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## CHILD EVANGELISM MONTH

WHY IS CALVARY the most widely known spot on earth? Is it because of its beauty? Hardly so, for it resembles a skull. Is it because of its commercial traffic? Scarcely—it is a solitary place outside a divided city. Is it because of its lush productivity? No—it is rather identified with death.

Then why is Calvary so widely known—this speck upon the world's circumference? It is because of what Christ did there in redeeming man from sin and reconciling him to God! Through His work on the cross, Christ made Calvary the crossroads of life.

On my first visit to New York City, I was amazed by the magnificent buildings standing high against the skies, by the canyon-like streets teeming with traffic and crowded with people, by the array of signs, and other wonders. Then I saw Times Square and was told it was the "crossroads of the world." Indeed, the streams of people in that great metropolis would leave one with that impression.

Jerusalem, too, was cosmopolitan in character. People from neighboring nations gathered there for the festival of the Jewish Passover. The city was a turmoil of excitement. The man called Jesus had been arrested by the temple authorities and now He stands trial for His life. We hear Pilate, the judge, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it." And we see him deliver Jesus to the mob for crucifixion.

We follow the incensed procession through the city gates. We pause a few moments while Simon the Cyrenian bows to lift the burden of Christ's cross.

And now we approach the ugly, skull-like outlines of Calvary, the place of death. We gaze in horrified wonder at the spectacle of a Man hanging in agony on a cross. The blood streams from His thorn-pricked brow and the torn skin of His face. It drips steadily from the wounds made in His hands and feet. It trickles slowly from His lacerated back and soon it will gush forth from His riven side. We hear Him say: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Look at the crowd beneath that cross—Jews and Romans, Hebrews and Greeks, the rulers and the ruled-over, rich and poor, high and low. All of them met together at Calvary.

It has not changed. Today the great and small from every race, creed, color, and tongue must come again to Calvary if they would meet a holy and loving God. Calvary is the true crossroads of humanity. *It is the crossroads of the world.*

Perhaps Calvary could more properly be called the "crossroads of the worlds." There three worlds met together on that fatal yet triumphant day. There were represented the Kingdom of Heaven, the kingdom of Satan, and the kingdom of man. The Kingdom of Heaven was victorious, the kingdom of Satan was defeated, and mankind was set free. And it is here at Calvary that heaven and earth, God and man, sin and pardon meet to embrace or to part forever. Yes, *Calvary is the crossroads of the worlds.*

Again, Calvary is the crossroads of the ages. In eternity past, by the predeterminate counsel of God, Christ was foreordained to be "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8; cf. 1 Peter 1:19, 20). The ancients looked forward to the coming Messiah who would redeem man from Satan and reconcile him to God. Isaiah prophesied of Calvary about 700 years before Christ came (Isaiah 53). The eternal purposes of God for the ages to come all rest upon Christ's work at Calvary. And we of this present age must look to Calvary for our eternal hopes, "for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." At Calvary the past, present, and future ages meet together.

Christ made Calvary the crossroads of humanity, the crossroads of the worlds, and the crossroads of the ages. But most important to us, Christ made Calvary *the crossroads of life.* That blood-soaked hill called Calvary has

# CALVARY— the crossroads of life



become vital in all our lives! It has opened the vistas of eternity before our eyes.

Some would say that the crossroads in life is reached by completing scholastic studies, at marriage, when making certain friendships, or when embarking upon a particular business venture. But the true crossroads of life is met when a man stands face to face with the fact of Christ and Calvary. *Calvary decides temporal ambitions and determines eternal destinies.*

Once a man learns of Calvary and Christ, he can no longer be the same. He becomes better or worse. At that point he must decide between time and eternity, right and wrong, acceptance and rejection. At Calvary he either turns to the right and ascends with Christ to the glory of God's presence, or he turns to the left and follows downhill after the devil. *Calvary is the crossroads of life.*

When a man is brought face to face with the happenings at Calvary, he makes his supreme decision in life. The Jews, who in Pilate's judgment hall cried, "Let his blood be upon us and our children," were at that crossroads. They made a wrong decision—and suffering and despair have been their daily bread.

Pilate, too, was at the crossroads of life. He asked: "What shall I do with Jesus?" Undecided, he was persuaded by the clamoring crowd to take the popular road—which leads to destruction.

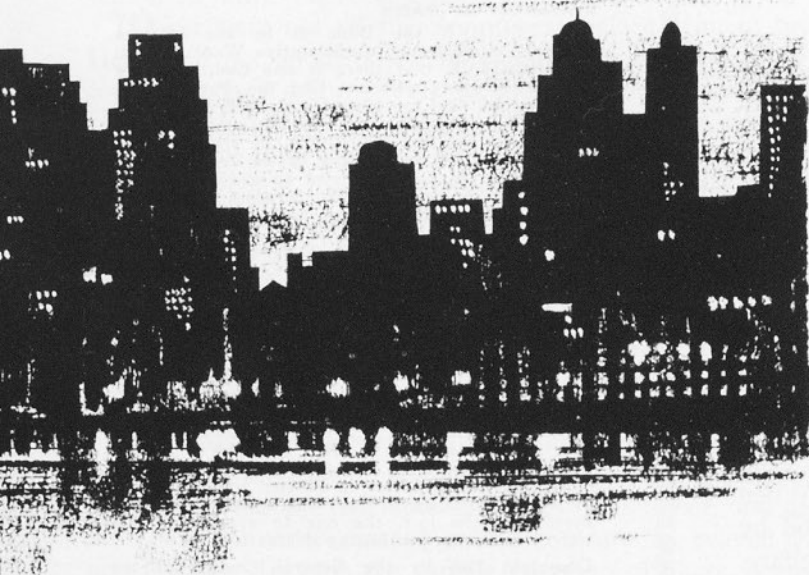
Peter was at the crossroads of life in the high priest's courtyard. He started to make a wrong turn due to public pressure, but, thank God, he repented and was restored. His corrected decision concerning Christ and Calvary made him great.

Zealous Saul came to the crossroads of life on his way to Damascus. Wisely and humbly he chose Christ and Calvary, and what eternal honor and glory became his!

Both the religious and the irreligious world are now at the crossroads. According to Scripture, the "times of the Gentiles" are almost fulfilled. For them it is either Christ or antichrist, Calvary or chaos, repentance or ruin. Men may save themselves from this present "perverse generation" by fleeing to Calvary and embracing the Christ of the cross.

*You are now at the crossroads! You have been brought face to face with the eternal fact of Calvary. Which*

By HAROLD KOHL — Missionary to the Philippines




way will you go? Jesus said: "I am the way..." His cross pointed heavenward while His arms stretched out to encircle the world—and you!

The Holy Spirit stands at life's crossroads, saying, "This is the way." Will you heed His faithful voice of love and warning?

*"How often we stand at the crossroads of life,  
Bewildered, dismayed, and alone;  
No marker to guide us through tempest and strife,  
The highway unnamed and unknown.*

*"God's Spirit is there at the crossroads,  
Unguided no more you need roam;  
He strength will provide you,  
His wisdom will guide you  
To the way of the Cross leading home."*

Decide for Christ. Give Him your life—now. 

## The Red Line

By VIRGINIA WHITMAN

I ENTERED THE MANY-STORIED metropolitan hospital and paused at the information desk to learn where to locate my friend who was a patient there.


"Room 282 in the annex," the receptionist told me. "Just outside this door," she gestured, "you'll see a red stripe. Follow it to the very end and you'll be in the annex."

I stepped into the corridor she had indicated. Sure enough, there ran a red band two or three inches wide. I walked beside it for hundreds of feet, perhaps half a block. It took me through doors, sometimes up stairs, around a covered ambulance parking space. But at last I found myself in the annex. I had only to look for the room number to reach my destination and see my friend.

I pondered this guidance plan. How wise it was. How confused I might have become if I had been told to go past the emergency ward, through the out-patient department, around the ambulance parking area, up a flight of stairs, along a ramp.

Or what if I had been forgetful, illiterate, or a foreigner incapable of reading English? How much simpler merely to tell me, "Follow the red line."

And then I thought of the red line in the Bible. It begins in Genesis when God shed the blood of animals to provide coats of skin to cover Adam's and Eve's nakedness. It appeared in Exodus when the blood of the Passover lamb was sprinkled on Israelitish doorposts to assure that the death angel would pass over. It was there in type when Rahab hung the red cord from her home in the wall to assure her family's being spared death in the conquest of Jericho. It continued through the Old Testament sacrifices offered for sin. Its significance was established once for all when Christ shed His blood on the cross to purchase salvation for all who would believe.

Yes, the red line of redemption goes all the way through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. He who follows it will reach the desired destination where he can behold the face of his wonderful Saviour and Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ. 

# Blessed Assurance

It is in the nature of man to seek security. He arms himself for defense against his enemies. He builds a shelter to protect himself against the elements. Even a babe seeks security by crying until his mother takes him in her arms. The buyer demands security in the form of a warranty. The motorist finds security by taking out liability insurance.

Man seeks social security, financial security, physical security—but what he wants most of all is spiritual security. He wants answers to the great questions of life—its origin, its meaning, its destiny. He wants certainties, not guesses. As Goethe, the German poet, said, "If you have any certainties, let us have them. We have doubts enough of our own." These certainties are to be found in God and the Bible.

Some men were engaged in a religious discussion and one of them said, "I am of the Methodist persuasion." Another said, "I am of the Lutheran persuasion." A third declared, "I am of Paul's persuasion."

They asked, "What do you mean by Paul's persuasion?" He answered, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

Happy is the man who can make this declaration. It's a *blessed assurance* to be able to say, "*Jesus is mine.*" Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine. Paul didn't trust in a human philosophy. He didn't trust in his family, or friends, or finances, or even in his faith. For faith may fail; it is not our faith, but the Object of our faith, that saves and keeps and satisfies our longing for spiritual security. Paul trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as his security in all circumstances, whether in prosperity or adversity, whether in sickness or health, whether in joy or sorrow. When he wrote these words to Timothy he was a prisoner in Rome, awaiting a martyr's death, but his confidence was in One who is superior to every circumstance.

A small boy said to his father, "Look, they are knocking the props away from under the bridge. What are they doing that for? Won't the bridge fall?"

"No," said the father, "they are knocking away the props so that the timbers may rest more firmly upon the stone piers which are now finished."

The Lord often takes away our earthly props so that we may know that our security rests in Him alone.

Our assurance lies in a Person. We do not trust in a mere theory nor in a moral code. We trust in a Friend who is alive and who is mighty. We have a Saviour who reveals Himself to our hearts as surely as He revealed Himself to Paul on the road to Damascus. Our Lord speaks to us as He spoke to Paul in the Arabian desert. He brings assurance to us as He did to Paul on the storm-tossed ship. He comforts us as He comforted Paul in the hour of trial with the words, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Our spiritual security lies in knowing this great Divine Companion of men, the Man Christ Jesus.

Paul was "persuaded that he is able." Our Lord has power to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. When baffled or overwhelmed, we have One who is able to help us cope with the problem. He gives us security not only for time but also for eternity—He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him "against that day." When this life is finished and "that day" comes, the One who has stood by us in earthly trials will be with us to insure our eternal welfare. What blessed assurance there is in knowing Him!

—R.C.C.

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# the EXCELLENCY of the character of God

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WHY DO WE PRAISE GOD? Surely it is because of the excellency of His character. If not, praise is only flattery.

But do we really believe in the excellency of the character of the Lord our God? Do we truly believe in His love, His holiness, His goodness, His mercy, His faithfulness, His righteousness, His truthfulness; in the perfection of His character?

At the same time do we truly believe He is almighty, omnipresent, omniscient, immutable, and eternal? Do we show by our actions as well as our words that we truly believe all this? If not, we are guilty of hypocrisy—professing one thing and secretly believing and acting another.

Furthermore, unless we sincerely believe that God is what we sing in our psalms and hymns, we are not sincerely praising Him; nor are we sincerely worshipping Him in spirit and in truth; neither is our worship pleasing to God. It is written: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." That He is what? Just what we have agreed He is: the great Jehovah, perfect in every attribute, and therefore an object of worship. This is essential to faith. There is a *must* in that sentence.

If God were not all the Scriptures declare Him to be, He would not be an object of worship. Furthermore, we could not truly admire Him, let alone adore and worship Him, if He were not perfect. Nor could the angels, eternally in His presence, truly and sincerely worship Him. Nor could the Almighty Himself be forever truly happy if He were other than perfect in every attribute.

We know that perfection of virtue is essential to happiness. God would have nothing to gain and everything to lose by being other than perfect in every attribute. Not only would God have everything to lose, but all the angelic beings and all men on the earth would also stand to lose.

Even we, whose knowledge and understanding are very limited, can see that all the reasons for God being perfect in every virtue and attribute stand out preeminent, and as far above all other reasons to the contrary as heaven is above earth. In fact, we cannot conceive of there being any reason to the contrary. He has said, "I am the Lord;

I change not." There is no reason why He should change, seeing He is the Creator of everything that exists and gives life and breath and all things to His creatures. Where is there, and how could there be, a reason for a change in the character of the Most High? For God to change would be an effect without a cause—which is an impossibility.

How could God judge the world and the angels which kept not their first estate if He were other than perfect? How could God judge men for being unfaithful if He were unfaithful Himself? We know, according to the Scriptures, that God commends faithfulness. (See Matthew 25:21, 23; Luke 16:10, 11; 19:17.) That being so, we can truly rely on the faithfulness of God here and now, seeing that He is present here and now.

Only if we allow these facts regarding what we say we believe God is to sink down into our hearts and if we meditate on them, will we find faith mounting up within our souls. Then to do anything other than believe God is what He is will seem almost blasphemous to us. In other words, even to charge God secretly with being other than holy, good, generous, faithful, loving, kind, true, omnipresent, and all-sufficient is nothing short of sin.

"Oh yes," we say, "we heartily believe all that." But do we dwell upon it enough to realize it? Do we act as though it were strictly true of the omnipresent, almighty God who has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee?"

If we are confident of the presence of this glorious Lord, why are we so fearful at times? "We which have believed do enter into rest" (Hebrews 4:3). We sing, "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want." But are we guilty of entertaining doubts about the faithfulness of God to supply all our need?

Or we may sing, "The great Physician now is near." Yes, we believe He is nearer than any earthly physician, that He is more mighty than all physicians—but how about our confidence in Him as the very same Jesus?

Speaking personally, this study of the attributes of God has been most profitable in building up my faith. I have found a great and strong foundation: "He cannot deny himself!"

