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DUE TO A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, a report on the Middle East turned out to read, "THE MUDDLE EAST." To one observing current events the caption is apropos. At the time of this writing (June 3) peace has not been achieved. What the situation will be by the time this reaches the readers we can hardly surmise.

The United Nations has found no solution to the hatred, rancor, and political intrigue that has made the Middle East one of the storm centers of the world. Its closeness to Russia makes it of strategic importance to the Western powers.

The Arab world has become a force to be reckoned with by world statesmen. Gone are the days when "the Arab folds his tent and silently steals away." When wide-eyed Americans stared at the flowing robes of an Arab delegate to the United Nations, he exclaimed, "Would to Allah, that they would pay as much attention to my words as to my clothes."

The partition of Palestine and the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 still rankles the Arab world. Efforts of world statesmen to promote a better understanding between the sons of Ishmael and the sons of Isaac have been of little avail. Wretched, sprawling camps of Arab refugees who fled from Israel at the time of partition are a constant source of friction, and Communism finds a fertile field among them. The presence of nearly a million refugees burdened with poverty and blighted hopes lends a spirit of impermanence to the whole social structure.

Israel is hated by the Arab world, and the age-old enmity has reached white heat. Israel, a tiny land of 2,635,-

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000 population, is flanked by 50 million Arabs. Frequent forays by Syrian and Egyptian infiltrators have provoked Israel's retaliations. Egypt's announcement that it would close the Gulf of Aqaba and forbid ships of any nation to carry strategic goods to Israel's port of Elath—Israel's lifeline to the Orient since she was denied use of the Suez Canal—was a blow to Israel. (Elath was once King Solomon's opulent port.)

President Nasser of Egypt has been charged with being a spearhead of Soviet penetration into the Middle East. His ambition to create an Arab empire, exterminate Israel, and take control of Aden and the oil fields of the Middle East, has caused the situation in the area to flare into alarming proportions.

President Nasser's ambitions for Egypt are doomed to disappointment according to Ezekiel 29:15. The Bible says Egypt "shall be the basest of kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations, for I will diminish them, and they shall no more rule over the nations."

The Bible lands which comprise the Middle East occupy one of the most strategic regions on the face of the earth. Here three continents meet, making it a pivot on which world issues swing. These lands have from the dawn of history been the crossroads of the world. Here the most important events in history were enacted or are yet to take place.

Though some of the countries of the Middle East are small, they hold a position of importance far greater than their size. They may be weak politically, but their oil resources make them an area of international rivalry. Their present status is one of fear and tension; their future is crucial to themselves and to the world.

It should be a matter of concern to Christians everywhere that these lands of such strategic importance politically,



This beautiful Muslim mosque with gilded dome stands on Mount Moriah, ancient site of Solomon's Temple. (Repair crew's crane is in background.)

THE STRATEGIC MIDDLE EAST

By **GEORGE H. CARMICHAEL**

Last September the Editor took this picture of a little Arab boy standing by the Wailing Wall in Old Jerusalem.

historically, and geographically, are today in spiritual darkness. Though these lands were the first custodians of the gospel, they are today a needy mission field. It may seem incredible to some that this area, the cradle of Christianity, should need missionaries. That the early disciples faithfully carried out the Great Commission and evangelized the area is evidenced by the number of church ruins being unearthed by archeologists. We forget that in the seventh century Islam swept across these countries and all but exterminated the Christian Church. Once strong Christian centers are now predominantly Muslim, with resulting spiritual darkness. Today, with the exception of Lebanon and Israel, the Middle East remains approximately 92 percent Muslim.

Though the current situation is impeding missionary efforts in the Middle East, there are groups of evangelical Christians scattered throughout the Bible lands who are courageously witnessing for Christ.

Gospel literature has been of vital importance in the Middle East, for Islam is essentially the religion of a book—the Koran—and there is great respect for the printed page. No missionary effort can penetrate so deeply and so irresistibly as literature. Literature will be read by men who would not listen to a minister. Books translated into Arabic are gladly received.

Developments during the past two decades portend the soon coming of the Lord. The influx of Jews and the establishment of the State of Israel, in our opinion, is a direct fulfillment of prophecy. It is true that the land is divided and Jerusalem itself is a divided city. The Old City is held by the Arabs and a Moslem mosque stands on the site of Solomon's Temple. On three different occasions during the War of Partition, Jewish troops fought their way into the Old City of Jerusalem. There seemed to be

no natural reason why they should not hold the beachhead; nevertheless, each time they were driven out. Is it possible that the Jews were on schedule? Could it be that it was time for them to take over the Old City where the temple site is located, but the Church had lagged behind history and had been dilatory in fulfilling her mission to gather from among the Gentiles a people for His name? Has God given the Church an extension of time to carry out the Great Commission by permitting Arabs to hold the Old City, thus prolonging the *times of the Gentiles*?

Watch events in the Middle East. That strategic area holds a key position in prophecy: There God is working out His age-long purpose. The world was surprised when King Hussein of Jordan, who has had friendly relations with the USA and Britain, suddenly went to Cairo and aligned his country with Egypt in its avowed determination to destroy Israel. In the event of war between Jordan and Israel, the Jews might conceivably take over all the territory west of the Jordan River, thus taking control of the Old City in fulfillment of Christ's words, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

God is bringing to pass His eternal purpose. The stage is being set for the final acts in the great prophetic drama: the rapture of the Church, the Great Tribulation, the unveiling of the Antichrist, and the revelation of God's Son from heaven.

WHAT NEXT?

MUCH HAS HAPPENED in the Middle East since the accompanying article was written. As we go to press, Israel has seized all of Palestine west of the Jordan River, including the entire city of Jerusalem.

Jews again are staining the ancient stones of the Wailing Wall with their tears, praying for a restoration of their Temple destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

The site of that Temple is now under Jewish rule for the first time in 1900 years.

The nations are asking, "Will the Israelis, who seized the older part of Jerusalem in self-defense, retain their grip on it?"

The Jews are asking, "Why should we be expected to relinquish control of any part of our ancient city to a people who have adamantly refused to let one of us cross its threshold for many years?"

