, Bible teacher; Martin Luther Davidson, evangelist

For accommodations write to Vernon Vance, Secretary, Box 95, Nampa, Idaho

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Eldon, Mo. (12 miles southwest on Lake of the Ozarks)

June 24-July 3

Frederick Huber, Bible teacher; T. F. Zimmerman, evangelist

For accommodations write to Southern Missouri District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

Emphasizing missions at the Oregon camp.



SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Charlton, Mass.

July 2-11

E. T. Quanabush, speaker

For accommodations write to G. J. Flokstra, Jr., 12 Columbus Avenue, Meriden, Conn. 06450

TENNESSEE DISTRICT

No camp this year.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Camp

Marianna, Fla. (East Tallahassee Highway)

July 12-22

A. A. Wilson and Stewart H. Robinson, speakers

For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, P. O. Box 111, Marianna, Fla.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Lubbock, Tex.

August 3-13

Daniel T. Shaeffer, speaker

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN
MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south on County Trunk E)

June 23-July 4

U. S. Grant and James Brown, speakers

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

WYOMING DISTRICT

District Family Camp

Story, Wyo. (Camp Story)

June 28-July 4

Bill Brewer, speaker

For accommodations write to Glen Burris, Box 966, Gillette, Wyo.

GERMAN BRANCH

Bethel Park

Bridgman, Mich.

July 8-18

Arthur Drewitz and Karl D. Strader, speakers

For accommodations write to Arthur Klaus, 4448 N. Richmond, Chicago, Ill.

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

Pacific Conference Camp

Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.

July 26-29

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Josephine Lopez, 856 Capp St., San Francisco, Calif.

Chama Camp

Chama, N. Mex.

July 1-8

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Kenzy Savage, 1606 Silver SE, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH

Ukrainian Branch Camp

Lanesville, N. Y. (Catskill Mountains)

July 17-August 1

Nick Siblock, speaker

For accommodations write to Ukrainian Branch Camp Dept., 9 East 7 Street, New York, N. Y. 10003



In the informal teaching situations which youth camp provides, children and teens learn lasting spiritual lessons.

Summer Camps for Our Youth

SUMMER CAMPING FOR YOUTH is big business in the Assemblies of God. Approximately 160 camps with an attendance of 25,000 youth between the ages of 8 and 20, and over 2,500 staff members, with a turnover of \$300,000 in a three-month period—that's big business in anybody's language. But we are not in the business for the sake of dollars and cents. The only profit we seek is to provide an adventure of outdoor living with campers and counselors sharing ideas of purposeful, spiritual living.

Camp Curriculum

The church camping curriculum means more than a course of study. It amounts to the total experience provided for the lives of the campers. Everything in the camp life will influence the Christian experience of the individuals participating. So the total program of the camp—cabin life, cleanup, singing, recreation, mealtime, activities, campfire fellowship, crafts,

worship, and Bible study—becomes the curriculum and contributes to the spiritual experience and growth of the campers.

Based upon such premises and using the Bible as a textbook, the National Christ's Ambassadors and Sunday School Departments have provided courses of study adapted to the various age levels.

The Christ's Ambassadors camp curriculum will center attention on the personal responsibility every Christian assumes as an ambassador in God's program. Using the pattern of the diplomatic service and the theme "Mission," teen-agers will study one of two courses: "On Assignment" or "Mission Accomplished."

The boys and girls camps will use the theme, "Knights of the King." Through the attractive motif of kings and castles, armor and battles, the great Christian doctrines of salvation, Christian living, the Holy Spirit, di-

vine healing, and the Lord's return will be studied.

Camp Evangelism

Camp presents an effective opportunity for winning boys and girls to Christ. There were some 4,000 decisions for Christ and a similar number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in our Assemblies of God youth camps last year.

There must be a good balance between Christian education and Bible evangelism so youth will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This becomes the responsibility of the home and church following the camp season. Parents and church workers can build on the experiences the youth receive at camp.

Camp Standards

To help encourage a high quality of camp operation, the Youth Camp Commission of the Assemblies of God provides a camp standard. Each camp can evaluate its program. Camps which meet all the minimum requirements of the standard are recognized as "certified" camps and may use the camp certification seal in their promotional material.

Camps which achieved certification for the 1964 camping season are listed as follows:

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS

Kids' Kamp, Lexington, Nebr.
Mountainview Boys and Girls Camp, Sherburne, N. Y.
Lakeview Boys and Girls Camp, Troutberg, N. Y.
Boys and Girls Camp, Storm Lake, Iowa

YOUTH CAMPS

Lakewood Teen Camp, Devils Lake, N. Dak.
Assemblies of God Youth Camp, Davis, Okla.
Northern Illinois Youth Camps, Des Plaines, Ill.
Commanche Outpost, Houston, Tex.
Camp Singing Hills, Houston, Tex.
Camp Pearl Wheat (Junior High), Houston, Tex.
Camp Pearl Wheat (Senior High), Houston, Tex.
Camp Wildurr, Houston, Tex.
Wheat State Camp (13-14), Augusta, Kans.
Wheat State Camp (15-19), Augusta, Kans.

Any reader interested in sending a boy or girl to an Assemblies of God camp should write his district office and ask for a camp schedule. Be sure to state the age and sex of the youth since many of the camps are divided accordingly. You may also obtain information on camps by writing the National Sunday School Department or the National Christ's Ambassadors Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

Through the varied experiences of camping, the child will become more mature. He will have learned how to get along better with other persons. The influence of his fellow campers cannot be overestimated. Social consciousness begins at a very young age and persists throughout our lives.

2. *Encourages the habit of a daily quiet time.*

There is real spiritual value awaiting the child who takes time each day to be alone with God and His Word. The very atmosphere of camp is conducive to worship—the outdoor setting is a natural one in which to hear God speak.

Opportunities are given for the counselor to have morning and evening devotions with the campers. Besides this, there will be the quiet time when the camper reads his Bible alone.

3. *Teaches the child some physical skills.*

Camps have a balanced program, and this includes physical activities. To have a healthy body and an alert mind, exercise is important.


Lessons of sportsmanship learned in the athletic program will be an asset to the child all through his life. Swimming and boating skills will also prove very helpful.

4. *Provides an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.*

When we realize that 85 percent of all conversions occur between the ages of 4 and 15, we ought to utilize every means possible to reach the child for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian camp provides an excellent opportunity to reach the heart of the child.

After one of our chapel services last year, I had the privilege of praying with a little lad as he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. The next night during prayer time I again noticed him, this time seated on the front pew of the tabernacle. Seeing his bright countenance, I asked if his newfound faith made him so happy. He answered, "I'm so happy because last night I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour, and already I have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit."

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Give each child an opportunity to attend a Christian camp this summer. It could very well be the most wonderful week of his life. 



A DISTRICT YOUTH LEADER URGES

SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP

By JOHN V. OHLIN - Wisconsin - N. Michigan District

CAMPING HAS BECOME an important activity to people everywhere. This is because camping is fun—loads of fun—and it is a means of relaxation. Your child might receive invitations to many different camps during the summer, but no camp will be as profitable as a spiritual, church-related camp.

Camps provide a change from the regular routine of life. Everything is excitingly different. There are new activities, new friends, new surroundings, and there is a new opportunity for the child to learn to know God in a greater way.

The camp program embraces the total daily experience of the child, and therefore can affect the camper's life and personality. Most Christian

camps are built around chapel services and class sessions when spiritual truths are directed to the child and opportunities are given for him to seek God. However, in most Christian camps spiritual truth is naturally expressed in every activity.

Some of the direct spiritual values of camping are these:

1. *Gives a deeper understanding of the meaning of life.*

Christian camps have spiritual leaders. The camper will receive a deeper understanding of the meaning of life as he studies under godly teachers and as he has friendly chats with his particular counselor. The camper will be better able to determine God's will for his life through these experiences.

HEAVEN-SENT REVIVAL

By **L. G. GILMORE** ■ Pastor, First Assembly of God Church, Tucson, Arizona

A REVIVAL THAT BEGAN January 1, 1965, at First Assembly in Tucson, Ariz., still continues with no signs of diminishing. Our church has been literally transformed by this mighty Holy Ghost revival!

Although the entire church is being blessed, one of the unique features of this great move of God is that high school and university students have spearheaded it from the start. Youth (and even children) are receiving the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues, and exercising spiritual gifts.

During the prayer meetings many of the young people remain prostrate under the power of God for hours—then speak out in prophecy the mighty works of God, the soon coming of Jesus Christ, and the suffering that will shortly come upon the earth. Some receive visions of heaven, hell, the Lord, and tell of them with much weeping accompanied by a heavy burden for men and women without Christ.

The prayer meetings are continuing nightly. Our young people are keeping up their schoolwork and yet they hardly miss a night. They devote most of their free time to witnessing for Christ. Many of them spend Saturday and Sunday afternoons in teams distributing gospel tracts and witnessing on the university campus, or from door to door. Nine of this group have received definite calls to the ministry.

Who can say how this mighty work of the Spirit began? For a number of years, Wednesday has been a day of fasting and prayer at First Assembly with Bible study at 10 a.m. A year ago, the men felt an urge to meet together every Saturday night to pray for a definite move of the Spirit.

When the appeal went out from our national headquarters for a week of prayer in January, we were happy to join in it. We invited Zelma Argue to come and conduct this week of prayer, knowing her to be a woman of prayer and great faith. During this time my wife and I slipped away for a few days of much-needed rest.

On our return we found that the prayer program had been a success. Attendance was small, yet God had honored it by His own presence. Three of our young people had been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

At the close of my message Sunday

morning, January 10, I made an appeal for people to come to the altar and seek God. The altar service continued all afternoon. I left the church about 2:30 p.m. but was paged at one of the local cafeterias and advised to return. As we entered the church we knew Pentecost was being repeated. The glory of the Lord filled the church!

Many were prostrate under the power of God. Others were praising God with upraised hands for His wondrous visitation. The glory of His presence defies description. As the news spread, people began returning to the church. Upon entering they too would kneel at the altar and begin to cry out to God. Soon they would be filled (or refilled) with the Holy Spirit.