—Elim Evangel

# 'Thou Shalt Also Make a Laver'

A STUDY ON EXODUS 30:17-21



By Evangelist RUTH SPECTER LASCELLE

THAT THE LAVER IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED with the altar of incense is suggested by the word *also* in Exodus 30:17. Not one without the other. The laver for cleansing must be appropriated before the golden altar of prayer and praise could be approached. The priests must be clean before there could be any fragrance of worship to God.

The copper of the laver was obtained from Jewish women who donated their looking glasses to the service of the Lord (Exodus 38:8). They were willing to give up the prized possessions they had taken for a spoil of the Egyptians before they left the land of bondage.

These looking glasses revealed their natural beauty. How they delighted to see their reflections in these highly polished copper mirrors! Copper is the Bible type of judgment for sin; they judged their outward appearance here. But they gave up that outward judging for the spiritual judging when they turned these mirrors over to the work of the Tabernacle. The mirrors were used to construct the laver for the washing of the priests. In other words, these women gave up the desire for natural beauty—the outward adorning—in preference to that beauty which comes from within. (See 1 Peter 3:3-5.)

The looking glasses of Egypt indicate the intense desire of mankind to appear beautiful outwardly to impress others and attract attention to self. But all this is changed when redemption is applied to the soul. Then

the most important desire is adorning the inner man. When the beauty of the Lord of hosts shines forth from the life, the attention of onlookers will be attracted to Him who is altogether lovely.

The laver is a type of the Word—God's mirror into which we look and judge ourselves. There we see our own reflection and there also we see the remedy provided for our cleansing.

The copper altar has already been built and is for the sinner. The laver is for the saint. We meet God first at the Cross and are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. Then daily we come for cleansing by the water of the Word. The altar is for saving us and shows us what *Christ* is. The laver is for keeping us saved and shows us what *we* are. At the altar we learn that what Christ *has done* meets the need of the sinner. At the laver we learn that what Christ *is* meets the need of the Christian. Only the Blood can make us *safe* (copper altar). Only the Word can make us *sure* (copper laver).

The laver was located at the door of the Tabernacle. This copper basin situated before the "tabernacle of the congregation" or the Holy Place where the table of shewbread was speaks so beautifully of the experience of cleansing before feasting. Children are not to be dirty when they come to the table. They are commanded to wash first. No believer is entitled to come to the breaking of bread at the table in the Holy Place without self-examination. "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat . . . for if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (1 Corinthians 11:28, 31):

God commanded the priests to wash *thereat*—not *therein*—at the side of the laver or near it. With smaller basins they were to take water out of the larger basin and wash themselves at the side of it. If one priest would cleanse his hands and feet *in* the laver, the water would become polluted for the next priest.

The Word of God is not defiled by man's imaginations, doctrines, opinions, or explanations. The Word of God is clear, pure, and clean. It is illumined to our hearts by the Holy Spirit undefiled. We wash *thereat*.

The laver as the Word of God gives us a reflection of ourselves whereby we can judge ourselves, but it also contains the water whereby we can wash. The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3). And then we also read that the Lord Jesus gave Himself for His Church that He might cleanse it by the water of the Word (Ephesians 5:26).

David declared: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalms 119:9). The Lord Jesus requested the Father concerning His disciples: "Sanctify them by thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). David refers to

washing (at the laver) as an illustration of innocence. (See Psalm 26:6.)

We notice that the priests were to wash their *hands* and their *feet*. God's people are to be a clean people. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath *clean hands*, and a pure heart" (Psalm 24:3,4). Our work (hands) and our *walk* (feet) are to be cleansed by the water of the Word. No one can live in the filth of sin and expect to live in the fellowship with God!

The priests did not stand off from the laver to admire it. They did not speak of its beauty, its attractiveness, or its usefulness—they obeyed the commandment of the Lord and *used the water the laver contained*. We do not stand off from the Word of God and admire it or talk at length about it; neither do we approach it, study it, know its history, its characters, and all its miracles; neither do we quote chapters from it and expect that all this cleanses us. The laver does not wash us, neither does the water that it contains. To be effective there must be application. Self-examination (self-judgment) is not merely thinking about the Word but *applying* the water of the Word to our hands and to our feet. Then will we be rightly worshiping God in the Holy Place.

"They shall wash with water, that they die not..." Even though the priests had met God at the altar of sacrifice and had been cleansed of their sins, yet ever afterward there was daily defilement that must be washed away. Even after we have been cleansed of our sins by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we must keep on being cleansed by the Word of God daily so we may walk with God and have fellowship with Him.

The words of our Lord, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit," are an example of this. In our Lord's time people returning from the public baths found it necessary to wash their feet which had become soiled from walking through miry streets. So the Christian has been cleansed *once for all*, but in walking through the world he often contracts defilement and therefore needs daily cleansing.

In the old country there is a special sidewalk for the Jews to walk on when coming home from the temple. So the priests of God are to walk in a special way after they are washed, for the Lord will not have fellowship with uncleanness. Believer-priests must bathe in the Word every day. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22).



## Walking with the WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE 13-20

Sunday—Psalms 69, 70	Thursday—Romans 2
Monday—Acts 27	Friday—Romans 3
Tuesday—Acts 28	Saturday—Psalm 71
Wednesday—Romans 1	Sunday—Psalm 72



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*In Matthew 5:22 we are warned not to call any man a fool, but in Luke 24:25 Jesus Himself called His disciples "fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Are the same words translated "fool" in both places?*

The word translated *fool* in Matthew 5:22 is *moros*, meaning "a rebel." In Luke 24:25 the word is *anoetos*, meaning "thoughtless."

*Some refer to sickness as demon possession. If all sickness is demon possession, how can doctors by the use of drugs make people well?*

Speaking of Jesus, the Bible says, He healed all who were "oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38). The devil is spoken of as having the power of death (Hebrews 2:14). Such passages indicate that Satan may afflict the body.

However, most of our sicknesses result from natural causes. Our bodies are still mortal, subject to disease and death. Since most sicknesses result from natural causes, physicians, by the use of natural means, may assist nature back to health. They work in cooperation with the natural healing processes God has placed within the body. This is different from divine healing, or healing directly by God.

*What is the difference between teaching and preaching?*

I believe preaching is more in harmony with the New Testament use of the word *prophesy*: "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). This is more arousing than teaching. Preaching is less likely to deal with details, while teaching seeks more fully to explain and clarify. For instance, a preacher might emphasize the need of repenting; the teacher more fully explains what repentance means. But all of preaching should have in it the element of teaching, otherwise it would fail to give any instruction.

*Does "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" demand sinless perfection on the part of the believer? (Matthew 5:48)*

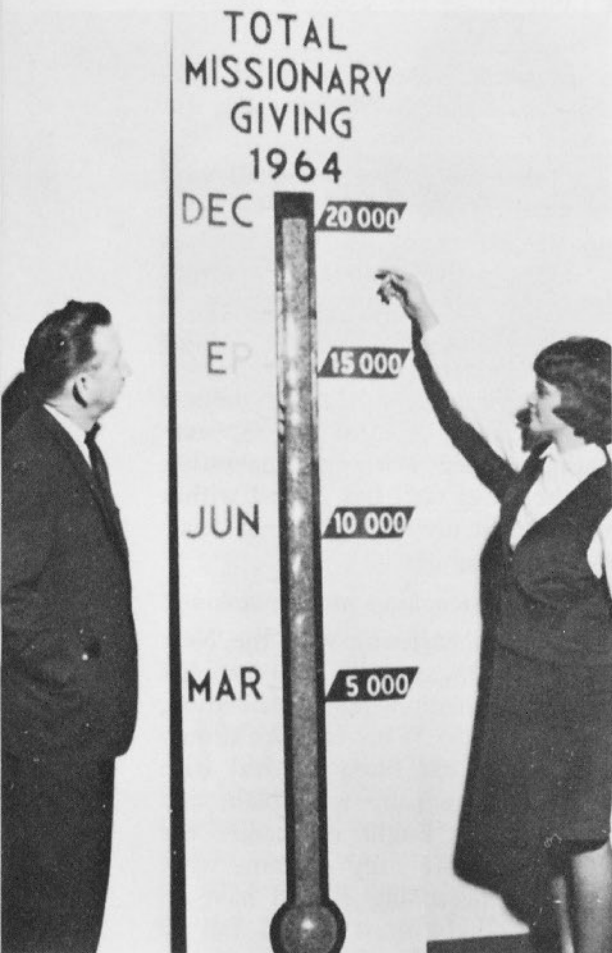
The Sermon on the Mount provides us a chart which, if followed, will make us excellent in character—Godlike. I believe Matthew 5:48 is an exhortation to perfect godliness of deportment.

Concerning perfect sinlessness, Jesus said, "There is none good but one, that is, God" (Matthew 19:17). In other words, only God is absolutely perfect. John says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Because we fall short of perfection in our best endeavors, we ever need the atoning blessing of the blood of Christ, for every error is a blemish on absolute perfection.

*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.*

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BILLY SUE LOTT  
 RECORDS THE IMPRESSIONS OF 13-YEAR-OLD JUDY WINGO  
 DURING THE ANNUAL MISSIONS CONVENTION AT THE  
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# Missions and Me



First he showed me the thermometer . . .

ONE SUNDAY MORNING after listening to Pastor Raymond Book encourage each of us to attend the coming missions convention in our church, I found myself full of questions. I wondered just what the missions convention was for and why it was so important. I decided that the best place to get my answers was from Pastor Book.

First, he showed me the thermometer registering the amount of missions giving for our church in 1964. Our goal was set at \$20,000. Through faith pledges and offerings, we gave \$19,842.69. I had seen the thermometer many times and thought it a good idea as it showed the congregation just where we stood each month. But then he also told me how, through sacrificial giving by the Faith Promise Plan, our congregation had been able to increase its missions giving each year. At the same time, our own church had continued to grow. That made me realize the Lord blesses the church that supports missions.

"Redeeming the Time" was the theme for our convention. Associate Pastor Jim Gillham called my attention to the clock representing the fact

that the time for harvesting souls is almost gone. This made me aware how extremely important it is for young people to be willing to go when God calls them to the mission field.

Later, in the exhibit room, I found our youth pastor, Phil Morgan, working on the Christ's Ambassadors display. He explained to me how through Speed-the-Light the C.A.'s themselves provide vehicles and other equipment for missionaries. Our own group gave a little over \$2,000 for Speed-the-Light during 1964, making us first in our state. The exhibit included trophies won by our young people in past years. I was glad we young people could do so much for missions.

On the first Sunday of the convention, I met the missionary team. Our featured speaker was Paul Finkenbinder from El Salvador. After his challenging opening message, we looked at the four goals set for the convention: (1) young people called of God, (2) prayer partners, (3) systematic giving—\$22,000, (4) sacrifice offering—\$2,500. He challenged me to have a part in each of these goals.

Other members of our team were



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Charles and Linda Butterfield, who with their three small daughters are preparing to go to Korea for their first five-year-term. Brother Butterfield introduced me to Kyocha Kang, a girl from Korea. She is studying at Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington, to return as a missionary to her own country. Bubbling with joy, she told me how God had healed her and called her into His service. I was thrilled to see that missionary work produces such wonderful results.

As I showed Mrs. Butterfield the Missionette booth, I was able to explain the four main purposes of the club: (1) learning to serve others, (2) learning about missionaries, (3) getting other girls interested in missions, and (4) developing Christian character. I told her how happy the Missionettes are to be able to help the Women's Missionary Council provide materials for missionaries.

The last members of our team, but certainly not the least, were the L. P. Furmans, missionaries to the Congo for 17 years. I knew that because of the 1961 uprisings they were forced to evacuate and now are unable to return as that country seems to be closed to missions, at least temporarily. As I examined the African display with keen interest, Brother Furman told me of his experiences in the Congo. He also told me about his friend, J. W. Tucker, who gave his life for the cause of Christ just last November. I was stirred to think a man loved the souls of men so much that he died while teaching them about salvation.

While we looked at the WMC display, Sister Furman told me how much the missionaries on the field appreciate



Brother Butterfield introduced me to Kyocha Kang.

and use the materials and household articles provided by the women here at home. The display contained a few samples of the many articles made and purchased by our local group. It was then easy to see that missionaries need home support. But in order for us to become aware of the need, we must be shown. This is what the convention was to accomplish.

During each of the services, I was thrilled and challenged by the reports of the goodness of God. Brother Finkenbinder related the miraculous story of God's provision for the radio and television ministry, LARE, and of the tremendous revival in Central America. The Furmans told how the national Christians have been able to carry on the work in the Congo, even

though the missionaries are gone. The Butterfields spoke of how God had called them to missionary service in Korea and was making it possible for them to go. The sincere presentation of the team members helped me understand the true hunger people in other countries have for the Word of God.

Throughout the convention my interest in missions grew. I found myself wishing I could go as a missionary right now. The convention made me realize there are many people who need to be told about the love of Jesus, and this can be done only if each of us will pray, give, and go. Now, more than ever before, I find myself ready, willing, and eager to do my part for missions.



Brother Furman talked about the Congo.



Sister Furman told me how missionaries appreciate WMC.



# What Is a MISSIONETTE HONOR STAR?

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

BECOMING AN HONOR STAR is a red-letter day in the life of a Missionette. To a girl just beginning the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program, the day when she will be crowned an Honor Star seems very far away. But the award is possible for any girl willing to work hard if she is at least 12 years of age.

The *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program is divided into four steps of 12 points each. In addition, two extra points must be completed to become an Honor Star. The four steps are named after four Bible women: Susanna, Tabitha, Anna, and Ruth. The first letters from the names of each of these women go together to spell the word *STAR*.

One of the purposes of the achievement program is to teach a girl to be a better Christian witness. She memorizes verses of Scripture and references having to do with salvation, divine healing, the Second Coming, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

A girl learns the meaning of the words *tithe* and *stewardship*. She pledges to tithe no matter how small her income—important training for any girl. She visits shut-ins and takes them a remembrance. Then she reports her visit in a regular Missionette meeting.

While working on the *Tabitha* step each girl is required to learn the statement of Assemblies of God beliefs which appears on the masthead of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. She also memorizes 1 Corinthians 13.

A Missionette must establish a daily prayer time as



These five girls were crowned Honor Stars at a special service in their church, First Assembly, Panama City, Fla., last November. They are: Glenda Hathaway, Carolyn Register, Judy Nicewonder, Linda Hires, and Linda Nicewonder. Their sponsor is Mrs. Bobby C. Wright.

she works on the achievement program. She selects a prayer request or missionary's name from *The Pentecostal Evangel* to remember in special prayer. Scriptures about the Bible are memorized and the books of the Bible learned.