Christians are asking, "Have the 'times of the Gentiles' been fulfilled? Is the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy now beginning (Daniel 9:24) and has God's clock, which stopped when Messiah was cut off (verse 26) now resumed its ticking?"

While the world watches the Middle East, let the Jews search their Bibles, and let the Church keep her eyes on the sky, looking for the sudden appearing of Him who said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).



The Miracle of Israel

LAST MONTH THE WORLD was reminded again of the indestructibility of Israel. Enemies rose up, like others before them, vowing they would destroy the Jews, only to meet with the same disastrous defeat that has befallen every nation that ever oppressed the Jews.

Israel appeared to be hopelessly outmatched. An array of nations with a total population of over 90 millions declared war on their tiny land of 2½ millions, but in five days of battle the Israelis won a decisive victory. It was the story of David and Goliath all over again. Israel destroyed the enemy's armies (which Russia had trained and equipped at a cost of two billion dollars) in a display of striking power and military prowess that amazed the whole world.

When charges were made in the United Nations Security Council that Americans and British had aided the Israelis in the fighting, Israel's representative Gideon Rafael denied this; but he said the Israeli troops did not fight alone, for the angel of the Lord was with them.

At the end of the five-day war, Israel's military leader, Moshe Dayan, said: "Everybody fought for something that is a combination of love, belief, and country. If I may say so, we felt we were fighting to prevent the fall of the Third Temple."

The survival of Israel over all its enemies, both modern and ancient, cannot be explained in natural terms alone. No nation has been so abused, persecuted, and oppressed in all history, yet the Jew has stood by the grave of every oppressor. He has been cursed, mocked, hated, derided, imposed upon, just as the Lord said would happen if he forsook the divine commandments—and he has been scattered throughout the face of the earth. God said the Jew would be "a reproach, and a proverb, a taunt, and a curse in all places whither I shall drive thee" (Jeremiah 24:9). But the Bible also says, "He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock" (Jeremiah 31:10). In our day we have witnessed the gathering of the exiles in the land God promised to them. For every Jew that returned from Babylonian exile in ancient times, 50 have returned in the modern regathering.

The preservation of Israel's identity for 1900 years with no king, no Temple, no homeland or other means to hold them together, is one of the amazing facts of history. It is so remarkable that Bishop Lightfoot said, "You may deny if you will every successive miracle in the Bible, but this miracle—the preservation of Israel—is more convincing than all."

The restoration of Israel to a national homeland is not a new idea among Biblical expositors. As long as 70 years ago the late James H. McConkey, for example, wrote at great length on the subject. In his book *The End of the Age*, copyrighted in 1897 (at which time there was only a handful of Jews in Palestine, and the land was controlled by the Turks) he wrote: "The Jews shall be gathered from the nations whither they have been scattered: they shall be restored to their own city and their own land: Jesus Christ at His return shall be King over them, and they shall be the favored nation through which God shall pour forth His blessings upon the earth and its nations during the Millennial age." This is clearly taught in the Bible.

Atheists have ridiculed this idea. Liberal clergymen have scoffed at it. But today it is being fulfilled before our eyes, indicating that these are indeed the "last days" both for Israel and for the Church. Our Lord's return may be very near.

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I HAD BEEN TO FORT WORTH, and when I arrived back at Southwestern Assemblies of God College I immediately had the feeling that all was not right.

I drove out to the annex where I live and started taking things in. After these trips the fellows usually gather around to see what my grandmother sent back with me. This time nobody came.

At first I didn't think very much about it, for there had been a few times before when no one was there. But after an hour or so I began to feel lonely. I had an uneasy feeling that everything was not as it should be.

When I went outside, I realized that the boys' cars were there. That meant they should be somewhere on campus.

I went back to my room. As I sat there studying, again I had an uneasy feeling which kept growing.

Another hour passed. Still no one came. By this time I was nervous. *Things were too quiet.*

I began to walk around campus. I couldn't find anyone. In the cafeteria there was food left on the tables, as if people had suddenly been called away.

In the library, books were scattered on the tables, notebooks open, pencils and pens lying as if dropped in great haste.

In the men's dorm some doors were standing ajar. Others were locked tight. Radios, lights, and record players were going, as if someone were there. But no one answered.

At last I turned to the chapel. There I found a small group of people crying as if their hearts were breaking under the weight of some terrible disaster. I tried to talk to one of them but got no response—except for uncontrollable sobs. I tried to comfort them with, "Nothing could be all that bad." I succeeded only in increasing their lamenting.

I went back to the annex, thinking someone might have returned and could explain. Still no one was there.

I got in my car and began to drive. I thought about the strangeness of the situation, wondering just what had happened. I turned on the radio. The announcer began, "We are repeating a previous announcement. Literally millions of people are missing; no explanation is available. People are just gone, without a trace, almost as if they had been caught up to another world."

"Caught up to another world." The phrase kept ringing over and over again. Too stunned for words or even thoughts, I slowed the car, pulled to the side of the road, and halted. I suddenly realized what had happened. Christ had come. . . . I was not ready. . . . I was too busy with the cares of life. . . . *I had been left behind!*

I began to cry and scream. I was yelling at the top of my voice. I was writhing about the car like a madman.

After the first spasm I came to myself. I began to think. I wasn't the only one left behind. Remembering the group in the college chapel, I drove to various churches. At each I found people yelling, screaming, crying, weeping—pouring their hearts out to no avail.

I drove slowly toward the college. Arriving at the annex, I went in, threw myself on the floor, and wept until



and I was

LEFT BEHIND!

By CHARLEY PIERSON

I could shed no more tears. I had been left behind! Left behind . . . left . . . behind . . . behind . . . LEFT BEHIND!

The pressure grew. I tried to cry out but couldn't. Agony built on top of agony. Left behind . . . left behind. . . .

Suddenly I awoke, covered with sweat. I had been dreaming. Oh! What a joy flooded my heart. I praised the Lord, thanking Him because I had not been left behind.



Do You

By D. M. PANTON

PROBABLY NO GENERATION since our Lord ascended has had such urgent reasons as our own for praying for our Lord to come back, and had as few who will share in thus producing the greatest event this old earth will ever know. Let us be among that few.