This continued—no place being given to the C. A. or Sunday evening service—until after 12 o'clock that night.

On Monday morning without any announcement of a morning service, people began coming back to the church to pray. Before 7 p.m. they were gathering again and the prayer meeting lasted all that night.

To use the words of Sister Argue, a "holy fear took hold of the people and we walked with awe in His sanctuary." No offerings were taken—not even on Sunday—and in the two weeks that followed God spoke through members of the congregation in testimonies and exhortations.

Young and old alike shared in the blessings. There were prophecies from two young men on the first Sunday afternoon telling of the soon coming of Jesus, of the great suffering and destruction that was coming upon the earth, of the apostasy of the Church inviting the wrath of God, and of the amalgamation of evil forces out of which the Antichrist would arise, all

perfectly aligned with the Scriptures.

A 14-year-old boy was taken in the Spirit to the very threshold of heaven. He saw the glories of heaven and the Lord on His throne. Later he was taken to the gates of hell to see a vision of its horrors. When he heard the groanings of unspeakable anguish in hell, he cried out, "God, it isn't fair. Regardless of how bad a sinner has been, no one deserves this great punishment." He was then made to understand that these people were in hell by choice, for it is not God's will that any should perish.

We have had many great revivals at First Assembly in Tucson since I became pastor 18 years ago, but this move of the Spirit of God has been the greatest in our ministry. It is not necessarily the greatest in attendance, but in power and depth. The young people are completely transformed and have a great desire to work for God. Indications of worldliness are gone. There is no more frivolity. They do not sit in the back seats talking. They fill the choir and enter into the service with great joy. They are the first to reach the altars and the last to leave—their faces shining with the glory of God!

For some months we had scheduled a revival with Evangelist Neville Carlson to begin February 23. During this two-week meeting a number were saved and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

After 15 weeks the revival fires continue to burn. The young people continue to pray each night and to witness for Christ each day. They have distributed thousands of gospel tracts.

It is impossible to describe the mighty works of God in our midst. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to our God for this great move of His Spirit.

POLAND...

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

How much freedom of religion exists in Poland today?

What proportion of evangelicals in Poland are Pentecostal?

Do Polish churches own their own properties?

Are Polish youth being attracted to the gospel?

What about the power of the Catholic church?

These were among the questions recently asked by staff members of the Foreign Missions Department when Brother Maksymowicz visited Assemblies of God headquarters. The article on these pages is compiled from his forthright answers.

THOUGH IT MAY surprise American Christians, there is real freedom for gospel witness in Poland today. Not only are we free to worship in meet-

ing halls, chapels, and churches, but we have also conducted large open-air baptismal services with no hindrance at all. We must obtain permission if we intend to congregate in some busy place where traffic might be obstructed; but this would be the same in any country of the world.

Perhaps even more surprising is the fact that about 65 percent of our church properties have been given to us as free gifts by the government. For the most part they are simple, comfortable buildings. Each is given to a local congregation with the understanding that the congregation will maintain the building and keep it from deteriorating. If for any reason the property is no longer needed, it is turned back to the state. Each local church is quite free as long as it holds to its published doctrines and

By **TEODOR MAKSYMOWICZ**

does not criticize the government.

The past pressures on our evangelical churches have come not from the government but from the Roman Catholic church. But today the Catholic church has no particular status with the government and exercises no control. Catholic churches are still full, and the priests are very much against Protestantism. They are always saying to their people, "Don't go to the evangelicals; we are the way to heaven." But we find that many hundreds of hungry people come to our services anyhow.

A CALL FOR LITERATURE

One of the greatest needs in Poland today is for evangelical literature. We need teaching material for our Christians, and we also need evangelistic literature to put into the hands of the college students who are coming to us. We are having an influx of youth as never before and we are able to provide so little for them to read.

Our country is one of those in which reading matter is taken seriously. When we distribute gospel literature, people are careful not to throw it away. They hold it for study and future reference. I am hoping that Christian friends in America will help provide literature to meet the increasing need.

Our literature distribution is never carelessly done. Rather it is a matter of organized teamwork. At each preaching point we have one person who is responsible for literature distribution; he enlists the help of others to see that the people's homes are adequately covered. Young and old enjoy having a part—everybody wants to spread the good news.

The literature leader at each preaching point calls his helpers together for a meeting before each distribution

Young Warsaw converts consider water baptism serious and significant.





Leader of Polish Pentecostals confers with Foreign Missions staff in Springfield, Mo. Seated left to right: J. P. Hogan, T. Maksymowicz, S. Walegir, interpreting. Standing left to right: M. L. Hodges, E. L. Phillips, R. T. McGlasson, M. L. Ketcham, W. R. Hurst.

campaign is launched. Full instructions are given as to the purpose of the literature, the places to be reached, and the methods to be used. Afterwards the workers return again to the church for consultation.

We find that the most useful kind of tract is one which gives a short testimony of personal salvation, coupled with an invitation to come to the meeting and hear the Word of God.

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

The United Evangelical Church, of which I am presently serving as treasurer, is the most active evangelical group in Poland today. It includes believers formerly affiliated with five different denominations which are no longer recognized as separate bodies. All five of these groups have come through the fire, and we have never stressed the differences between us. Rather we stress those things in which we agree. Our fellowship together is deep and warm.

Our overall membership is now about ten thousand, and many more attend. Membership in Polish church-

es is a serious matter, so only firm believers are on the rolls. More than 70 percent of our members are Pentecostal in belief and practice. The broad nature of the United Evangelical Church also includes some non-Pentecostals.

NEW WARSAW HEADQUARTERS

With the help of the Lord we are planning to build a new church in Warsaw soon. It is miraculous the way the Lord has provided the necessary property. For a year the local congregation has been praying that they could obtain a place for a building which would serve as organizational headquarters, as well as a church and Bible school. After spending this time in prayer the brethren approached the officials to apply for ground. The response was, "Yes, we will give you a piece of land. You don't even have to pay for it."

The allocated land measures 90 by 190 feet. Actually we expect our building to cover all of it. Our people have no parking problem because they don't have cars.

To meet our needs, the building

should consist of four stories. The lower floor will be a chapel seating between 500 and 800. The second and third floors will probably house our Bible school, with its classrooms, dormitories, and other facilities. The fourth floor will contain our denominational headquarters and the editorial offices for our publications. The entire project will cost close to \$80,000. We now have \$10,000 on hand, and we are looking to the Lord to supply the balance.

Already we have dug out and finished the basement. We expect to add one floor at a time as funds come in, and we are required to have the entire building finished within two years. Beginning by faith is the only way we know.

This new building will mean a great deal to the work of the Lord in Poland. Our churches will share together the cost of maintaining the headquarters office, which in turn will help coordinate the work of the local assemblies. The Bible school students will receive the training necessary for them to become effective pastors and Christian leaders in the many new



Warsaw Sunday school shares food and fellowship on special occasion.

local congregations which are springing up. Our policy is to accept only those students who show evidence of a divine call, and who have enough zeal and initiative to go into the villages and start churches.

A PLEA FOR HELP

There are several ways in which our brethren in America can help us. First, we need competent Bible teachers who can train our young people. We need someone to help us get our Bible school going. Volunteers from America would be most welcome.

Next, we need help with the expense of putting up the building in the place the Lord has provided. Anyone who wishes to share this burden with us should send his offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802, designated, "For Poland—Warsaw Building."

Last and most important: *pray for Poland*. We have never before seen such fertile opportunities for witnessing as we now have. People are coming to Christ in great numbers. We are able to preach free from restraint in any of the cities or villages. And everywhere we turn we find people who are looking, searching, groping for the truth. The Polish people are very religiously inclined. In their way they are earnestly seeking for God,

though many are seeking in places where He cannot be found. We believe that as people pray for Poland, God will direct hungry hearts to us, or us to them.

I am thinking of the verse of Scripture which tells how the apostle Paul

saw a man from Macedonia who said to him, "Come over . . . and help us." I am like that man who came to Paul. I am pleading, crying, begging, beseeching, imploring you, my brethren, to come over and help in any way you can.

Visitor Maksymowicz shows Light-for-the-Lost Secretary Everett James pictures representing Poland's great need for literature.



GOOD-BYE to FEAR

By GAIL WINTERS ■ Missionary to Congo

BASIRA FILIPO was one of the clerks of our bookshop in Paulis, Congo. One day as he was going home from work, he saw a little old man seated on a chair in a yard. He was evidently in great pain and Filipo's heart went out to him.

"Father, what affair is it that is doing you bad?"

"I have this great pain in my chest. The witch doctors could not help me, and even the white doctors say nothing can help me. I will die with this sickness."

Filipo realized that the old man's affliction was very serious. "Father, do you want me to pray for you that God the Creator will heal you?" he asked. Then, seeing that the little old man was fearful, he added, "Father, if you fear for me to pray for you here, I can go on to my home and pray for you there. If something happens, you will know it was my God who healed you. But I will pray only if you want me to."

The little old man agreed.

The next morning on his way back to work, Filipo stopped again to see the old man. The wrinkled face was wreathed in smiles.

"A great affair happened yesterday after you left. I felt something warm hit me on the top of the head. This warmth went all through my body right down through my feet. And when

it had gone through my body, all my pain left me. Truly your God is a great God!"


"Now, Father, since God has healed you He wants you to serve Him. He doesn't heal people to continue in sin. Nor does He want you to continue in witchcraft."

Filipo was able to lead him to the Lord. Then the old man went into his hut and gathered his fetishes. He gave them to Filipo who said he would take them to the pastor to burn. Filipo also promised that the pastor would visit the man.

Some time later this man came to the pastor. "Your God has been talking to my heart. He asked me again and again, 'How about that powerful fetish in your village?' I was afraid. But I had no peace. Even though I am an old man, I walked 'way out to my village and got this fetish from my hut. It is a very powerful one, and I feared to give it up."

Trembling with fear, the little man handed the pastor a horn filled with powder, teeth, bits of wood, etc.

"Fear not, Father," said the pastor. "God is more powerful than this fetish. He will not allow the witchcraft to harm you. I will burn it right now, and you will see that no harm will come to you."