Winning souls is important. As a part of the *Ruth* step a girl makes a list of people she wishes to win to Christ and prays for them each day. She also prays daily for power to witness. Each girl invites 10 people who do not regularly attend church or Sunday school.

Handbooks provide a chart to keep a daily record of Bible reading. Every girl must read the entire Bible before she can be crowned a Star. This is only a sample of the achievement program activity.

What is an Honor Star? She is a girl who has com-



Diana Barclay, first Missionette Honor Star to be crowned in the Latin American District, was honored at the biennial district council meeting in Albuquerque, N. Mex., last August.

pleted every step on the regular achievement program plus additional honor work. An oral report in a Missionette meeting on the life or experience of an Assemblies of God missionary, enlisting at least one new Missionette, and preparing and serving a foreign dish to other club members are among the additional requirements.

The Honor Star must also write a 500-word history of the Assemblies of God and make a chart showing the four Missionette Ideals—including a statement on how each has affected her life. Required also is a 300-word theme on the subject, "Why a Christian Should Not Smoke."

And as a climax to her work on the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program, a Missionette studies the Book of Matthew outlining the chief events in the life of Christ.

When a girl has completed all of the work and satisfactorily passed a reviewing board of three women, she is ready to be crowned an Honor Star.

The crowning service is very sacred and important in the life of a Missionette. It takes place in the local church or at a sectional or district function. Pastors, Missionette leaders, and parents participate. Before receiving her crown the girl is charged to accept even greater responsibilities as she continues to serve the Lord. Any girl who completes the achievement program is worthy of the honor bestowed upon her.

Missionette Honor Stars can and will contribute much to the Lord's work in the future. Some are already acting as sponsors for younger girls. The *Stairway to the Stars* is not any easy program, as any Honor Star will testify, but its benefits are eternal.

**B**ID THEM COME," we say; but what do we mean? "Them" refers to children; "come" connects in our minds with Christ or the church. The word "bid" rather loosely indicates all our organizations and activities having to do with children.

Some may have a tendency to feel that when we say, "Bid them come," we have done our duty. In the back of our minds we conclude that some will come and some will not—what is that to us as long as we bid them come? But we who work with children need to rethink our task in view of today's progressive age.

Look at "them" whom we bid to come. A kindergarten teacher told me recently that in her class of 35, five were emotionally disturbed to the extent they were consulting a psychologist.

A mother told me with tears in her eyes that she might be forced to change churches; two children in the department with her child were such behavior problems that the attitude had spread to the whole group. They had failed for years to make any response to the claims of Christ.

A more tangible need is seen in the lives of some of "them" whom we bid come—such as Cesar. I'll never forget his serious eyes as he confided to me one day last winter that he had on three pairs of socks. When I saw the sole of his shoe, I didn't have to wonder why.

If you were asked to draw an illustration of children, you would sketch a pony-tailed girl with a ribbon in her hair and a freckled, crew-cut boy with a toothless grin. But the more I work with children, the more I wonder, "Where is that average child?" He is mighty scarce. Instead, there is the boy with a new shirt for every day in the week who can't get the attention of his parents long enough to get his grade card signed. There is the girl who refuses to go to Missionettes because she can't have the exclusive company of her best friend. There are the children with protruding teeth who find comfort in their thumbs when they can't get the answers to their problems.

A rapidly changing society is marked by the changes in secular education. When I was in the fourth grade, four and four were eight. A child may receive an F for an answer like that now. The teacher may have wanted him to say, "What base are we in, Mr. Brown?" Now it seems that more and more questions are supposed to be answered with questions instead of with answers. The point to consider is: Can the student ask more intelligent questions today than he could yesterday?

It has been stated that we have accumulated more knowledge in the past 10 years than in all other years of man combined. And it is predicted that we may accumulate more in the next three years than in the past 10. This staggering fact makes us realize that educational aims must be reevaluated. We hope that the old good can be blended with the new good.

In light of these problems we face today, let us ask more intelligent questions than we have been asking concerning our child evangelism methods. Is there a better way? Is there a better attitude or approach? If we live in an age when many children are disturbed and distressed, then as church leaders we must expect to have the disturbing and the distressing in our groups. We must not allow our own spirits to become disturbed; we must seek to compensate.

# BID THEM COME




By LOU BINA TOWNSEND

The church has an image of compensating in the pages of history. Whenever there has been special need, the church has responded in a special way. The Early Church made provision for the starving widows and orphans. During the early settling of America the church bore the responsibility of educating children. In times of disaster the church has often provided food, clothing, and care for those who have been stricken. It is the church's business to compensate for a social lack.

It is also the business of the church to compensate for a lack in the life of the individual. We must give love where there is no love. Many of the spoiled children of a few years ago are parents today, and their children are often without discipline. We must give discipline where there is no discipline.

Love, discipline, understanding, someone to talk to, a spirit of optimism—the church must compensate for the lack of these things in the world at large. The church must teach Biblical truth that will provide a solid foundation of faith in a changing world.

Another thing that must be furnished by the church is an example. It must set before the young, men and women whose lives exemplify the fruits of the Spirit.

Yes, let's bid them come—all of them, with all of the disturbances they carry with them. Let's give them love, discipline, a listening ear, direction for their lives, a worthy example, and Christ. 



## LITTLE PATRICIA

LITTLE PATRICIA, only 18 months old, already with a pony tail!

How tireless, curious, innocent you are!  
How full of open-eyed wonder!

Your fingers delight in probing cupboards and exploring shelves.

Your eyes dance as you watch birds feeding.

Your ears alertly listen for familiar voices, particularly when your daddy and mother speak.

Your mind reaches out hungrily, beginning a life-long quest.

Today you absorb everything, good and bad. Tomorrow will come discrimination.

Busy with the daily round of a happy 18-month older, how little you realize you are a target. An important target!

Death-dealing missiles are directly aimed at you from the other side of the North Pole.

Closer home you are the target of nefarious and crafty forces.

Slick exploiters will cleverly use depth psychology and subliminal techniques to take advantage of you.

Beer barons have you in mind as a future customer.

Tobacco interests are planning to get a cigarette between your lips at the earliest possible moment.

Pornographic publications are displayed with the hope one day of catching your eye.

Entrepreneurs of feverish amusements will try to ensnare you almost before you have outgrown babyhood.

Gamblers soon will be tugging at your sleeve. Narcotics pushers soon will be doing their diabolical utmost to enslave you.

You see, little Patricia, you are indeed a target.

God help you!

—*The Telescope-Messenger*

# CONSERVING 'The Church

CHILD EVANGELISM is capturing the interest of the child and creating an environment in which the gospel message may be presented. When his interest has been captured, we are able to press the claims of Christ. Next there must be a *conquering* of the will by the power of the Holy Spirit, followed by *committing* the whole personality to a new ideal.

Keep those three steps in the proper order—capturing, conquering, committing—and you can be reasonably certain that a deep and permanent work has taken place in the life of the child.

An adequate child-evangelism program functions all year long. There are various means by which we can win children to Christ, link them to the church, and instruct them in the Scriptures. These means of outreach are a plus to the Sunday school, complimenting and strengthening it.

### *The Home*

God has designed the home to be the heart of the social structure. Child evangelism begins here. Family worship knits the family together. It assists in healing

### CHILD EVANGELISM COORDINATOR APPOINTED

MISS LORETTA LEBSACK has been appointed national child evangelism coordinator, according to C. W. Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department. Miss Lebsack, a graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., was licensed for ministry in the Nebraska District in 1953. For the past 11 years she has served that district as Sunday school director.

Her ministry has also included directing camps, speaking at boys and girls camps, and conducting children's crusades, training courses, and convention workshops. She has served as an instructor for the Advanced Christian Training School on a number of occasions.

As national child evangelism coordinator Miss Lebsack will be responsible for coordinating the boys and girls camping program, the promotion of vacation Bible school, released time, home Bible clubs, and children's church. She will be involved in some field ministry as a boys and girls camp speaker, workshop leader, and training course teacher. She will be responsible for developing a training program for children's workers, and will serve as the beginner and primary age-level consultant for the National Sunday School Department.

With a rich background of experience in this field, Miss Lebsack will make a valuable contribution to the ministry of child evangelism.



By **LORETTA LEBSACK**  
National Child Evangelism Coordinator

# of Tomorrow'

the bruises of family disagreements. The family altar helps fortify each member against the temptations of life.

Personal example is a powerful method of winning your child to Christ. Play with him, love him, correct him, teach him—and you will win him! You are your child's first evangelist.

### *Vacation Bible School*

This concerted effort to win and teach youth increases potential Christian teaching time from the 52 hours received in Sunday school to 82 hours. One mother remarked, "Our church insists on a vacation Bible school." There is no adequate substitute!

Ours is a fast-moving, busy world with many women of the church working full time. But where there's a will, there's a way. Be careful not to accept the excuses Satan will bring to your mind. Use the facilities you have. Recruit new workers or have your VBS at night so both men and women can help. But have one! It is an investment, not an expense.

### *Released Time*

Under this program children are excused from public schools (at the written request of parents) for one hour each week to go to a church to attend a class in religious education. In most cases, the church must provide transportation and see that the children return to the public school on time.

Check with your state legislators regarding this privilege. Some states require that the curriculum be approved and that classes be taught by a teacher who holds a degree.

One church reported 500 decisions for Christ in one year and over 200 children brought into the Sunday school through released time.

### *Children's Revivals*

A series of evangelistic services—often called a kid's crusade or children's revival—will reach many children, especially the unchurched. These sessions may be conducted after school each afternoon or early in the evening.

Follow-up is the key to lasting results from this effort. Each child who makes a decision should be given personal attention and guidance. He will need a scriptural understanding of what his decision means.

A children's revival should be thought of as a whole

church activity involving many people for transportation, registration, altar workers, and follow-up. It should never be taken lightly.

### *Home Bible Clubs*

Do boys and girls in your neighborhood enjoy being in your yard and home? Then you, Mrs. Homemaker, are the ideal one to begin a home Bible club. Accept these little neighbors as a challenge, not an irritation.

Prejudiced parents who won't allow their children to visit the Sunday school may let them come to a home. Pack the hour with songs, scriptures, and stories that make salvation and Christian living inviting. Be regular—set a time and keep it. If at all possible, connect the children to the church. To lead them to Christ and then let them dangle is gross error.

Those who cannot go to the mission field need only to look around in their own communities to find missionary work to do.

### *Children's Church*

This means just what it says: a church for children. It is not intended to be a baby-sitting service or only entertainment. Here extra time is gained for Scripture memorization and instruction in church membership, doctrine, and practical Christian living. Children have worship experiences and learn proper worship habits.

Many opportunities are given for them to participate in their own worship service by serving as ushers, pianists, song leaders, leading in prayer, and giving. A worshipping child becomes a worshipping adult.

### *Camps*


Most districts provide a summer camp for boys and girls. For some, this is a church project. Pentecostal in nature, camps add hours of influence and training.

Counselors, teachers, speakers, and directors team up to make the week count. Living out-of-doors makes campers keenly aware of God and His creation.

Each year hundreds are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit at these camps. Pentecostal fellows and girls need Pentecostal camps!

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Child evangelism is not an emergency measure taken when the church or parent is suddenly startled by unacceptable behavior from children, or when the news carries a shocking story of juvenile sins. Rather, it is the arms of the church encircling boys and girls with love, training, and influence 365 days of the year.

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# Why I have a CATECHISM CLASS



By MELFORD A. OLSON  
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*CATECHISM* IS A GOOD WORD! Among other explanatory phrases given in Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary* are these words: "To instruct by asking questions, receiving answers, and offering explanations and corrections, especially in regard to religious faith."

I began conducting catechism classes in 1954 while pastoring the church now known as the Payne Avenue Assembly in St. Paul, Minnesota. Noting the enthusiasm of the children and the parents, I immediately became aware we had been missing a golden opportunity. Now, with over a decade of happy experience, I am completely sold on the value of a catechism class and have made the comment that I will never pastor a church without providing such a class for the boys and girls.

Five of my catechism students are in Bible school today preparing for full-time service. Two more are enrolling next fall at North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, and several others still in junior high and high school have indicated plans in that direction.

I received my initial inspiration for starting a catechism class from A. V. Gustafson, at that time pastor of a sister church in St. Paul.

Before inaugurating the class I got approval from our church board and congregation at an annual business meeting. At that time the word *catechism* was not commonly used in our circles! The idea of starting such a class was received with enthusiasm, and I was given permission to use the designation, "catechism class."

Upon moving to Brainerd, Minnesota, in 1961 to assume pastoral duties, I was immediately asked by the church to begin a catechism class. The program has been received with the same favorable response here as at my former charge.

The plan I have followed is briefly this: young people enroll when they are 11 and they attend for two years. I coincide classes with the public school calendar (no classes in the summer). The classes are held once a week for one hour. Presently we hold the class at 4 p.m. on Friday—the children come to the church right from school.

From the very beginning I have used as a text, *What My Church Believes*, by Ralph M. Riggs. Book One is a study of elementary Bible history, and Book Two considers our church doctrines and Christian living. I alternate the courses each year.

When the pupil has completed the two years of study, he becomes eligible to graduate. Near the time of public school graduation in the spring we set aside a Sunday

morning service for catechism graduation. At this time the students are seated on the platform, are "tested" publicly on what they have learned. Each graduate then receives a graduation certificate and a gift Bible with his name stamped in gold as a gift from the church. An additional award is given to those who have had a perfect record of attendance. We try to make it a very special occasion but we emphasize that it is not "confirmation."

We record grades on exams and other assignments, and extra credit is offered for memorizing certain chapters in the Bible. When a chapter has been memorized, I have the pupil recite it in a Sunday morning service. A young man now attending Bible school recently told me that the things he learned in catechism class have stayed with him—have been retained.

At the beginning of the year I inform the pupils that to graduate and receive the gift Bible and certificate they have to attend a minimum of 50 percent of the classes over the two-year period. Very few have "washed out," and many have had perfect attendance records.

One reason I am enthusiastic about a catechism class is that it gives the pastor a golden opportunity to have close contact with the children of the Sunday school and church. Here in the Brainerd Assembly I teach the adult Bible class in Sunday school. The children are in their various departments, and I have very little chance to see them or be with them. I cannot imagine a finer opportunity for a pastor to get close to the children of his church and influence them for God than in a catechism class. As I look back over my records and see that the great majority of those young people are going on with God, I praise God and feel it is the best investment of my time I could possibly make.

We thank God for the great work of our Sunday schools and our Sunday school teachers. But the teaching time there is obviously limited. A catechism class can be an excellent supplement to the Sunday school hour, where the doctrines of the church can be taught and reemphasized. I have had a number of adults ask me if we could have a catechism class for them!