"God works according to the prayers of His people," said Evan Roberts; and the date of Christ's second advent is a loose end which prayer can affect. Since God has made all His actions in this lower world to depend on faith and prayer, He may be depending on us for bringing the Advent more than we dream.

A GOD-GIVEN PRAYER

"The Lord Himself," in the words of Canon Simpson, "would never have bidden us pray, 'Thy kingdom come,' if those seasons, which no man knows, were so irrevocably fixed that our efforts could not hasten, or our sins retard, the wheels of His chariot." If the Jewish disciple, by praying that his flight may not be on the Sabbath, nor in the winter (Matthew 24:20), can so modify the date of that flight as to change not only the day of the week, but also the season of the year, much more is it in the power of the Church, and therefore our glorious responsibility, to "hasten the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12, margin).

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

Our Lord says: "When ye pray, say, Thy kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10). This, more than ever in these last days, ought to be the first and last of the Church's prayers; for all that she desires for herself, for the world, and for her Lord Himself, is comprised in this" (Dr. H. Bonar).

We are apt to see men to the exclusion of mankind. When we pray for the Kingdom, we plead for 60 generations against one; for God will amputate a single generation—and that only after countless pleadings in grace and judgment—to save an entire race. It is the most practical of all possible prayers, for there is no other way whereby the world's political and social salvation can be effected and God's love for the world at last fulfilled.

"There is no remedy," as Lord Shaftesbury, who did more to improve social conditions in his generation than any other man, said, "for all this mass of misery, but in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Why do we not plead for it every time we hear the clock strike?"

Jesus says, "Surely I come quickly." "Amen," cries John: *I accept the doctrine. I hold fast the promise. I rejoice in the speed: "Come, Lord Jesus"* (Revelation 22:20). It is the last prayer from an apostle's lips. It is the last and crowning prayer of the Bible! It is the last prayer of the last apostle of the Lamb: the whole canon of inspiration closes with a direct appeal to Christ to come.

THE RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH

"The signs are to me so encouraging that I would not be unbelieving if I saw the wing of the apocalyptic angel spread for its last triumphant flight in this day's sunset. O you dead churches, wake up! O Christ, descend! Scarred temple, take the crown! Bruised hand, take the scepter! Wounded foot, mount the throne! Thine is the Kingdom!" (Dr. Talmage).

"'Surely I come quickly,'" says Sir Robert Anderson "are Christ's last recorded words, but their fulfillment awaits the response of His people, 'Amen; even so come, Lord Jesus.'"

It is a prayer put upon our lips by divine command. "Hardly had our Lord reached the threshold of the house of the Father than He shouted back, 'Surely I come quickly.' Nor does the Church enter into the rapture of her hopes until she brings herself to respond, 'Amen; even so, come, Lord Jesus'" (Dr. Seiss).

In the words of Dr. McCheyne: "The day is breaking in the east. Oh, brethren, do you know what it is to long for Himself—to cry, 'Make haste, my Beloved?'"

THE DESIRE OF OUR LORD

All holy and scriptural desire is legitimate fuel for prayer; and it is perilous to be so concerned with the doctrine of the Advent that we forget the prayer. Is it nothing to us that our Lord wishes to come back? Why is He coming quickly if it is not the speed of desire? "Many Christians do not realize that the Lord is waiting until He is invited by His own to return. We may need to be urged; He does not" (W. Lincoln).

If our conscience crows us with the danger at the Judgment Seat of a soul only partially ready, let us meet that real difficulty by daily offering a simultaneous prayer—that we may be made so deeply prepared in life and character as to be able to see Him in fulness of joy. It is a self-purifying prayer. "Every man that hath this hope

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in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).


Let us learn to say in the golden words of the old Puritan, Baxter: "Hasten, O my Saviour, the time of Thy return! Delay not, lest the living give up their hopes; delay not, lest earth should grow like hell and Thy Church be crumbled to dust. Oh, hasten that great resurrection day when the graves that received but rottenness, and retain but dust, shall return Thee glorious stars and suns. Thy desolate Bride saith, 'Come.' The whole creation saith, 'Come.' Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

As a friend once wrote me: "I always feel when one sings Miss Havergal's beautiful hymn, 'Thou art coming, O my Saviour,' that I want to prostrate myself on the earth and weep for sheer joy!"

THE GROANING CREATION

Finally, we learn the subconscious mind of the sin-cursed earth. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain" waiting for redemption and "for the revealing of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19). "Can you say, 'More than they that wait for the morning, my soul waiteth for Thee'? Does your heart leap when you think that the Christ, ever present, is drawing near to us? All the signs of the times, intellectual and social; the rottenness of much of our life; the abounding luxury; the hideous vice that flaunts unblamed or unabashed before us; all these things cry out to Him, whose ear is not deaf—even if our voice does not join in the cry—and beseech Him to come" (Dr. Alexander McLaren).

All the creation needs can be met only by the Advent. "In this prayer is summed up all that the Christian heart can desire—the destruction of the power of Satan; the deliverance of the creature from the bondage of corruption; the banishment of sin and sorrow from the individual heart and from the world; the restoration of all things; the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness; the beholding by Jesus in fullness of the travail of His soul; the bestowment upon Him in completeness of His promised reward. Let each member of the Church militant unite with the apostle in the longing cry—*Amen; come, Lord Jesus*" (Dr. E. R. Craven).

"Come, Lord Jesus," should be our daily prayer. Shall we not make a compact together that, so long as breath lasts, we will, without a single day's intermission, pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus"? 

Scriptural Prayer Chosen for Council Theme

'COME, LORD JESUS'

"COME, LORD JESUS," the scriptural prayer chosen as the theme for the 32nd General Council of the Assemblies of God, expresses the hope of the Church. It also echoes the desire that Christ may be present and pre-eminent in all the activities related to this biennial convention (which will be in the Long Beach, California, Arena, August 24-29).