The bonfire which followed brought nothing but peace! 



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Feeding the Hungry

AMONG THE very great contradictions of our times is the fact that, in spite of modern scientific advancement, one of the most ancient enemies of mankind is far from defeated. I speak of human hunger and famine.

The best authorities tell us there are more hungry people today than ever before. Actually one-half of the world's population lives at a lower-than-subsistence level of food consumption.

This is very difficult for us Americans to understand since, in the main, no one really goes hungry in America.

We are often asked what our Foreign Missions Department does to alleviate the physical hunger of the world. It sometimes surprises people to know that, while we have never been primarily a relief and rehabilitation organization, we do put out some effort along this line.

Last year we distributed abroad approximately 296,680 pounds of food supplies. They were secured largely from the surplus commodities agencies of the United States government, and consisted of wheat, flour, beans, dried milk, animal fats, and other such staple commodities.

We also distributed 40,000 pounds of used clothing and hospital supplies, almost all of which came by free-will contribution from our churches. Miscellaneous relief goods made up an additional 18,000 pounds.

Some of the most foreboding information now being released by reliable United Nations experts indicates that unless the food production barrier is somehow broken, by 1975 the world will face the greatest famine it has ever known.

What we have done is only a "drop in the bucket." But it has been done by people who not only have given food but also have brought the message of eternal life.

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Joseph Sold into Egypt

Sunday School Lesson for May 23, 1965

GENESIS 37:1-36

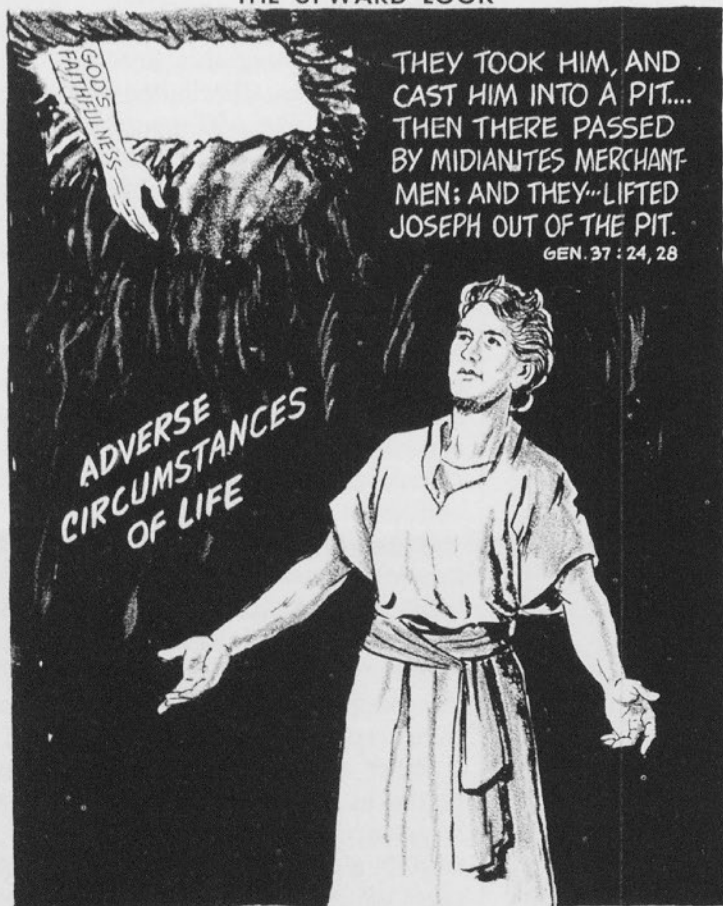
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE BIBLE TELLS US more about Joseph than any other patriarch. This would indicate his story has great value. Consider: (1) *The historical value.* It answers the questions, "Why did the Hebrews settle in Egypt?" (2) *The providential value.* It reveals God overruling evil and causing truth and righteousness to triumph. (See Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:19, 20; 45:5-8.) (3) *The spiritual value.* Joseph illustrates the life that is victorious in the great tests of adversity, morality, and prosperity. (4) *The typical value.* Joseph—sent to his brethren, rejected by them, suffering at their hands, taking a Gentile bride, exalted by God, reunited with his brethren—is a remarkable type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOSEPH LOVED

1. *Loved by his father* (Genesis 37:1-3). Because he was a son of his old age, Joseph was his father's favorite. This partiality was seen in the many-colored coat which the father gave the son. This coat probably signified that Joseph was intended to become the leader of the tribe when Jacob died. (See 1 Chronicles 5:1, 2.)

THE UPWARD LOOK



2. *Loved by God* (vv. 5-11). Joseph's dreams made it evident God had ordained Joseph to become the spiritual leader of the family. Joseph's brothers did not realize he would become their savior; they probably thought of him as a domineering and arrogant person.

JOSEPH HATED

"And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him." Certainly the brothers were not justified in hating Joseph. But when the father failed to hide his favoritism, he put a stumbling block in their way. James says, "If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin." (See James 2:1-9; 1 Timothy 5:21.)

"And they hated him yet the more for his dreams." Young Joseph certainly got off to a difficult start. His brothers hated him on three counts. First, he "brought unto his father their evil report"; second, their father was partial to him; third, he *rubbed it in* by telling of his two dreams. Let us consider some practical lessons from this:

1. *Talebearing versus dutiful reporting.* Some have suggested Joseph was a tattler. However, if a Christian sees someone rob a bank, is he not bound by principle to report the perpetrator of the crime?

2. *Keeping God's secrets.* Was Joseph wise in telling his dreams? Was he motivated by vanity and pride or did he tell them innocently? We cannot be certain. However, we should always seek to ascertain from the Lord whether we ought to tell others of certain experiences and whether our motives in doing so are pure. Paul might have written a best-seller concerning his own visions and revelations, but he felt God would have him keep them secret (2 Corinthians 12:4).

JOSEPH SOLD

1. *The murderous plan* (vv. 12-37). Joseph was sent by his father to inquire concerning the welfare of his brothers. "And when they saw him afar off... they conspired against him to slay him." What wickedness arises from envy and jealousy! How carefully a Christian must guard against these twin demons of destruction! (See Proverbs 14:30; James 3:16.)

2. *The devilish deception.* "We will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him."

3. *The craven compromise.* "And Reuben... said, Let us not kill him." Reuben apparently hoped to save Joseph when he suggested they throw him into the pit, but his feeble project miscarried. Compromise is always dangerous. Had Reuben, as the eldest, used his influence and taken a resolute stand against his brothers, he might have saved Joseph. As it was, his brother would suffer. And through a Christian's compromise and negligence many an unsaved man is left to perish who might have been redeemed.

4. *The shameful sale.* When a caravan came along, the brothers decided to capitalize on their plan. Why kill Joseph when they might sell him? Circumstances sometime seem to favor wrongdoing, but if circumstances are wrong in themselves no coincidence can make them right!

The sin of Joseph's brothers was utterly heartless. God, however, makes the evil deeds of the worst men fit His purposes. And God will work out His purposes in and through us if we, like Joseph, maintain our faith in Him!

Mental Sickness

(Continued from page three)

and that when they turn to the Bible for help or consolation it always condemns them. Such persons should be assured that their very concern over what they believe to be separation from Christ is the best evidence that they love Him more than anything or anyone else. God is not so unkind that He would cast them off when they are weak and ill in mind and nerves and unable to pray and work and think like the mentally healthy ones. No! God is tenderly watching over them and His love is just as mighty and true as ever. He only is allowing them to learn lessons of faith and trust that they could not learn otherwise.

Such sufferers should never drive themselves to pray or be urged by others to pray and read the Bible. Quiet rest and thanksgiving should be the only expressions of approach to God they should make. This is the sort of prayer such a sufferer should offer:

"My Precious Father in Heaven: I am coming to Thee the way I came to my mother when I was a small child and was very sick. My mind is so tired and my nerves so worn. I'm coming just to rest and relax in Thy everlasting arms."

(Following this prayer the sufferer should sit or recline in His loving presence.)

Those of us who have been through such suffering (and it is most agonizing and real) can assure you that our fears were liars; our doubts were false; our nerves and imaginations and thoughts were deceivers. Everything that denied the love and grace and faithfulness and mercy of our Father and Saviour—even the voices that we seemed to hear—was a lie, and prompted by the father of lies.

These fears and thoughts and suggestions ought not to be taken seriously. They should be ignored. Of course, it is not possible for a mind that is ill to ignore them; therefore one should do his best to turn the patient's attention to some occupation or activity that will give a measure of rest. *Rest is the most necessary healing agent.* Hence the need of consulting an expert in some cases.

Furthermore, those who are mentally sick or distressed should be saved as far as possible from making decisions

for themselves. I was sure, while I was in this state, God wanted me to sell everything I had, even over the heads of my good wife and children, and give it to someone to whom I fancied that I owed it. I felt as if I were being driven to do this by the will of God. Fortunately I was so ill (though neither I nor my wife realized it at the time) that I could not carry through my determination to do it.

It takes a great deal of nervous energy to assume responsibility for important decisions and to put them into effect. People who desire to do the will of God are liable to many and very strange suggestions when their minds become over-wrought and ill. Therefore, all important responsibilities should be taken from them as far as possible, and others ought to make their decisions for them.

THE LORD HEALS ILL MINDS

Let us always remember that the Lord Himself is the great Healer of the mind as well as the body. No one can drive away the clouds and speak peace to our minds as He can.

The above suggestions are only temporary expedients to enable those who have the care of such sufferers to help them and not hinder them until the time when the Lord Himself speaks peace to their troubled minds. Let us rest assured that it is the Lord's will to heal them. Let our words and our attitudes always breathe quiet assurance and faith in Him whose blood has redeemed our minds as well as our souls and bodies from all the powers of the enemy.

During the days of my own mental illness it was marvelous how my wife and my friends held on for me in faith and prayer. Then one morning God spoke to me in these wonderful words of the hymn, "In Jesus":

*"My soul is night, my heart is steel;
I cannot see, I cannot feel;
For light and life I must appeal
In simple faith to Jesus."*

At these words every shadow fled away and the wonderful, holy love of God filled my whole being with new light and new life.