The response of the pupils has been most gratifying. Their young minds are full of questions. It has been a joy to help supply some of the answers. One of the tragedies of our day is the high spiritual casualty rate among the teen-agers of our churches. I am convinced that a catechism class can help plug this hole in our spiritual dikes. Catechism classes worked for Martin Luther and his followers. I believe they can work for us!

SUMMERTIME IS THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY to implement ways of community outreach to children and youth. One of the outstanding ways is through the vacation Bible school. These reports from Assemblies of God pastors are proof enough that VBS pays big dividends.

*Pastor Reta Vaughn, Taylor, Michigan:*

"Vacation Bible school is an open door to evangelism and missionary effort. When we close that door, much of our outreach is cut off. Through VBS we contact parents as well as children. We help mold the young men and women of tomorrow as we present the love of God in VBS.

"Pupils do the advertising. Last year as we began our annual school, enthusiasm reigned. We even had unsaved parents volunteer as bus drivers. Teen-agers who were VBS alumni helped as faculty in our school. They proved to be wonderful examples to the pupils. Many of the boys and girls received Jesus Christ as their Saviour."

*Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Scott, La Mesa, California:*

"We had a 'twilight cruise' for our VBS with an average attendance of 157. Over 40 were first-time visitors. Though our school was in July, just preceding most vacations, some of the new children asked that the bus pick them up for Sunday school following VBS. Others attended Sunday school after our fall Enlargement Campaign.

"A special feature of our school was a Hi-Teen class. Taught by our youth director, it was well attended. Besides Bible study, he made use of projected visual aids and a question-and-answer session in which the pastor and education director formed a panel.

"Tribute goes to our young people who conducted a systematic canvass preceding the school. They also took care of follow-up by making phone calls, sending letters, and doing visitation.

"Our Missionettes and Women's Missionary Council members assisted in making posters, banners, and other publicity materials. The cooperation, harmony, and love of all our workers produced results which alone will be known in eternity."

*Pastor George Cover, Mentor, Ohio:*

"Vacation Bible school has been very important in developing our church. Some of our best workers have been won indirectly through VBS. We began the work here 12 years ago. Attendance last year averaged 222, and we can count members of 38 to 40 families on our Sunday school as a result of VBS.

"We have found that VBS provides an acceptable public relations reason for a house-to-house canvass of the community. Many parents with no church of their own, and even those who attend other churches, will say 'yes' when asked if their children may attend VBS. Our Sunday school always gains in attendance following VBS, especially if it is held in August.

"The population of the Mentor area is about 29,000 scattered over a six- to eight-mile radius. In a recent year, we conducted three separate schools, one in June, one in July, and one in August, all using the same facilities. For each VBS we concentrated our canvass in a different section of the city and arranged bus routes to pick up the pupils. Thus we contacted about 3,500 homes. Using our three buses, we were able to

# VBS

## Don't Underestimate

reach a total enrollment for the three schools of over 600, not counting teachers and workers.

"Last year we used VBS to reach the city of Wickliffe, about 10 miles away. My brother and I took our workers to make a pre-VBS canvass. We then erected two tents on land purchased for a future church. The three Mentor buses were used for transportation. Enrollment was over 200 and the average attendance 164. A church is now started in that town.

"Yes, VBS is worthwhile. It provides a wonderful means for fulfilling our Lord's commission."

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Is VBS outmoded? These pastors say it reaches new people and whole communities for the Lord; through VBS boys and girls are saved; it provides opportunity for young people to work for the Lord. VBS has an important place in the summertime schedule. Don't underestimate its possibilities.



Vacation Bible schools last year used the theme, "Full Speed Ahead with Christ Our Captain." Gospel Tabernacle, La Mesa, California, used a boat to stress the theme (above). In the Assembly of God in Westwego, Louisiana, a rhythm band participated in commencement exercises.





Leaders of Grace Assembly's child evangelism program are (front row, left to right): Mae Musick, Christine Barcum, Louise Drake, Vee Kirkpatrick, Naomi White. Back row: Sunday School Superintendent Andrew Garrett, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Bill Drake, and Pastor J. D. Keen.

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

By **ANDREW GARRETT**  
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A MAN ASKED A PASTOR the correct age to start a child's religious education.

"How old is your child?" asked the pastor.

"Two," was the reply.

"Then you have waited two years too long now," answered the pastor.

One of the most fertile fields for planting spiritual truths and reaping souls for Christ lies in child evangelism. The Sunday school hour is good and cannot be overemphasized. But if the need for graded, age-level presentation exists there, we feel it certainly exists in the worship hour also. The pastor must aim his sermon to the adults and youth. This leaves small children to occupy their minds with their surroundings or with talking, since they cannot focus their thinking on one thing for more than a few moments at a time.

Our pastor, J. D. Keen, and other leaders felt this need when our first children's church was formed eight years ago. At that time our Assembly was averaging less than 100 in Sunday school attendance. The program has grown from that single group to six groups at this time, with an attendance of approximately 150 in the children's services alone.

Our program now consists of completely departmentalized, separate churches—including nursery, beginner, primary, and junior.

The nursery church consists of the same pupils as



The junior church is making this tree come to life. Each leaf represents a book of the Bible read by a pupil.



Nursery Worker Linda Cross makes effective use of a picture storybook to present Bible truths to impressionable young hearts.



The Boys and girls Missionary Crusade program comes alive for beginners with the help of a plywood replica of Africa.



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the Sunday school classes. The children simply remain in their rooms and a new set of workers comes in with another lesson.

The beginners do not have an opening service in Sunday school, going directly to their classes upon arrival. After Sunday school they go to a central location for their church.

The primaries and juniors have opening assembly for Sunday school, go to separate classes, then return to their assembly area for church.

The basic order of the services varies widely. In the nursery church the program is similar to the Sunday school class. Workers use several short picture lessons, object lessons, play time, rest time, etc. On occasion workers repeat or reemphasize the day's Sunday school lesson, and the children enjoy helping to recreate the story.

The beginner church teaches the children to be a part of a larger group. Their stories are fewer and somewhat longer; they learn to sing better with the group. They have a special birthday chair, learn to participate in the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and really get excited about a puppet show or a special interest center.

I visited their service one Sunday morning when Bill Drake (yes, a man working with 4- and 5-year-olds) told of Daniel and the lions—with the help of a little puppet box. Those beginners were so engrossed it appeared they were actually living the story.

The primary church is patterned more after the adult service. The children sing several group songs and are encouraged to sing special songs. They begin to learn the value of prayer, the worth of a soul, and some of them realize their need of salvation and are saved in these services. Their lessons are longer and have a more specific aim.

Our junior church group has its own pastor and elected officials. The pupils participate in several phases of the service. They lead in singing, sing in quartets, lead in prayer, and count the tithes and offerings (with adult supervision). The leaders emphasize scripture memorization, Bible reading, and salvation. Our goal is that no child leave the junior department without knowing Jesus as his Saviour.

Occasionally when we have a missionary speaker or special program of another nature, our junior church is invited to visit the adult congregation. At such times the training which the children have been receiving is obvious to all.

Workers for this program are chosen by our Sunday school board, which consists of the pastor, Sunday school superintendent, enrollment superintendent, and four other men of the Sunday school staff. We feel that great care must be taken in selecting these workers. Not "just anybody can teach kids."


There is no set pattern of lessons or quarterlies as in Sunday school. These leaders must have enough self-discipline to arrange for their own lessons. However, for someone with ingenuity, materials are plentiful. Our workers are authorized to select story and picture material from local bookstores. A bird's nest makes an interesting display for younger children.

Our beginner superintendent used a piece of plywood to cut out a profile map of Africa, glued on little native figures, bamboo huts, palm trees complete with monkeys—and money couldn't buy a more attractive interest center.

Our junior church has an inspiring display, which was originally a bare tree limb. For each book of the Bible a student reads, a leaf is taped to the tree. The leaf is marked with the child's name and the book title.

Our story and visual aid file is quite extensive—having been maintained for some eight years—and is invaluable to our workers. This file is available to all workers and has complete lessons stored in manila envelopes labeled by story title and age recommendation. Also available is a filmstrip projector, movie projector, children's records, and a tape recorder.

Close coordination at the department level is essential. Our nursery church workers have one Sunday off each month to attend morning worship service and are assisted while on duty by co-workers from our youth department, many of whom grew up in the children's churches. We have 12 teen-age boys and girls who rotate as helpers. Our beginner superintendents, a husband-and-wife team, with the help of one regular co-worker, conduct the beginner church.

The results of this program are thrilling indeed. At each age level one can see the seed of the gospel being sown, gently nurtured... and then the time of reaping! We are humbly grateful for God's blessings upon our work as we strive to meet the spiritual needs of the children of our church. 



Primary Church Superintendent Cal Ainsworth can count on every pupil eagerly participating in the lively singing sessions.



meetings are always a part of the Alaska, Indian, and deaf camps every summer.

"We had a real Pentecostal breakthrough among the boys and girls at our Indian camp children's church," wrote Eldeth Adkins and Vera Eldridge, missionaries in Minneapolis. Their letter continued, "Many were weeping under conviction. Some were slain under the power of God. . . . In the evening services for the smaller children, a number came forward for salvation. One night about 10 were seeking the Baptism."

At the Navaho Indian camp in Pine Cove, N. Mex., workers also conducted a VBS with 36 enrolled. The VBS was held in an unfinished *hogan* (Indian dwelling) with no roof. Logs,

ON HOME MISSIONS FIELDS, AS ELSEWHERE

## Child Evangelism Pays Big Dividends

By RUTH LYON

WITH THEIR BEAUTIFUL big black eyes pools of interest and excitement, the two gypsy children I had invited to our children's services sat on the edge of the pew. During our two-week evangelistic campaign in a Kansas town, a carnival was in full swing not far from the Assembly. I had felt prompted to invite these children I had seen playing about their trailer. The mother seemed pleased at the invitation. She bathed the children and dressed them in their finest for the occasion.

Never before had I realized what it was like to tell the gospel to children who had *never* heard. These children opened their hearts like flowers. Since that was the only contact we had with them, I often wonder about them and pray that we may have dropped some seed in their hearts which will bear fruit unto eternal life.

In December, 1964, at our first gypsy convention in the United States, children's services were included and attendance reached a high of 60. This child evangelism effort was an entirely new venture and produced gratifying results. Workers plan to continue child evangelism among the gypsies.

Assemblies of God home missionaries consider child evangelism a vital part of their church curriculum and

approach it in ways best suited to their areas of ministry. Some have found regular children's church or special two- or three-week children's revivals effective activities in addition to Sunday school. Others have the unique opportunity of holding released-time classes for boarding school students on the Indian reservations. Once a year, many of the Alaska, American Indian, and Foreign Branch churches conduct vacation Bible schools through which boys and girls have been won to Christ. Children's

pieces of boards, and bedsprings served as seats. When rain made it too muddy for services in the *hogan*, they moved out under the trees.

At another Navaho camp on the reservation at Shonto, Ariz., the children's church was held in a brush arbor on the sand. Some children sat on sheepskins. Although they did not know much English, the teacher was able to make them understand.

The fine Navaho assembly in Shiprock, N. Mex., reported 170 enrolled in the 1964 VBS and a number were

Left: VBS at Wrangell, Alaska, was a big event for these children. Right: The vacation Bible school at the Guadalupe Yaqui Indian church in Arizona was a highlight in the church's summer outreach.



saved. Child evangelism efforts of this church have been largely responsible for the more than 200 active members of the church.

The first VBS conducted in the Rapid City, S. Dak., Indian church last summer created much interest in the town. The missionaries wrote, "our only regret was that we didn't have more material and more workers so we could have reached more children."

The First Assembly of Anchorage, Alaska, honored a king and a queen at the 1964 VBS. The school was a great success with 191 average attendance and 300 registered students. Workers built a large replica of a ship extending across the platform. The children enjoyed the adventure with Christ as the Captain of their ship. Several made Him the Captain of their lives for the first time. A large number of visitors came to VBS and some are now attending Sunday school.

At Skagway, Alaska, nearly 40 were enrolled in VBS. Many people who had never been inside the church attended the evening program on the last day. Thus the church was able to reach some for Christ. Workers took a canvass of the town immediately following the VBS and invited many to Sunday school and church. They were well received by the people they visited.

The Gallup, N. Mex., Indian Assembly and the Tuba City, Ariz., Indian church (as well as others) have released-time classes for Indian boarding school students. The Gallup church reaches four schools. Some of the Indian youngsters arrive at school discouraged and confused with life. Some

are orphans, while others suffer from parental neglect. The missionaries are able to teach many children the way of salvation, for they respond to the love missionaries give them.

Our home missionaries have found that extra projects such as Bible clubs, story hours, junior and senior Missionette groups, Royal Rangers, and handcraft classes increase the church's outreach to the community and enrollment in Sunday school. Participation in Christmas activities interests parents and children alike.

Child evangelism is often a key to the hearts of parents. It opens homes to the gospel. For instance, an Apache medicine man in Arizona finally consented to allow his children to attend the Indian Assembly Sunday school, but he himself refused to attend the church. The children would talk about the things they learned in Sunday school and children's church and sing choruses around the house.

When trouble struck the home, the medicine man sought the help of the missionaries who had taken an interest in his children. He was gloriously saved, and now his life is a constant testimony to his people.

Someone has said, "Win an adult to the Lord and you save part of a life. Win a child to the Lord and you have won a whole life."

Communism and Catholicism both have recognized the great potential of advancing their causes through youth. But long ago Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Our home missions workers know that child evangelism pays big dividends.



## You Have Everything

In the eyes of children who have been deserted by their parents. To them you have the most coveted possession of all—a family with the love and security its ties encircle.

In the eyes of old people who have no source of income—a description which fits many aged ministers and missionaries and their widows. They see you as having everything because you have youth and strength. Even now, after reaching retirement age unprepared for the expenses of the years ahead, these men and women called of God do not have selfish reasons for desiring renewed youth. They would use it again in the work which they consider unfinished.

Can you find it in your heart to want to share with the neglected children and the aged ministers? Of course you cannot give them what they most long for; but you can help to ease their burdens and provide a measure of security. You can do this by contributing to Hillcrest Children's Home, Bethany Retirement Home, and Aged Ministers' Assistance, through

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Left: Don McKinney and Betty Johnson were chosen king and queen at the Anchorage, Alaska, VBS. Right: Children's church at the Pine Cove Navaho Indian camp in Arizona met in this roofless, unfinished "hogan."



