

"BLESSED IS THE MAN
THAT WALKETH NOT
IN THE COUNSEL OF
THE UNGODLY, NOR
STANDETH IN THE
WAY OF SINNERS, NOR
SITTETH IN THE SEAT

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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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OF THE SCORNFUL. BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN
THE LAW OF THE LORD; AND IN HIS LAW
DOTH HE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT. AND
HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE

RIVERS OF WATER,
THAT BRINGETH
FORTH HIS FRUIT
IN HIS SEASON; HIS
LEAF ALSO SHALL
NOT WITHER; AND
WHATSOEVER HE
DOETH SHALL
PROSPER." PSALM 1



HAVE YOU WISHED YOU MIGHT FIND some wonderful quality that would keep you from being swamped when adversity comes in like a flood? Have you longed for that serenity of spirit that would enable you to face calmly the unusual and unexpected problems that seem bigger than you can bear?

I have a special message for you. It is our Heavenly Father's prescription for the troubled soul. We find it in Philippians 4:6,7: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

What a wonderful promise—the peace of God instead of the cares of life! Heavenly bliss instead of earthly misery! This is God's provision whereby His children may have confidence and poise in facing the storms of everyday life.

How innumerable are our cares; but how infinite is God's peace. If your heart and mind are burdened, frustrated, perplexed, you may find peace through this divine prescription.

It is useless to try to condition yourself into a frame of mind that will not accept pain. To ignore adversity will not overcome it. The philosopher would set his teeth and bravely determine to master the ills of life, but God offers you something better than that. He will keep you, guard you, possess you, hold you in peace amid sorrows, tears, and difficulties in a way that is beyond human powers.

The prescription is simple: "Be careful for nothing." Be anxious for nothing. Worry about nothing. This word *nothing* covers the whole range of anxieties without omitting that one which is peculiar to your experience.

Of course, this does not make provision for us to countenance sin. We cannot allow sin to remain in our lives if we expect to enjoy the peace of God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins"—this is God's method of dealing with the sin problem. Thank God for a conscience that makes us sensitive to our guilt if we have committed sins. Let us confess our sins to Him and forsake them so that we may obtain His mercy and grace; and then, having confessed our sins, let us believe that He has forgiven them, refusing to be troubled any further by the thought of them. God's will for you is that you should have inner peace and rest that will bring tranquility amid all the storms of life.

But the prescription is not wholly negative. There are positive instructions too: "But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." This is exercise—deep, earnest, constant. It is not carelessness or indifference. It involves prayer, and supplication, and making our requests known to God. Also there is the blending of thanksgiving with every prayer. This involves close personal dealing with God.

"In every thing"—no matter how small or how great, how simple or how complex, lay each matter before the Lord in prayer. Tell Him exactly what is troubling you. How wonderful to know that in the broad scope of God's love and care for us there is not a single phase

POISE FOR LIVING

of human need for which He has not made full provision.

The Bible teems with instances of prayerful men and women who have spread all kinds of requests before God. From kings on thrones to prisoners in chains, men of old have lifted their hearts to God in simple, trusting prayer. And never has God turned a deaf ear to a lowly and believing supplicant.

Supplication is simply intensified prayer. It is importunity; its root idea is the sense of want. It is illustrated in the case of the prodigal son whose sense of need became so intense that he wholeheartedly sought a reconciliation with his father.

The word *supplication* is used frequently by the apostle Paul and is coupled with thanksgiving. We must remind ourselves that we have received infinitely more than we can ever request. God's blessings far exceed our greatest wants. Therefore let us give thanks to God. He loves a thankful supplicant. His ear is tuned to the cry of His weary child. He waits to be gracious!

As God's peace enters the heart, care departs. The soul becomes tranquil. Sometimes no direct answer to our prayer is visible—the thorn in the flesh may remain, but the heart and mind are garrisoned by the deep, eternal calm that surrounds His throne on high.

See that reflection of heavenly calm as it shines in the face of Stephen.

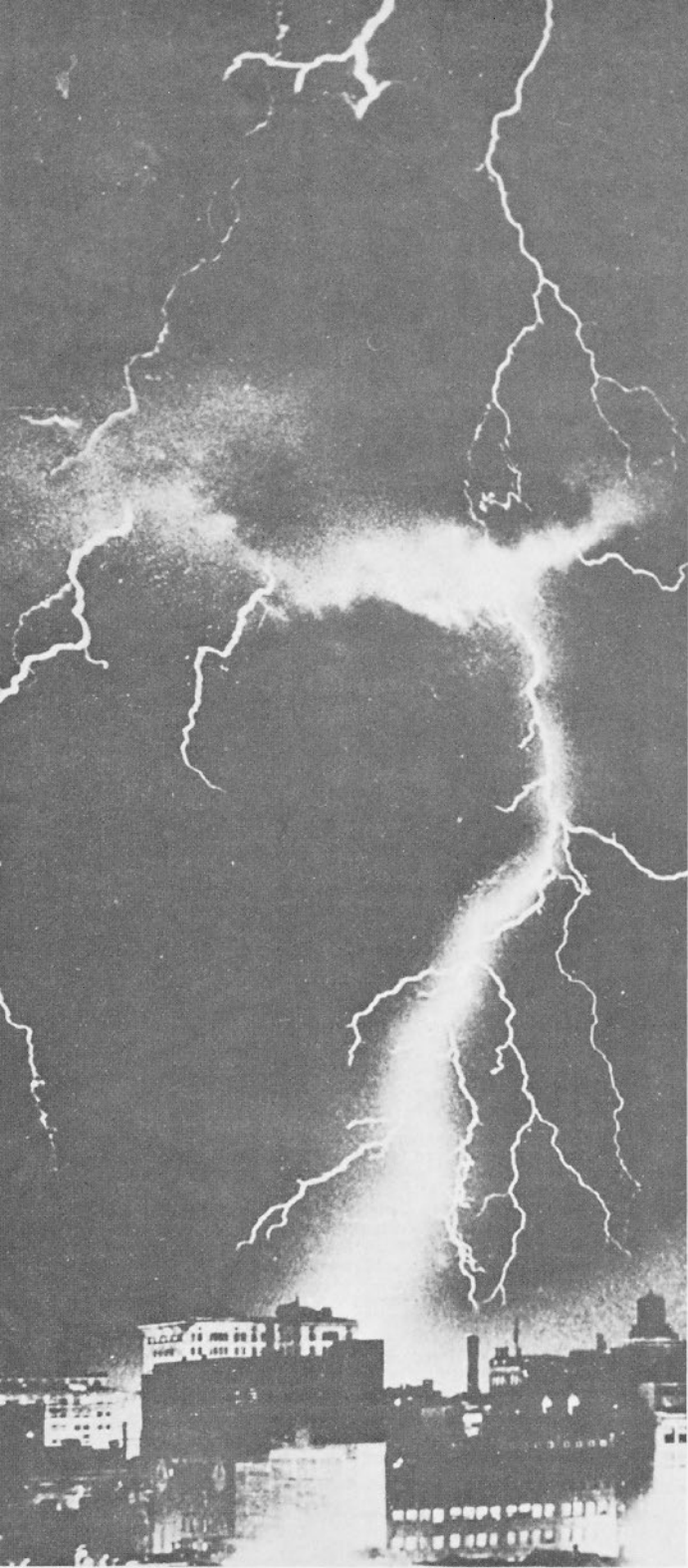
See it in the words of Paul, "I am ready to be offered."

Recall it in the bold languages of the three young men who had to face the fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar when they said, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. . . . We will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." How reassuring to know that the Son of God was their companion in the furnace heat. The wicked king peered through the open door to the furnace and saw not three but four figures in the midst of the fire—unharméd—and he said, "The form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Great peace have they that love God's Word and trust in it. They are assured that He who promised to be with them always, even to the end of the world, is keeping His promise.

Refuse to be bent down with care. Cast all your cares upon the Lord, knowing He cares for you. Take everything to God in prayer. Mix your prayer of supplication with psalms of thanksgiving; and "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Yes, the peace of God passes human understanding. It is beyond human comprehension. People may wonder



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how one Christian can labor on for Christ against discouraging odds; how another can keep smiling on a bed of pain; how another can remain serene in a time of tumult; how a fourth can continue to be optimistic when the outlook is so unpromising. The secret is that God has garrisoned their hearts and minds with His peace. These people have cast their burdens upon the Lord, and He is sustaining them.

You too may find this poise, this inner peace, by following their example. There is not a test or trial so great that God cannot relieve your anxiety this moment. If you will go to God in prayer and faith, you will find ready help for your personal need. God will not turn you away empty. He will meet your need as you believe His Word and accept His grace and power.

HURRICANE WARNING! When that word goes out from the Weather Bureau, people in the path of the storm make preparations to help save property and lives.

The weather is very important to us, and we watch it closely. What manpower, mass of money, armada of instruments, heaps of charts are involved in man's attempts to record the weather fully and predict it accurately.

Jesus contrasted such a concentration on something like the weather to man's lack of concern about the spiritual climate.

To His generation Jesus said, "Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye discern the signs of the times?" (Matthew 16:3). He was very critical of their failure to understand what God was doing right in their midst.

Isn't it strange that people who can read the signs in the sky and predict the weather can miss the signs that point them to God?

Think of that every time you hear or read a weather report.

And are we not much the same as the people of

Do You Know What Is Going On?

By MICHAEL HORBAN, Canada


Jesus' day? We are quick to heed the warnings of the weather but we pay little heed to the warnings of God's Word.

The people Jesus rebuked weren't stupid. Yet they missed the real meaning of the day in which they were living, for they failed to see it was the day of salvation, the fullness of time. The very Son of God was given unto them as their Saviour, Lord, and King—but they never recognized Him.

Think of it. They heard His teaching, saw His miracles; they saw Him go all the way to the Cross; they even stood at the empty tomb. But they didn't understand what it was all about. The light of revelation and redemption was shining right at them, but they had their eyes closed. They didn't know what was going on.

But then, what about us? After 20 centuries of living in that light, modern man is still very much like the Pharisees and Sadducees—unbelieving and unrepentant. He refuses to read the signs all about him which warn that judgment is at hand for all who reject the shelter of God's grace in Christ.

When he sees the lightning flash across the sky, such a man doesn't understand that "as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:27). "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

Does it make sense to protect ourselves against the weather and yet be careless about our souls? 

Sunday Boycott

SUNDAY SHOULD BE a day that's different—a day set apart for honoring God and receiving His help—but many treat it as just another day for pleasing themselves. For some people it has become a favorite shopping day.

This fact was brought out by merchants defending their price increases before irate housewives. "If shoppers would boycott the stores on Sunday, we could close our doors and cut expenses," they said. "If the public would quit buying on Sunday, we could reduce our prices."

At present, a large segment of the public is boycotting the wrong thing. They are boycotting the house of God instead of boycotting the places of business and the places of pleasure on Sundays.

Of course, Sunday shopping is only a very small part of the economic problem. The basic cause of higher prices is national inflation. This forces farmers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers alike to raise their prices. It also gives each of them an excuse to make a grab for excessive profits, and no doubt some have yielded to the temptation to do this. Housewives revolted when the price of bread, milk, butter, and other groceries shot upward so suddenly in recent weeks. Their revolt seems justified, for the pinch on pocketbooks hurts—particularly if they have several mouths to feed. Wages in many cases have not kept pace with rising prices. Inflation is especially painful for families who have to live on fixed incomes. Time will tell how much good can be done by picketing food markets and boycotting those which refuse to cut their prices.

But a Sunday boycott would be a good thing. Church members probably are as guilty of Sunday shopping as any. After all, over half the citizens claim to be church members. If all of them would confine their shopping to the other six days, probably there would not be enough business to keep the stores open on Sundays.

There are employees in the stores who ought to be in Sunday school and church. Every time you do business on the Lord's day you set a bad example and help to keep employees from attending the house of God.

If life went on as usual seven days a week, it would be difficult to assemble our families for public worship. Church life would be crippled. Spiritual life would wither and die. Evangelism would be curtailed. Boys and girls would grow up without Bible training. God gave mankind a sound principle of life when He decreed that one day in seven should be different. We cannot afford to let Sunday become just another day.

History shows that when people cease to observe the Lord's day they lose something very precious. Their economy suffers. Their health suffers. Their family life suffers. Above all, their individual spiritual life is hurt. We need this day of rest and worship to lift our eyes toward the hills and remember the Source of our strength. We need to assemble in God's house for worship, Bible study, and evangelism.

Sunday employment may fatten the pocketbook but bring leanness to the soul. Let us honor the Lord by dedicating this day to Him. Refrain from shopping and refrain from all unnecessary work. The Lord will honor those who honor His day, but they who spend it on their own interests will find they have made a poor investment.

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IF YOU ARE AFFLICTED, here is the injunction contained in God's Word: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray" (James 5:13). Affliction, in this case, does not necessarily mean bodily affliction, though it may mean that. The American Standard Version calls it "suffering." But the apostle deals with sickness in the verses that follow, so here it may apply to various kinds of affliction. There are burdens and difficulties, testings and trials which afflict God's people today.

I remember a meeting in which a Christian brother arose and requested prayer that the business partnership

of trouble come if they would serve Him more faithfully when the sky is clear!

David said: "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious" (Psalm 66:1, 2). It is good to make a joyful noise to the Lord. We may not be able to sing like Jenny Lind or Miriam, the sister of Moses. But the Psalmist didn't say, "Sing like Miriam." God is not concerned so much with voice culture. Let us cultivate a praiseful heart by praising the Lord at all times. It will do wonders for our health!

When revival broke out in a certain town, the young people of the church had merry hearts and went down the streets singing hymns. The church hymns touched the hearts of the people as they sat on their front steps or porches. The very atmosphere was permeated with song. The young people, happy in spirit, were transmitting their happiness and blessing to others. People later testified that it was these gospel songs that brought them to their knees.

I believe the world is waiting to hear the song of the redeemed. The world has its songs, but they are not the product of merry hearts. The world's mirth is synthetic. It is produced by stimulants. Hearts are longing for the genuine joy which only God's ransomed ones know. Sing! Sing the songs of Zion! Let the world hear you sing!