God is well able to deliver from mental sickness. Better still, He is able to *keep us from it.* Usually that is what He does for His children who trust Him.

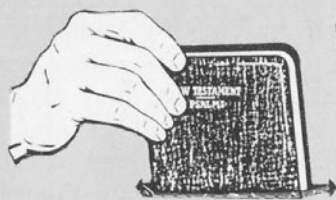
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BATHED IN LIGHT

Michelangelo, a creator of lasting beauty, was said to have been in the habit of working with a candle fastened to the front of his cap. The arrangement was awkward, and there was frequent need of replacement. But because it kept his shadow from falling on his work, he considered the effort worthwhile. As a result, both man and mural were bathed in light.

We might take a lesson from the great artist. If a Christian would keep from casting his own shadow, however slight, on the great task he has been called to do, he too must be bathed in light. Even if it means pausing in the midst of his work, he must withdraw to replenish the light at the place of prayer. Only then will his work be unmarred by the shadow of self consciousness, or the image of personal ambition.

—MARY TREGENZA



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 16-23

Sunday—Psalms 56, 57
Monday—Acts 7
Tuesday—Acts 8
Wednesday—Acts 9

Thursday—Acts 10
Friday—Acts 11
Saturday—Psalm 58
Sunday—Psalms 59, 60



WMC'S GO TO CAMP MEETING

By ANN AHLF

SUMMER CAMP MEETINGS are an earmark of the Assemblies of God and are older than the organization itself. Camps offer a refreshing retreat filled with prayer, meditation, music, Bible teaching, evangelism, and Christian fellowship. With great anticipation whole families plan to attend.

One of the highlights of the camp meeting is Women's Missionary Council Day when the women are recognized. Sometimes banners announce the theme for the occasion. Displays are set up showing the accomplishments of the past year. Special projects are completed, and supplies are made available for visiting missionaries.

"Generations Serve Together" was the theme chosen by Kansas District WMC's for their day at the Wheat State Camp last year. Two generations were represented at the piano and organ. A WMC member accompanied by her nine-year-old Missionette daughter presented a special song. WMC's and Missionettes in "mother-daughter" dresses served as ushers. Two generations of a missionary family, Mrs. Harold Jones and Mrs. Virginia

Jones Corbin, were the featured speakers. Mrs. Jones told how the third generation of their family was being reared on African mission fields.

To emphasize the theme further, four generations of the Boettner family, Central Assembly of God, Wichita, were introduced. Mrs. Elmer Boettner related an incident in their early Christian life in which the Lord impressed them to set aside \$25 for a missionary offering. Giving such a sum in those days demanded real sacrifice. Mr. Boettner told of his sincere love for God's work. Retired now, he daily proves that love by devoting much of his time to the church. Mrs. Sam (Virginia Boettner) McDowell, the second generation, has for a long time served as superintendent of the Beginners' Department of the Sunday school, "Children ought to be taught to do little jobs in and for the church so they will feel it is an important place," she said.

Mrs. Jim (Estella) Hull, daughter of the McDowells and a member of the third generation, has grown up in the church. She is artistically inclined and makes many decorations and props for church programs and special services. She spoke with appreciation for her Christian heritage. "I want to give to my child (she held a member of the fourth generation in her arms) the same faith that has been instilled in my heart," she said.

Mrs. Paul Samuelson, Kansas district WMC president, and her staff arranged the program.

Colorful booths depicting the cultures of many lands made up the "World Fair," timely topic for WMC Day at the Nebraska Camp. A replica of the magnificent Taj Mahal represented India. Portraying the Middle East was an appropriately decorated compartment with a huge scrapbook filled with pictures, mementos, and articles describing the countries touched by Assemblies of God Missions. There was an Alaskan scene complete with miniature igloo and Eskimo. A graph showed the progress of Home Missions in general. The area of benevolences was represented by likenesses of Bethany and Hillcrest homes. Other booths called attention to missionary work in Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the home district.

Black tape covered a large map of the district. As the annual WMC savings offering was received, streaks

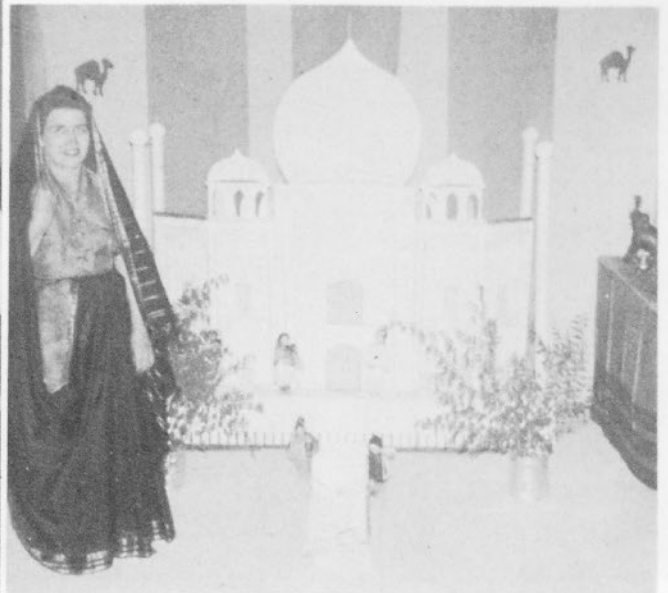
Four generations of the Boettner family serving God are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boettner, Mrs. Sam McDowell, and Mrs. Jim Hull and her infant daughter.

Generations SERVE





West Florida District WMC President Mrs. Nettie Gatlin presents a check for household furnishings to the Wesley Weekleys, recently appointed missionaries to the Philippines.



One "World's Fair" display at the Nebraska camp featured a replica of the Taj Mahal—and a WMC member in a sari.

of light broke through and spread over the map until the darkness was all dispelled—and the district picture glowed with the representative light of the gospel.

Flags of various countries, the new world missions map with its adjustable station markers, and free literature added to the exhibit. Nine sectional representatives took responsibility for constructing the booths, according to Mrs. L. E. King, district WMC president. The district Missionette director, Mrs. H. W. Lebsack, arranged a booth emphasizing the girls auxiliary.

At the West Florida Camp Meeting, WMC Day began with a fellowship breakfast attended by 100 WMC members and their guests in the camp diningroom. (The ladies had just given \$1,700 for its redecoration.)

District Superintendent O. L. Thomas and visiting missionaries participated in the program. Cyril Homer, camp speaker, challenged the group as he spoke on their theme, "These Things We Can Do."

The afternoon service was dedicated to more WMC features, including a skit on the theme.

One project for the day was a four years' supply of linens for newly appointed missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weekley. A check for \$500 designated for the purchase of household equipment was also presented to them.

At a given signal, WMC ushers brought offering plates containing \$1,325 to be paid on the retirement of bonds on the new camp tabernacle. The gift was the result of local group faith promises made at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Hermoine Summers, district president of Alabama, gave an illustrated message, "The Heart."

A candlelight vesper service emphasized Missionettes. Regular and junior groups presented a portion of the achievement plan. Crowning of 13 girls, nine of whom were *Honor Stars*, followed.

To conclude the day's activities visiting missionaries spoke briefly of the needs of their fields. Mrs. Gatlin, district president, says, "The West Florida WMC's have set new boundaries for their work in 1965. Their motto is, 'These Things We Can Do.'"

Spiritual blessings were mingled with practical application of the Great Commission at the Oregon Camp

meeting. In their vesper service, the WMC's heard missionaries from Formosa, Tanzania, Venezuela, and Nigeria. Members of each missionary family were permitted to choose from an abundance of supplies to supplement their outfits already being prepared.

Mrs. F. J. Walton, district WMC president, says, "The *High Hat Parade* was a notable event. Forty-two women modeled hats made from kitchen gadgets, notions, linens, and groceries. Articles that made up the hats were given to missionaries.

"One thousand dollars of the penny march proceeds was designated to purchase tile for the dormitories of Canyonville Bible Academy. Other amounts were given to youth camp funds."

On the following day the importance of completing the Missionette achievement program was emphasized. Two Honor Stars were crowned, bringing the district's total crowned to 11 girls and one sponsor. Special activities of the girls meeting included a parade of the flags of all nations and a "Dime Corsage" project.

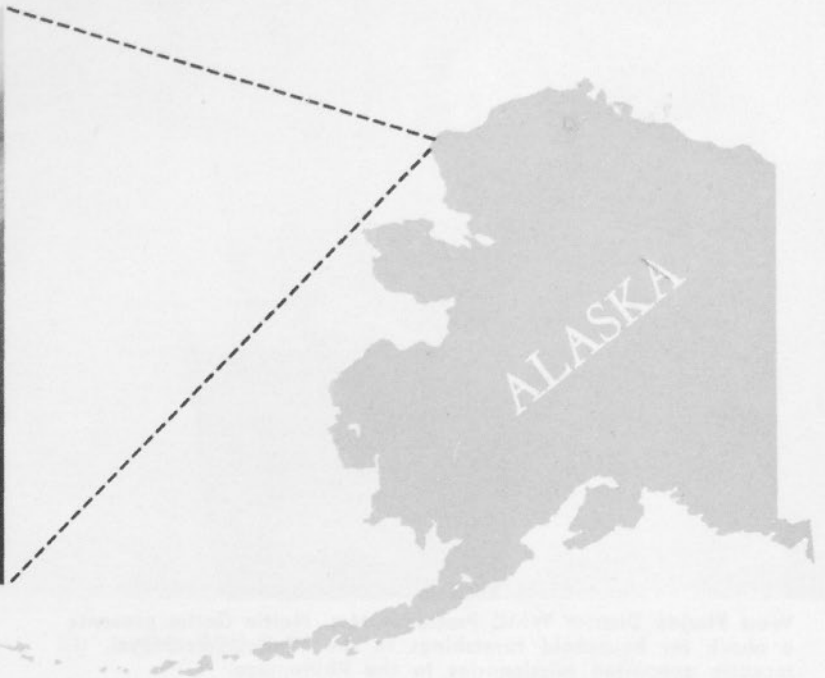
To the WMC member and the Missionette girl, camp meeting is a place to refresh spiritual life and to inspire others *to share because they care* and to "Minister as unto Christ." When there is camp meeting, the WMC's will be there.