# 'Always a Bright Spot'

By RON ROWDEN

NO LETTERS ARE RECEIVED in the *Revivaltime* office with more interest than those written by children.

While some are not yet burdened by the many problems of adult life, other youngsters must struggle to find happiness and the true meaning of life. These children need help from some source outside the home to encourage and guide them. *Revivaltime* is helping many of them.

A youth in Newfoundland says, "I listen to your radio broadcast every Sunday. I am in grade six and am 12 years old."

Farther north, *Revivaltime* reaches into an Alaskan children's home. A worker in the orphanage writes in behalf of the children: "Thank God for *Revivaltime!* I have spent a number of years in Alaska working in children's homes. It is always a bright spot in the week when we can get the broadcast service. It is especially appreciated in small, isolated communities. The choir's records are always appreciated by the children."

Children do believe in the power of prayer. A young girl in Cullen, La., trusted God to watch over her and now testifies: "I asked you to pray for me as I was going to have surgery for crossed eyes. The night before the operation, I prayed that God would keep His hand on me while I was in the operating room. The doctor had told me the operation might not be successful. As I prayed, God showed me how I would look after

surgery. My eyes were straightened!

"Now I have caught up in my schoolwork, and am at the top of my class. I am so very happy because God heard my prayers and yours!"

Children enjoy the spirited singing of the radio choir and the positive, powerful preaching of Evangelist C. M. Ward. A mother in Rio Linda, Calif., wrote, "Our two girls, ages six and seven, never want to miss hearing *Revivaltime*. We all enjoy every minute of the broadcast service."

The ability of youth to grasp the meaning of God's Word is often underestimated. It is plain this young girl from Greencastle, Pa., realizes her need of God: "I really enjoyed your sermon this morning. As *Revivaltime* comes over the air, I can feel the presence of God all around me. We teen-agers need a servant of God to tell us about Him and how to face life and prepare for eternity."

Often, hearing *Revivaltime's* broadcast service is the first step in a young person's finding Christ as Saviour. A teen-ager in Great Neck, N. Y., recently wrote to Brother Ward, "After listening to your fine broadcast and hearing how faith has changed your life, I want to read your life story. I wish people all over the world could hear your words as you spread the gospel."

The mother of a boy who was influenced by *Revivaltime's* ministry reported progress in her son's spiritual growth: "We received a letter from

the principal of our son's school commenting on how he has changed in the past few weeks. I know only God can perform wonders like this and I thank you for your prayers."

Because of *Revivaltime's* high quality and straightforward presentation of God's plan of salvation, many families have made the broadcast service a part of their weekly schedule.

"My family and I are regular listeners to your radio service," writes a woman in Manila, Philippines. "We have made it a point to stop whatever we are doing and assemble around the radio when it is time for *Revivaltime*. We are greatly blessed by your heartwarming songs and wonderful messages."

A little girl in San Fernando, Trinidad, also tells how her family benefits from the broadcast service: "I am 10 years old, and I just love to listen to your Sunday morning broadcast. It is also a real blessing to my mommy, daddy, and little sister."

Young persons realize the importance and effectiveness of *Revivaltime*. Some live in homes where drunkenness, disrespect, and lust prevail, and they are concerned for the salvation of their loved ones. Others are concerned with reaching as many as possible with the gospel. These young Christians are anxious to strengthen the radio ministry with their support.

"I am enclosing \$2 to help spread the Word of God," wrote a teen-ager in Glacier Bay, Nova Scotia. "I would like to give more, but I don't have a job. This is two-week's allowance which I saved to send you. It was through your broadcast I found Christ, and I want to help you reach others."

Another young listener sent this message, "I have heard of your need of support, so I am sending the dollar I got from my grandmother for my birthday. Your service is a real blessing."

Around the world, children and teen-agers are concerned about the future of *Revivaltime*. Continually, they sacrifice to help meet the broadcast's needs, for they realize it is their broadcast, presenting their God to a lost and dying world.

You can help these young friends speed the Truth to the far corners of the world by supporting *Revivaltime's* international radio broadcast service. Send your letters and offerings today to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

## JOYFUL CORRECTION

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL of February 28 carried a report, passed on to us from another mission, that Congo Assemblies of God Pastor Karada Simone of Paulis had been killed. We are grateful we can now report this account was mistaken. A recent letter from one of the African operators at our Paulis printing press says, "Not one of us was hurt."

Details from the Congo are still obscure, but recent news is encouraging. Our two mission houses at Paulis have been looted, but the

bookstore is still intact. Apparently none of the Bibles, books or tracts have been destroyed, though insurgent soldiers sometimes helped themselves during the rebel occupation.

Attendance at the Paulis church is higher than ever. It has reached 800, compared with 450 a year ago. Offerings are also better, and a full schedule of church activities goes on.

Africa Field Secretary E. L. Phillips says, "The news that the church is flourishing in the face of extreme adversity is cause for rejoicing."

# When The Light Changed



IT WAS THE FIRST DAY of second semester, and Kathy Chandler, a student at Southern California College, Costa Mesa, was standing on a street corner waiting for the light to change.

A few years before she had been saved in a C. A. convention and then filled with the Holy Spirit in her home church in Lexington, Nebraska. After hearing representatives from Southern California College at a youth camp, she felt this was the college she would like to attend.

The school had not disappointed her. She says, "I can honestly say I had never been happier in all my life. I would wake up in the morning and wonder what right one person had to be so happy. I loved my classes, and I loved the dorm life. I knew God had sent me to SCC."

The light turned green and Kathy started across the street. She was about halfway across when a car turned left from an adjoining street. Blinded by the sun for a moment, the driver did not see Kathy. The car struck her with such force she was thrown 20 feet.

Kathy was rushed to Hoag Memorial Hospital. During the next five hours the doctor worked to get six pins to hold the shattered bones together.

Two days later Kathy's parents reached the hospital, and the doctor told them there was little chance that Kathy would ever walk again. The hip bones would probably never be strong enough to support any weight. He said that if she ever did walk again, she would be handicapped.

Kathy's parents mentioned none of this to her but prayed for God's will to be done. The SCC students also spent much time in prayer. Many students prayed for her the entire night of the accident.

Kathy remained in traction for six weeks and was constantly encouraged by the visits and prayers of the students and faculty. Pastor Peter Caruso of the Olive Assembly of God visited


her every day. Although Kathy ordinarily became nervous and upset if she had to spend a few days in bed, she had few discouraging moments during her long hospitalization. She was completely relaxed and felt God was in control of her life.

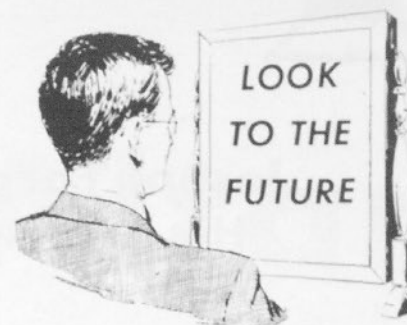
As soon as the traction was removed, Kathy noticed that her left leg was two or three inches longer than her right. After questioning the doctor, she learned that the legs probably would never be the same length. This was the first time the thought of limping had ever entered her mind. "My doctor tried to reassure me by telling me I could buy special built-up shoes to compensate for the difference in length," she said, "but I didn't dare question him further because I knew I would only start crying. I was so despondent."

Physical therapy began the next week. A few days later she began walking on crutches. Two months and one day after the accident Kathy was released from the hospital.

When Kathy returned to Lexington, Nebraska, her pastor, Dale Eden, anointed her with oil and prayed for her. She felt God's touch in a unique way and was able to take a few steps without her crutches. This was the beginning of a real miracle in her body. By June she was walking with only a slight limp and was able to return to school in August. When she was examined by her doctor in Costa Mesa, California, her legs measured exactly the same length, and her walk was normal.

In April, 1964, the pins were removed from Kathy's bones, and today she can participate in almost any activity. Her doctor refers to her as his "miracle girl."

"I know it is only through the prayers of many Christians here at school and at home that I am able to write this testimony," Kathy stated. "I praise God for the ministry of prayer and for His healing touch on my life." 



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# Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Sunday School Lesson for June 20, 1965

GENESIS 45:1-11; MATTHEW 5:44, 45

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

IN PREVIOUS CHAPTERS of Genesis, Joseph tested his brothers in at least three ways to ascertain whether or not any real change had taken place in their character over the years.

(1) Many years earlier they had lied and deceived their father. Hence, Joseph tested them as to their truthfulness and honesty. By their straightforwardness and accuracy in all they said regarding their past, they passed the test well.

(2) Since they had been jealous of Joseph in his youth, he tested them by giving young Benjamin a portion of food five times as much as theirs. They all "drank and were merry with him" thus showing no jealousy of Benjamin.

(3) Finally, Joseph tested them as to their attitude toward their father for whose feelings, years earlier, they had shown so little concern. Judah's speech, with which

## AN OPEN HEART FOR AN OPEN HEAVEN



our present lesson begins, shows how greatly the brothers had changed.

As Joseph listened to Judah's intense and noble plea, he could contain himself no longer. Ordering all the servants out of the room so he might talk to his brothers in privacy, Joseph "wept aloud." This is one of the most moving and beautiful scenes in the Bible. Joseph's love for his brothers, so strong and genuine; the completeness of his forgiveness; the total absence of a word of reproach; all this is reminiscent of the love of Christ of whom Joseph is a striking type.

Furthermore, it gives us an inspiring example of the power of love. Joseph's love for his brothers set them free from the terrible fear, the pangs of guilt, the self-reproach which had bound them so long. "Love never faileth." Christ's love sets sinners free from their sins and saints from their fears. And when the saint allows this love to flow through him to others, it liberates others as well!

Let us not make the mistake of thinking that Joseph's love for his brothers was simply rekindled on this occasion. The fact is he had loved them deeply all along. What we have here is an example of the transforming power of divine love when it operates in and through a human life. Here was love condescending, stooping from the highest to the lowest, and lifting and redeeming the lives of others. It is that love in action in the lives of Christians that the world needs today!

Observe the results of Joseph's revelation of himself to his brothers: (1) It brought peace to them individually; peace between Joseph and them; peace among themselves; and peace to their aged father. (2) It assured them of protection. From this time on they would be safe under the protectorship of Joseph. (3) It guaranteed provision. Joseph assured them they would have plenty to eat. All of the goods of Egypt would be at their disposal. Pharaoh himself vouched for this because of his esteem for Joseph.

All these blessings came because Joseph forgave his brothers and revealed himself to them. Similarly, it is not intellectual knowledge or human power which transforms lives, releases men's souls from sin, produces peace, provides safety, guarantees victory—it is the revelation by the Holy Spirit to the human heart of the personal Christ in His forgiving and redeeming love!

The New Testament portion of our lesson contains words of Jesus taken from the Sermon on the Mount—words which set forth the spirit which should characterize the New Testament Christian; words which are beautifully illustrated in Joseph's life and conduct: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

How specific and easy it is to understand these words! But how seldom do Christians seem to take them seriously! Yet they represent God's will for the Christian; they present an avenue of spiritual discovery and an opportunity to be of inestimable blessing to others.

Is it too much to hope that readers of these lines may be constrained to act upon these commands? Thus they would demonstrate that which really distinguishes the Christian from the ordinary man, namely, the willingness to let Christ's forgiving and redemptive love flow from his life.

# The Family Altar

By D. L. SHEPHERD

THE BIBLE TELLS US, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Of infinite value is the spiritual leadership found only in the Christian home.

One of the best ways to start training a child is for the home to maintain daily family worship. The foundations of our lives are laid in our homes. Many of our deepest experiences center there. Tomorrow the child you are training today will look back and remember the happy hours spent around the family Bible. What a great responsibility you who are parents face today!

There is a story of a man who believed that children should not be taught religion but should grow up and choose for themselves. One day he visited a friend who knew of his theory. Upon leaving, he said to his friend, "I forgot to look at your flowers."

His friend replied, "I decided not to plant any flowers this spring but to wait till October and let the garden decide for itself whether it will grow flowers or weeds."

Two hundred years ago Alexander Pope said, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."

Two thousand years ago Paul said, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Three thousand years ago, Hosea said of those who turned away from God, "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

All these statements are undeniably true. Christ said, "Suffer little children . . . to come unto me." He knew that as the twig decides the fate of the tree it is to become, so the child decides the fate of the man he is to become.

Fathers are specifically instructed: "Provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). To nurture means to educate or train; to give admonition means to give counsel or advice. Reading the Bible in the family circle with a discussion of the passage read will help make the teachings clear on children's level. It should also be used to advise and counsel in terms of their daily experiences.

Bible-reading plans are helpful as are books for family devotions. Possibly a hymn can be sung—as Jesus and the disciples did (Matthew 26:30). All can participate in family prayers or the father can lead. Here is the opportunity to express gratitude for past blessings, to intercede for others, to confess our sins, to ask for continued guidance, and to praise and adore our Heavenly Father.

Paul could say to Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to

make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Out of homes such as Timothy's there step forth today also young men and women who become servants of the Lord. Christian parents have the privilege of speaking to their children about the kingdom of heaven and the faith of its citizens as a matter of personal spiritual experience.

How important is the spiritual climate that prevails in the home! Real interest in the Scriptures, sincere prayer, genuine Christian conversation—these and many more things help create an atmosphere in which unfeigned faith is nourished and grows.

Won't you resolve now to start molding that boy or girl in the Christian way of life? Build or repair your family altar!

—*Faith, Prayer, and Tract League*

## GUIDEBOOK OF LIFE

WHEN WE DROVE UP PIKES PEAK on our vacation, we were given a folder of mountain driving tips at the toll-gate. Tourists are instructed to read the hints and suggestions carefully because "everything we are asking you to do is for your own benefit and enjoyment."

By following the instructions, we had an enjoyable sightseeing trip. We had no problems with vapor lock or with the car overheating.

At the summit my husband met a man who said, "If I live to get off of this mountain, you'll never get me on another mountain road."

Later my husband told me he was sure the man hadn't read the driving instructions. His mechanical problems could have been avoided.

God has given us the Bible to study for a successful journey through life. Many people do not read it at all and wonder how they will manage from one day to the next. Other people read it and obey the instructions that please them, neglecting the ones they think they can bypass or that will not affect them. Many persons go in high gear when the instructions say to use low gear to have time to pray, meditate, sing praises, and visit the widow and orphan.

Our folder contained a map of the Pikes Peak area and the interesting historical background. The Bible contains the map for a satisfying life and the historical background of our Christian faith and heritage.

Christian, are you following the guidelines and map to heaven and eternity with God?

—*Claudia M. Higgins*

## REMARKABLE HEALING OF BABY

AT THE AGE OF 16 MONTHS our son was marvelously healed in answer to prayer. We hope this testimony will help someone.