IS ANY SICK among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14).

The afflicted ones are to pray; the merry ones should sing; the sick ones are told to call for the elders of the church to come and help.

Here is practical instruction. When one is sick, he should call for the elders. He should not expect the elders to know he is sick. He should not wait for them to offer their services. He should take the initiative by sending word that he is sick and that he desires them to visit him.

A certain brother was stricken with a raging fever. He tossed about on his bed in torment. His wife had prayed for him; his friends had prayed; but there was no apparent relief. Then the words of James 5:14 came to mind. They asked the minister and elders to come. They came, and prayed over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith was answered. The fever broke, and the sick man was healed.

Physical healing is one of God's gracious provisions for his people. It is promised repeatedly in the Bible. It is one of the benefits of Christ's atoning death. Let us never deny ourselves this blessing. Let us glorify our Lord by singing His praises when we are well and by seeking His healing touch when we are sick.

Jesus said, "Have faith in God... what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:22-24). Our Lord is "the same, yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Pray! Sing! Call!



Pray, Sing, and Call

By ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

in which he was involved might be dissolved. He was joint owner of a portable sawmill. His partner was a gambling, drinking man. The Christian believer had entered the partnership in good faith, for the other man had professed to be saved. The man's conversion, however, had not been genuine. He had been won to the lady evangelist, more than to Christ; and when the evangelist left town, the "convert" returned to his former evil ways of life.

The church prayed that God would dissolve the partnership. God heard and answered. A fire broke out in the storage shed adjacent to the portable mill. It burned a path over the forest floor, between the lumber piles, leaving unscathed the two lumber piles which had been promised to our church for building purposes. It ignited the mill, burning it to the ground. Nothing but charred embers and ruined machinery was left.

The Christian brother was able to keep his promise to the church and donate the lumber, and there was no more affliction because of friction. God had answered prayer. Is any Christian believer afflicted in any way? Then let him pray. Let him pray secretly. Let him ask for prayer openly. Prayer will bring the remedy.

IS ANY MERRY? let him sing psalms" (James 5:13). There are times when the sky is blue and the sun is shining—when the heart is light and the spirit gay. Some people turn away from the Lord at such a time. They begin to enjoy the pleasures of sin. They set their affections on earthly things, and perhaps they even borrow the songs of the worldlings to express their high spirits. What a pity that they do not rejoice in the Lord in prosperity just as they do in adversity! They would be able to trust God more fully when the clouds

I WAS THERE

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PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

WHEN THE FIRE FELL

By Evangelist DEXTER E. COLLINS

IN 1922 there was a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the small town of Wellston, Oklahoma.

This was our first pastorate. The church had been without a pastor for some time previous to our coming, and the people were discouraged. After several months of effort to increase interest, we felt led to call a special prayer meeting to begin on Monday morning at 9 and to continue without dismissing throughout the week. At the end of the first week we announced the meeting would continue another week.

Only three came at first. During the second week, interest increased. Members of the church began to confess to each other and to ask forgiveness. By the end of the week a revival had begun.

Prayer meetings were held each day the third week, and evangelistic meetings conducted in the evenings. Many were saved, and 11 received the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Among the converts during that week was a very hardened sinner whose Christian wife had been praying for him for more than a year. He was not saved in a church service, however. The meeting that night was already in progress when he came in and interrupted to tell what had happened.

He testified that he was convicted of his sins while cultivating corn late that evening. His conviction was so great, he said, that he tied the horses to a fence post, went to a nearby grove, and prayed through to a wonderful experience of salvation!

(All this took place after his wife had gone to church.

Dexter E. Collins, now superannuated, lives in Fairmont, Minnesota, where he was pastor for many years. He also pastored churches in Wellston and Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and in Sherburn, Minnesota.

She was hearing it along with the rest of us for the first time.)

He told how his wife had prayed for him to be saved, and how he had resented and cursed her for praying for him, but now he thanked God for answering her prayers. With tears of joy this man told how he had marked the place in the grove where the Lord had gloriously saved him, by driving a wooden stake into the ground.

Then, as we used to say, "the fire fell," and great conviction came upon all who heard his testimony. This revival continued for over a year.


The following summer a big brush arbor was built near the town, and another advance prayer meeting held before the beginning of eight nights of evangelistic meetings. Brother Jacob Miller of Arkansas was the evangelist.

During those eight memorable nights, 120 people received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and many were saved.

One night, two men who had never been in a Pentecostal revival before drove 40 miles in a farm wagon to be in the meeting. They had heard how people were receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and they were very excited about it.

They arrived a few minutes before the service was to start, and they asked what they should do to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. I instructed them to get as close to the altar as they could, and told them that when the invitation was given they should get to the altar as soon as possible. Afterward I could not get to them for the crowd, but I could see that each of them received a mighty baptism of the Spirit within a few minutes' time after they began praying.

As a result of those meetings in 1922 and 1923, more than 300 were saved, and some 200 received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Nineteen entered the ministry either as missionaries, ministers, or wives of ministers.

I still believe there is no substitute for intercessory prayer for a revival. This is the divine pattern, and it has never failed to produce results. 





SPIRITUAL VITAMINS

By Evangelist **ERNIE ESKELIN**

BEFORE GOD CALLED ME TO THE MINISTRY, I owned and operated my own physical culture studio in Detroit, Michigan, across the street from the General Motors Building.

I had studied weight lifting for several years. After winning a championship, I took an instructors course and then opened my own studio. I thought this would be my life's work for I enjoyed it very much.

During these years I lectured on physical culture and proper nutrition and exercise. An acquired knowledge of vitamins and minerals was a help in my personal fitness and also in my lectures.

Then came the most unforgettable day in my life. I was reading the New Testament in my office and felt a call to the ministry as I read about Peter and Andrew being called to "follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). My dedication was made at a locker room bench which became an altar of God.

During an interview in New York City on a television program they used the expression that "I traded my barbells for church bells."

As I studied my Bible and prepared sermons, I found some spiritual vitamins in the Word of God. Vitamins are the parts of foods essential to good health. These spiritual vitamins are essential for a healthy, strong spiritual life.

VITAMIN A: ABUNDANCE

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Vitamin A is Abundance. When we accept Christ, there comes to us an abundance of living. A new dimension, a new perspective, a new glow comes when a person is converted.

VITAMIN B: BOLDNESS

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

May God give us this vitamin—Boldness! We need boldness for Christ in this day of worldly madness and pleasure. There seems to be no stopping the bold force

of Satan. We must combat him with a bold, unashamed, and forceful testimony of the peace, joy, and power that comes from serving Christ.

VITAMIN C: COURAGE

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

We are alarmed by the reports of suicides, broken homes, and school dropouts. These come mainly because of discouragement. Many would have been avoided if people had taken time to wait on the Lord.

VITAMIN D: DETERMINATION

"For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).


What a changed world it would be if people would not probe into others' affairs. So much valuable time is given to rumors, idle chatter, and unconfirmed reports that can wreck the lives of innocent people. We must guard against this or it may sap our spiritual joy and happiness. Determination to keep Christ-centered conversation should be our goal.

VITAMIN E: ENDURANCE

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

May God give us spiritual endurance. If ever there was a need for endurance it is now. We have seen many fall away. Somewhere along the line their spiritual life was stymied.

When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about salvation, He said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Jesus typified the Holy Spirit's work as a wind. In Acts 2:2 we read, "There came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind." We need that second wind, the infilling of the Spirit of God, to endure in this race toward the gates of heaven. The baptism in the Holy Spirit will give wisdom, knowledge, peace, and power.

Abundance, Boldness, Courage, Determination, and Endurance. Have you had your vitamins today? 

DAVID WAS A MAN of varied experiences. He had a depth of feeling for God, for His service, and for his fellowman. He enjoyed great successes—and great failures.

His life was a paradox. As a lad he was noted for his purity, yet in later years he stooped to an act of gross immorality. Through his remorse over his weaknesses and sins, we have many wonderful psalms in which David gave vent to his emotions.

Although David was weak in the natural, he was strong through the Spirit who touched him and rested upon him. He could well say, with Paul, that he had found these words of the Lord to be true: "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

David was a firm believer in prayer. At times Satan seemed to prevail and get a temporary victory. However, David always triumphed through prevailing prayer and gave a note of praise unto God whom he loved, and in whom he put his trust.

A great example of this is the thought expressed in Psalm 130:1—"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord."

THERE ARE DEPTHS OUT OF WHICH ALL HAVE CRIED

Discouragement is a depth which often enshrouds us. It is one of the strongest tools of the enemy, who stands back and leers into the casket of every failure.

We build castles in our imagination, only to see them crumble to ruins. We place our confidence in man, only to find that he fails us. Man may fail! Systems and programs may fail! But Jesus never!

The Lord, realizing that Joshua would be confronted with many obstacles, gave him words of encouragement: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord

The Way Out

By HAZEN C. MacDONALD

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thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:8, 9).

Fear is another depth in which we so frequently become trapped. Fear is of the devil. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18).

Some fear they have inherited a dread disease which has taken some of their relatives. However, the Christian is a new creation through the regenerating power of the Spirit. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We have a new heredity.

Some people are afraid they will go insane because there is insanity in the family. What person hasn't had nervous disturbances from time to time? The devil magnifies this condition in many who have had relatives with mental problems. It wears on their nerves until they are not able to sleep or live normal lives. Job said, "The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me" (Job 3:25). Paul, in writing to Timothy, gave words of assurance for the fearful, especially those afraid of insanity: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

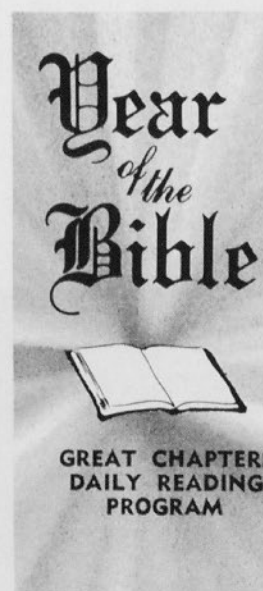
Worry is a depth that the majority of us experience. Some people have mottoes as reminders not to worry: "If you trust, you do not worry; if you worry, you do not trust." "Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday, and all is well." "Worry is like a rocking chair—it gives you a great deal of action, but you don't go very far." "If you can't pray, then worry!"

Let us learn to take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there. It would be well to obey the words of Peter: "Casting all your care upon him [the Lord Jesus]; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus came not only to be our sin bearer (1 Peter 2:24), but also our burden bearer. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," He said (Matthew 11:28).

Discouragement, fear, and worry use up our energy, dissipate our strength, wreck our testimonies, and impair our health.

THERE IS A WAY OF DELIVERANCE

The way of deliverance is to use our God-given power through prayer. David learned this. He said, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope" (Psalm 130:5). He "cried" in desperation (Psalm 130:7,8). Paul said, "For we have not an high priest



**Year
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**GREAT CHAPTERS
DAILY READING
PROGRAM**

**GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13-20**

Sunday	2 Timothy 3
Monday	2 Timothy 4
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Wednesday	Titus 2
Thursday	Philemon
Friday	Hebrews 1
Saturday	Hebrews 2
Sunday	Hebrews 4

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15, 16).

Many take the attitude that prayer is asking favors of God. That is only one aspect of it. Prayer is also an attitude of faith, of adoration, of praise, of worship.

Some Christians who have confessed their sins in accordance with 1 John 1:9 still keep calling upon God to deliver them. Many admit they are not satisfied or do not have the feeling that God has heard and is answering their prayers. I believe that if a person is honest and has made restitution whenever possible and there is nothing between his soul and the Saviour, he should have a sense of communion and fellowship with God. If he continues to ask for something already his, he is not basing his prayers upon the true teaching of God's Word.

Why keep crying for deliverance when, as a child of God, you have already been delivered? The child of God was delivered at Calvary. "Surely he hath borne our

griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Through the Spirit that brought forth Jesus from the grave, we are set free from the law of sin and death. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). So instead of a child of God praying, "Oh, God deliver me," he should praise God for his deliverance and go on his way taking deliverance to others. He whom the Son sets free "shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Praise and prayer are the wings with which we soar into the heavenlies above Satanic principalities and powers, above every circumstance with which we are confronted. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ!"



RESCUED

A LOS ANGELES ENGINEER, Albert Cane, was rescued by helicopter after he had dropped into a 10-foot water hole deep in the Grand Canyon.

Escape under his own power was impossible. He was imprisoned between a rock wall on one side and a 50-foot drop-off ledge on the other.

He spent two fearful nights in the hole before he was located and rescued.

When rescuers finally reached him, he said, "I feel

as if I've been born again!" He used significant words. You can read them in your Bible—John 3:7. It was Jesus who said them: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

To be born again in the spiritual sense is to be rescued from a fate far worse than that of Mr. Cane who faced physical death in the Grand Canyon. It is to be saved from the second death that never ends—which the Bible describes as the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

Nothing but the new birth can save us. Christ did not say, "You must mend your ways; you must try to be better; you must become religious." He said, "Ye must be born again," and "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Respectability and sincerity cannot save. They are desirable qualities, of course, but they are not the way to heaven. Being born again comes about instantly when you receive the Lord Jesus Christ. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

Without Christ you and I are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). There is sin in each heart and life. Therefore we need spiritual life. The Bible says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

By his own efforts Albert Cane could not escape from the pit in the Grand Canyon, nor can we by our own efforts escape the predicament of sin. Without Christ we are lost—trapped in sin with no possible chance of freeing ourselves. But God has not left us without hope. We can be rescued; we can be born again. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God's love shines into the darkest recesses of the canyon of sin, and rescues every perishing soul who will accept the provision of mercy.

—Adapted from *Messenger of Peace*

WHAT IS APT TO BE THE RESULT if a nation at war prays for victory over the enemy? Suppose that Christians everywhere in America would seek divine guidance through prayer and fasting for a meaningful solution to the current struggle in Vietnam.

Unless we hear from heaven in these days of national military involvement, we might just as well go on fighting our wars the way other nations have fought since the beginning of history.

HOPELESS SITUATION

Nearly a millennium before Christ, the nation of Judah faced a military situation which appeared hopeless. The stronger armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir threatened to destroy Judah, then under the leadership of Jehoshaphat.