This prayer will be evident during business sessions as ministers and church delegates vote on pressing matters that affect the ministry and outreach of the fellowship. "*Come, Lord Jesus. Direct our thoughts and minds. Help us to move in unity of the Spirit to build Your Kingdom.*"

This prayer will be evident during inspirational services as speakers challenge the delegates and visitors (expected to number 10,000) to live with an awareness of eternity's values. "*Come, Lord Jesus. Accept the dedication of our lives as we commit ourselves wholly to You and Your will.*"

This prayer will be evident during pre-Council conferences and in 60 displays in the exhibit area during the Council as those attending learn of methods and materials that can assist in their programs of evangelism. "*Come, Lord Jesus. Prepare our hearts to learn the best ways to tell others what You can mean in their lives.*"

This prayer will be evident during fellowship times—at meals, in after-service talks, in youth activities, in chance meetings in hallways and streets—as old friends are reunited and new friends are gained. "*Come, Lord Jesus. Enrich our fellowship with Your presence so that we may strengthen and encourage one another to pursue the unfinished task that lies before us.*"

And this prayer will be on the lips and in the hearts of delegates who gather with renewed awareness that Jesus Christ is coming soon. From hearts that have one goal—to bring back the King—will ascend a united prayer for His return: "Come, Lord Jesus."

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. *Even so, come, Lord Jesus*" (Revelation 22:20). 

BIBLE PROPHECIES have frequent mention of prophetic time, or the periods when prophecies shall be fulfilled. The words *time* and *times* occur often in Scripture verses which refer to Christ's return.

Christ, in His greatest prophetic message to the Church, said, "Behold, I have told you *before*" (Matthew 24: 25). Paul told the Thessalonians they knew "perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night," and there was no need for him to write to them about prophetic "times" (1 Thessalonians 5:1), because he had previously given them advance information about the day of the Lord.

This advance knowledge is necessary. Wars have been lost because of a lack of military intelligence, and nations today have their intelligence agents working secretly over the world.

These prophetic times are indicated by "signs," not by dates, and all who have set dates have been wrong. A sign is an indication or mark by which a predicted event is to be recognized. The thief illustration was a favorite with Jesus, and He warned, "Behold, I come as a thief" (Revelation 3:3; 16:15). Paul also said the day of the Lord would come "as a thief in the night."

To many people, the coming of that day will be a surprise, like the visit of a thief; but those who know the Bible prophecies will not be caught by surprise. Jesus, in giving us His end-time predictions, promised that "that day" would not come upon us "unawares" if we watched for it. The inference is that if we faithfully watch, we shall know the approach of it and avoid the danger of it.

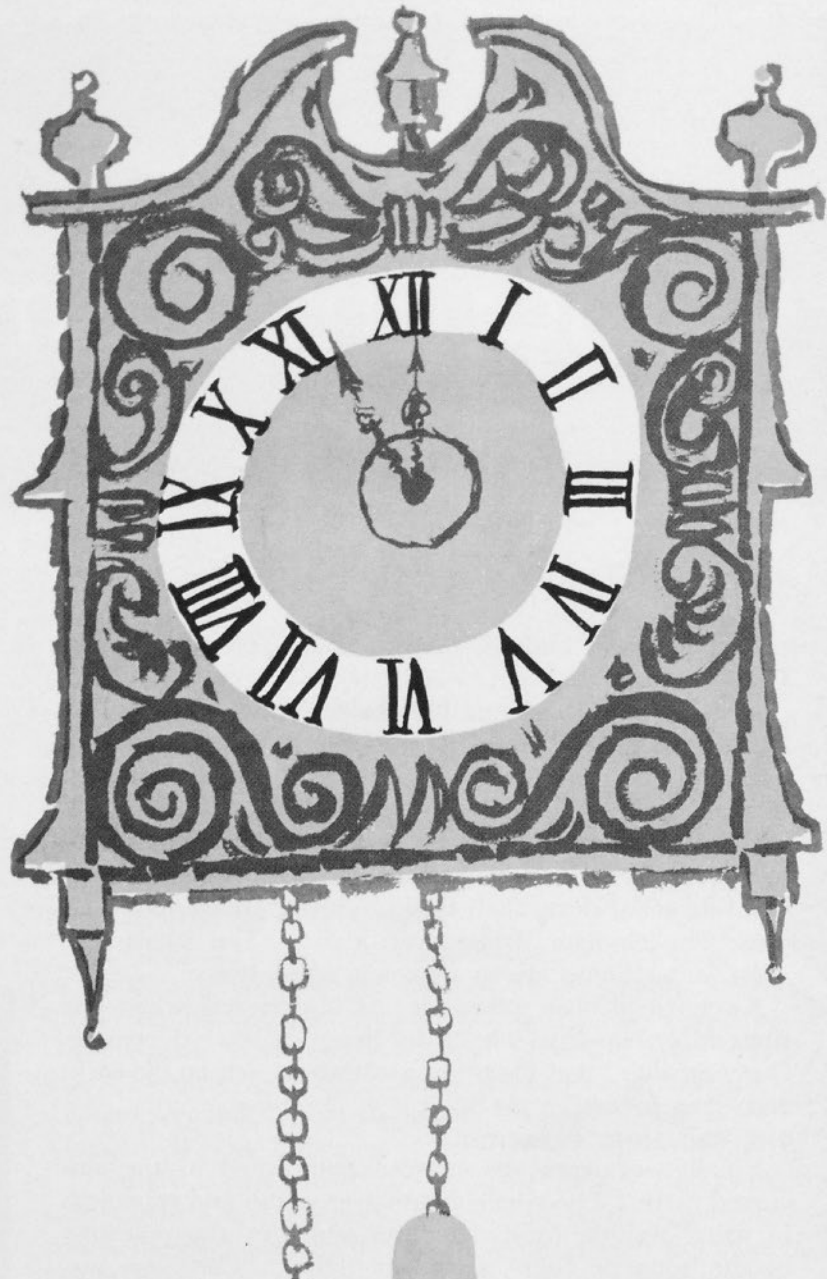
The Apostle, writing in Hebrews 10:25 about the coming of our Lord, said, "as ye *see* the day approaching." The stress here is that we can see the *approach* of it. There will be signs to "see" about the approaching event, before the event arrives. And Jesus said that when we see the trees in bud "ye *see* and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand" (Luke 21:30, 31). So also, when we see the signs, we may know that "the kingdom of God is *nigh* at hand." We now consider five of these signs.