We were painting, and he accidentally got the can of fuel oil we were using to clean our brushes. Gary started to drink the contents. As we called to him, he inhaled the oil into his lungs. We worked with him and then took him to our pastor's home, and he prayed for him.

We then took him to the local doctor who tried to pump out his stomach. He finally decided to send us to a specialist in Quincy, Ill., 35 miles away. About 10 miles from Quincy the baby's eyes rolled back and his body stiffened. We felt he was dying. Our pastor was with us; and as we prayed, God answered.

By the time we entered the hospital the baby was sitting up and smiling. The doctors took X rays and reported that 50 percent of the lung area was affected by pneumonia.

The registered nurse from the local doctor's office saw our pastor three weeks later and asked how the Brownlee baby was. He told her that Gary was up and going as if nothing had happened. She said that when we had left the office with him, she didn't expect him to live.

This happened May 7, 1963—and our son has had no ill effects from it. We give all the praise and glory to Jesus, the Healer of our bodies.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brownlee, Warsaw, Ill.

*(Endorsed by Everett M. Lee, former pastor of the Assembly of God, Warsaw, Ill.)*

## BABY HEALED OF AN ENLARGED HEART

WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE with others what God has done for our son who was given three months to live. The pediatrician called him her "little miracle baby."

When we took Jeffrey to the doctor for his six weeks' checkup, the doctor discovered an indentation on his chest which he said should be X rayed. We thought this was only a precautionary measure.

That weekend I was packing our suitcases for a trip when the doctor called. He said he had read the X rays and he would like for us to take Jeffrey to a well-known pediatrician for her observation. He also told us not to go on the trip. This was the first moment I realized that something serious was wrong.

The doctor's diagnosis was an enlarged heart. She also said, "I'll put him on digitalis and an antibiotic. You'll have to be extra careful with him. He shouldn't be allowed to cry for too long a time—and try to keep him from catching colds."

When he was four months old, Jeffrey came down with croup. He breathed very heavily, and we could hear him from every room in the house. I called the doctor, and she said to get him to the hospital at once. They X-rayed him again and told us his heart was shadowing

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If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

three-fourths of his lung area. She told us the least little thing could be fatal to our baby.

The people in our church prayed with renewed determination. Now that we knew how serious his condition was, we also realized his life was in God's keeping.

Unknown to us until a year or so later, one of the ladies in our congregation who worked at the hospital was able to see Jeffrey's report. On it the doctor had given him three months to live. We had never been informed of this, but almost three months later, to the day, Jeffrey was again stricken with croup.

We called our pastor to our home to pray for him. While the pastor was praying, Jeffrey fell into a quiet sleep. His pulse slowed and his breathing eased. From that time on we stopped all medication.

This was a turning point in his life. He grew steadily stronger. At the age of 12 when we again took him to the doctor, she pronounced him "perfectly normal."

Now Jeffrey plays the trumpet in the church orchestra. Our prayer is that he will never forget what a miracle God has wrought in him.—Mrs. Norma Hawkins, Danville, Ill.

*(Endorsed by Pastor James E. Hyllberg, First Assembly of God, Danville, Ill.)*

## HEALED OF DOUBLE PNEUMONIA

WHEN OUR PASTOR CAME TO PRAY for my son James, James hardly knew he was there. He was suffering from double pneumonia, in great pain and with a high fever. As the pastor prayed for him, his fever began to drop almost at once. He turned over, looked at us, and smiled.

Our pastor, Brother Darling, asked him how he felt. He said he felt much better. Since it was Wednesday, our prayer night at church, the pastor asked if he wanted to go to church. James got up out of bed, got ready, and went to church. That night he gave public testimony to God's power to heal. Thank God for the wonderful way He answers prayer!—Mrs. Ethel Pelton, Rome, N. Y.

*(Endorsed by Ernest W. Darling, pastor, First Assembly of God, Rome, N. Y.)*

## WHAT NANCY DOESN'T REMEMBER

OUR DAUGHTER NANCY is now 12 years old, and she doesn't remember ever having had asthma. But my husband and I can never forget the struggle she had with it until God healed her when she was four years old.

Her last severe attack of bronchial asthma occurred



**JESUS CHRIST THE  
SAME YESTERDAY,  
AND TODAY, AND  
FOREVER** (Hebrews 13:8)



while we were stationed in Sumter, S. C., in the U. S. Air Force. We prayed, and others prayed too, but she continued to suffer. She was so feverish she was delirious at times.

We were desperate and weary when, at 9 one night, our pastor, Thurman Fountain, knocked on the door. He had been led of the Spirit to come, as it was not his habit to make calls at such an hour.

He asked about Nancy, and he and his wife and their little boy came into the room where she was. The little boy said, "Nancy, Jesus loves you." From that moment on the presence of the Lord was very real. We knelt by her bed and prayed.

In five minutes' time she was spitting up mucous. She had a good night's sleep for the first time in several nights.

We thank the Lord that He meets every need as we trust Him.—Mrs. S. L. Thompson, Jr., Hialeah, Fla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Thurman Fountain, now pastor of Central Assembly of God, Seguin, Texas.)*

**SON HEALED OF RHEUMATIC FEVER**

WHEN THE DOCTORS DIAGNOSED our son's condition as rheumatic fever, it seemed unreal that it was actually happening to us—to our son! If ever we prayed, we did so that day and the next. God heard and graciously answered.

In September, 1964, just prior to a revival meeting, we took our nine-year-old son, Jerry, to our family doctor for an examination. He seemed to have lost all the normal boundless energy which he should have had. Also, there was a persistent, recurring fever, and he had a swollen ankle (termed a "hot joint" by the physicians) that severely handicapped his moving about.

After two extensive tests including an electrocardiogram, X rays, and blood tests, it was suggested that two other doctors be consulted. The diagnosis was rheumatic fever.

The doctors told us our son's heart might be damaged and his physical activities affected for the rest of his life. They advised us to take him out of school and place him in the hospital.

I asked the doctor if we might keep him home over the weekend and place him in the hospital the following Monday. This was agreed upon if we would keep him in bed and watch on his temperature closely.

During the time we had our son home, we prayed continually, and God healed him.

Later the tests were repeated but no trace of the disease was found. His ankle had returned to normal, and there was no heart murmur as had been noted by the physicians before.

The doctors could not understand how Jerry could have changed so suddenly. I took this opportunity to witness to them of the power of prayer. One of them remarked he had always thought prayer was even better than penicillin.

This incident has served as a tremendous testimony to our people and, in particular, within our own family. It has convinced me more than ever of God's power to heal and do anything else. After all He's done for us, surely we must not fail Him!—Pastor J. P. McCamey, Midway Assembly of God, Fairview, Okla.

**AMPUTATION UNNECESSARY**

IN NOVEMBER, 1962, while repairing a barn door, I dropped the door on my left foot. The skin was scraped from the base of the big toe. This injury would not have been serious except that I am a diabetic, and therefore the sore would not heal.

It became necessary for me to enter the hospital. After 19 days there the sore was getting worse instead of better. It was now as big as a silver dollar and open to the bone.

A specialist advised amputation above the ankle. But I knew my church was standing with me in prayer. On my twentieth day in the hospital (a Sunday), a dear sister in the church requested a day of fasting and prayer for me. Our pastor set Monday, urging members to come to the church to pray.

A number did pray—and that same afternoon the doctor dismissed me from the hospital, saying there was nothing more he could do for me. I knew he expected the condition to worsen and that amputation would be necessary.

However, the sore began to heal. Two weeks later when I returned to the doctor, he was surprised. He did not give me any more medication.

My foot was completely healed, and now after two years is still perfectly whole. We give God praise for this marvelous healing.—J. S. Rihanek, Pender, Nebr.

*(Endorsed by Pastor E. Rosenkrans, Assembly of God, Pender, Nebr.)*

**CRUTCHES DISCARDED**

WE WATCHED GOD PERFORM A MIRACLE in the life of Pearl Thomas, member of the Christian Church, during a 10-day revival in the "B" Street Assembly.

She had not walked without crutches for five years and was suffering from a crippling disease. There was no healing line, but the whole congregation was praying for her when she was healed in the audience. She rose from her seat and was able to carry the crutches home with her. Her neighbors verify the facts that she had used crutches for five years and that she has not had to resort to them once since she was healed on February 14, 1965.

We thank God for delivering her. May this testimony inspire faith in some child of God's heart for healing.—Pastor Dave Harris, "B" Street Assembly, Muskogee, Okla.

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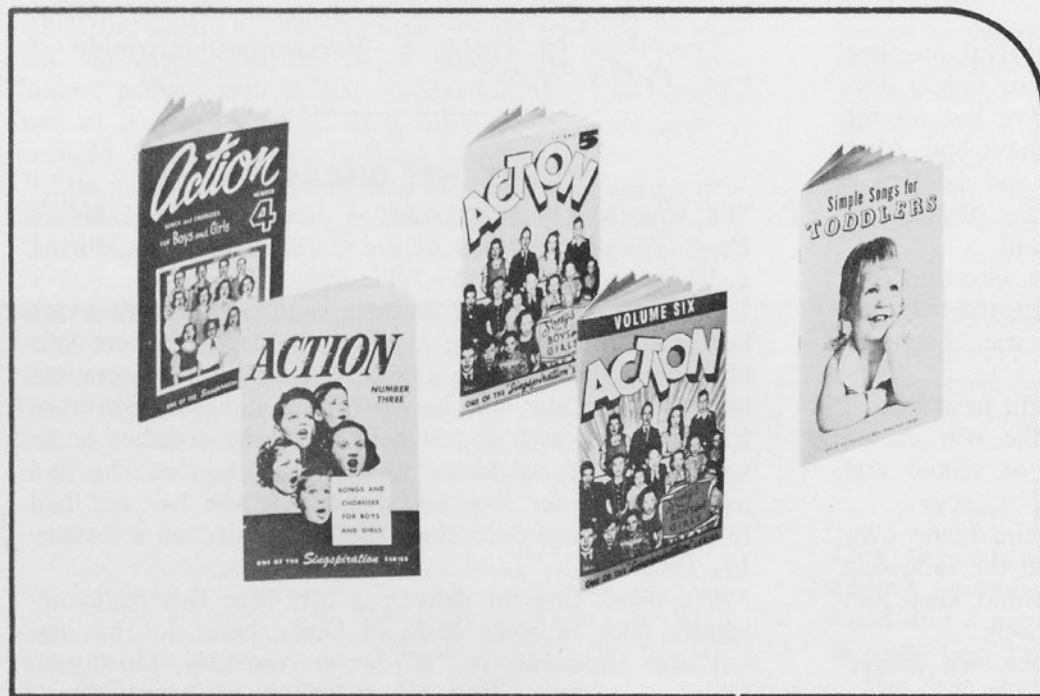
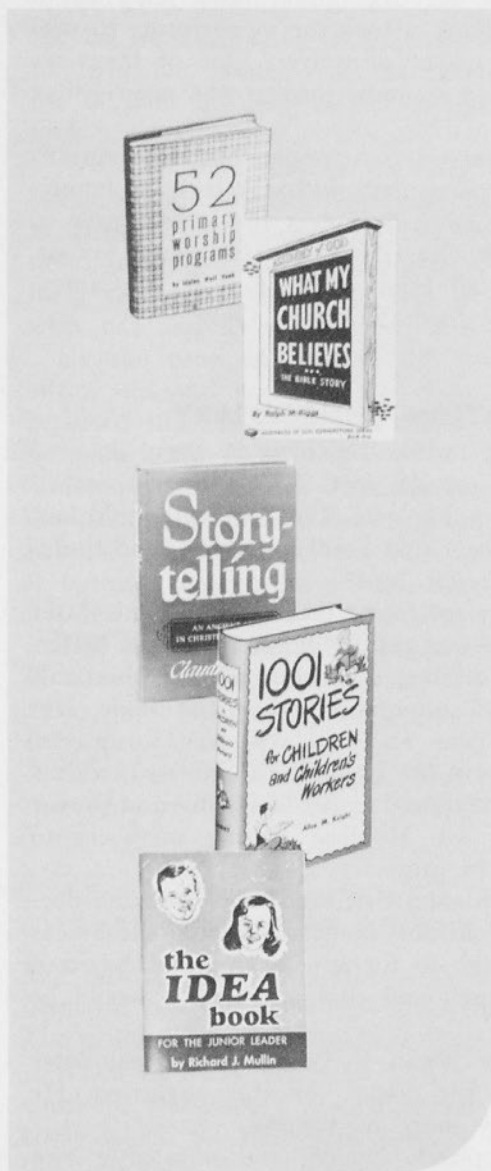
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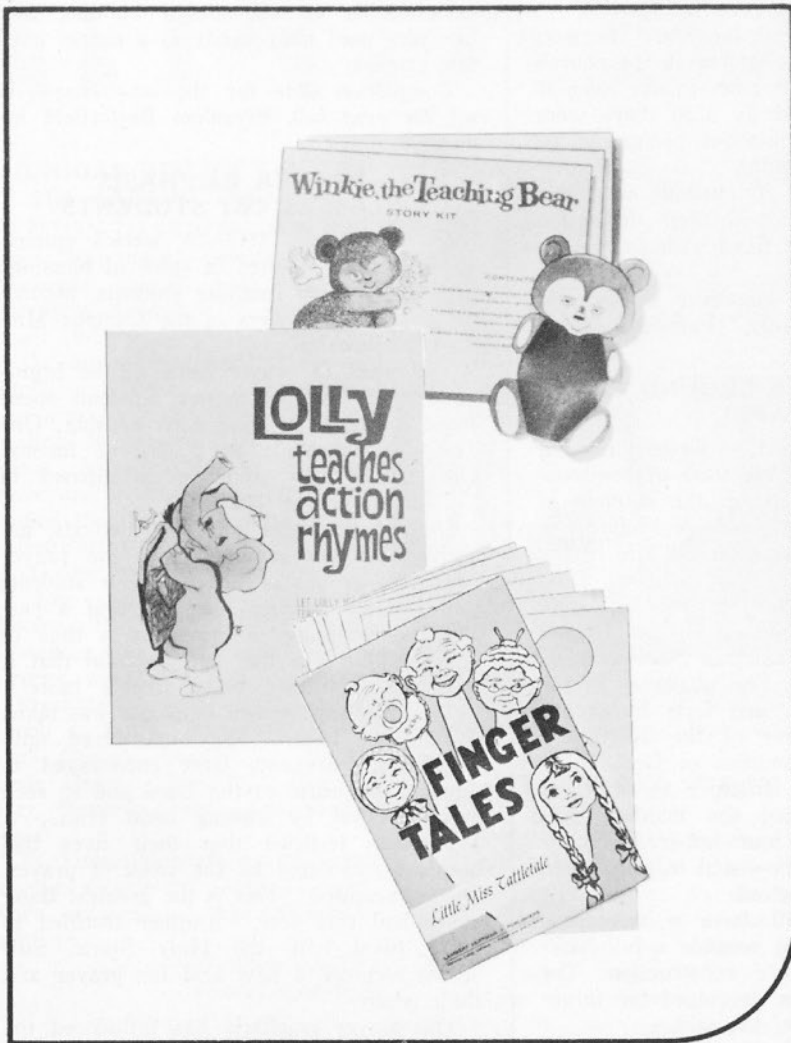
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## EVANGEL COLLEGE GRADUATE JOINS SINGING SERGEANTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Edward Raimer, 1964 graduate of Evangel College, has been chosen for membership in the "Singing Sergeants," the official singing group of the U.S. Air Force.