The crucial hour drew near. But the people of Judah were not content to rely upon weaponry alone. What are men and horses, swords and spears (or bombs and missiles), without the hand of God? Judah had already travailed in prayer and fasting and were, therefore, *entitled to hear* those encouraging words, "The battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15).

PRAYING NATION

Certain things are likely to happen when a nation prays for victory over the enemy. The people of Judah reflected upon their godly heritage (2 Chronicles 20:6-9). They retained a high regard for Almighty God who inspired their ancestors in forming their equivalent to our Constitution. The Lord who helped them in the past would not forsake them now.

The enemy was approaching in strength! In the face of overwhelming odds, Jehoshaphat called all Judah together to ask for God's help. They admitted before God that, under the circumstances, victory looked very doubtful. But the praying nation waited upon the Lord! When a nation prays, God hears and answers.

STRANGE STRATEGY

The Lord instructed the people of Judah to lay aside their customary weapons. It was a strange sort of strategy indeed. The soldiers must now forget their tried and proved means of conventional warfare, formerly effective in hand-to-hand combat. Simply "set yourselves . . . and see the salvation of the Lord . . . tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you," God promised (2 Chronicles 20:17).

Jehoshaphat obeyed the orders from his Commander in chief. He quickly instructed singers to march ahead of the army and to say, "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever" (2 Chronicles 20:21). How much better is a song like that than, "Praise the Lord, and Pass the Ammunition"!

POWERFUL PAYLOAD

The singing and the praising was a powerful payload. It not only confused the enemy, but it moved the heart



The Battle Is Not Yours

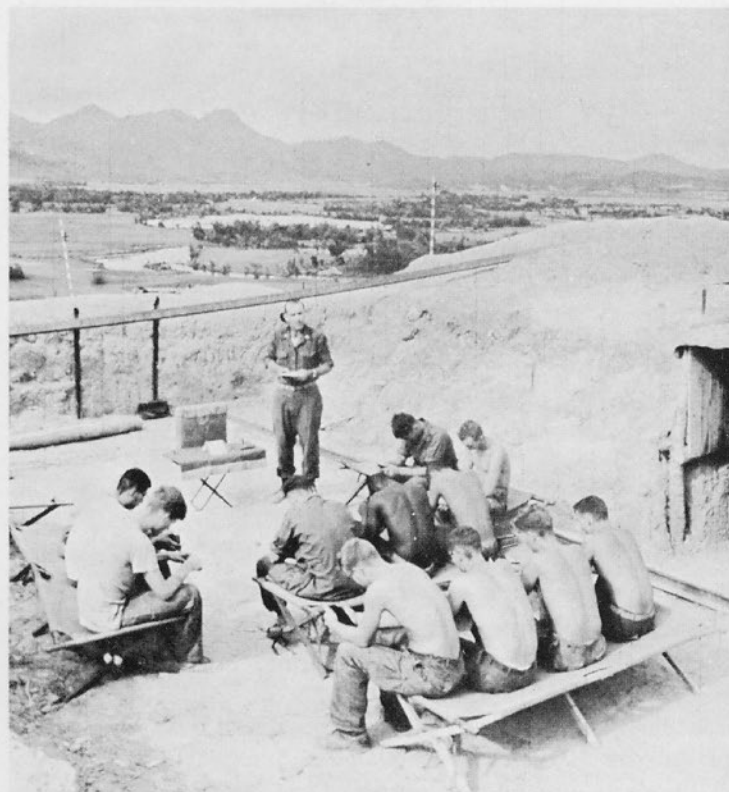
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of God to set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir (2 Chronicles 20:22).

When the people of Judah prayed for victory over the enemy, God heard their prayer and answered in a most unusual manner. Songs and praises brought defeat to the superior forces of the threatening nations to the south.

May I ask a pertinent question? Has America been praying? The fighting has not diminished! How about our prayers? Yes, even mighty nations need to pray for victory—that God will grant wisdom to our President, his cabinet, and all our civilian and military leaders, so that God will be glorified by a meaningful solution with a minimum of additional casualties.

With cots for pews, a bunker entrance becomes a chapel on a hillside in Vietnam. Soldiers listen with bowed heads as their chaplain prays.



REVIVALTIME WORLD

The Battle Is the Lord's

By E. S. CALDWELL

THE YOUNG MAN LISTENED INTENTLY as his national leader somberly reviewed the war situation: "We face a cunning enemy with years of combat experience. The battle zone is new to us; we are even uncertain about the choice of weaponry. All efforts toward negotiation have been rejected. And now our people are beginning to believe the enemy's propaganda.

"A miscalculation could result in a dangerous escalation of the war. The fate of our freedom depends on the success of your mission, son."

An Air Force general sending a jet pilot to bomb a key target? No. This scene took place 30 centuries ago in the tent of King Saul by the valley of Elah. David, youngest son of Jesse, was being commissioned by his king to battle Goliath, the giant of the Philistines. Saul's words are shown in present-day vernacular, but the facts are unchanged.

Circumstances surrounding that historic event in many ways parallel today's crisis in Vietnam. The vast armies of two great military powers are poised on either side of a strategic battlefield. Arrogant, Goliath-like threats boom across the airways from powerful Communist transmitters. Seemingly indestructible—despite unending casualties, the Viet Cong grows larger. This phantom Goliath comes forth to wreak havoc, then melts into the jungle to become invisible again.

King Saul searched desperately for an answer to Israel's dangerous predicament. U. S. leadership faces a similar impasse in Southeast Asia.

Saul's answer was not found in vast military might—the enemy could match him man for man. None of Israel's generals offered an effective way to break the deadlock. The king's counselors were silent.

When Vietnamese armies faltered before the Communist threat, a few hundred U. S. military advisers were sent. As the Red tide continued to swell, soldiers were sent by the thousands. Today thousands more are needed, and still the tide rises. A total of 375,000 U. S. servicemen are expected in Vietnam before this year is ended. And victory is not yet in sight.

The answer to King Saul's dilemma was given to a youth who spent much of his time in solitude with his

father's flocks on the Judean hillsides. There David met the God of Israel.

There, too, the young warrior grappled with fierce marauders. A lion pounced upon one of his father's helpless sheep. Without hesitation, the handsome shepherd lad leaped upon the devourer. Supernatural strength surged through his being, and he ripped the lion's jaws apart.

Later, a prowling bear also met his doom in combat with the courageous youth.

These two fiery conflicts forged in David an absolute confidence in God's supernatural power. Seeing this confidence, Saul placed Israel's fate in the godly youth's hands.

Goliath stormed at the sight of David's shepherd staff, "Am I a dog that you come to me with a stick!" But the giant failed to see three things: the sling coiled on David's hand, the pouch holding five smooth stones, and *the invisible hand of God*.

Two armies listened in breathless silence to catch words the wind carried from the arena of death. They heard the big soldier from Gath curse his young opponent. Then they were electrified as David's voice rang across the valley: "This day will the Lord deliver thee into my hand...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel... And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for *the battle is the Lord's*, and he will give you into our hands" (1 Samuel 17:46, 47).


Suddenly David sprinted toward the giant. Without breaking stride he snatched his ammunition from the pouch and dropped it into the sling's pocket. The weapon came to life in the shepherd's practiced hand. Faster than the eye could follow, the stone sped toward its target. Ten thousand Philistine soldiers heard the impact as the stone shattered their champion's skull.

A cry of victory roared from the throats of Israel's armies: "*The battle is the Lord's!*" And the soldiers of Saul surged forward in hot pursuit of their demoralized foes.

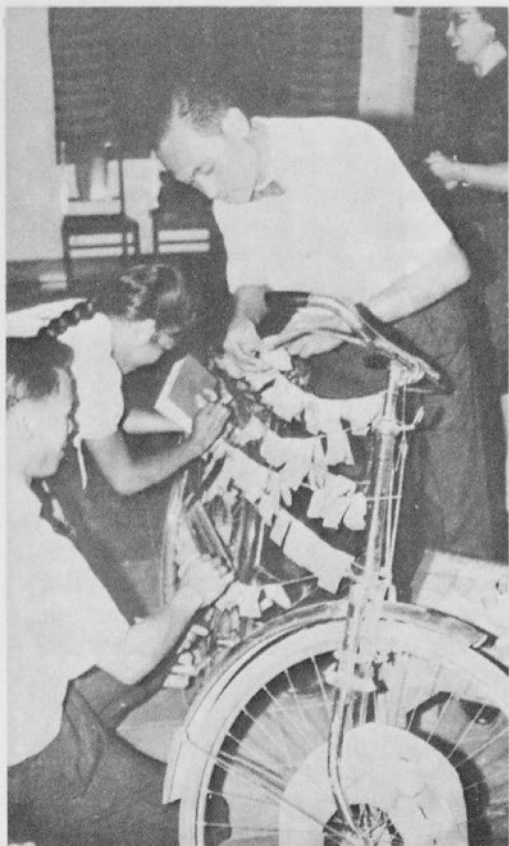
It is as true in the swamps of Vietnam as it was in the valley of Elah—"The battle is the Lord's." Our nation boasts itself to be the most powerful on earth, yet victory seems faraway. In other wars America prayed Is it right for the civilian population to scramble for pleasures and possessions while death stalks the jungles across the sea?

Revivaltime is calling for a World Prayermeeting next Sunday centered on the theme, "The Battle Is the Lord's." Will you join thousands of Christians around the world in seeking the face of God for His solution to the war in Southeast Asia?

Thousands of other "battles" are being waged on a personal basis—battles against disease, against evil habits, against difficult circumstances, against the devil. Will you add your prayers to those of fellow Christians praying for these other battles?

"*The battle is the Lord's.*" It can be won only on our knees. 

PRAYERMEETING-NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20



Nationals fasten money to bicycle. Njro Ghe Piet (below left) and Lie Oen Liang (right) are C. A. leaders in Java.



The highlight of the youth camps was the evening service and prayer time around the altar.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
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Foreign Missions Department
 1445 Boonville Avenue
 Springfield, Missouri 65802

The Speed-the-Light idea is spreading to other lands.

IN JAVA the month of July brought a continuation of the Book of Acts as we held three different youth camps.

This was the first year a youth camp was held in West Java, and it was truly a blessed experience. We had 175 registered with well over 200 attending the evening services; 17 were saved, and 28 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Missionary David Clifford and Pastor The Boen Thay were evening speakers.

Central Java had its second youth camp with about 75 registered, and there were seven saved, and six filled with the Holy Spirit. Pastor Lie Oen Liang was the special speaker.

East Java enjoyed its third youth camp with 200 registered, at which 63 were saved, and 24 baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school teachers had worked hard to help their pupils attend, and how thrilled they were as many of the young people were spiritually blessed. Pastor Njoo Ghe Piet was speaker each evening.

The mornings began with chapel followed by classes for various ages. A special class was conducted for pastors and workers, using the book *Build My Church* by Melvin L. Hodges. This proved to be a real inspiration.

Afternoons featured Bible quizzes

and sports, but the highlight of each day was the evening service and prayer time.

In all three camps, Christ's Ambassadors projects were presented. A bicycle, prepared so money could be clipped to it, was brought in. Money was given to buy bicycles for pastors to take the light to lost souls in their areas. Our hearts were stirred as we saw the young people enthusiastically bring their offerings.

Our praises were even louder the next night as the amount of the offering was announced. The young people were given an opportunity to pledge and the pastors were amazed! They didn't think it was possible. They admitted that only God could move upon the young people's hearts to give so liberally when no previous announcements had been made to prepare them for the offering.

When the pledges are in, we trust there will be enough to provide five bicycles for needy pastors. Then we will work toward buying a horse.

The closing night of every camp the chosen king and queen came forward to receive their crowns. Others were given special recognition for their fine example and cooperation.

Many tears were shed when time came to return home, but all are anxiously awaiting next year's youth camps.

May God help us to keep bringing the light to the youth of Indonesia, our hope for tomorrow's church. ✈

BICYCLES FOR GOD

By MARCELLA DORFF • Missionary to Indonesia





Dorcas Good watches filmstrip with some national children.

Licoma Added to the Caracoles Circuit

By LELAND GOOD - Missionary to Bolivia

THE FIRST TIME I entered the Caracoles region of Bolivia, I was struck with its grandeur. Its majestic, perpetually snow-covered peaks tower high over almost unbelievable passes of 15,000 to 16,000 feet which one must conquer to enter the area. The spectacle is breath-taking. Jagged peaks rise straight to the sky above beautiful valleys and fertile, semi-tropical hillsides. In this area the Assemblies of God has its highest works—Pacuni, at 15,000 feet, and the town of Argentina, at about 15,500 feet above sea level.

Two small, vivacious young men serve as pastor-evangelists for this entire area of some 10 works scattered among the high Andes Mountains. Agapito Cuellar and Gualberto Chambi are untiring servants of the Lord who hike continuously over the mountains to serve these areas.

Included in this general region is a part of the semitropical fruit belt of Bolivia known as *Los Yungas*. Even during our winter season, the *pueblo* of Licoma enjoys warm weather and is a truly delightful spot. It is located at the moderate Bolivian altitude of 6,500 feet.

Along with the T. O. Johnstons, we planned a tent campaign for Licoma during the first days of June of this year. We took advantage of the fact that a young Peruvian evangelist, Victor Alvarez, was in Bolivia, and he went with us to preach nightly in the gospel tent which has been used here since 1961. We also had an electric generator to supply lights and power for the filmstrip projector.

Licoma is a fairly new town, unlike the centuries-old *pueblos* that are typical of the Andes region. It is unique

also in that it has no festivals. Though it does have a Catholic church, few show much interest in that religion. The people are extremely *simpática* (an untranslatable word that includes such meanings as likable, kind, and nice). In short, the area was ripe for the preaching of the gospel.

We set up the tent and parked our campers to the accompaniment of the incessant, curious regard of dozens of children and adults. Soon the entire village knew who we were and why we were there.

We lost no time in beginning services and continued with nightly street meetings, at which we used our Speed-the-Light public address equipment; nightly evangelistic services, including prayer for the sick; and special children's services during the day.