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A prophetic sign appears and then *develops* after its appearance, as a bud grows and matures into ripened fruit. An example is in 1 John 2:18-20: "Little children, it is the last time, and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

The apostle observed here that the antichrist sign had appeared, and he also noted the *size* of the sign, for there were "many antichrists." And he connected the prophetic sign with prophetic time: "*Whereby we know* it is the last time."

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist" (verse 22). This heresy had arisen in the Church, and the heretics had withdrawn from



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the fellowship of the believers. Today in the Church there is a crisis between antichrists and those who believe that Jesus is the Christ. This sign had begun in the Apostle's day and it has been developing for 19 centuries until today there are more antichrists than ever.

There is a *law of growth* in these signs. Concerning the wheat and tares, Jesus said, "Let both grow together until the harvest" (Matthew 13:30). The same truth is taught by Jesus in Mark 4:28, "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." In nature there are successive degrees of growth from seedtime to harvest, and there are connecting links in the development of the antichrist system from beginning to ending. It will proceed with an ever-increasing intensity on a worldwide scale until it reaches its maximum force.

A multitude of antichrists will prepare the way for the Antichrist. Many false prophets will consummate in "the false prophet" (Revelation 16:13; 19:20). Although the antichrist sign appeared in the first century, it was small compared to its size today. The cloud that was seen in the time of drought in Elijah's day first appeared as the size of a "man's hand." We have waited at an airport to meet a friend and first saw the plane as a speck on the horizon, but it appeared larger and larger as it approached the airport. So also shall it be as we "see the day approaching."

II

Paul also had the same thought of sign development when he wrote: "For the mystery of iniquity doth *already* work: only he who now letteth [hindereth] will let [hinder], until he be taken out of the way" (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

Paul said that Satan's mysterious spirit of lawlessness was already working in his day, and although Satan was operating secretly, yet by the Holy Spirit's insight it was a fact of observation. When John wrote about the antichrist sign, he said, "But ye have an unction from the Holy One and know all things." This anointing teaches us all things that we need to know about "the last time." Members of the end-time Church must be filled with the Holy Spirit or they may be deceived with Satan's mysterious operations. For example, a Protestant leader in the ecumenical movement said recently on a telecast that "most Protestants are willing to accept the Pope as their spiritual leader." The primacy of the Pope has been the main hindrance to ecumenical unity.

When Jesus warned His disciples to "take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees," it was a warning about "the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees" (Matthew 16:6-12). There was a spirit in their doctrine that was subtle and deceptive, and Jesus called it "leaven." Silent and hidden, a small amount of leaven mysteriously works its way through a loaf until the whole is leavened.

Beware of the leaven of the World Church. The mystery that had begun in Paul's day has now reached an unprecedented magnitude. It has been advancing through the centuries, steadily gathering momentum, and it will

continue until it reaches its full height. The World Church sign is developing fast, as anyone knows who keeps abreast of the news, and it will continue to do so until it reaches global religious and political power (Revelation 17). The "harlot" develops into "the *great* harlot" (Revelation 17:1). Babylon expands into "Babylon the *Great*" (Revelation 17:5). Even Antichrist will have a gradual manifestation. "He shall come up, and shall *become* strong with a small people" (Daniel 11:23).

Jesus also referred to this mystery-of-iniquity sign when He said: "Because iniquity shall *abound*, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). "Abound" means that evil will multiply until there is a global superabundance of it. The full measure of it will fill the earth, but it will reach this final state of completion by successive degrees of accumulation.

This lawless spirit that refuses to yield to God's laws of righteousness is now manifested in the World Church and in the *worldly church*. Paul said, "That day shall not come except there come a falling away first" (2 Thessalonians 2:3). The Greek word for "falling away" is *apostasia*, and it signifies: "rebellion," "apostasy," "desertion," "repudiation," "betrayal."

In the prophetic chain of events, this mass spirit of rebellion against God's laws is now developing into a global system of evil.

III

The Israel sign is also an indication whereby we "see the day approaching." The new State of Israel was established in 1948 and since then it has had a phenomenal growth in economics, industry, and population.

Israel holds a central position in unfulfilled prophecy, and considerable space is given in these prophecies both to the land and people of Israel. Modern Israel, "a miracle in the desert," will continue to expand and develop her position in the Mediterranean countries of Daniel's image. She will continue to increase her place of prophetic importance because all unfulfilled prophecy is connected with Israel.

IV

The Common Market sign has recently enlarged. This common market idea is a plan by European nations for economic and industrial cooperation without tariffs or other trade barriers. On March 25, 1957, six countries signed treaties to establish the European Common Market, and they have been seeking a wider cooperation among other European nations. Further expansion and world partnership is the goal, and blueprints for this are now ready. The common market countries are prosperous, and this is why Britain is endeavoring to join.

Other countries desire to share the prosperity being generated in the common market. Eighteen African states are now associated with it, and also Greece and Turkey. Austria is considering membership; Poland plans to join.

Besides the six-nation common market, there are other organizations for economic unity, including the seven-nation European Free Trade Association. Plans are being laid to bring all Europe into a trade community soon, and a West German trade expert at the United Nations said the prospects for this comprehensive merger are brighter than is generally known.

A significant development was the recent conference
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of foreign ministers in South America. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, in a news interview, spoke of the "rapidly developing" common market in Latin America and stressed its importance to world prosperity.

This plan for a world economic merger is a developing reality, and it will be ready for Antichrist's reign when no man shall buy or sell without wearing his mark or the number of his name (Revelation 13:16, 17). If anyone doubts this, let him ponder the description of the world common market in Revelation 18.

V

The sign of Daniel's image is developing along with the other signs. Since the rebirth of Israel, there has been intense political and industrial activity in the countries of Daniel's image—from Iran (Persia) to Turkey, Italy, France, and from Spain to Egypt, Iraq (Babylon) and others. Russia, with the second largest submarine fleet in the world, is strongly entrenched in parts of this image, but big changes are coming. There are prophetic developments with every tick of God's clock.

Events with prophetic meaning are breaking fast on the Mediterranean scene, and military and political analysts predict a shift of world power to this area, which agrees with Revelation 18. A great part of unfulfilled prophecy deals with the countries of Daniel's image, and Daniel was more interested in the feet of the image than in the other parts. At one end of the Mediterranean, Spain has been disputing the British rights to Gibraltar. At the other end, controversy has surrounded the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal.