The select group represents the U.S. in tours abroad and in this country.

A music education major at Evangel, Raimer was a member of the Concert Choir. He sang in the 1963 and 1964 productions of Living Sound and Song, Evangel's dramatized musical program, and was active in other school activities.

Raimer was also a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national music honorary fraternity.

Auditions for the singing group were held in Washington on February 19, and Raimer was notified of his acceptance a week later. He officially joined the choir in San Antonio, Tex., March 31.

Feature soloist for the Air Force chorus is Ken Carter, another Assemblies of God member, from Tennessee.

## CANYONVILLE BIBLE ACADEMY HAS SPONTANEOUS REVIVAL

CANYONVILLE, OREG.—God's Spirit has been resting on Canyonville Bible Academy in an unusual way this year, according to Principal C. E. Rohde.

One Sunday night, Brother Rohde had planned to baptize six young people in water in the service. During the service the students were touched by God's Spirit. One student came forward and requested that he too be baptized. By the end of the service, 61 students had been baptized.

This was not the end, however. The next day students began to gather in the church for prayer. Shortly after noon there were 31 students praying, and by 3:30 there were over 80. This was without prompting or pressure by the faculty.

By Monday night 20 students who had grown cold had renewed their dedication to Christ, three were filled with the Spirit, and 39 refilled.

"The sweet spirit continues on campus in a most precious way," Principal Rohde states.

## NACAG BREAKS GROUND FOR CHAPEL

KIRKLAND, WASH. — Groundbreaking ceremonies, signaling the start of construction of a new chapel on the campus of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, were held recently on the site of the new edifice.

Participating in the ceremonies were Northwest's President C. E. Butterfield; Board of Directors Chairman Dave Carlson, Olympia; Donald H. Fee, chairman of the planning commission; and Lyle B. Spradley, secretary-treasurer of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God.

In describing the structure to be built, Brother Fee indicated the building will provide seating for four hundred on the main floor plus overflow and balcony space for another two hundred.

The sanctuary will have a reinforced concrete floor, making possible a full basement area of fireproof construction. The basement area will be developed for future needs of the college, he said.

A connecting fill over a small creek will link the present parking lot with additional parking space east of the new chapel. A walkway from the present educational complex will bridge the creek for pedestrian access to the new building. Landscaping plans call for ultimately impounding the waters of the creek into a pond.

Construction is already underway under

the supervision of H. J. Secrist and Gordon Nickel, designer, of Seattle. This will be Mr. Secrist's eleventh building in the development of the new campus.

The present chapel building will be remodeled for classroom use. It was originally designed as an educational building and has been used temporarily as a chapel until the present.

Completion date for the new chapel is set for next fall, President Butterfield indicated.

## PRAYER EMPHASIS BLESSES CBI STUDENTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A week's emphasis on prayer resulted in spiritual blessings to Central Bible Institute students, according to student leaders of the Campus Missions Fellowship.

The week of prayer came at the beginning of the spring semester. Students sponsored a prayer meeting each evening. One day was set aside as a day of fasting. On another day students participated in a 24-hour prayer chain.

One of the most effective methods, according to the students, was the prayer cell idea—groups of three or four students gathered for informal discussion of a passage of Scripture, followed by a time of prayer. This idea was so successful that it has been continued on a weekly basis.

Theme for the prayer emphasis was taken from Acts 13:2: "They ministered unto the Lord." Students were encouraged to minister in praise to the Lord and to seek more of God by waiting upon Him.

Students testified that their lives had been revolutionized by the week of prayer. One commented, "This is the greatest thing we've had this year." Another testified to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Still others received a new zeal for prayer and Bible study.

The prayer emphasis has influenced the spiritual life of CBI during the spring semester. The recent three-day move of the Spirit of God upon the campus was a direct result of students' prayer, campus leaders believe. The Holy Spirit directed the services: first, in confession; then in an inward work of love; and finally in exhortation to express that love through Christian service.

Breaking ground for Northwest College's new chapel were (left to right): E. A. Born, D. H. Fee, President C. E. Butterfield, L. B. Spradley, and Dave Carlson.



Prayer cells, in operation among students of Central Bible Institute, featured Bible study, discussion of the Word, and prayer time.



# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT HOLDS 21st ANNUAL COUNCIL

BENTON HARBOR, MICH.—The 21st annual council of the Michigan District was held at Fairplain Assembly of God here April 19-21.

The ministry of General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman was a major highlight of the convention. Reports of various departments showed a decided forward move and at the same time challenged the district to advance.

Returned to office were: Everett D. Cooley, superintendent; Parvin C. Lee, assistant superintendent; Thomas E. Trask, Christ's Ambassadors president; and James George, assistant C. A. president.

Presbyters elected to serve were: Jacob J. Traub, E. Glenn Snook, Carl Graves, Donald G. Foote, Gene Hogan, Charles A. Davenport, Burdette Faulk, and Henry Rose.

The council meeting was climaxed by the service in which 17 men were ordained to the full-gospel ministry.

—Fred Smolchuck,  
district secretary

## GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE MARKS 58th ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The 58th anniversary convention of Glad Tidings Tabernacle was held April 25-May 9 with Evangelist Loren Cunningham, director of Youth with a Mission, as speaker. During the convention youth teams reached souls for Christ through door-to-door evangelism.

The homecoming and fellowship gathering on May 3 was well attended by many from distant points as well as pastors of the local area. New York District Superintendent Joseph Flower and others paid tribute to Marie Brown, founder and still pastor of Glad Tidings after 58 years. Preaching in the service was David McDowell, first evangelist to hold special meetings in the church in 1909.

The afternoon fellowship rally featured Howard Roberson, pastor of Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pa. The evening service was opened by an inspiration concert under the direction of Dino Kartsonakis, minister of music at Glad Tidings.

—R. S. Berg, pastor



## PHOENIX FIRST ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Dedication services for First Assembly of God were held March 7 with Bartlett Peterson, general secretary of the Assemblies of God, as speaker. Milton H. Graham, mayor of Phoenix, brought a message of congratulations to the congregation and Arizona District Superintendent J. K. Gressett led in the formal dedication. The service was taped and broadcast over the local radio station later that evening.

Established as an Assemblies of God church in February, 1924, First Assembly became the spearhead of the Assemblies in Arizona. During the time N. D. Davidson served as pastor, Arizona became a separate district and Brother Davidson served as the first district superintendent. Also under his ministry, the first Sunday school annex was built at First Assembly.

The present pastor, V. E. Shores, came to First Assembly in 1950. Sunday school facilities were enlarged to meet the need of a growing congregation in the winter of 1951-52. Later in 1952 the sanctuary was enlarged as growth continued. Sunday school attendance increased from an average of 150 in 1950 to 547 in 1964.

Along with a surge in attendance came a greater missionary vision. Total missionary giving in 1950 was \$1,300 but the church has now reached the current peak of approximately \$32,000 given in a one-year period. First Assembly now

ranks 11th in missionary giving out of more than 8,000 Assemblies of God churches. During a recent missionary convention more than \$6,000 in cash and pledges was received.

Because of enlarged vision and a desire to reach the lost of Phoenix more adequately, the congregation purchased land for a new building in 1957. The recently constructed building contains 40,000 square feet. The sanctuary will seat 1,150 (including 427 in the balcony). There are adequate Sunday school facilities for 1,500 pupils.

Other features of the building include a fellowship hall, nursery,

chapels for the Christ's Ambassadors and for the deaf, and a room reserved exclusively for prayer. Off-the-street parking is provided for about 160 cars.

K. G. Swenson has been associate pastor of First Assembly since 1959. The First Assembly of God Church for the Deaf is headed by Brother and Sister Joseph Peeples.

Outreach ministries of the church include a 30-minute Sunday morning broadcast and a regular service conducted in a rest home every Sunday. Other rest home and jail services are conducted from time to time by the C.A.'s.

## PASTOR ENTERS EVANGELISTIC FIELD

TYLER, TEX.—D. D. Lewis, pastor of Rose Center Assembly of God for 17 years, resigned as of June 1 to enter the evangelistic field.

Rose Center is one of the leading missionary churches in the North Texas District, giving 20 percent of the church income to missions for a number of years. For 17 years the church has had a 30-minute weekly radio broadcast. Sunday night attendance has continually been good in this church which is well known for its spirit of evangelism.

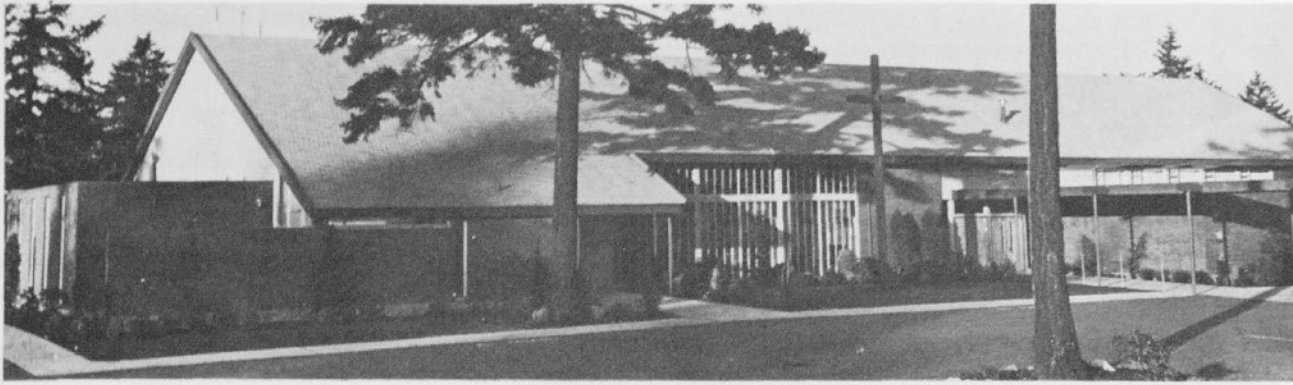
R. I. Stewart, newly elected pas-

tor, has resigned as director of missions for the West Texas District and pastor of First Assembly in Lubbock, Tex., to begin his ministry in Tyler the first of June. (The new address of D. D. Lewis is: 1825 Faulkner St., Tyler, Tex., 75706.)

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KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Victoria Tabernacle here was greatly blessed during a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Snow. Their musical background drew 1,000 new people to the church during the meeting. Many were saved.

—H. W. Barnett, Pastor

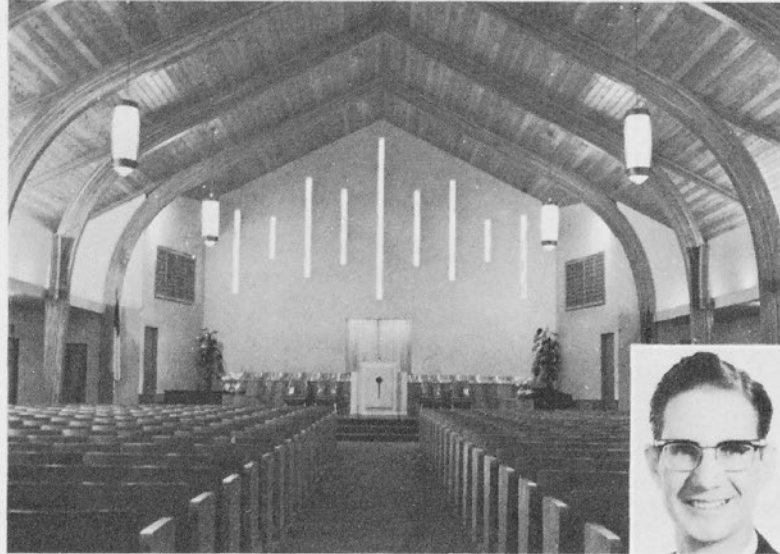


## CHURCH OBSERVES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

SEATTLE, WASH.—Westminster Assembly of God celebrated its 40th anniversary with special anniversary and homecoming services March 20-23. Former pastors participating were P. S. Jones, John J. Clement, Ralph W. Harris, and Milton Barfoot. Other speakers were A. R. Mattson and John Watts.

The church had its beginning in a Pentecostal revival in 1923 when Evangelist Frank V. Lindblad conducted meetings in the Elim and Bethany Baptist churches and scores were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. A large wooden tabernacle was erected to accommodate the crowds as the revival continued for several months. When the building permit lapsed and the temporary tabernacle had to be torn down, a large hall was rented for regular services. Brother Lindblad remained as pastor of the church until 1929.

The first church building, known as Stoneway Tabernacle, was occupied in August, 1926. Later the city purchased this property as an approach to the Washington Memorial bridge. A brick building was erected in the Fremont area and named Fremont Tabernacle. Shortly after J. Phillip Johnson became pastor in 1961, construction started on the present build-



This lovely building is the home of Westminster Assembly of God which recently observed its 40th anniversary. Phil Johnson (inset) has pastored the church for four years.

ing on a beautiful, fir tree-shaded plot which the church had owned for a number of years. The name of the church was changed to Westminster Assembly of God.

The new building, occupied on December 16, 1962, is all brick and of semicontemporary design. Containing 20,000 square feet of floor space, it provides an auditorium seating 500 (including the choir); a chapel seating 150, separated from the main auditorium by a beautiful wooden folding door so

it can be used for overflow crowds; a large fellowship hall; over 30 Sunday school rooms; two nurseries; and office space.

God has blessed the congregation with spiritual and numerical growth. The average Sunday school attendance this year is 325. Missionary giving reached an all-time high in 1964 with \$20,000 given for home and foreign missions.

J. Phillip Johnson continues as pastor of the church. Bill Sutter is director of youth and music.

tified of healing. Many visitors attended the services.