We received some opposition over

prayer for the sick, but this soon subsided when true miracles were wrought. One of those healed was a boy who had been totally deaf.

People came from miles around, walking for hours to attend the services, and people began to accept the Lord as their true Saviour and Friend. By the time the nine-day meeting had ended, some 60 to 65 solid conversions could be counted.

Toward the end of the week, a day of fasting and prayer was called with meetings in the tent from morning through afternoon. About 20 of the newly converted townspeople attended and fasted with us through the day.

A room has been rented for continued services, and one of our consecrated national workers will remain to establish the new believers in truly Biblical fashion.

Many people were reached for Christ through the tent campaign in Licoma.



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



HEALED OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

I AM PRAISING God for healing me of bronchial asthma over five months ago.

I had asthma from the time I was nine months old. During my teen years I was able to keep it under control with medicine and shots. Ten years ago, when I was



Mrs. James Reid was healed of bronchial asthma.

22, we moved to the country and I started to have more severe attacks as I was in contact with more grass, trees, weeds, etc. I was also allergic to many foods, the worst being wheat flour.

In the past 10 years I have had pneumonia about eight times. I steadily grew worse and could not sleep without being propped up to almost a sitting position. I had to take medicine every day and dared not go without my pills. I had an Aerolater (medicinal pipe) containing powdered adrenalin with me all the time. I kept it beside my bed and would have to use it about three or four times every night. I used as many as five pipes in a week.

I had taken cortisone most of the time for five years. Only with this help could I breathe deeply.

In April, I was anointed and prayed for by our pastor, Sister Daena Cargnel, who said these words as she laid hands on me, "Sister, you are now healed, in the name of Jesus."

I gave it little thought since I had been prayed for so many times. Although I believed in divine healing, I felt healing must not be meant for me. I continued to take pills. However, I began to realize that I was

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.

sleeping all night without medicine, and in the morning I would find my pillow on the floor. I found I no longer needed my Aerolater.

The real proof of my healing came when my husband laid a cement floor and I went to sweep it out. I had my mind on other things as I swept. All at once I saw the room was filled with dust and I was breathing normally!

Since that time I have not taken any medicine or used my Aerolater. The entire church has been rejoicing with me. This year for the first time, I was able to go to the florist and purchase flowers, and arrange the corsages for the mothers on Mother's Day. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. James Reid, Streetsboro, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daena Cargnel, Assembly of God, Hudson, Ohio.)

HEALED OF BLURRED VISION AND MENTAL DISTRESS

I AM THANKING the Lord for two miraculous healings I received from Him in the first two months of 1966.

I had been troubled with blurred vision for a long time and it was getting worse. I went to an optometrist and he informed me that I had a cataract forming on my left eye.

One night shortly after this I was kneeling in the church and it seemed a voice kept saying to me, "Go up and have Brother Froats pray for you." I asked Brother Froats (our pastor) to pray for me, and just as soon as he anointed me with oil and laid hands upon me to pray, the power of the Lord permeated my whole being. I was instantly healed and have had no more blurred vision. This took place six months ago.

Up to this time I had worn glasses for many years (in fact, for six years I wore bifocals), but now I can read and sew and do anything I wish without glasses of any kind.

The second healing took place in February. For more than 15 years I had a serious mental problem as a result of a very hard trial I went through. As the years passed it grew worse. The Lord saw me through many dark valleys, yet I got to the place where I could hardly think for myself.

One morning I was sitting at my kitchen table with my Bible open before me and was about to read when all of a sudden there was so much pressure bearing on my mind that I felt I could stand it no longer. I simply had to get immediate help from God. I raised my eyes toward heaven and lifted my hands and cried, "Lord, help me."

No sooner were the words out of my mouth than I felt as though an electric current had passed through

my body. My mind became as clear as day. It was as though the sun had been hidden behind a cloud and suddenly had come out again. This is how clear my mind became and has remained so to this day. It is a marvelous relief after all those long years of heaviness of spirit. God is good to us.—Mrs. Blanche Walsama, Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

(Endorsed by Pastor Edward E. Froats, East Broadway Assembly of God, Muskegon, Michigan.)

GROWTH DISAPPEARS FOLLOWING PRAYER AT CHURCH

EARLY THIS YEAR I passed through a severe physical trial. Praise the Lord, He brought me through in victory, and I am thanking Him for a miracle of healing.

I had been stricken ill very suddenly on January 20 after enjoying a wonderful sacred concert. They rushed me to the Veterans Hospital in Portland, Oregon, and at the end of many tests and examinations the doctors said I would have to undergo surgery. They had found a growth and told me there was a 50-50 chance that I was full of cancer.

While awaiting surgery I was allowed to go home on a weekend pass. On Sunday morning during the worship service my pastor, DeLoss Crook, and the congregation offered special prayer for my healing. I felt the Lord touch me. I knew He had done something definite for me.

I returned to the hospital and was examined again by seven doctors. They all agreed that the growth should be removed by surgery. But before going to surgery I told my wife and daughter I was convinced that God had already worked the miracle of healing, and that when the doctors operated they would not find a thing. I asked them to pray and believe with me to this end. Surely enough, when the doctors operated they could find no growth. They told me there was nothing wrong with me.

I thank God for His healing power. My only desire is to work more for my Lord and live closer to Him.—James M. Gainey, Hillsboro, Oregon.

(Endorsed by Pastor DeLoss Crook, Assembly of God, Hillsboro, Oregon.)

HEALED OF INFECTIOUS NERVOUS DISEASE

ONE SUNDAY IN JANUARY 1953 I awoke with a pronounced discomfort and seeming paralysis in my arms. In spite of my discomfort, I assumed my duties as pastor in a local Church of Christ.

By evening, however, I was unable to move my arms. Monday I went to the hospital and the diagnosis was Guillain-Barré Syndrome, an infectious disease of the nervous system. Prognosis—poor. If the disease progressed to my brain it would bring death.

By Wednesday half of my face was paralyzed, so that I could not close my eye or use the muscles in the right side of my face. I was totally paralyzed from my neck down. By Friday I was hardly able to swallow and an iron lung was kept in readiness at the end of the hospital corridor.

Various believers were praying for me, including several relatives in the Assemblies of God.

A former pastor from the Christian Church, who believed in praying for the sick, came into the room one day and asked if I wanted to be prayed for. By this time several weeks had passed and I was desperate. I said yes. He anointed me with oil and I at once felt the presence of God. The healing was not instantaneous. However, I knew I had been healed.

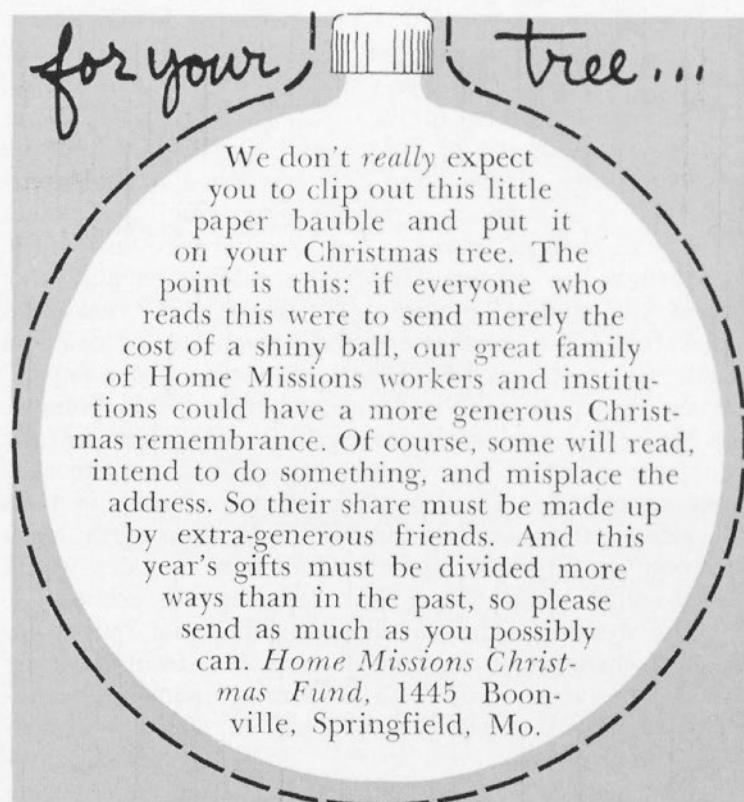
The road to recovery was long and hard. I often bordered on discouragement. Three and one-half months later I was discharged from the hospital, still unable to move my arm and barely able to move my legs. However, God strengthened me day by day. The people in the church knew "something" had happened. I was quick to let them know how God touched me! From that time on I believed and preached healing as part of the Atonement.

About three years later following other experiences, including the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I was led to end my connection with the Church of Christ. I then became affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

Within the past month I had an opportunity to talk with a physician. He asked about my health and I told him about my past experience. He was amazed and said I should be dead for the disease is fatal in 95 percent of the cases.

I know this is a miracle wrought by God because the doctors did not know how to treat the disease and only experimented with me. I remember receiving 110 shots during the three and a half months I was in the hospital and more after my release. To God be the glory, great things He has done!—Ira L. Irwin, Sacramento, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor Milton A. Newman, Capital Assembly of God, Sacramento, California, who writes: "Ira Irwin is a Sunday school teacher and song leader in Capital Assembly of God and a very wonderful brother in Christ.")





THE EFFORTS OF THE PRISON DIVISION and several specialized church ministries have helped pave the way for a spiritual awakening which inmates and staff members of county, state, and federal prisons are experiencing. This awakening is similar to the great move of God in the Early Church directly after Christ's resurrection and ascension to heaven.

A release of emotions is unusual in a penal institution, since emotions which cannot be entirely regulated by staff members are feared in the controlled prison setting. Therefore, a display of spiritual emotions likewise might not be understood or encouraged.

Most inmates are serving time today because they lost control of their emotions (acted out their hostilities against society). This can be either a revolt against authority and the mores of society or a violent act committed during a period of extreme anger or fear. Many inmates feel their crimes were the only way out for them at that time.

Knowledgeable penologists now realize that a correct release of emotions is important to the inmates' rehabilitation and successful return to society. For this reason, many penologists are favoring group counseling sessions where inmates can openly air their hostilities.

Group counseling sessions are good as far as they go, but at best they can only reach a part of the whole man. Their plane of approach is only horizontal, a man-to-man basis. This is called *reformation*. What is needed to completely reach the whole man is to add the vertical aspect of religion—the God-to-man and man-to-God relationship. This is called *transformation*.

Informed men believe the seat of emotions is centered in the subconscious part of man's brain, called the thalamus or inner chamber. This area of man's mind can best be reached by God as the individual surrenders his mind, heart, and life to the Master. Only then can a man be completely changed to become a person patterned after the Creator.

The Bible speaks of this experience as being "transformed by the renewing of your mind." In Ephesians 4:22-32 we read, "That ye put off . . . the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness . . . putting away lying. . . . Let him that stole steal no more. . . . Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. . . ." This type of rehabilitation treats the causes, not the symptoms, of criminal acts. Christ called this experience being "born again" when He spoke to Nicodemus, as recorded in John 3.

Man can experience this new birth only when he fully cooperates with God by giving the Lord complete control of his life. This complete change of man is born in heaven and manifested in his life here on earth. Such a complete approach to rehabilitation of inmates would successfully reduce recidivism (a return to crime).

The dynamics of this whole salvation not only completely change man but also liberate him from the spiritual judgments of sin with its accompanying guilt feelings. It opens a whole new world of spiritual experience and release.

The new life begins with the inmate's experiencing

The Full Gospel as Experienced by Prisoners

By PAUL R. MARKSTROM
National Prison Chaplain

a clean feeling inside. This results in a desire to live acceptably before God and his fellowman. Very often he expresses exuberant joy and peace. This is an indication of a work of grace.

Following such an experience, it is only natural that the new Christian should desire additional spiritual experiences such as were manifested in the Early Church (recorded in the Book of Acts).

An increasing number of inmates are entering into spiritual experiences such as were enjoyed by Christians of the Early Church. These experiences include the infilling of the Holy Spirit, commonly referred to as the Baptism. Also it is not uncommon to see supernatural healing of bodily diseases.

One such former inmate is Harry Cole, now a successful minister. While incarcerated he led numbers of fellow inmates to salvation and an infilling of the Holy Spirit which he himself had received while in prison. Previous to his confinement he knew nothing of the gospel.

To many Christians these phenomenal experiences may seem strange as they did to the spectators mentioned in Acts 2; for they asked, "What meaneth this?" Others mocking said, "These men are full of new wine."

The sincere Christian inmate who receives the infilling of the Holy Spirit following salvation has an added spiritual assistance in bridging successfully the gap between incarceration and free society. History in the past two decades proved this to be true.

A leading psychiatrist of a different religious per-

THE LIFE STORY OF INMATE WILBURN A. NELSON

No. 17844

“YOU PEOPLE HAVE SOMETHING I WANT” was the way inmate Wilburn Nelson expressed his quest for God as I counseled him at the Montana State Prison. This desire to know God and the fullness of His redeeming power was his major concern.

Wilburn Nelson, one of seven children, was reared in a Christian home. At the age of 14 he knelt at an altar during a revival. Later he was baptized in water. His prayer for salvation and his baptism in water did not carry any depth of experience, however, since he sought God mostly to please his mother.

Wilburn soon left the church and became enslaved to alcohol with its accompanying vices. The next 20 years were filled with heartbreak and frustration. Still his mother prayed. In 1956 Wilburn received a 75-year sentence to be served at the Montana State Prison. It seemed he had exhausted all moral, physical, and mental resources when he was committed to the state prison. His world had come to an end. His past kept haunting him.

Wilburn went through the difficult adjustment that all “fish” (new inmates) experience when they are introduced to prison life. All he could think about was 75 years in prison, with a possibility of having the sentence somewhat shortened for good behavior or a remote chance for parole.

For many years a faithful Christian mother prayed for her son. Mrs. Nelson died in 1961, following an illness of some eight years. Though weakened by illness, she had remained strong in faith. When she realized her home-going was imminent, she arranged for a close Christian friend, Mrs. Ed Rodin, to continue in intercessory prayer for Wilburn’s salvation.