The center of the world common market is in this image, and the center of the World Church is here. Israel is here, and here Antichrist will arise and set up his kingdom.

World leaders have been talking for generations about a United States of Europe; and President De Gaulle is the latest. Although military dictators have failed to put the image together, Daniel said it will stand again. When it does, Christ, the Stone of Daniel 2:44, 45, will strike the image on its 10 toes, destroy the kingdom of Antichrist, and set up His Kingdom.

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As a physician's prognosis is based on the spread of a cancer, so by the multiplying of the signs we may see the day approaching and know that it is "nigh at hand."

The signs, small at first, have widened until we now see the foreshadowing of future events. The antichrist sign, the World Church sign, the Israel sign, the Common Market sign, and the Image sign are developing together, with indications of further expansion. The buds will grow until the harvest when the "grapes are fully ripe" (Revelation 14:15-18). The "beginning of sorrows" will enlarge into "the great tribulation" (Matthew 24:8, 21).

The day of the Lord will come "as a thief in the night"; but Jesus said that "if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken up" (Matthew 24:43). If we watch, we shall see the thief coming; we shall escape the danger and loss caused by the thief, and our house shall not be broken up. This is the whole point of the illustration. Let us watch the approaching signs—and be always ready.

The Prospect of His Coming

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IN THESE MOMENTOUS TIMES, with outstanding and shocking occurrences all about us, we cannot help but think about the future and wonder what will happen next! During these days of uncertainty we can be sure that there will be tremendous changes in almost every phase of life—political, economic, and social. It is apparent to the enlightened Christian that the time is ripening for the next great event in the program of God—the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What will happen when He comes? Christ's coming will be so far-reaching in its effects and will produce such a revolution on earth that none dare disregard it. Although with vastly different outlooks, all should and must anticipate it.

PROSPECT FOR THE WORLD

Prophetic Scripture verses foretell a time when the curse will be lifted from creation; this will be realized when Christ returns:

*No more shall sin and sorrow reign
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found.*

The perplexed nations and governments of this world, which today are vainly doing their utmost to obtain world peace, will finally give their power to the Antichrist in a desperate hope of solving international problems. The injustice and misrule of this age will terminate in

Church Leader Predicts Apostasy

EPHESUS, A.D. 66—Timotheus, bishop of Ephesus, today made public the contents of a vigorous pastoral letter written from Rome by the apostle Paul. The tone of the letter is kindly, but the Apostle is unsparing in his renunciation of those who draw away from the teaching of

the greatest conflict the world has ever known, when Christ will descend from the sky to do battle against the Antichrist. Then evil government will be overthrown, and Christ shall rule in peace.

PROSPECT FOR THE JEWS

The Jewish nation, Israel, has a glorious prospect when Jesus comes. When God completes His dealings with that nation at the close of their years of sorrow, then Christ will reveal Himself to them in great glory. A believing remnant will recognize Him as the long-awaited, once-crucified Messiah; they will crown Him as their King. The promises made to Abraham will then be fulfilled. God, speaking through the prophet Zechariah, said, "They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

PROSPECT FOR THE CHURCH

The Church of Jesus Christ has a yet more glorious prospect than Israel. To them Jesus acclaims Himself as the "Bright and Morning Star." This "Star" appears while darkness is still unbroken to announce the approaching day. Night sleepers do not see it—only watchers! Thus while conditions on earth are still dark and impending tribulation hangs over men, Christ will appear for His Church. This is the Rapture, taking place before the events described above. This is the time when He shall come as a "thief in the night" and take to Himself His own who are ready and watching for His coming. To His Church will be given the privilege of being at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while the inhabitants of earth shall undergo swift and terrible tribulation and wrath.

PROSPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

But, my friend, let us make this matter of His coming even more personal. What will happen to you when Jesus comes?


One of these days or nights, while men are busy with the common care and pursuits of life, something supernatural will happen. Unheeded and unknown to the gay world, Blood-washed people from all parts of the world will suddenly disappear—caught up like Enoch, who was not found because God translated him. Invisibly, noiselessly, and miraculously these redeemed of the Lord will

vanish from this world and ascend to meet their waiting Redeemer.

When the heavenly trumpet sounds announcing this event, the resurrection power that raised Jesus from the sealed tomb will pierce every grave that holds the body of one who died in the Lord. Those bodies, corrupted by death, will suddenly put on incorruption. They will come forth and rise by the mighty power of their King. At the sound of the shout from the skies, and the voice of the archangel, some dead bodies will awake and arise, while others will be held by death and the grave; for the mighty Christ, at His coming, will speak with a voice that only those who have been washed in His blood will hear.

Those that have accepted Him as Saviour will be called forth to everlasting joy and peace. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." There in heaven we shall again meet our loved ones who have gone before us; we shall behold our Redeemer. What a joyous reunion that will be!

But what of those who are not ready for this great event? They shall wait a thousand years for their resurrection day; and when it comes, they shall receive the penalty for their sins. As you look forward to the certain prospect of His coming, will you not look back to Calvary and realize that He included you in the wrath He bore for sin? When He appears, you need not say "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." You can be saved today and enjoy a part in the Rapture or the first resurrection.

How glorious is the prospect of the redeemed at the coming of the Redeemer, how hopeless is yours, my unsaved friend. If you miss Christ, you miss everything; you have nothing but trouble, sorrow, and destruction before you. But there is still opportunity for you to be prepared for the momentous event which may transpire at any moment. Accept Christ as your Saviour. Turn your back on all your sins. Take the mercy and forgiveness that God is offering to you. Then, even while darkness gathers over this world, you can look forward with inner peace to the coming of the Saviour, knowing that it is a glorious prospect. 

Christ and substitute notions out of their own heads.