—Coy H. Nicholson, Pastor  
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EDINBURG, TEX.—The Spirit moved upon the entire congregation at Bethel Assembly here during the revival with Evangelist F. M. Fryer. There was one reclaimed. Several new contacts were made.

—H. D. Adkins, Pastor  
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McKINNEY, TEX.—Many were saved, reclaimed, or baptized in the Holy Ghost during a revival with Evangelist Tommy Wilson of Lavon, Tex., at Full Gospel Assembly here.

—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor  
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WILLIAMSVILLE, MO.—Evangelist and Mr. Luster Young of Doniphan, Mo., conducted a 13-day revival at the Assembly of God here recently. Of the 15 saved or reclaimed, all but two were teen-agers.

—H. B. Bridgforth, Pastor  
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SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Faith Assembly here benefited greatly from the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Dean Heady of Steelville, Mo., during a revival recently. Four were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Several testified of healing, including a lady healed of a blood clot in her leg.

—James E. Radford, Pastor  
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ALLEMANDS, LA.—There were 18 saved, six filled with the Holy Spirit, four baptized in water, and 12 joined the church as a result of the revival with Evangelist Gene Thompson at Des Allemands Assembly here. Attendance was above average, and Sunday school averaged 155 for March.

—Cecil Janway, Pastor  
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PLAINVIEW, TEX.—God's power was felt in the services conducted by Evangelist Glen Shinn at Southside Assembly here. Many testified to definite healings. Excellent crowds attended each night. The revival was advertised through daily radio broadcasts and newspaper coverage which attracted many outside guests.

—M. W. Putnam, Pastor  
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MARINETTE, WIS.—A three-week salvation-healing campaign was conducted by Alexander I. Siczko at Calvary Temple here. There were several saved and a number healed. Testifying to God's healing power were a 76-year-old lady who had suffered with bleeding ulcers for 13 years, a man with a ruptured disc, and a couple who were healed of arthritis and a hernia condition. The wife of a minister of another denomina-

LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA.—Since the beginning of the new year, the First Assembly here has enjoyed unusual blessings upon the services. In a recent service a young man was saved and is now planning to attend Bible school.

The church was inspired by a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. O. K. Stephenson of Irving, Tex., a few weeks ago. One was saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost in the services.

—Paul J. Young, Pastor  
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CHICAGO, ILL.—God poured out His blessing upon Stone Church here during a revival with Evangelist Jack West. Each night people gathered in the prayer room

before the service and earnestly sought God. More than 80 were saved or reclaimed and 30 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor  
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GERRARDSTOWN, W. VA.—The Harvesttime Gospel Team, Irving and Mary Lou Howard of Mt. Morris, Pa., recently conducted revival meetings at the Assembly of God here. A number came forward to accept Christ, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. The services were well attended. The church has continued to see the effects of the meeting. Two weeks later the Sunday school record was broken.

—Edward Messick, Pastor

AMITY, ARK.—First Assembly here has just closed an eight-day revival with Evangelist R. E. Short in which five were saved. The Sunday school attendance has increased 20 percent.

—Arlie Francis, Pastor  
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CORCORAN, CALIF.—The ministry of Evangelist David Barnard was appreciated at the Assembly of God here. Many sought the Lord for salvation. Others were inspired to do personal evangelism as a result of his testimony of deliverance from narcotics addiction. Two young men tarried until 1 a.m. to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and some tes-

tion came for healing from diabetes and reported several days later that her tests were clear and God had healed her. The church was greatly blessed through these meetings.

—Daniel B. Spina, Pastor

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AMBRIDGE, PA.—Many were brought to a knowledge of the Lord during the two-week meeting with Evangelist Paul Strietelmeier of North Vernon, Ind., at the Assembly of God here. There were healings each night, and the people were led into a deeper walk with God. The services were well attended. Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high which has continued after the revival.

—Eugene Petroski, Pastor

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BAY CITY, TEX.—Trinity Assembly here has just closed a refreshing revival with Evangelist Burnie Davis of California. There were eight or 10 at the altar for salvation and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Harrold H. Spurgeon, Pastor

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MONROE, LA.—College Town Assembly here reports excellent results in a three-week meeting with Evangelists Albert and Bev Calaway. There were 10 saved, two filled with the Holy Spirit, and several refilled. Many reconsecrations were made.

—E. J. Graves, Pastor

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LA PAZ, BOLIVIA—Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies healed during the crusade conducted by Evangelists Johnny Barton and Mike Lasky of Granite City, Ill., at the Evangelistic Center here. The attendance was excellent and there were a number of first-time visitors. For lasting results, this crusade was one of the best.

Pastors and missionaries were also blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Barton at the C. A. D. S. A. Convention (the Assemblies of God of South America).

—Bruno Frigolia, Pastor

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HANFORD, CALIF.—A true revival spirit prevailed throughout the campaign with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn., at Glad Tidings Assembly here. Approximately 25 came to the altar for salvation. Attendance was good, and many visitors were present.

—Bruce Yorke, Pastor

### CAMP MEETING

DALLAS INDOOR CAMP MEETING—July 11-18, Piedmont Assembly of God, 7205 Tillman St., Dallas, Tex. Services 10 a.m.

and 7 p.m. Speakers: C. M. Ward, Don George, and Dan Sheaffer.—by Jack Pruitt, camp meeting chairman and host pastor.

THIRD ANNUAL CAMP MEETING—July 1-18 at Toms River, N. J. Paul and Evelyn Graban, evangelists. (Donald Richardson is director.)

### WITH CHRIST

G. JOSEPHINE KELLER, 49, of

Flintstone, Md., went to be with the Lord March 30. Miss Keller, ordained in 1947, was a member of the Potomac District. She pastored in Flintstone many years.

WILLIAM HARLON MATTHEWS, 82, of Haskell, Tex., went to be with the Lord April 12. Brother Matthews was licensed in 1950 by the North Texas District and served as an evangelist.

### URGENT NEED FOR LIBRARIAN

There is an urgent need for a full-time librarian in an Assembly of God school.

Persons interested in this opportunity should contact the Department of Education, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Little Rock	First	June 16	Ed Eaton	Basil Edwards
	Monticello	Oak Grove	June 20-July 4	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	L. W. Hoppers
	Pine Bluff	*First	June 15-20	Paul Hild	Morris Fostrey
Calif.	Pocahontas	*First	June 13-18	Mrs. A. G. Calaway	N. L. Kilpatrick
	Arroyo Grande	A/G	June 15-27	The Tanner Team	John B. Warren
	Fremont	First	June 13-27	Marvin Schmidt	Leroy Cloud
Conn.	Menlo Park	Community	June 13-20	Bob Watters	George Holmes
	Santa Paula	A/G	June 13-July 4	J. Barton-M. Lasky	Paul Wells
	Meriden	First	June 10-20	E. T. Quanabush	G. J. Flokstra, Jr.
Fla.	Auburndale	Westside	June 13-27	B. R. Minton	Harold White
Ga.	Panama City	First	June 16-27	H. Syvelle Phillips	Glen Miller
	Columbus	Riverview	June 14-27	Robert & Mrs. Holland	R. C. Wetzell
	Griffin	A/G	June 16-27	Keetah Jones	Ernest Pruett
Ill.	Decatur	*Glad Tidings	June 20-25	Norman & Evelyn Hays	J. H. Crouch
Ind.	Covington	*First	June 14-18	Marie Smith	Edgar Allen
	Indianapolis	Evangel Tab.	June 15-27	J. B. Woolums	Marion Cazzell
	Portage	A/G	June 8-20	Ralph & Faith Leslie	Robert Hawkins
Iowa	Davenport	Westside	June 15-27	Leon Morrow	David Raynor
Kans.	Garden City	*A/G	June 13-18	Christian Hild	J. J. Krimmer
	Leavenworth	A/G	June 13-20	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Leon Coffey
	Manhattan	*A/G	June 13-18	Norman & Evelyn Hays	George Flora
La.	Oak Grove	Fiske Union	June 13—	Billy W. A. McLean	Harry McKoin
Md.	Williamsport	A/G	June 15-27	John Higginbotham	Luther Bowers
Mich.	Benton Harbor	*Fairplain	June 15-27	Bettie Jane Wessman	Donald G. Foote
	Benton Harbor	Fairplain	June 15-27	Duane M. Wessman	Donald G. Foote
	Flint	*Calvary	June 14-18	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Nathan Birdwell
Minn.	St. John	A/G	June 16-27	Andrew G. Basell Party	Joseph F. Eger, Jr.
	Wyandotte	A/G	June 6-20	Bob French	Warren B. Tyler
	Thief River Falls	A/G Tab.	June 8-20	Arthur & Anna Berg	R. H. Collver
Miss.	Columbia	First	June 13—	Nettie Parham	Gene Connally
Mo.	Chaffee	First	June 20-27	Loyd Middleton	W. M. Marshall
	Gideon	A/G	June 14-27	Leonard Negrin	H. J. Lackey
	Shelbina	A/G	June 7-20	Billy Don & Pat Heady	G. Messner
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	June 16-27	James H. Black	Melvin Sasse
N. Dak.	Fargo	*First	June 13-18	Stiver-Larson	O. W. Apple
Ohio	Byesville	A/G	June 16-20	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Lawrence Shaw
	Byesville	*A/G	June 21-27	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Lawrence Shaw
	New Philadelphia	A/G	June 13—	Daena Cargnel	Kenneth Shaffer
Okla.	Vermilion	First	June 6-20	Doyle Thompson	Leland Leback
	Broken Arrow	A/G	June 13	Bob & Jeri Winford	James C. Dodd
	Duncan	Glad Tidings	June 13-27	E. Mathers-T. Pharr	Floyd Schaeffer
Oreg.	Shawnee	Glad Tidings	June 23-27	Neil Eskelin	B. E. Potter
	Lebanon	A/G	June 13-20	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	H. D. Robeson
	Carbondale	*A/G	June 14-20	Mrs. D. J. Paglia	Harold M. Ladd
Pa.	State College	*A/G	June 14-20	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	Leo S. Starner
	Canyon	First	June 15	Tommy & Esther Lance	A. J. Pettit
	Duncanville	First	June 20—	Wilburn H. Fisher	H. S. Cowart
Tex.	Houston	Lindale	June 13-27	Lindy L. Lummer	James McKeehan
	Kilgore	Highland Park	June 14	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. W. Carlile
	Kirbyville	Victory	June 9-20	Albert Calaway	J. C. Jones
Va.	La Marque	Midway	June 13-27	Burnie Davis	Thomas H. Neal
	Lancaster	First	June 20-27	Sara E. Sharp	H. L. Corpany
	Splendora	***	June 13—	Melvin McKnight	Rayburn Gilbert-Chm.
W. Va.	Wichita Falls	Southside	June 13	Jimmy Swaggart	Carl Alcorn
	Manassas	*A/G	June 8-20	Victor Etienne	Howard V. Spruill
	N. Tazewell	*Newtown	June 15-27	Frank J. DePolo	Ronald Hagar
Wis.	Richland	A/G	June 15	John Higginbotham	Leon Sprinkle
	Richmond	A/G	June 15-27	Jin & Tammy Bakker	S. Blair Hall
	Staunton	A/G	June 20-27	Roy E. Brewer	Gordon A. Hensley
W. Va.	Fairview	Jakes Run	June 8-20	Don & Sharon Parker	Earl O. Sims
	Oak Hill	First	June 15-28	Curtis Sample	Tommy Basham
	Oconto	A/G	June 15-27	Darryl & Kathy Olsen	Dwight Sheltron
Wis.	Williamstown	Calvary	June 8-20	Jack Steves	Louis Jensen

\*Children's Revival

\*\*Youth Crusade

\*\*\*Tent Revival

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head there is no soundness...but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores: they [the wounds] have not been closed, neither bound up [bandaged], neither mollified [soothed] with ointment" (Isaiah 1:6). In other words, my life from a moral standpoint was, in God's eyes, as disgusting as dirty, open sores in our eyes. Does this mean I was more wicked or mean than other persons? No. Rather, I had made myself to be the center and purpose of my existence. God was not relevant in my life. Such a self-centered existence is really repugnant to God.

And what did God prescribe? He urged me first of all to confess my sinful state to Him, to admit my selfishness, and to ask for His forgiveness. Then, because the Lord Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for my sins, God urged me to receive His Son as my personal Saviour so He might cleanse me and be Lord of my daily life. His promise in the Bible was, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).



## Doctors Need Prescriptions Too!

By **ROBERT J. OEHRIG, M.D.**

**E**VERY DOCTOR has a few patients who do not follow instructions. And such patients can be most exasperating!

Sometimes, to his chagrin, the physician learns that he himself is at fault. In describing what he wants done, he may have failed to explain in language the patient understands. Or he may have failed to reinforce his verbal suggestions with detailed written instructions. In either event, the patient cannot do what is expected of him.

More often, however, the patient does understand but refuses to follow his doctor's advice. Perhaps he feels, "My doctor's treatment is too drastic; things can't really be as bad as he says."

Such failure to follow good medical advice can, of course, have disastrous consequences. Most of us recognize this. But do we recognize that the same is true regarding spiritual advice?

There was a day when I realized God had given me a prescription. Over a period of time He had spoken to me through sincere Christians. He had also reinforced His message through His written Word, the Bible. His prescription had become unmistakably clear. Like some medical patients, however, I was not especially eager to follow God's advice. For one thing, it seemed to me my spiritual condition could not be as bad as He said. Furthermore, His treatment seemed too severe.

What was God's diagnosis? The Bible described my condition as "from the sole of the foot even unto the

Although sometimes I may become exasperated when my own patients ignore my prescriptions, I myself did not follow the advice of God, the Great Physician—at least not right away. But when I did submit to Him, He did wonderful things in me and for me.

Now I find that, having applied this first and most important prescription (that Christ become my Saviour from sin), I am in a position to ask my Heavenly Father for other remedies. His daily prescriptions now include:

- His peace for my inner turmoil;
- His wisdom for my ignorance;
- His power for my weakness;
- His righteousness for my sins;
- His joy for my depression.

If I lack, it is only because I have failed to ask Him for His prescription for my special need of the moment.

What about you? As an intelligent person, you have probably discovered it is best to follow the instructions of your medical adviser—even when his recommendations disrupt your plans. How much more important is it that you heed the prescription of God, the Great Physician, and turn to Him for healing of your soul!

God's remedy for your need is plainly outlined in the Bible. Furthermore, His prescription is stated in language that is unmistakably clear. Its effectiveness, however, depends entirely upon your willingness to follow His instructions.

Won't you trust Him today?

—American Tract Society