Our first contact with Wilburn came as a result of a Bible study course made available to prisoners by the Assemblies of God. Ellwood G. Grissom, then pastor of the Assembly of God at Deer Lodge, Montana, taught the course. Later Wilburn stated that this Bible study helped him to find Christ, for through it he became convicted of sin.

Wilburn surrendered his life to God during a chapel service at the prison. He said his experience of salvation gave him a comfortable, light feeling. He no longer felt weighted down by the burdens of sin.

When he found God, Wilburn also found himself—as

suasion emphasized to me the importance of the endowment of power and the release afforded recipients of the Holy Spirit’s infilling.

It is interesting to note that in the past two months three correctional chaplains have been infilled by the Holy Spirit in like manner as were the Christian believers in the Early Church. Other chaplains are vitally interested in this experience.

It is the common belief of chaplains that a spiritual rebirth of the whole man is most important to the inmate for his successful return to society. Man is basically a spiritual being; therefore, when man is in harmony with his Creator, he will be in harmony with himself and his fellowman.

well as rest, peace, and a serenity that for so many years had eluded him. “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength” became his favorite Bible verse. The prayers of Wilburn’s mother and Mrs. Ed Roden were answered. John Rex, Protestant chaplain of the prison, was able to help Wilburn become established in the new Christian life.

Following a presentation by the *Revivaltime* choir at the Montana State Prison, I talked to Wilburn. He told me, “You people have something I want.” He had noticed the reality of the Holy Spirit in dedicated lives and immediately felt his need for a personal Pentecost.

After closing the interview with prayer, I noticed Wilburn tried unsuccessfully to hold back the tears. He had just dedicated his life to serve in any capacity that God should will for him.

“I thought one of our problems in prison,” said Wilburn, “was a lack of Christian fellowship such as can be found in the many churches in free society. But since my salvation and closer walk with the Master, I have enjoyed wonderful Christian fellowship and the knowledge that I am a member of the body of Christ. He understands our many struggles as we seek to be like Him. *God cares*—how important these two words are to an inmate such as I.”

Following salvation, Wilburn sought to serve his fellows by being a living testimony of God’s redeeming power. His colleagues honored his devotion by electing him teacher of a Bible study group. He held important offices in the institutional Alcoholics Anonymous group, the Toastmasters Club, and the Brotherhood.

During the summer of 1965 his health failed, and the doctors diagnosed his illness as cancer of the liver. His faith in God and peace of heart remained constant. A few days before Wilburn Nelson died, Governor Tim Babcock granted him a pardon.

Wilburn’s life and death made a powerful spiritual impact on the population of the Montana State Prison. His fellow inmates dedicated the following poem to him:

FOOTPRINTS

*I walked the road to sorrow,
A road so dark with care,
So lonely, I was certain
That no one else was there.*

*But suddenly around me
Were beams of light stretched wide,
And then I saw that Someone
Was walking by my side.*

*And when I turned to notice
This road which I had trod,
I saw two sets of footprints—
My own...and those of God.*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Wilburn Arthur Nelson was the winner of the Distinguished Service Award for 1965 presented posthumously, with Ed Ellsworth Jr., warden, accepting the

award for the Nelson family. The following eulogy was given as the award was presented:

"It is said that a man is always tallest when he is kneeling. In this case I can see where that is true, because Wilburn A. Nelson was a deeply religious man, and he was most certainly a head taller than most.

"Wilburn was doing a lot of time, and God knew he was carrying a heavy cross; yet he still had time and, more important, the will to help others. I don't know of a man who ever came to Wilburn who didn't receive the help he asked for."

A mother's prayers were answered. Wilburn was not only released from stigma by a pardon, but experienced the complete release from sin through Calvary's redeeming power. God cares! Wilburn's quest for God is finished; his longing for perfect communion with God and God's own is realized.

The Prison Division of the Assemblies of God invites you to join in prayer that many more prisoners may be saved through studying the free Bible courses. Your contributions are needed. Be sure to specify *For Prison Division* when sending your offerings.

—PAUL R. MARKSTROM

ROOTS IN HIMSELF

By CHARLES R. HEMBREE

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IT'S EASY FOR YOU to be a Christian," a young lady said to a friend, "because you are by nature unselfish."

This comment raises an important question: "Is it really easier for some people to become and remain Christians?" If so, why?

To be Christlike is to be unlike ourselves. Human nature fosters "getting" while Christ demands "giving." He talks of crosses to carry and races to run. He says we must lose our all if we would gain His all. This is why the rich young ruler turned sadly away. What Jesus asked seemed too much for him to give. He had not been conditioned to sacrifice.

Likewise, it will be harder for today's child who has not been taught proper values and the rewards of loving and giving to see the value of the Christian life. On the other hand, it will be easier for the disciplined child to accept Christ and build from that point.

This is not to imply that it is impossible for some to be saved. Jesus, commenting on the fact that the coddled rich would have a difficult time getting to heaven, added, "With God all things are possible." This is the real miracle of the new birth—that a person can start afresh, whatever his training and environment, and begin building a Christlike life from that point. But for these it might be farther to Calvary than for others. To Peter, Christ merely said, "Follow me," while He had to knock Paul to the ground to get his attention and his heart.

In explaining the Parable of the Sower, Jesus said, "He that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended" (Matthew 13:20, 21).

It is quite obvious that some do not continue in the Christian faith because the soil of their hearts is not adequately prepared to receive and nurture the seed. Nothing is wrong with the *seed*. It is the *soil* that has been neglected. Someone failed to prepare the soil.

Parents can do much to prepare the hearts of their children to receive and nurture the gospel seed as it is

sown in their lives. Discipline is one of the processes of removing the stones from the shallow soil so the child will respond favorably to the seed of the gospel, and the soil will be deep enough that the child will have "root in himself."

Some are slow to understand God's love because they have never known a parent's love. Some find it difficult to ask forgiveness of God because they were never taught to say "I'm sorry" to another person. Some cannot say "No" to the world because they have never been trained to stand for the right. Others are slow to give themselves freely to God because they have never learned to give to anyone else. They were always on the receiving end.

Of course, each of us must give account for his own sins, and each must have his own personal encounter with Christ. But it is obvious that parents can make that encounter more natural by consistent Christian training in word and deed. We must believe this if we believe the promise of Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

God's Word never tells us what to do without showing us how, so it offers some definite helps in guiding our children to be all they can become by His grace.

Recently *Reader's Digest* carried an article on "Why Good Parents Have Problem Children." The various reasons given could be summed up as lack of communications and lack of discipline. In conclusion the writer, Ardis Whitman, said, "There seems to be no doubt whatsoever that parents who have the least trouble with their children take the task of discipline seriously."

A few years ago psychologists were warning against spanking children on the grounds that it was old-fashioned and would cause severe emotional problems for the children. However, today they are warning against overpermissiveness. To refuse to spank a child, they now say, is like letting a child wander aimlessly in traffic. They add that 85 percent of our criminals are now under 25 years of age and that this is largely due to a lack of discipline in the homes.

While the psychologists change philosophy from time

to time, the Bible remains very clear on the matter. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24). God encourages discipline that transcends the child's tears when He says, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18).

Responsibility is taught through discipline: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). And again, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15).

Discipline should be thought of as putting the child in control of himself. After spanking her disobedient five-year-old, a young mother said, "I can't believe that her being allowed to make everyone else miserable now is going to make her more lovable 20 years from now."

Dr. Walter Alvarez says, "Don't let your kids run your house. It's a mistake, and they will be worse for it later in life. Learn to put your foot down in key situations. A little discipline now will make them wiser and more competent adults." It will also prepare them for the discipline of the Christian life.

Along with discipline there must be love and communication. The story of Abraham and Isaac is a vivid example of this. The teen-aged Isaac, learning he was about to be sacrificed on an altar by his aged father, did not run away. Rather he submitted to his father. Apparently Abraham had been so successful in communicating his great faith to his son that the boy shared his trust even to the point of death.

What happened on Mount Moriah did not drive them apart; if anything, it drew them closer together.

Often we do not understand our children, and they do not understand us. There are various reasons for this. Perhaps we see in our child what we see and dislike in ourselves. Maybe we do not let them grow up, but insist that they remain children. We might expect them to learn from our lectures what it took years of experience for us to learn. Perhaps we do not admit our failures, and because of that they think of us as so perfect we would be extremely disappointed in an imperfect child. Maybe they resent us because we never say, "I'm sorry," even when we fail. They need to learn that parents are people too.

The father of the prodigal son could teach us something about humility and forgiveness and love. The wayward son had finally come home. Seeing him afar off the father ran to the boy who hesitated in humiliation and shame. Hot tears no doubt flowed down the boy's cheeks as he admitted his failure. There was no lecture from the father, no rebuke. He "fell on his neck and kissed him." What a wonderful father he was.

Contrast this with what a prominent judge recently said: "Hundreds of juvenile offenders and their parents have come before me, and I have never seen one parent touch one of these youngsters, or put his arm around the lad's shoulder, or show affection in any way." Communication was gone.

Dr. Alvarez gives additional excellent advice when he says, "Give your youngsters the love and affection they need and deserve. . . . Make them feel they are equally loved and wanted."

So through discipline, love, and communication, the

Christian parent can do much to prepare the heart of his child to accept Christ. If we follow God's Word, we can cause our children to have roots in themselves. They can more naturally accept the discipline of the Christian pathway if we have given them proper training. They can communicate more freely with their Heavenly Father if they have shared the love of earthly parents. They can love more unselfishly if they have seen love in action in the home. Let us so train them up that the seed of the gospel will find good soil in their hearts.

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THE KING OPPOSED

Sunday School Lesson for November 20, 1966

MATTHEW 21:28-42

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE TWO PARABLES in our lesson were spoken by Christ in answer to the opposition, hypocrisy, and rebellion of the Pharisees in particular and of the Jewish nation in general. However, both parables contain principles and suggestions which apply to all professing Christians and followers of God, so it is in this sense we consider the lesson.

THE TWO VERY DIFFERENT SONS (vv. 28-32)

God is the Father in the parable. The two sons represent two classes of people. The Father's command is the same to each. All men are called to become sons of the kingdom by the new birth, and to live a life of righteousness and service.

The first son represents the "publicans and harlots"; that is, the worst of sinners—the outcasts of society. The scribes or Pharisees represent what we might call good church people—the deceived millions who think that profession of religion is synonymous with righteousness.

The second son was polite, but his refinement could not atone for his insincerity and hypocrisy. He *said* better than he *did*; he *promised* better than he *proved*; his *profession* was better than his *practice*. He said, "Lord, Lord," but refused to do his Lord's will (Matthew 7:21-23).

The first son was curt and insolent, but his conscience was awakened. He repented and obeyed. Christ does not commend his words, for insolence is not praiseworthy. Without repentance and obedience there is no value in a man's admitting he is a sinner. By being confessed, badness is not made goodness. But God is more interested in our obedience than our origin. A glorious destiny may, by the grace of God, be carved out of an unspeakably low origin if a man obeys the gospel!

Other lessons may be drawn from the parable:

1. *Good intentions substituted for good actions are futile.* A famous writer of comedies, disillusioned with life, died. He had requested that the following inscription be placed on his tombstone: "I revelled underneath the moon; I slept beneath the sun; I lived a life of going to do, and died with nothing done." We do not get saved, build churches and Sunday schools, win souls, and bless others by merely intending to do so. We do it by Spirit-inspired activity!

2. *Profession without action is a Pentecostal danger.* Picture in a modern setting the son who said, "I go, sir," but went not. He stands in a consecration service with tears running down his cheeks as he sings, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, o'er mountain, or plain, or sea." A few hours later when he has an

opportunity to go across town to witness or help some needy person, he has an excuse for not going.

THE WICKED HUSBANDMEN (vv. 33-46)

1. *Human Privilege* (v. 33). God, the householder, planted, provided for, prospered, and protected Israel. She was planted in a fruitful land—not in a wilderness. She was "hedged round about" by unseen angelic hosts, by a prophetic ministry and warnings. Everything necessary was done for her fruitful productivity.

So it is with Christians. They are trees of His planting (Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 1:3). They are hedged about (Job 1:10; Psalm 34:7; 2 Kings 6:13-17). They have His Word and His Spirit so they can bear fruit (John 15:8, 16).

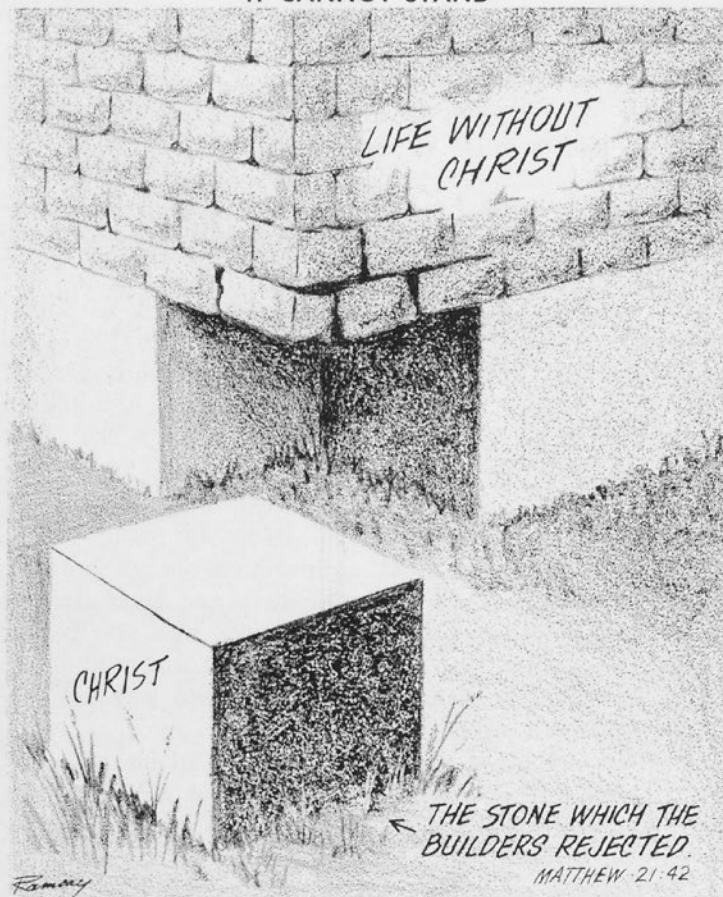
2. *Human Freedom.* The servants of the husbandmen were free to come and go and to develop the vineyard as they chose.