Mrs. F. J. Walton (left), Mrs. Paul Samuelson (center), and Mrs. L. E. King (right) typify the many district WMC presidents who plan features for WMC Day at camp.





Aerial view of Point Hope, Alaska



A LIGHT FOR SALVATION

'UNTO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH'

By **ALVIN E. CAPENER** ■ Point Hope, Alaska

I CALLED A VISITING MINISTER to the window of our home, pointed to the end of the peninsula, and said, "You are now looking at the end of the earth!"

This is geographically true of the village where we minister. It is Point Hope, the oldest Eskimo village, situated on the northwest corner of Alaska about 125 miles above the Arctic Circle. Point Hope is near the end of a point of land which extends about 15 miles from the mainland into the Arctic Ocean.

Alvin E. Capener, presbyter of the Arctic Coast Section of Alaska



Located in the last time zone near the international boundary, we also have the distinction of being the westernmost Assemblies of God church in the world.

It was our privilege some years ago to establish also the northernmost assembly—at the village of Barrow, Alaska. When the Lord commanded that salvation should be made known to the ends of the earth, these northern and western extremities were included. We consider it a great privilege to be instruments in His hand to bring the message of salvation to the Eskimo people at the "ends of the earth."

The accompanying picture of Point Hope was taken in the summer when the temperatures range from 40 to 50 degrees and conditions are relatively pleasant. Being far out in the sea, Point Hope is swept by violent winds. In the winter the temperature stays below zero most of the time and the climate is far from pleasant.

Historically, the Eskimos have lived in groups of a few families each, scattered all along the north and west coasts of this northern area, wherever hunting afforded them a livelihood. But civilization with its schools, churches, entertainment, and medical facilities has brought them together into larger communities of which Point Hope (with about 325 people) is typical. Dog teams, *oomiaks*, and the Wien Airlines provide transportation.

Point Hope has a touch of the old with some ancient dwellings 100 years old made of whale bone and sod. These were the only building materials available then, for the only natural growth here is a little grass. Other points of historical interest are the whalebone-fenced graveyard with Chief Attungowruk's grave, tundra flowers, a kerosene lighthouse, and underground caches.

But the village also has much of the new, with a good


school system, and a number of homes built to modern standards with insulation, electric power, and many conveniences. Some of these we have helped plan and build.

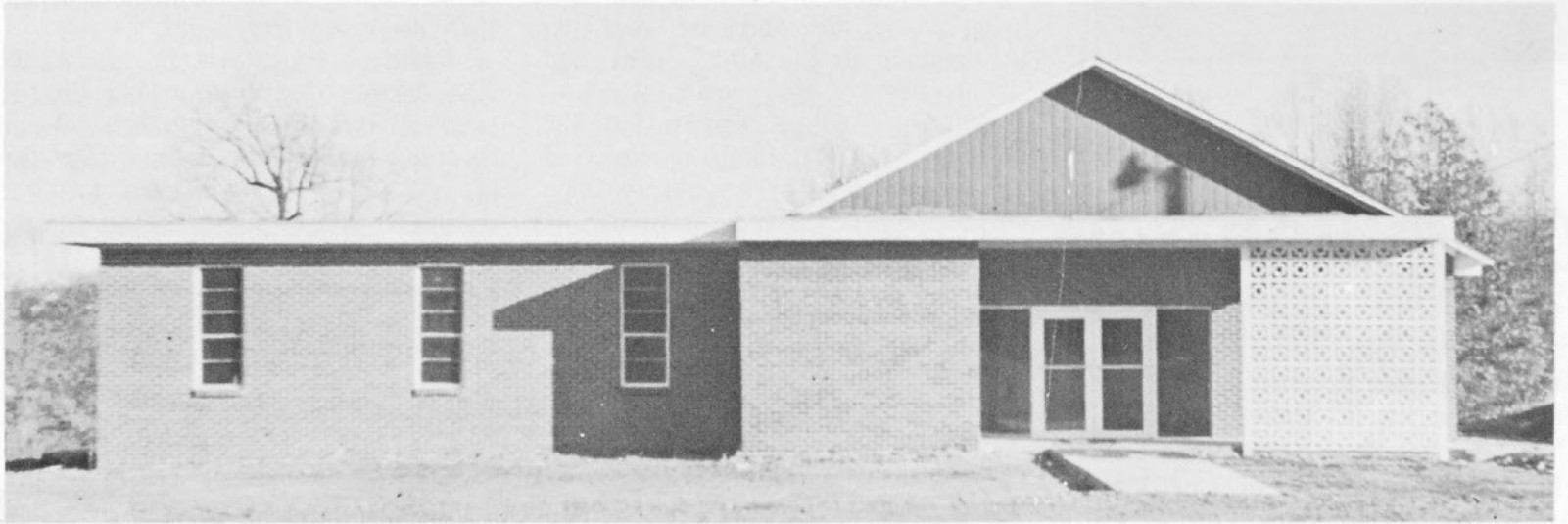
Point Hope is often referred to as the polar bear hunter's paradise. Hunting the seal, walrus, whale, polar bear, caribou and ducks provides the Eskimos with meat, their main diet. Salable pelts provide a cash income.

The Eskimos are mostly a happy, carefree people with a certain amount of security because of the abundance and variety of game available. But only a hardy people could brave the Arctic elements and survive.

We are thankful for a measure of success in our

ministry here through the years. A number of lives have been changed through the power of the gospel, and several churches have been established. Christ meets the need of the Eskimo as He meets the need of all other peoples. The Eskimo finds deliverance in Christ from the bondage of sin, and finds joy and peace in knowing Him as Saviour.

Our challenge to minister in these northern reaches is clearly set forth in Acts 13:47. "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." 



The recently dedicated First Assembly, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., where the Franklin Davises are pastors.

TENNESSEE PIONEER CHURCH DEDICATED


WITH JOYFUL AND GRATEFUL HEARTS the congregation of the First Assembly of God in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, moved into its new sanctuary November 29, 1964. At the dedication on February 7, Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of Home Missions, was the featured speaker. Earl Blythe, district superintendent, was in charge. Approximately 175 were present for the afternoon dedicatory service.

After resigning as pastor of a church in Southern Missouri in July, 1963, Franklin Davis and his family moved to Lawrenceburg, a city of 8,000 where there was no Assemblies of God witness. They held their first service in their home—with two besides the family present. In a few weeks, Brother Franklin rented the National Guard Armory and started Sunday school. The pastor and his family, with two other workers, distributed copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* from door to door, inviting people to church. In one month attend-

ance climbed to 30 in Sunday school and is now averaging 33.

Soon the church began looking for a suitable building site. The Tennessee District loaned them the money to purchase an excellent site on a busy highway, one of the finest locations in town. Later the district helped them to obtain a loan for a building program. In August, 1964, construction began. The pastor took care of purchasing the materials and did much of the carpentry work. This saved a considerable amount. The building is valued at \$37,000.

The church has 4,400 square feet of usable floor space, with an office, rest rooms, seven classrooms, a nursery and a baptistry. The sanctuary which seats 240 has exposed laminated arches and birch-paneled walls. There is ample parking space.

The opportunities are tremendous for a strong full-gospel witness in this area. 



When Clouds Cover the Sunset

Never in life is the sun so necessary as in life's sunset. The last rays must warm and gladden to make the waiting bearable. When clouds loom overhead, pressing downward and closing in, the sun is hidden and the world darkened.

For the aged whose sunset arrives amid financial clouds, the last years are anything but serene. Lack of security breeds tension. Lack of proper diet and living conditions cause sickness. Lack of money for medical attention results in desperation.

This surely can not be the intended or permitted sunset for Assemblies of God ministers and missionaries, yet they are among the most likely to find this darkened world at the end of years of self-sacrificial ministry. Only Aged Ministers' Assistance can provide relief in hundreds of these cases—and only you can provide Aged Ministers' Assistance.

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REVIVALTIME ORIGATION HELPS TO SPARK

REVIVAL IN DELPHOS,

TWO YEARS AGO, *Revivaltime* originated live from Delphos, Ohio. The revival spirit felt in that origination service sparked an attitude of determination and inspiration which has resulted in a remarkable move of God.

Since the first of this year God has blessed mightily in Delphos. Souls are being saved, believers are receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies are being made whole.

Warren Campbell, pastor of the Delphos First Assembly, thanks God for the ministry of *Revivaltime* which he believes started the revival in his city. In a recent letter he related the following account of one of the many salvation experiences the Delphos Assembly has witnessed.

For 20 years Mrs. Vala Pavel lived in a backslidden condition. Suffering from physical problems brought about through the use of tobacco and alcohol, she was in a constant state of nervous aggravation.

Her husband, employed as a bartender, spent all his earnings in an effort to bring her relief.

Finally, Mrs. Pavel became so ill the doctors despaired of her life. It was at this time a number of her brothers and sisters returned to the Lord. Their great concern for her welfare drove them to pray earnestly for her salvation.

Steadily, Mrs. Pavel grew worse, until one morning at 3 a.m. she had her husband call Pastor Campbell and

IN THE SOUTH, SOUTHWEST

REVIVALTIME CHOIR TOUR PLANS ANNOUNCED



C. McLellan

S. Michael

FROM MAY 28 TO JUNE 25, the *Revivaltime* choir will tour the southern and southwestern states, presenting the gospel in song to Assemblies of God churches.

Accompanying the group will be Cyril McLellan, choir director. Stanley Michael, *Revivaltime* field representative, will serve as tour manager.

As in the weekly *Revivaltime* broadcast service, strains of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" will open each presentation of Pentecostal music. Climaxing each service will be the choir's *sermon in song*. Comprised of several selections specifically chosen to illustrate God's plan of redemption, this musical message has been an effective method in reaching many for Christ. Last summer 212 persons were saved during the choir's tour.

Featured in the program are songs

by Denise Power, *Revivaltime* soloist; Cyril McLellan, violinist; and special numbers by a male quartet, ladies duet, and a mixed trio. Songs sung by the choir are arranged by Brother McLellan.