In his letter, Paul foresees a time, the exact date of which he did not name, when there should be a wholesale apostasy from the faith of Christ. "This know also," he writes, "that in the last days perilous times shall come, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

The allusion to "itching ears," Timotheus explained, had reference to a disease current among swine throughout Asia Minor, which so irritates the ears as to cause them to itch unbearably. Relief from this itching can be had only by rubbing the ears on rocks or other hard surfaces. "This reference," said the bishop, "would indicate

that the apostle envisions a development in the Church which will so multiply false teachers that they shall be like piles of rocks against which afflicted church members can rub their ears when their disease becomes acute."

Timotheus recalls that in a previous letter addressed to him the apostle Paul had forewarned of the coming of a time when many should depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. For this statement the Apostle expressly claimed divine inspiration.

. . . Paul's letter indicates that he fully expects soon to die by execution. Christians in and around Ephesus, explained the bishop, have received the letter with apprehension for the future of the Church and with great sorrow of heart at the imminent passing of their beloved leader.

—A. W. TOZER

WHAT THE ASCENSION MEANS TO ME

By CHARLES A. ANDERSON • Secretary-Treasurer, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District

HOW EXCITED WE WERE over the ascension of Colonel John Glenn. We had a man in space! Thereafter we watched and listened as our astronauts achieved one victory after another—orbiting in space for hours, days, even weeks—accomplishing difficult tasks like “walking in space” and “docking in space.”

The race for the moon is not yet won, but scientists have not stopped there; they have Mars and even more distant planets in sight.

In this space age how good it is to know that we have a “Man in space” who ascended far beyond the moon and Mars and landed in heaven itself! The ascension of Jesus Christ is reported by the physician Luke in his Gospel (24:50-53) and in his historical account of the Early Church (Acts 1:9-11). We ought to talk of it more often. We frequently dwell on the life He lived on earth and rejoice in the blessed hope that He will return to the earth, but we seldom speak of what He is doing *now*.

After His Ascension, “they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” Why this joy? Why were their hearts glad as they returned to that hostile city? Were there not personal implications which made His ascension a source of blessed benefits to them and to us?

Let me cite, partially at least, what the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ means to me.

1. *The Ascension means Jesus is alive today and is carrying on His work from the Throne on high.*

He is no longer the carpenter of Nazareth or even a mighty prophet. He is the risen and ascended Christ and Lord of glory! “The Acts of the Apostles” may be a misnomer, for the book really records “The Acts of the Ascended

Lord” as He works in and through believers by the Spirit.

The major work of Jesus on earth was to die for our sins. Hebrews 10:12 declares, “But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.” But His ministry is not complete: only the work of the Cross was finished. He is continuing His work through different means. He pointed out to His disciples that it was expedient for Him to go away (ascend) that He might send the Comforter to them. Ten days after Jesus ascended, the Holy Spirit descended. Then they had positive proof that Jesus Christ was in heaven.

Peter emphasized that Christ is on the right hand of God and that angels, authorities, and powers are subject to Him (1 Peter 3:22). Paul gave this similar stress in Ephesians 1-4. We are a victorious Church because we have a victorious Christ. Our Leader and Commander in Chief has defeated every foe and now He directs the battle with authority and power from His “headquarters” in heaven.

2. *The Ascension means I have a Friend at God's right hand.*

Luke points out that Jesus did not disappear until “he lifted up his hands and blessed them.” How He must have loved them! He was interested in them; and He has my interest at heart, too. These previously sorrowful and perplexed disciples found new joy at the ascension. Suddenly they had a new concept of God and a new relationship to heaven. Hebrews 8:1 declares, “We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.” We have a Man in glory.

Hebrews 9:24 says that Christ represents me before God. I am His ambassador on earth, and He is my ambassador in heaven. Even more than an ambassador, He is a loving and faithful mediator. Since He was made like me (Hebrews 2:17), He is touched with the feelings of my infirmities and was tempted in all points like me (4:15; 5:2). And now He lives to make intercession for me (7:25). The eternal Son, coequal with the Father, is none other than my dearest Friend, and He is intensely interested in me!

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Recall the martyrdom of Stephen. He cried, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of *man* [He identifies Himself with men] standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). Christ knew what it was to be killed by an angry mob; so when the first Christian made the supreme sacrifice, Christ no longer sat but stood with keen interest, beholding the martyrdom and interceding for Stephen that his faith would not fail. Just as His final act before ascending was to bless His own, He continued to bless them from heaven—and He continues to bless us today. We need His blessing!

3. *The Ascension means Christ is preparing a place for me in heaven.*

Christ promised, "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). The apostle Paul rejoiced to know "that if our earthly tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

Entrances to many old Greek harbors were not navigable to large ships at low tide because of sand bars. So it was necessary to place an anchor in a "forerunner," a small ship which could pass over the bar into the harbor where the anchor could be safely fastened. Christ's entrance into heaven is my hope—the anchor of my soul within the veil (Hebrews 6:19, 20). Christ is my anchor cast into the world beyond. His presence there is a pledge that I am secure now and that I will enter presently at the high tide of death or the Rapture. His Ascension assures me a place in heaven.

4. *The Ascension means I am assured Jesus will come again.*


Jesus promised that if He went away He would return (John 14:28). He did go away; so the other part of the promise will be carried out, too. It is interesting to note that immediately after His Ascension, angels were commissioned to bring a message of Christ's second coming. They declared, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Besides this there are many other verses of Scripture which speak of our Lord's return, but this message by angels at His Ascension is one of the strongest reasons for believing in the bodily return of Christ.

God knew what He was doing when He took Jesus back to heaven. Had Christ remained on earth, men would always be preoccupied with where He was and what He was doing. But now He is in heaven. Jesus once said that where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:21). My treasure is in heaven, so my heart, desires, and interests are there too. Paul admonished, "Set your affection on things above" (Colossians 3:2).

How do I know He is there? A little fellow was holding tightly to a string stretched into low, overhanging clouds. An old man passing by asked what he was doing. "I'm flying my kite," the lad replied.

"But how do you know your kite is up there? You can't see it," insisted the man.

The boy said, "Oh, mister, I know it's there. *I can feel the tug of it!*" There is a tug in my heart. It causes me to *know* that Jesus is real, and that He is in heaven—alive. 



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

In order to be ready when Jesus comes, must we be born again, entirely sanctified, freed from all sin, and filled with the Holy Ghost?