So each of us is a free moral agent. But as in the case of the vinedressers, freedom has its limitations. We are not free to choose our heredity but we are free to develop our lives and to make the best or worst from what God has entrusted to us.

3. *Human Responsibility* (v. 34). The husbandman had a right to expect fruit from his vineyard. How gracious God was to choose Israel and to miraculously provide for, protect, and deliver the nation! But He did it so that through her the knowledge of the true God might be spread to all nations. Yet how miserably she failed!

America too has been a favored nation. How rich her heritage has been—in both natural and spiritual things. And if so-called Christian America does not turn from her sin, selfishness, and rebellion against God, she will suffer as Israel did!

IT CANNOT STAND



God Did Not Leave Me Homeless

"LORD, PLEASE GIVE ME A HOME," I prayed a few years ago when notified to vacate the place where I was living.

It was not easy to find a suitable place to live. Being an elderly woman, alone and in ill health, I was not able to climb stairs, and first-floor apartments were scarce. I was not strong enough to go very far in search of a place to live. Neither was I well acquainted with the community for I had lived in the city only a short time.

What could I do? As was my custom, I took my problem to the Lord in prayer. I had found God able and willing to meet my needs in the past and I knew He would not fail me now.

I kept praying daily, and at the same time I made inquiry among neighbors and friends.

One day as I was pleading, "Lord, give me a home," I heard a voice speaking clearly, "Stand still, and see the glory of the Lord." It startled me, and I arose from my knees wondering what this could mean. Should I stop searching and just wait? I was puzzled to know what to do.

Time was running out, so I felt perhaps I should continue my efforts. Two days later as I prayed, the same thing happened. It was the same voice speaking the same words. Now I was certain the Lord was working in my behalf.

A short time later, Mrs. Freeman, a Christian friend who lived across the street, came in. She said, "I have come to make an offer that may help you out of your dilemma. Several times my husband and I have thought of building a small rental house on our property. I would like to provide such a place for you if you would care to have it."

Tears filled my eyes. I hardly knew what to say. Finally, when able to speak, I said, "Oh, Mrs. Freeman, you don't know what this means to me! Such a house is just what I need. This is the glory of the Lord!"

We sat down together, and she drew the floor plan of a house arranged like an apartment, with all the conveniences and comforts, yet small enough that I could take care of it myself. She said that if I needed help at any time, she and her children would provide that too. In other words, she was actually assuming the responsibility of my care.

Another neighbor found a temporary place for me to live while the building was in progress.

In a short time I was established in my new home. A few years later, Mrs. Freeman passed away but in her will she specified that I should have use of the house as long as I desired to occupy it.

I am so grateful to God for His unfailing care, and to the Christian friends through whom this provision had been made possible.

(This personal testimony was written by a reader in Kansas. Her name is withheld for obvious reasons.)



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What is the difference between speaking in tongues and speaking in the Spirit?

All anointed speaking in tongues is speaking in the Spirit. It is the spirit of man speaking, anointed by the Holy Ghost. "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth." A person might also speak in the Spirit in his native tongue as "moved by the Holy Ghost." Speaking in other tongues will not be in the Spirit if not anointed by the Spirit; neither would speaking in our own tongue be.

What did Jesus mean when He spoke of an unclean spirit walking "through dry places, seeking rest"? (Matthew 12:43).

This and other passages indicate that demons crave bodily habitation. The disembodied spirit wanted a place of habitation, so, taking others with him, he sought to regain possession of his former "house" (v. 44).

When the demons had been cast out of the man of Gadara they asked Jesus to let them go into the herd of swine (Luke 8:32).

The people said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?" (Exodus 14:11). Is it true that there were no graves or burial places in Egypt?

There were burial places in Egypt. The people were accusing Moses of bringing them into the wilderness that they might die there. In other words, they were saying, "If you only brought us into the wilderness to die, you might as well have left us in Egypt to die there."

Will the devil and all sin be destroyed at the final judgment, or will they continue eternally?

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10). The wicked will be judged and cast into the lake of fire also (vv. 11-15). Sin will then end and Jesus will give up His mediatorial throne since there will be no further need of an intercessor (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). The next picture we have is that of the new heaven and new earth, "wherein dwelleth righteousness" (Revelation 21, 22).

Will you please explain Colossians 2:16, "Let no man therefore judge you in meats, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

The believers at Colosse were Gentiles. Paul in this passage refers to Jewish believers who were seeking to bring them into bondage to Jewish customs and laws—even going so far as to tell them if they do not do this, they would not be saved.

Paul wanted the Gentile believers to see that they were not in bondage to these things which were only shadows, for the real substance was redemption in Christ Jesus (v. 17).

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.



IN FLORENCE, ITALY, in 1610 Galileo, the founder of experimental astronomy and physics, first tried out his invention—the telescope. He discovered that the planet Jupiter had four moons. This discovery was contrary to the teachings of the church at that time.

“What will happen to Christian teaching?” he was asked. At that time it was believed there were but seven planets. What would this do to the idea of seven as the perfect number—seven holy days, seven mortal sins, seven metals, and seven days of the week? To make it worse Galileo taught that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the universe. This was considered to be “against nature and the Bible.”

To these charges Galileo replied, “The prospect of change always frightens peo-

ple.” We have since learned that Galileo was right in his discoveries.

The 1967 workers training book, *Teaching as Jesus Taught*, by John Garlock, discusses the subject of change.

Christians living in an ever-changing world must learn to apply spiritual truth differently from time to time. It is of great comfort to know, however, that there are many “unchangeables” still in the world.

Mr. Garlock states, “The Assemblies of God is a conservative Fellowship. We believe that fundamental doctrines should not change, but methods perhaps will.”

One “unchangeable” is the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The 1967 training book is basically a discussion of His life and ministry in light of our modern society. Jesus never wore a suit and tie, but what He said about excessive concern over fashions still applies today. Jesus never taught a Sunday school class but the methods, style, and approach He used are still good today. Jesus did not live in as complex a society as today, but what He said about winning the lost, living a holy life, and upholding moral standards are unchangeable principles which apply today.

You will appreciate the study of this unique and excellent book on the life of Jesus as the Master Teacher and, in fact, as the Master of *every* situation.


Contemporary subjects such as social demonstrations, the social gospel, education, and balanced Christian living are discussed in *Teaching as Jesus Taught*. Even if you are not a Sunday school teacher, this book will appeal to you. You will keep it on your shelf for handy reference on the life of Christ and His way of handling situations.

In the inspirational or devotional sense, the purpose of this book is to help Christians identify with Jesus Himself. Jesus’ own ministry was always live, personal,

Teaching as Jesus Taught

By **JERRY L. SANDIDGE**
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immediate. He never taught merely through words or by remote control. His life and teachings were synonymous. It is impossible for anyone to separate *what* He taught from the *way* He taught, or from what He *was*. The closer Christians today can come to this ideal, the more nearly they will succeed in living as Jesus lived and teaching as Jesus taught.

Workers training books are usually related specifically to the Sunday school worker. However, the subject of *Teaching as Jesus Taught* has appeal and interest value to the whole church. The author is assistant professor in missions and speech at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri. The book will give you a new appreciation for the ministry of Christian education. 

CRUSHED RIBS AND CHEST BONE HEALED THROUGH PRAYER

ALTHOUGH MY PARENTS were ministers and my wife had been a Christian all 28 years of our married life, it wasn't until January 1965 that I gave my heart to the Lord. In November of that year I followed the Lord in water baptism.

Then in May 1966, while I was at work alone in a large tank praising God and singing, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I was praising Him, and the Lord told me, “This is what I have been wanting you to do.”

I shall never forget that day. I was thrilled with the sweetness of the love of God. This experience helped prepare me for the ordeal that came soon afterward.

It happened on May 28, 1966, while I was at work. I was caught between the stacking tippie and the back of the dryer furnace that is used to prepare sheet rock. It was Saturday, and this was the day for maintenance repair. I thought all the power was turned off. However, the tippie somehow started up and I found myself in a trap—caught between the rollers which have only seven inches clearance as the stacking tippie rolls clear the rolls at the rear of the dryer. There was nothing I could do to help myself, except to call on God. I tried to ride the tippie to the top but found the rolls turning against me, with the result that it passed over my body. It was like having a huge rolling pin roll over your body from your knee to the crown of your head.

Being a large man (5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 220 pounds), I was not expected to live after this ordeal.

How I thank God that nothing is impossible with Him.

I was taken to the hospital for emergency treatment. Our pastor, Brother Leroy Cloud, was the first one to reach my bedside. Already many people were praying, for our church has a prayer chain. The pastor calls one or two; these in turn call others; and in a short time many are praying. I thank God for people who stand ready day or night to pray for the sick.

They took X rays and placed me in the intensive care ward. They let the family in one at a time for a moment each. The doctor told my wife that some ribs and the chest bone on my left side were crushed but they wouldn't know how badly for 24 hours. They ordered blood, and prepared my family for the worst. Through it all I never quit calling on God. My heart was reaching out in faith to Him. From 7 p.m. Saturday to 5 a.m. Sunday I had great pain in breathing. The nurses kept turning me from one side to the other to keep me breathing.

I will never forget how, as I was turned at 5 a.m., I could see the clock on the wall and I thought, *This is it*, for the pain was so severe. It felt as though my ribs and chest bone were moving and snapping. Oh, how I was calling on God for relief; and then the sweetness of the Holy Spirit came sweeping over my body, all the way down to my feet. It seemed I heard Jesus say, "Now rest; I have just straightened out all your body." It is wonderful to feel the hand of God on you. I shed tears of joy because I knew God had healed my body.

From this moment I rested and even slept until about 9 a.m. when they came in with a portable X-ray machine and took more pictures.

At noon, when my wife came back to see me, the doctor came in and said, "You are a lucky man. I cannot understand it; I cannot find any broken bones." I said, "I could have told you that when you took the X rays." Then we all thanked God. He is a wonderful Physician and does miracles daily in our lives.

Late Sunday afternoon I was moved from the intensive care ward. On Tuesday they took five more X rays of my chest from different angles. Again my doctor said, "Man, from what your superintendent at the plant tells me, you should be dead! But I still can't find any broken bones. You're coming along so well, we may let you go home."

Four days later I was home with my family. I had a wonderful opportunity to witness to those in the hospital and our church and my family and friends about what God can do.

It is my sincere desire that God will use this testimony to encourage someone else to reach out and have faith in our wonderful Saviour and Healer.—Dwain W. Wood, Newark, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Leroy Cloud, First Assembly, Newark, Calif.)

IT'S LIKE GOING TO A DENTIST

EVER HAVE THIS HAPPEN TO YOU? You go to the dentist because your tongue has discovered a large hole in a tooth. You know it ought to be fixed.

So you go to the dentist. He begins by filling the cavity. But to your horror he doesn't stop there. He begins probing around among your other teeth with that

little pick of his. He pokes and scrapes. He takes X rays. And before you know it, he has found a number of little holes in your teeth that you didn't know were there at all.

That is like the risk you take when you receive Christ into your life. Actually, you are in for some surprises. He is not satisfied just to do with you or for you what you think He should do. He wants to change you through and through.

That bothers a lot of people. They imagined that all they needed was help to get rid of some besetting sin, some major weakness they knew so well. But now that they have received Him and taken Him seriously, Christ begins to do things and point out things they didn't know needed to be done. They thought they needed a spiritual oil change, but they soon discover they needed the whole motor overhauled.

There is more to coming to Christ than finding forgiveness of sins. That is just the beginning! "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). It is a big job, but He has undertaken to do it. And He will. He will do the best job possible with the kind of surrender you give Him.

So don't be surprised if He keeps pointing out to you more and more things that need fixing in your disposition, character, speech, thoughts, moods, actions. That is how you grow and develop spiritually.

The greatest Christians say this is how the Lord works in their lives.

—MICHAEL HORBAN



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WMC'S PASS THE HAT

By ANN AHLF

"IF WE ONLY HAD THE MONEY..." District church boards have moaned as they struggled to stretch current funds to meet the needs at hand. Such problems include:

"There could be a church in this county seat if \$2,000 were available for a plot of ground."

"We have a church building in that other town and a young couple ready to minister there but cannot find suitable living quarters at a reasonable price."

"We must have more adequate campground facilities before this time next year. This crowd of young people has every building bulging at the seams. The dining room must be equipped with more chairs and tables. The kitchen must have a better stove, an ice maker, a commercial mixer, steam tables."

There is no end to the demands. Only funds seem to have *ends*.

Women's Missionary Council officers look on, listen in, confer with their district executive brethren, and set about to lend a hand. They raise the funds to purchase the lot for the pioneer church. They manage to raise the money to provide mobile living quarters for the young couple willing to move to that other town. And when the opening day of youth camp comes, there are enough tables and chairs in the dining hall, added equipment in the kitchen, more beds in the dormitories.

How do they do it? Why, they "pass the hat." Not in the same way that their forefathers did in early-day meetings when a man's headgear *had* to serve as a collection plate. WMC's pass the hat in a manner just as effective, and (as even the most conservative-minded person will have to admit) more exciting.

Mrs. G. A. Renick, Northern Missouri District WMC

president, tells how her sectional WMC representatives set about to help their relatively new district.

She says: "One of the most expensive post-Easter hat parades in the history of Northern Missouri took place in the vesper service at the latest district council. Each area leader, with the cooperation of her local groups, had made a hat of dollar bills. The green and white bonnets came in all shapes and sizes. The WMC representative or a pastor's wife of each section modeled the hat in the parade. When the money was counted, the total was only \$66 short of \$1,000."

One section with its hat fund purchased 59 pairs of window curtains for the girls' dorm on the district campground. Another section bought paint and 49 mattress covers. A third furnished the curtain rods throughout the building.

While they were doing these things, the women also remembered a missionary family of five with a supply of groceries for their next term on the field.