Highlighting this summer's tour will be an outdoor performance in the Church Bowl in Yosemite (Calif.) National Park. A prison service in Fort Worth, Tex., is also scheduled.

Through the cooperation of Chaplain Bob Odell, Naval Ordnance Base, China Lake, Calif., the choir will sing at the All-Faiths Chapel located on the base. The base is the world's largest naval training station, having more than 12,000 residents. Chaplain Odell is a Presbyterian minister and a regular listener to *Revivaltime*.

To lead souls to Christ and to urge Christian friends to support *Revival-*

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ask him to pray for her. On previous visits, the pastor had been given a cool, distant reception. But this time Pastor Campbell opened his Bible to the twenty-third Psalm and began to read slowly, inserting Mrs. Pavel's name in place of the appropriate pronoun.

"Before I had read more than half of the psalm," Pastor Campbell writes, "Mrs. Pavel's eyes fluttered in wonderment as she grasped the fact that the Lord was *her* Shepherd. He was offering pardon, peace, and health to her body as well as to her soul."

Mrs. Pavel rededicated her life to the Lord that evening, and she has continued to grow in the Lord. Since her recovery, her husband has also

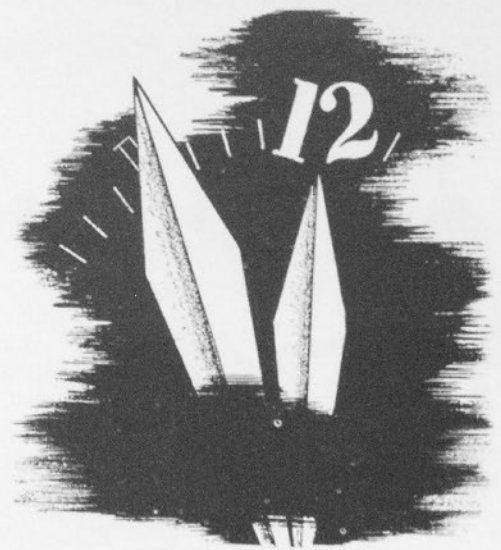
come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and is seeking earnestly for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This family is just one of the many who have come in contact with the spirit of revival which pervades First Assembly in Delphos. "I believe this great move of God began to gather momentum when the *Revivaltime* team came to our city for the broadcast origination," Pastor Campbell states.

It is encouraging to note that in most cities from which *Revivaltime* has originated, a definite revival atmosphere has been reported. Whenever the broadcast service is heard, thousands of persons are inspired and challenged by the dynamic preaching of Evangelist C. M. Ward.

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time are the main purposes of the choir's tour. All offerings above expenses will go to pay the cost of releasing the broadcast in the Philippine Islands over stations located in Cebu City, Iloilo City, and Manila.

Many letters have been received from listeners who find continual enjoyment and inspiration from the group's recorded music. "Happy Jubilee," a beautiful new record album just released by the Radio Department, will be available from the choir throughout the trip.

If you are within driving distance of one of the services, why not plan to attend? Invite your friends to join you.

We are expecting a greater move of God than ever before, as the choir embarks on its fourth annual summer tour. Pray with us that His anointing will rest upon the choir and those attending each service.

TOUR SCHEDULE

The *Revivaltime* choir will appear at the following places:

ARKANSAS

May 28: LITTLE ROCK, Oak Forest Assembly of God

TEXAS

May 30 (a.m.): DALLAS, Bethel Temple
May 30 (p.m.): DALLAS, Oak Cliff Assembly of God

May 31: HOUSTON
June 1: CORPUS CHRISTI, First Assembly
June 2: MIDLAND, First Assembly
June 4: EL PASO, First Assembly
June 24: BORGER, First Assembly

NEW MEXICO

June 3: CARLSBAD, First Assembly
June 23: ALBUQUERQUE, Revival Tabernacle

ARIZONA

June 6 (a.m.): TUCSON, First Assembly
June 6 (p.m.): PHOENIX, First Assembly
June 22: FLAGSTAFF, First Assembly

CALIFORNIA

June 7: EL CENTRO, First Assembly
June 8: SAN DIEGO, First Assembly
June 9: PARAMOUNT, First Assembly
June 10: INGLEWOOD, Calvary Full Gospel Assembly
June 11: LOS ANGELES, Western Avenue Assembly
June 13 (a.m.): SANTA CRUZ, First Assembly
June 13 (3:00 p.m.): OAKLAND, First Assembly
June 13 (p.m.): SAN FRANCISCO, Glad Tidings Tabernacle
June 14: SAN FRANCISCO, Glad Tidings Tabernacle
June 15: SANTA ROSA, First Assembly
June 16: SAN JOSE, Bethel Assembly
June 17: TURLOCK, Bethel Temple
June 18: YOSEMITE, Yosemite National Park
June 19: BAKERSFIELD, Niles Assembly
June 20: CHINA LAKE, All-Faiths Chapel
June 20 (p.m.): SAN BERNARDINO, First Assembly

NEVADA

June 21: LAS VEGAS, Trinity Temple

OKLAHOMA

June 25: TULSA, Central Assembly

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Congo

All Is Well

Recently we heard from one of our Congolese Christians, a printer, who writes:

"We have many things to say to you. The main thing is that we give God many thanks for delivering us at the time you left. Because after you went away things became very, very bad for a while. But in the midst of all this affair, not one of us received so much as a wound. No, not one thing happened to us. We are all as we were when you left us. We believe truly that the Lord delivered us, but don't cease praying for us that His power will not leave us.

"One good that has happened is this: God sent a major who is a Protestant Christian. He is a real, true Christian. He has even spoken for us once in our church at Avenu Tuluba (where the Bangala language service is held). Don't fail to pray that God will give him strength and wisdom in his work as commanding officer.

"We are very hungry to hear whether you will be returning soon or not. So if you receive this letter, don't fail to send us a little word from your heart. Because we have a great hunger to hear news of you.

"All of us give you many greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His power be

upon you where you are."

And may all of us continue to pray that His power will remain with the Christians of The Congo.

—Gail Winters

Bolivia

Eleven Filled with Spirit

During days of prayer at Bolivian Bible Institute recently, God baptized 11 students, refilled four, and gave visions and experiences to many which should forge enduring elements into their character.

—Paul Hoff

British Guiana

Goal Reached

The Sunday school of Central Assembly, Georgetown, British Guiana, recently set an attendance record of 1,120. Many months ago I set 1,000 as goal for the last Easter Sunday before my return home on furlough. Now, several weeks before Easter, the goal has been reached and surpassed.

The home of Central Assembly is the recently dedicated evangelistic center in Georgetown. The new auditorium, however, can only accommodate the youth and adult departments, as the educational unit has not yet been built. The other departments are scattered about the neighborhood in small rented buildings. But in spite of this handicap, the Sunday school is steadily growing.

The Sunday night services in

the new building have been singularly blessed of God. The auditorium has been filled on a number of occasions. During the three months since its dedication, nearly 1,000 decisions have been made for Christ in this building.

A recent visitor to Georgetown was Pastor James Courtney, of Baton Rouge, La. Besides speaking in Central Assembly, he ministered to the student body of our Bible school and to the Amerindians in a remote area of British Guiana. About 150 people came forward for salvation in the services in which Pastor Courtney ministered.

—Paul Palser

Promising Year Anticipated

Our new school year at the British Guiana Bible School began February 8. Enrollment totals 90 students, including 36 new students (27 men and 9 women) and 12 graduate students. We have a promising year ahead of us.

—Milton J. Kersten

Costa Rica

Enjoy Spiritual Oasis

A missionary sees new churches born, preaches at times to people who have never before heard the gospel, and often ministers where there is a spiritual hunger seldom seen in the United States. But he misses the opportunity to attend a District or General Council, camp meeting, or ministers in-

stitute conducted in his own language. And those who minister must occasionally be ministered unto!

To "replenish the supply," Central America missionaries meet biennially for a retreat. Just being together with fellow-workers is a real treat for laborers in foreign fields. Many delightful hours are spent comparing notes and sharing experiences.

This year 42 missionaries and 26 of their children went to a mountain Bible school near Tegucigalpa, Honduras. There seasoned missionaries shared precious hours of prayer with new arrivals. Tears flowed freely as hearts were broken before the Lord. Failures were frankly confessed. Needs were met, and prayers were answered. As each of us obeyed the Lord, the prayer services became a genuine oasis for the tired and thirsty.

One source of special blessing was the anointed teaching of Melvin Hodges, field secretary for Latin America. Among others who contributed were Loren Triplett, chairman of the missionary fellowship of Central America, the Mike Wright family who thrilled the group with their singing, and David Williams who organized the retreat. The teachings of Sterling Stewart, Walter Haydus, John Bueno, and Marlon Jannuzzi (visiting evangelist from Oregon), were instructive and uplifting.



Missionary Paul Palser (left) and James Courtney, visiting pastor from the United States, rejoice over record Sunday school attendance at Georgetown, British Guiana.

Mountain retreat in Honduras brings together 42 Central America missionaries.



Nor were the children forgotten. Marian Wagoner conducted special sessions for them, complete with new songs, handwork, and Bible teaching—in English!

The missionaries wish to thank those who prayed for this retreat. Perhaps it is to you we are most indebted for the blessings we received. One missionary expressed the opinion of all who attended when he said, "I'm so glad I didn't miss this!" Such an oasis gives the missionary new love and power to go out and conquer in Jesus' name. —David Godwin

Ghana

University Receptive

Robert Harrison, American Negro evangelist, just closed a brief meeting here at Kumasi Assembly. Response was excellent! He also spoke at the university and was well received. We hope this will open the door for future services there.

In February we enjoyed entertaining the Southern Ghana District Council. This meeting was well attended by national workers and missionaries.

—Vernon Driggers

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries recently returned to the United States for furlough are Miss **Flora Shafer** and Miss **Pearl Estep** (Bolivia), Miss **Ruth Anderson** (Ghana),

Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Landrus** (Liberia), Mr. and Mrs. **LeRoy Atwood** (Uruguay), the **Andrew Hargrave** family (Nigeria), the **Philip Mangum** family (South Africa), and the **Russell Ken-singer** family (Nicaragua).