"Passing the hat" is not confined to any one area of the nation. Mrs. Carl O. Lindberg, WMC president of the Northern New England District, says:

"A hat parade was the main feature of WMC Day at Long Lake Bible Camp, Naples, Maine. The Westbrook, Maine, church received the trophy for the most interesting and most valuable entry. Mrs. Paul Johnson, the local WMC president, wore a creation designed by Mrs. Larry J. Berry of Gorham, Maine. The hat was trimmed with coats of arms, coins, and flowers from countries throughout the world where Assemblies of God missionaries are stationed.

"The hat had flowers of the Orient in shades of yellow and green swathed in nylon veiling. Interspersed among the trimmings, which came from Japan and Hong Kong (both missionary outposts), were roses, leaves, and fans made of paper money. Long streamers on each side of the hat were trimmed with coins and coats of arms of many countries. Total value of the hat was \$165, plus worlds of enjoyment."

The Michigan WMC's needed funds to finance their annual council. Again, hats were the answer. Pillbox designs, flowery creations reminiscent of another day, space-age style projections, and garden bonnets all showed up. Laden with greenery and silver, they cleared the expense in fine fashion.

Whether it is money needed for a pioneer building site, a mobile parsonage, camp facilities, or missionary outfits, WMC's have a way of helping collect it. They just "pass the hat."



Right photo: Mrs. G. A. Renick district WMC president (left, front row) with other WMC leaders of the Northern Missouri District, wearing hats that netted almost \$1,000 for needed campground equipment. Far right photo: Mrs. Carl O. Lindberg, Northern New England District WMC president, holds the trophy given for the \$165 hat she is wearing.





The Missionettes from the Tucson, Ariz., Indian Assembly are shown with their sponsor, Mrs. Virgil Zeigler. In the photo below are children at a tuberculosis hospital who received Easter baskets made by the Tucson Indian Missionettes.



Some Missionettes from Church of the Good Shepherd, Indian Assembly, Mobridge, S. Dak., with sponsor, Mrs. Leo Bankson.

American Indian girls enjoy Missionettes

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

A DEFINITE INTEREST in the Missionettes program has been shown by American Indian girls in the past several years. As a result, clubs are being organized among the American Indians.

One example is the Church of the Good Shepherd (Indian Assembly of God) in Mobridge, S. Dak., where the second annual mother-daughter Missionettes tea was held this year.

The Missionettes and their mothers gathered around a table beautifully decorated in pink and white. The centerpiece of carnations was presented to the mothers during the program which featured three Missionettes. Mrs. Leo Bankson, sponsor and pastor's wife, presented a short devotional.

Each Missionette proudly gave her mother a dresser scarf she had hand-painted. The mothers also received a Gospel portion.

The Mobridge Indian Assembly Missionettes meet each Tuesday. This club, organized two years ago, has 12 active members. It is the only Indian Missionettes club in South Dakota.

The girls have enjoyed many activities including visits to the local rest home and hospital to present tray favors they have made. They are now working on Christmas gifts for a foreign missionary and a children's home.

These Missionettes are a blessing to their church and community.



Indian children hold up valentines given by Missionettes from South Mountain Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz. Photo below: Ute Indian Missionettes sewing quilt blocks. Dorothy Bear, home missionary in Blanding, Utah, sponsors these girls.



From our file:

Rev. George F.

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Married: 1899

Ordained: 1908

Tenure of Ministry:

43 years

Retired: 1949. Cause: Old

age and health failure

Died:



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OR LEAVE IT."
BUT HIS ACTIONS PROVED
HE COULDN'T.

When a Friend Cannot Help

I KNEW GEORGE MOWEN so slightly that I never missed him when he became ill. Then just before Christmas I was asked to visit each department in the shop and take a collection for George and his family. According to shop policy I was to spend all the money for gifts and necessities, doing my best to make George's Christmas season a happy one. I tried.

When George returned to work, he was friendly; so one day I mentioned that revival services were being conducted in our church. George stopped me in midsentence. "Church and religion are closed books to me," he said. "I'm not interested."

Sensing my surprise, he continued, "I'm not angry, but that's the way I feel about it."

"OK, George," I said, and changed the subject. But I did not cease to try to help these friends spiritually, even at the risk of incurring their displeasure. George loves children, so now and then I would weave incidents, comments, and stories gleaned from my Sunday school boys into our conversations. Whatever had soured him

on church and religion, he was gaining confidence in me and I hoped—in the God I serve.

Then I noticed George was talking often with Tom Welsh. They began going into town regularly to place bets on horses. Tom told great tales about how much money he won. Yet he didn't have enough money to buy a home or a dependable automobile! And after his sickness George could afford to gamble even less than Tom.

George was my friend; so when I had opportunity, I asked, "George, are you playing the ponies?"

"Yes," he grinned. "Why?"

"Well, I like you. Gambling gets into some people's blood, and they can't quit. I'd hate to see that happen to you."

"Don't worry," George laughed. "It won't happen. I just gamble now and then for relaxation. *I can take it or leave it.*"

It soon became common knowledge that George was betting \$5, \$10, and even \$20 on a single race. One day at the track he lost \$300!

Now he works 80 hours or more a week to support a habit he says he can "take or leave."

I can't get through to George anymore. His mind is faraway—on the next race, handicaps, odds—looking and hoping for the big win which will put him ahead. But it never happens.

What a tragedy! God has not changed. He wants George to be saved. I'm still looking for opportunities to witness to him. But when George slammed the door on my half-spoken invitation to church, and when he kept making it difficult for me to talk to him about Christ, he only gave Satan opportunity to get a firmer hold on him—under the illusion that he could take it or leave it. It is a perilous thing to count "church and religion" as closed books.

—Anonymous

WILL VISIT THE U.S.

J. NELSON PARR, well-known pastor, evangelist, and radio minister in the British Assemblies of God, expects to be in California from January through May, 1967. Churches wishing to invite Brother Parr and his wife may contact him at the following address until early December: Albion House, 141 Promenade Road, Fleetwood, Lancs., England.

How Can America Handle Its Sex Problem?

By **DARRELL M. MITCHELL**
 Pastor, First Assembly, Schenectady, New York

THE RASH OF SEX CRIMES in all sections of America indicates that our country has a sex problem of the first magnitude. What can be done to rid our land of sex criminals and perverts?

For one thing, we need to do something about our constant uncensored and indecent emphasis on sex which is one of the primary factors in making sex criminals.

It is not enough to say the perpetrators of sex crimes are mentally sick and leave it at that. It is time to stop and consider the factors which make sex criminals possible. When a society is turning out sex perverts the way our society is, we had better give it some serious thought.

The Bible says in James 1:15, "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." In other words, whenever you encourage lust in people, you bring forth sin. The increase of sex degenerates is brought about by widespread increase of lust. A nation that sows the seeds of lust will reap a generation of delinquents, sex perverts, and criminals. A murderer or sex pervert is not an accident. He is a product.

Emphasis on sex in movies helps grow a sex-mad society. Indecent magazines are feeding the flames of uncontrolled lust. Novels of the day make adultery attractive and decency dull. Dances are calculated to arouse passion, leading to temptation.

The Christian standard of love and marriage has been described as a gloomy relic of the past, an ethical requirement no longer relevant. At the same time, movies, cheap novels, and sentimental songs daily feed us bold lies about thrills and happiness.

Another factor in our society that

contributes to sex perverts is a lack of discipline in the home, allowing children to grow up without restraint and self-control.

If we allow law-breaking, disobedience, and self-will in the home, we are growing delinquents for society. A child who does as he pleases at home will not have respect for authority and will not obey the laws of decency.

The matter of rearing our children is not one of indefinite hopes and fears. The Word of God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Let us not leave the rearing of our children to the movies, the schools, the television, or the morals of a degenerate generation. Let us give them strict, godly discipline in the home and a godly example of moral convictions.

A further cause of trouble is the widely accepted theory of evolution that holds that man is simply an animal stumbling upward. The Bible teaches that man was made in the image of God by an act of divine creation and is accountable to this Higher Being; that man fell and is a fallen creature who needs to restrain himself; that sin is rebellion against God that will someday be punished, and therefore our system of morality must be based upon eternal truths.

The unproven theory of evolution makes man only an animal. It teaches that man was not made in the image of God; that man does not have a soul and therefore will not have to give an account to God. It is no accident that a godless philosophy produces godless morals.

As much as we loathe the thought

of sex crimes, they are but symptoms of the sin that dwells like a plague within the whole human race. The Word of God tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. And because of the wickedness in our heart, that taint is in all our natures.

As old-fashioned as it sounds, the only answer is for Christ to change hearts. A passage from the Bible, Ephesians 3:16-20, explains it simply: "We are strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"—not through our minds, by intellect. The passage goes on to say, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

I am convinced that this is the answer.



He was telling the Sarge about the warm, friendly send-off he got, and the round-robin letter with all the C.A.'s signatures they sent him at boot camp.

Maybe if he's one of *your* servicemen, he'll go on to say the pastor has written him in Vietnam, and the women's prayer group prays for him by name every Tuesday. If you've sent us his name and address, he'll tell the Sarge he hears from us regularly too, and he may hand the Sarge a piece of the gospel literature styled for servicemen which we sent. Our ministry, needed in these times more than ever, is made possible by your generous gifts: your ministry, which complements ours, by your heartfelt concern.

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BGMC HELPS PERPETUATE MISSIONS

THE NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL looks to the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade to perpetuate its missionary burden. Since the beginning of this district, its pastors and district officials have instilled a concern for missions in the hearts of members. And present leaders do not want this interest to abate.

The BGMC potential to missions of the future is evident in the poem by William L. Stidger:

*In the breath of a bulb is the promise of spring;
In a little blue egg is a bird that will sing;
In the soul of a seed is the hope of the sod;
In the heart of a child is the kingdom of God.*

As boys and girls are taught their responsibility for missions and are given opportunity to respond through



Raymond Loven (left) discusses future BGMC plans with Mel DeVries, national Sunday school representative and former North Dakota District Sunday school director.

BGMC, the horizon of worldwide outreach continues to lift.

For several years the BGMC giving from the Sunday schools of the North Dakota District has been on the rise. During this time the district has received several national awards for giving on BGMC Day with totals of nearly 20 cents per enrolled member.

The Assemblies of North Dakota have gained the distinction of having the highest percentage of participation among all sections each month, with very few exceptions, during the past seven years.


After national per capita awards were discontinued, the district maintained the growing rate of interest in the program by conducting contests on BGMC Day and awarding appropriate trophies. The Sunday school at

By MEL DeVRIES

National Sunday School Representative

Tioga, North Dakota, stepped to the foreground in BGMC leadership during this time with offerings of well over \$100 each BGMC Day.

However, since the need for supporting missions is not confined to one month, the district leaders launched a year-long contest for total and per capita giving during 1965-66. The response to this idea was exciting. Evangel Temple, Bismarck, jumped to an early lead in the total giving race and was ahead for the first nine months. In November, however, the Minot Sunday school took the lead with an offering of \$144.58. They held the lead until the final month of February, when Bismarck passed them with an offering of \$262.34 and a total for the year of \$508.73. Minot finished second with a total of \$339.52. The per capita contest was won by Binford Sunday school which gave \$3.47 per member. (They led in that contest all year.) Bismarck placed second with a per capita figure of \$3.04.

District Sunday School Director Raymond Loven is currently outlining plans for future BGMC emphases that will continue to catch the imagination of boys and girls in North Dakota. 

HOLINESS

THOUGH I SPEAK with tongues and give interpretations, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

Though I give prophetic utterances which come to pass but do not possess holiness, I shall not see the Lord.

Though I should pray the prayer of faith and see the sick healed, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord.

Though I bring my tithes to the house of the Lord and give offerings to support missionaries, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord.

Though I am a gifted orator and can persuade many to come to the altar for salvation, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord.

Though I rightly divide the Scriptures and preach the true doctrine, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord.

Though I should be elevated to the office of bishop and receive honor from men, yet without holiness I shall not see the Lord.

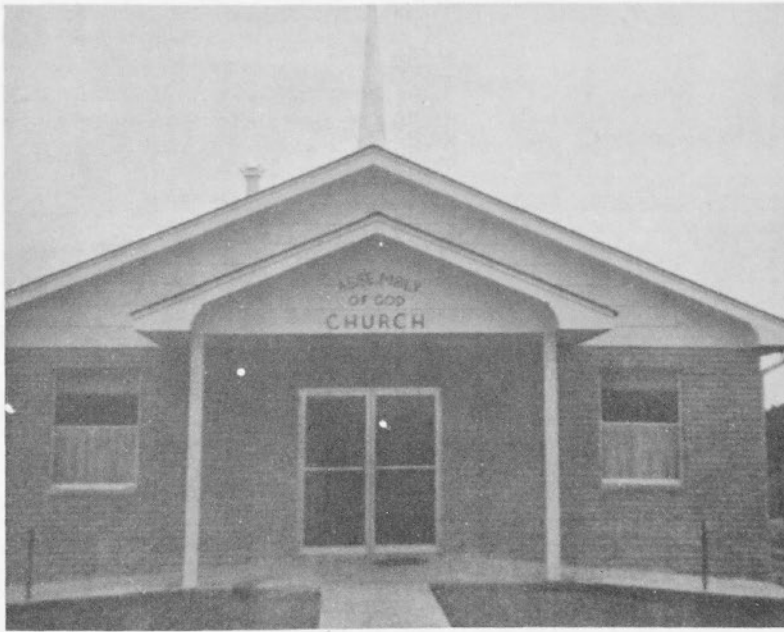
Holiness loveth truth at all times and hateth exaggeration.

Holiness speaketh not evil of a friend nor backbiteth a brother.

Holiness boasteth not of itself nor maketh vain display, but showeth meekness of grace to all.

Holiness with faith, hope, love, and truth becometh Thy house, O Lord, forever (Psalm 93:5).

—JOHN C. NELSON



CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

WINONA, MO.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent, was the dedication speaker.

The new church has 2,300 square feet of floor space with a full basement. The auditorium has hardwood flooring, solid oak pews, paneled walls, and indirect lighting.

The sanctuary seats approximately 190. The church has seven classrooms, pastor's study, nursery, kitchen, a large fellowship hall, and rest rooms.

With an estimated value of \$40,000, the present loan indebtedness of the church is only \$17,000.

Pastor and Mrs. D. E. Roderman, who led the congregation in this project, have been at the Assembly for two and one-half years.



REVIVALTIME RALLY IS HIGHLIGHT OF CHURCH DEDICATION IN MONTANA

GLENDIVE, MONT.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new church building to the Lord. Former pastors were present. Earl Goodman, Montana District superintendent, was the dedication speaker. *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward was speaker for a three-day rally in conjunction with the dedication.

The sanctuary, including the balcony, seats about 400 people. On the first floor are a nursery, choir room, baptistry, and eight Sunday school rooms. The lower auditorium consists of additional Sunday school rooms, a youth chapel, a kitchen and rest rooms.

The church, with red brick exterior, measures 50 by 100 feet.

Henry A. Larson is the present pastor.



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This frame church was built entirely by donated labor. In the photo at right are (back row, left to right): Charles Northcutt, former district Sunday school director; Fay Hutchinson, district superintendent; L. C. Miller sectional presbyter; William D. Hooten, pastor. Front row: Loyal Blalack, deacon; Virgil Cossey, trustee.



VIRGINIA, ILL.—Glad Tidings Assembly here recently concluded two weeks of services with Evangelists Elizabeth DeGreef and Arlene Cooper of Newton, Iowa. The evangelists' ministry in sermon and song proved to be a real blessing to the church. Results are still being seen.

—Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, pastors

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Some 20 or more persons were saved during special services at First Assembly here with Evangelist Bob Watters. Several were touched in body, and a number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many visitors attended.

Prior to these meetings, the record Sunday school attendance was 157. On the second Sunday attendance reached 208. Average for the month was 173.

—Carl G. Conner, pastor

JEFFERSONVILLE, KY.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded revival services with Evangelist Sam Mayo of Atlanta, Ga. Eleven people were saved, and eight were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

One night, as the Spirit moved, three young ladies sang a trio in unknown tongues—all singing the same words and tune. Several received healing from the Lord, including one woman healed of a nervous condition after doctors were unable to help her. The Sunday school record of six years' standing was broken.

A spirit of revival continues. Three ladies were saved in a recent Sunday morning service.

—Fred Carrington, pastor

LAUREL, MISS.—Myrick Assembly here just concluded two weeks of special services with Evangelists Grover and Carolyn Dunn. The church reached new depths in God. Many visitors came and were blessed.

—H. R. Lowery, pastor

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—For 13 nights Evangelist and Mrs. Arlis Thrasher held special services at the Rosedale Assembly here. Sister Thrasher's mother, Evangelist Mildred Dane, then ministered for five nights. Many people testified to receiving a healing touch from the Lord.

—A. C. Booher, pastor

MITCHELL, ILL.—Eighteen were saved and nine baptized in the Holy Spirit at the Assembly of God here recently in services with Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Ferguson of Hartford, Ill. A revival spirit continues. Five more were saved the Sunday following the revival.

—Kenneth L. Marshall, pastor

BUILDING PROGRAM STRENGTHENS UNITY OF ARKANSAS CONGREGATION

HECTOR, ARK.—Because of crowded conditions at First Assembly here, the congregation decided to erect a new church building.

Two men in the church donated \$132 to purchase standing timber from the U. S. Forest Service. A sawmill cut the timber into lumber free of charge.

Not a penny was spent for labor. The men of the church donated their time and efforts, and the

building was completed in two years.

The new church building has 11 classrooms, a pastor's study, rest rooms, and a baptistry with dressing rooms. The sanctuary seats 180 people and is furnished with oak furniture.

Fay Hutchinson, Arkansas district superintendent, dedicated the church to the Lord on August 21. Charles Northcutt, former district Sunday School director, was

also a guest speaker. Special services were begun that same evening with Evangelist Lindell Balenger of Springfield, Mo.

There were 117 present for the dedication service. The Sunday school is now averaging 91, as compared to 65 when the building program began.

The program has tied the people of the church together in love and unity.

William D. Hooten is pastor.



Photos show exterior and interior of the new Island Home Assembly, also the new parsonage (below).

CONGREGATION BUILDS CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Island Home Assembly here recently completed a new church and parsonage.

The sanctuary will seat 560. It is finished with honey teakwood and has a gold carpet. The building also has a kitchen, dining hall, and evangelists' quarters. Exterior of the church is mission pink brick.

The parsonage is a split-level brick home with four bedrooms, three baths, and a large study for the pastor.

The church and parsonage are located on 10 acres in south Knoxville.

Average Sunday school attendance last year was 214.

Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Jordan have been at Island Home Assembly for five years.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—November 13-20, 1966, at Calvary Temple, Oakland, Calif. Missionary speaker: Evangelist Watson Argue.—by Jim Argue, pastor.

31ST ANNIVERSARY—Nov. 20 at First Assembly, Midland, Tex. Speaker: Warren J. Piersol, South Texas District secretary and former pastor of the church.—by W. D. Metzgar, pastor.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS CONVENTION—Nov. 23-24 at Marianna, Fla. Speakers: Evangelists Don and Dixie Cox.—by C. W. Raley, district Christ's Ambassadors president.

72ND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE—Nov. 13-27 at Highway Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa. First week, missionary convention with Norman Correll, Tanzania, and Wesley Hurst, home secretary of foreign missions. Second week, speaker will be Gayle F. Lewis, former assistant general superintendent. All-day services on Thanksgiving.—W. Howard Roberson, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

HIRAM A. BROOKS, 91, of Tampa, Fla., went to his eternal reward September 27, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in another denomination in 1905, Brother Brooks was a missionary and evangelist in India, Egypt, and the Holy Land. He affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1934, and was a member of the Southern Missouri District. He and Sister Brooks pioneered churches in Oregon, Washington, California, Wyoming, Kansas, and Missouri. He is survived by his wife Clara, well known for her story writing and her "Cousin Clara" column in Sunday school papers for many years; and by one son, Clair M. Brooks, a pastor in Tampa; as well as two daughters.

MRS. FLO FOWLER, 57, of Tulsa, Okla., went to be with the Lord September 14, 1966. Sister Fowler received a license to preach from the Oklahoma District in 1950. She served as pastor of the Mission of Deliverance in Tulsa. She is survived by a daughter, Floretta Dyer, and a son, Stanley Rowley.

ADELE S. CLARK, 57, of Chicago, Ill., went to be with the One she served September 15, 1966. Licensed to preach in 1937 by the Illinois District, Sister Clark served as pastor of Trinity Gospel Church in Chicago. She and her husband, the late James Clark, an ordained minister, pastored churches in Illinois and served as evangelists.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	E. Brewton	First	Nov. 13-20	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	L. N. Smith
	Whistler	Glad Tidings	Nov. 8-20	Ray & Elaine Leonard	J. C. Burks
Ark.	Horatio	First	Nov. 6-13	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	J. L. Walker
	Little Rock	Oak Forest	Nov. 23-27	Bob McCutchen	T. W. Reddin
	Nashville	First	Nov. 7—	Terry D. Johnson	Bob Richmond
	Searcy	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Ralph O. Copeland
Calif.	Siloam Springs	First	Nov. 8-20	Oren Paris	Lonnie Nelson
	Bellflower	First	Nov. 15-27	Ernie Rogers	David D. Pearce
	Compton	*Trinity Chapel	Nov. 13-18	Knouse-Stovall Team	Grace Elliott
	Fremont	First	Nov. 2-13	Winferd Mack	Leroy Cloud
	Monrovia	First	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	James H. Black	Vinton Huffey
	Newhall	First	Nov. 16-27	Winferd Mack	Robert Bloom
	Pasadena	Trinity	Nov. 16—	Diehl Evangelists	H. M. Smith
	Patterson	A/G	Nov. 8-20	John Stephens	Merel G. Thornton
	Poway	A/G	Nov. 6-20	L. T. Bates	Charles Vermillion
	Sanger	First	Nov. 15-27	Jerry Knibbe	Charles R. Stern
	Vallejo	North	Nov. 15-27	John & Freda Bryant	Tommy Beard
	Wilmington	First	Nov. 9-27	Thomas Ming Sr.	Roy G. Sapp
Colo.	Sterling	A/G	Nov. 15-27	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	James A. Call
Fla.	Bagdad	First	Nov. 13-27	B. R. Minton	Charles Lee
	Clewiston	A/G	Nov. 16-27	H. Syvelle Phillips	Bernard A. Browne
	Oxford	Mt. Zion	Nov. 20—	Philip D. Combs	C. A. Symonds
	W. Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Nov. 20-27	Bob & Lillian Watters	Glenn M. Horst
Ga.	Atlanta	Riverdale	Nov. 8-20	The Singing Lunsfords	Wilburn Fisher
Ind.	Elkhart	Faith	Nov. 15-27	J. E. Friend	Oscar Beadle
	Michigan City	Faith City	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	William Caldwell	Reginald Yake
Kans.	Dighton	A/G	Nov. 6-20	Carl Walker Jr.	Loren E. Dunning
	Dodge City	First	Nov. 16-27	Dave Tonn	Lloyd Bilhimer
	Hays	A/G	Nov. 6-13	Roy Tregenza	Glen Jenkins
	Osawatomic	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	The Singing Lunsfords	Larry Allbaugh
Ky.	London	First	Nov. 16-27	Samuel & Patricia Calk	John H. Leland
La.	Forest Hill	Midway	Nov. 13-20	Lloyd & Irene Logan	R. A. Rutherford
	Jonesboro	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	W. E. Gunter
Md.	Hereford	A/G	Nov. 23-Dec. 4	H. S. Ryan	Arthur Beahm
	Laurel	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Paul E. Boyce
	Old Town	Bethel	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	William G. Mizelle
Mich.	Adrian	Bethany	Nov. 15-27	Arthur & Anna Berg	Arthur C. Clay
	Livonia	Bethel Missionary	Nov. 8-20	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Jacob J. Traub
	Sturgis	A/G	Nov. 15—	Lyle Phillips	Donald Matthews
	Wyandotte	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Warren B. Tyler
Minn.	Brainerd	A/G	Nov. 8-20	Richard C. Schlupp	Melford Olson
Mo.	Arnold	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	O. H. & Mrs. Virgin	Kenneth L. Brown
	Hannibal	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	J. Robert Hembree
	Poplar Bluff	First	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	Ed Eaton	C. C. Truitt
	Senath	A/G	Nov. 15-20	Carl E. Gammel	J. W. Keeling
	Senath	*A/G	Nov. 21-27	Carl E. Gammel	J. W. Keeling
Mont.	Butte	Gospel	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Roy and Arlene Brewer	Niilo Seppala
	Conrad	A/G	Nov. 15-27	A. H. & Pearl Miller	Wells H. Gage
Nebr.	Minatare	A/G	Nov. 6-13	Merle & Mrs. Roll	Wayne D. Allen
N. J.	Elizabeth	Trinity Pentecostal	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	John Shrier	Jesse Owens
	Pennsauken	Calvary	Nov. 8-20	Russell & Mrs. Goodwin	H. W. Barnes
	Point Pleasant	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 11	Arthur & Anna Berg	R. W. Banach
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	Stewart Douglass	Melvin Sasse
N. Y.	Bronx	Iglesia El Calvario	Nov. 17-20	Thomas Hernandez	Alex Mercado
N. C.	Valdese	A/G	Nov. 9-20	J. Howard Thompson	Thomas A. Knight
N. Dak.	Grand Forks	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 4	Marion Ravan	Darrell Meyrer
Ohio	Canton	Christian	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	John Higginbotham	Charles R. Mills
	Tiffin	First	Nov. 16-Dec. 4	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	Orville F. Whitacre
	Youngstown	Christian	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	S. S. LoPresti
Okla.	Dustin	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 2	F. R. McAdams	Bill Rich
	Tipton	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 4	Mathers-Pharr Team	R. E. Jones
	Webbers Falls	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Bob & Mrs. Jones	N. B. Rayburn
Oreg.	Grants Pass	*A/G	Nov. 13-18	Christian Hild	Don Merrill
	Milwaukie	A/G	Nov. 15-20	Paul LaVonne Clark	Bennie Harris
	Salem	*First	Nov. 6-13	Irene Abrahamson	Austin Barton
Pa.	Aliquippa	A/G	Nov. 1-13	Ralph E. Leslie	D. Donald Brasco
	Irwin	A/G	Nov. 9-20	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Samuel Weidler
	Manheim	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	"Little Joe" Peterson	Howard Pfoutz
	Mifflintown	A/G	Nov. 15-27	Ralph E. Leslie	Handy Christopher
	Seranton	Pentecostal	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	John Hamercheck	Parker B. Hayes
	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 23-27	Olshevski Musical Team	LaVerne Clute
	Shippensburg	A/G	Nov. 22-27	George & Nadine VanRiper	Howard Garman
S. Dak.	Winner	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 2	Charles Senechal	W. G. Wakefield
Tex.	Abilene	First	Nov. 15—	Mangram Evangelistic Tm.	Raymond Schaeffer
	Denton	Faith Tab.	Nov. 16—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	H. A. Johnson
	Garner	Cool	Nov. 20-27	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	C. N. Fincher
	Luling	First	Nov. 9-20	Tommy & Esther Lance	William Patrick
	Odessa	Southside	Nov. 6-18	Robert Salter	William Bozeman
	Tyler	First	Nov. 13-20	Keetah Jones	B. L. Greene
	Waxahachie	University	Nov. 16-20	Jesse K. Moon	D. R. Guynes
Va.	Vienna	A/G	Nov. 8—	L. K. Dodge	A. W. Phillips
Wash.	Aberdeen	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Wesley F. Morton	Ralph Phillips
	Tacoma	So. Tacoma	Nov. 8-20	Duane & Violet Parrish	Dale Harmon
W. Va.	Moorefield	A/G	Nov. 15-27	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Marshall Howell
Wis.	Eau Claire	A/G Tab.	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Clifford A. Nichols
	Mayville	A/G	Nov. 9-20	William Grams	Edward Wihowski

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