Those who have recently left for their respective fields are the **Wilfred Morris** (Venezuela), the **Anthony Giordano** (Uruguay), the **David Plymires** (Taiwan), and the **William Lovicks** (Togo). The **Arlie Teskes** have gone to Korea for their first missionary term.

The **Lionel Furmans**, formerly of Congo and Tanzania, have transferred to home ministry.

New arrivals in our missionary family are: **Lynette Maria**, born to Mr. and Mrs. **Stig Sundberg** (Venezuela) on November 21, 1964; **James Edward**, born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Fairbanks** (Haiti) on February 5, 1965; **Ramona Grace**, born to Mr. and Mrs. **Morris Devin** (Indonesia) on March 3, 1965; **Steven Kent**, born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Bueno** (El Salvador) on March 12, 1965.



William Lovick family



Wilfred Morris family



Anthony Giordano family



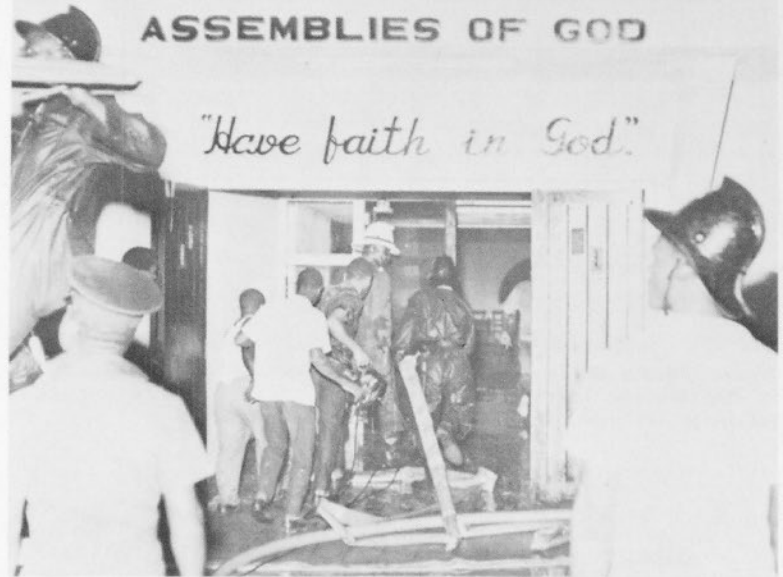
David Plymire family



Arlie Teske family

FAITH TEMPLE

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



Firemen and volunteer helpers work to save Jamaica church.

Jamaica

Fire Brings Heavy Loss

On February 22 of this year, Faith Temple of Montego Bay, Jamaica, caught fire and almost burned to the ground.

The fire spread from an adjoining building to the church roof, then quickly throughout the

building, causing an estimated \$5,500 loss. A bookstore operated by Faith Temple suffered a great deal of water damage. Books valued in excess of \$500 were destroyed.

Pray with us as we rebuild what we have lost.

—William N. Ihnsky



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Above: Men's residence at Grandview Junior College in Des Moines, Iowa. Right: Kirk's residence for men, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.



College Rooms Available at Low Rates to General Council Delegates

An estimated 400 to 600 additional ministers and lay delegates will be able to attend the 31st General Council of the Assemblies of God, August 25-31, in Des Moines, Iowa, because relatively inexpensive housing will be provided at Drake University and Grandview Junior College in the city.

Each person will pay \$3 a night for a room in men's dormitories at Drake and Grandview. The price includes linen, pillow, and blankets. The 300 to 500 available rooms have single beds, one or two to the room. Rooms will be available for married couples and single persons.

The Drake dormitory rooms

include bed, desk, dresser, mirror, chair, and ample closet space. There are two separate shower rooms on each floor. The Grandview rooms, first used last fall, include the same facilities as Drake, plus an easy chair. Both dormitories are located on the city bus route that includes a stop at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, convention site. The fare is 25 cents.

The Des Moines Convention Bureau reports that during another Protestant church convention held in the city recently delegates

used these dormitory facilities and "were well pleased."

Dates of the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines will overlap the General Council. Hence, reservations in the city's six hotels and 14 motels are expected to go fast. Many have already reserved rooms.

To insure accommodations and for further information, pastors and delegates are urged to send completed housing reservation forms and requests to the Assemblies of God Housing Bureau, 800 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50307.

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TRUTH FOR YOUTH SPRING CRUSADE

MAY 16-23

ADDITIONAL LAND PURCHASED BY SIX-YEAR-OLD CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — The Huffman Assembly of God here has purchased additional property at the corner of Huffman and Gene Reed Roads, connecting with the new four-lane highway.

According to the minister, Bobby R. Smith, this is the third expansion of the church which was begun six years ago. Total value of the church facilities now exceeds \$200,000.

MUSIC RALLIES IN NORTH TEXAS

Edwin P. Anderson, music editor of the Gospel Publishing House, is conducting area rallies in North Texas churches this month. The purpose of the rallies is to focus attention on the ministry of Spirit-anointed music.

Dates of the music rallies will be: May 17, Bedford Ranch; May 18, Greenville; May 20, Abilene; May 21, Wichita Falls. The district music director will also participate; he is Emerald Wray, pastor of Hemphill Heights Assembly in Fort Worth.

A one-hour music workshop will precede the "Melody" music rally in each place. The music editor will offer practical helps and introduce music produced by the Gospel

Publishing House, besides bringing a message. Most of the evening will be devoted to gospel music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

56TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—May 16-23 at Stone Church, Assembly of God, 8401 S. Ashland, Chicago, Ill. Speakers: Carl Malz, Middle East; Vernon Pettenger, South Africa; Don Phillips, Nigeria. Ernest C. Sumrall is pastor.—by Earl S. Henning, assistant to the pastor.

DEDICATION AND REVIVAL at Assembly of God, Buchanan, Va. W. Glenn West, dedication speaker, May 16 at 2:30 p.m. Revival May 18-30 with Evangelist Frank J. DePolo.—by Roy W. Shewbridge, pastor.

DEDICATION AND HOME-COMING—June 6, Assembly of God, Carney, Okla. Dedication at 2:30 p.m. with Robert Goggin, district superintendent, speaking. Revival beginning at 7:30 p.m. with Evangelist Hazel Burns. by Bob L. Benson, pastor.

29TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Greek Branch—June 20-27 at 7320 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Calif. Speakers: David J. DuPlessis, N. A. Towner, Emmanuel Deligiannis, D. Zachariou.

GROUND BREAKING—May 16, at 4 p.m., Bethel Assembly of God, Franklin Square, N. Y. Joseph R. Flower, district superintendent, speaker.—by Albert Andreasen, pastor.

DEWEY G. KILLION WITH THE LORD

DEWEY G. KILLION, 67, of Sun Valley, Calif., went to be forever with Jesus March 12. A member of the Southern California District and ordained in 1936, he served as a pastor and evangelist. Pastors included Sun Valley and Northridge Calif.; Sulphur Springs, Ark.; Peoria and Zincville, Okla.; and Seneca and Koshkonong, Mo. Brother Killion is survived by his wife May, four children and 17 grandchildren.



HILDA ROMAN NOW IN HEAVEN

HILDA (REFFKE) ROMAN, 49, went to heaven on April 4, 1965, from Miami, Fla. She had suffered greatly for some time with cancer.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Roman was serving under Home Missions appointment as codirector (with her husband Andres) of the evening Bible school in Miami, which is operating under the supervision of the Spanish Eastern District. The Romans also have been pastoring a small church in Miami.



Sister Roman, a graduate of Central Bible Institute, was ordained in the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District in 1956. Receiving Foreign Missions appointment to Cuba in December 1942, she labored faithfully as the national C. A. counselor and the national WMC president of the Cuban work for many years. Sister Roman pioneered several new churches in Cuba which are still prospering.

Mrs. Alva Walker, a fellow-missionary from Cuba, said of her: "Hilda was always very good about putting young converts to work at once. She conducted Bible courses for them and opened up out-stations in surrounding areas wherever she was located. No sacrifice was ever too great for her to make in order to proclaim the gospel. Sometimes she

had to walk some distance every night to the outstation services. She did a tremendous work of evangelism in Cuba."

During a furlough in the States, she taught in the Latin American Bible Institute at La Puente, Calif. For the last few years she edited the WMC page in *Poder*, a magazine printed in Spanish

at the Gospel Publishing House. Hilda married Andres Roman in 1954 and they pastored together in Cuba. He is now ordained with the Assemblies of God in Cuba. When the Romans were forced to leave Cuba in 1962, they received Home Missions appointment to work among the Spanish-speaking of Miami.

Sister Roman is survived by her husband Andres, a young adopted son George, her mother, Mrs. Augusta Fisher, three sisters and three brothers.

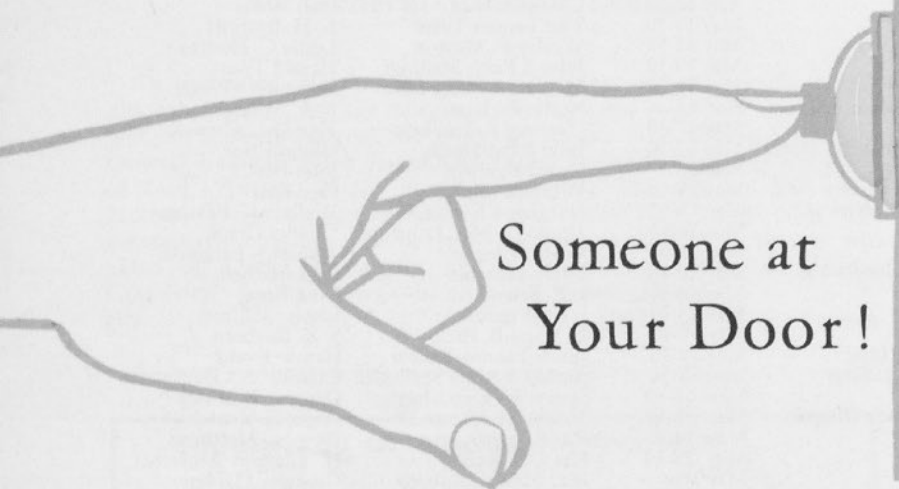
A memorial fund has been established for the Spanish-speaking in Miami, especially for the work of the evening Bible school the Romans have been directing.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Geneva	First	May 19-30	B. R. Minton	Hollis Kelley
Ark.	De Queen	*A/G	May 23-28	Mrs. A. G. Calaway	Gerald Calaway
	Mulberry	A/G	May 16-30	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	Don Dorsey
Calif.	Arvin	A/G	May 19-30	Marvin Schmidt	Ben H. Sapp
	Bloomington	Faith	April 16	Raymond Grimes	C. O. Barham
	Farmersville	A/G	May 18—	David Barnard	Paul Epler
	Inglewood	Calvary Full Gos.	May 16-30	E. T. Quanabush	Marcus Gaston
	Marysville	Bethel Temple	May 18-30	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	Vernon L. Klemin
	San Francisco	Community	May 18-30	Raymond Miller	Jack Wien
	Santa Paula	*A/G	May 16-21	Christian Hild	Paul Wells
	Vallejo	First	May 18-30	The Tanner Team	L. H. Bottroff
	Van Nuys	A/G	May 18-23	Wesley F. Morton	Leslie C. Hodges
Fla.	Key West	A/G	May 19-30	John & Faith Stallings	Harold Tyus
Ga.	Columbus	Riverview	May 21-30	Michael & Peggy Lord	Raymond Wetzell
	Moultrie	Northside	May 18—	Nettie Parham	J. A. White
Ill.	Carbondale	First	May 17-30	Clarence E. Lambert	Harold L. Crowell
	Granite City	Community Hgts.	May 17-30	Billy & Pat Heady	Glenn Utley
	Oaklawn	A/G	May 18	Duard Baldwin	John Ber
	Peoria	Central	May 19-30	Winferd Mack	Fred Ball
	Skokie	North Shore	May 18-30	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Wallace K. Pearson
Ind.	Bedford	First	May 18-30	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	Charles Crank
	Bloomington	First	May 16-30	Watson Argue	Robert J. Ferguson
	Gary	Full Gospel Tab.	May 16-30	Lindy Lummer	R. A. Rieben
	Medaryville	A/G	May 16-30	J. E. Friend	Elsie Boze
	Washington	A/G	May 18-30	J. B. Woolums	Lewis Clifton
Kans.	Hoisington	A/G	May 16-30	L. Ware-B. Pack	S. K. Rayborn
Md.	Gaithersburg	New Hope	May 18-30	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Henry Evans
Mich.	Bay City	Glad Tidings	May 18-30	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Charles A. Davenport
	Charlotte	A/G	May 18-30	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Darwin Bostwick
	Madison Hgts.	Wayside Chapel	May 18-30	Duane M. Wessman	Argus L. Kent
	Sturgis	A/G	May 18-30	Ray Eskelin	Donald Matthews
	Three Rivers	First	May 18-30	Ray C. Eskelin	H. Clayton Mulvaney
Miss.	McComb	A/G	May 16—	Jean McCall Roberts	George Harden
Mo.	Kansas City	Sheffield	May 16-30	Mill & Naomi Hayes	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Odessa	A/G	May 17-30	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	R. R. Mallory
	Palmyra	A/G	May 18-30	Lloyd Middleton	Rueben Melander
	Thayer	A/G	May 11-23	Leroy W. Morgan	H. N. Furr
N. J.	Neptune	Full Gospel	May 18-30	Harry J. Steil	Irving Meier
N. Y.	Westbury, L. I.	A/G	May 16-23	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	R. W. Rosin
Ohio	Jefferson	A/G	May 19-30	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	Herbert Strahsburg
	Wadsworth	First	May 18-23	Paul Hild	Charles Celentano
Okla.	Oklahoma City	South West	May 16-30	Don Brankel	H. H. Palmer
	Oklmulgee	First	May 18-30	Jack Martz	H. E. Brummett
	Pauls Valley	First	May 20-28	Jerry Knibbe	Robert Bowden
	Pryor	Lone Chapel	May 16-30	Hale-Turner Team	Walter Harris
	Wister	A/G	May 16	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Waymon Jones
Oreg.	Bates	A/G	May 18-30	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Kenneth Bruzilius
	Salem	Central	May 18-30	Sam Klein	Edward Wellman
Pa.	Bristol	Pentecostal	May 18-30	Bobby Black	Anthony A. Marinacci
	Cresco	Paradise Valley	May 18-30	Curtis Sample	Oliver Dalaba
	Punxsutawney	Pentecostal Tab.	May 19-30	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Leroy W. Wiley
S. C.	Charleston Hgts.	Glad Tidings	May 16-30	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	C. D. Howze
	Georgetown	First	May 19-30	Syvelle Phillips	D. F. Flanagan
S. Dak.	Huron	Gos. Tab.	May 16	Bob Ludwig	E. A. North
Tenn.	Bristol	Glad Tidings	May 18-30	Ed Eaton	B. Morris McKenzie
Tex.	Baytown	Central	May 19	Burnie Davis	Lonnie Bowlen
	Houston	Burbank	May 23	Charles McKnight	Howard Burroughs
Va.	Roanoke	Glad Tidings	May 18-30	Leon Morrow	Troy B. Webb
	S. Norfolk	*Bethel	May 23-28	David & Patricia Johnson	Hugh B. Mason
Wash.	Everett	Bethany Temple	May 18-23	Dave Tonn	Eugene Born
	Naselle	A/G	May 16-23	Lorne Fox Party	Alfred M. Olsen
Wis.	Marshfield	A/G	May 18-31	Peter DeLeon	Larry Malcolm
	Milwaukee	Full Gospel	May 11-23	Darryl & Kathy Olson	Ralph M. Davis
	Wausau	Christian	May 18-23	Ray & Elaine Leonard	C. A. Anderson
	Wautoma	A/G	May 18-23	Wallace S. Bragg	George Price
Wyo.	Riverton	Glad Tidings	May 18-30	Doyle H. Thompson	D. R. Elkins
Canada	Kentville, N. S.	Pent. Tab.	May 18-30	W. Clifford Nelson	C. N. Slauenwhite
	Kitchener, Ont.	Pent. Tab.	May 23-June 6	Gene Burgess	George Griffin
	Scarborough, Ont.	Gos. Tab.	May 19	Gene Burgess	Ray Upton
China	Hong Kong	New Life Temp.	May 17-23	Quentin Edwards	Paul Kauffman
Denmark	Copenhagen	Elim	May 18-June 3	E. Howard Anderson	F. Kristensen

* Children's Revival

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Someone at Your Door!

By HERMAN G. JOHNSON

MANY TIMES IT HAS HAPPENED! Sometimes during the day, or perhaps in the night, you have been alerted by a knock at the door. Listening, you hear it again. Yes, there *is* a distinct and clear knock at *your* door. Quickly you hasten to open it, and how many happy surprises you have had. Perhaps some loved one has come unannounced to visit you and now stands before you. You invite the caller in, and leave the task in which you were engaged to enjoy a happy time of greeting and fellowship.

In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says *He* also knocks at your door; and if you hear His voice and open the door, He will come in and you will enjoy sweet fellowship together.

If you have never really opened the door of your life to Christ and invited Him in, this little message is especially for you. For this knocking at your heart's door by nail-pierced hands is first of all an *announcement*, then an *invitation*, and a glorious *promise*; but unheeded it is a *warning* which can become a remorseful memory throughout all eternity.

1. *The Announcement.* "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Christ announces His coming to *your* door. He has come a long way from the Father's bosom, from the glory which He had with His Father before the world was. He comes by way of the Incarnation and

Calvary, tasting death for you, then being raised again by the Father for your justification. Now He stands at your door and announces a finished redemption, saying: "I am come!"

2. *The Invitation.* "If any man [that means *you* and *me* and all the world] hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." He stands now at your heart's door waiting to ask if you will let Him come in. He has something very wonderful to give: "I will give you rest." "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "The forgiveness of sins . . ." Think of it! You can be forgiven, washed, made clean and pure, become a child of God! What wonderful grace and mercy!

3. *The Promise.* "I will come in." What greater guest could ever enter your heart and home than the lovely Christ? He comes for a purpose: ". . . and will sup with him, and he with me." That means He both offers and needs fellowship and companionship.

He comes to help you with your problems; to lift your load of care; to fill your heart and home with joy and peace (and, wonder of wonders, to enjoy your fellowship).

4. *The Warning.* To refuse or neglect to answer the knocking of the Lord Jesus Christ at your door is to miss life's greatest opportunity. In the Song of Solomon, chapter five, Christ is typified standing *outside* the door, His head wet with the dew of the night, for He has stood there a long time. Patiently He has knocked and waited. But there is no answer, for, "I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them?" In other words, "It is inconvenient to get up now to open the door. Maybe another time I will respond. . . ." Many today respond the same way!

Time goes on. Sickness, age, and death begin to knock at your door, insistently. Suddenly you find these visitors forcing themselves upon you, for they come in without invitation. Jesus alone can help you in the trials of life and the floods of death. If you have failed to let Him come in, you will realize too late that you have forfeited your present salvation, your fellowship with Christ, and eternal joy.

5. *The Remorseful Memories.* The Bible says of a certain man, in Luke 16, "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." Memory can be a tormenting thing. That man's torment was in remembering too late his opportunities, the gentle knocking at his door, his unsaved brothers. "Oh, if I only had . . ." is a terrifying cry. If you keep Jesus waiting outside your heart, your memory of past and neglected invitations will be a worm that never dies, a fire that is never quenched. The echo of a nail-pierced hand knocking on your heart's door will haunt you forever. The knowledge that you could have let Jesus come in, but refused—that Light came, and you chose darkness—will make the darkness of eternity more intense.

While Jesus is still at your heart's door, why not make haste now to answer the knocking? Accept His offer of salvation and fellowship. Invite this lovely Saviour into your heart, your home, your future, your eternity.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). 