Christians should desire that their lives contain every Christian grace and blessing, but who can claim absolute perfection? We are saved through faith in the atoning blood of Christ, by the grace of God. We can thank God that the perfections of Christ are imputed to us as we believe. Salvation comes to us through the precious blood of Christ, not through our own merit.

How do you interpret Zechariah 13:3-8? I cannot harmonize it with the promise that every eye shall see Jesus when He comes.

I think it is well to look at the entire passage, beginning with Zechariah 12:10. The Jews will "look upon him whom they have pierced" and will repent and receive Him. This is when He comes to reign. False prophecies will no longer be tolerated (13:3-5).

Israel will say, "What are these wounds in thy hands?" Verses 6 and 7 foretell and remind of His sufferings, while verse 9 and the first two verses of chapter 14 indicate sufferings Israel will endure in the Tribulation. Zechariah 14:3, 4 foretells His coming to reign.

Please explain the difference between the end of the age and the end of the world. Will the end of the world take place when the earth is renovated by fire? (2 Peter 3:10, 11)

We are now in the Church Age, which we believe will end with the rapture of the church at the coming of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Then will come the Great Tribulation, to be followed by the Kingdom Age, spoken of as the Millennium (Revelation 20:1-4). After the Millennium will come the final judgment (Revelation 20:11-14) and the renovation spoken of in 2 Peter 3:10, 11. This is the outline God has given us. Some details following the Millennium will have to be filled in (Revelation 20:7-10).

Is it true that everyone will be resurrected when Jesus comes, and that the unsaved will then have opportunity to accept Christ as their Saviour?

Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29). According to Revelation 20, these resurrections are separated in time by a thousand years. I do not know of any scripture that says sinners will have an opportunity to obtain salvation after they have died. The Bible says: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

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.

Seven Reasons Why I Believe the Lord Jesus Christ Will Come Again

By PAUL ALDERMAN JR.

I BELIEVE Jesus Christ will come again, for several good reasons.

1. Because God the Father Has Pledged It.

The Lord Jesus now sits with the Father on the Father's throne (Revelation 3:21), but one day He will sit on His own throne here on earth, the place of His suffering and shame, for "God hath sworn with an oath" that He would raise up Christ to sit on His throne (Acts 2:30-35). The perfect justice of God the Father and His irrevocable Word so pledge (Psalms 2:10; 16:10; and 110:1; Daniel 7:13, 14; Revelation 5).

2. Because God the Son Has Promised It.

He who is the Truth said, "I will come again" (John 14:3). Three times in His last words (Revelation 22) He repeated for emphasis and urgency, "I come quickly" (Matthew 19:28; 24:27-30; 26:64).

3. Because God the Holy Spirit Has Affirmed It.

"The Spirit of Christ . . . testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow" (1 Peter 1:11). Could the Holy Spirit be right about the first coming and wrong about the second? No.

4. Because the Holy Angels Have Foretold It.

In plain, unmistakable words these mighty creatures proclaim: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from

you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10, 11).

5. Because Holy Men of God Have, by Inspiration, Declared It.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). The glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth, personally, visibly, irresistibly to set up His Kingdom, is the climactic theme of the inspired Word of God. From its "nutshell" beginning in Genesis 3:15 to its thundering crescendo in Revelation 19, holy men of God sound this high note of inspiration, not scores but hundreds of times. To deny it is to deny the Word of the Lord.

6. Because the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ Assures It.

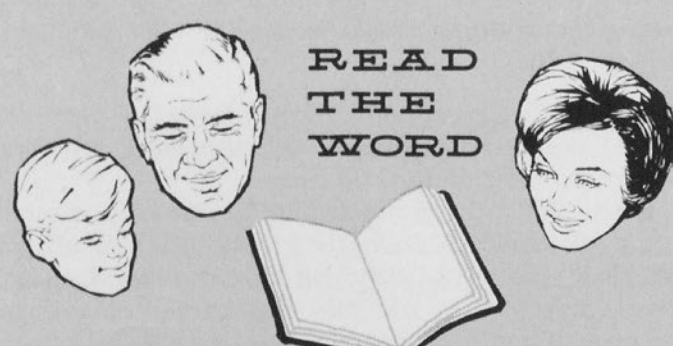
"God hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). The resurrection of Christ has rightly been called "the best proved fact of all history," and the Lord God makes this stupendous verity to bear with divine finality upon His return. To deny His return is, therefore, to deny His resurrection.

7. Because Fulfilled Prophecy Guarantees It.

"We have the word of prophecy made more sure" (2 Peter 1:19 ASV), because every bit of it has been exactly and perfectly fulfilled thus far. It is unthinkable that the Lord Jesus Christ would have drunk to the bitter dregs all that the Spirit testified to beforehand concerning His sufferings, and then not be allowed to partake of all the glory to follow! The same God who permitted His beloved Son to drain the bitter cup of the more than 300 prophecies concerning His first coming will just as surely bring to perfect fulfillment the some 2,500 prophecies concerning His glorious return (Isaiah 53:12; Micah 5:15; Philippians 2:5-11).

There is little or no doubt that the establishment of the Jewish nation is the beginning of the end. We are now entering an overlapping period in this day of grace. As Israel faded out of the picture to allow the Church to take the spotlight at the beginning of this age, so we see the same happening in reverse today. It is reasonable for us to expect the Rapture at any moment to allow Israel to take her place in God's program and thus bring to fruition the prophecies of the end time.

—BALM OF GILEAD



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CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9-16

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"Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears" (2 Samuel 7:22).

DURING THE PAST WEEK you probably talked to many individuals who do not know Christ as Saviour. When you left them, did they know you were a Christian?

Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc., makes it a practice to take the Lord with him wherever he goes. As a result of his dynamic personal-witnessing ministry, scores of men and women have been won to Christ.

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Recognized as one of the nation's most successful contractors, Wallace Johnson feels that witnessing is a daily aspect of Christian living. He says:

"Every businessman comes into contact with many unsaved individuals with whom he must do business. Contacts with such persons offer untold opportunities for the Christian to give his personal witness."

At work, everyone knows this company president is a Christian. "I keep a Bible on my desk," he says, "and I encourage my employees to do likewise. My desk Bible is not an ornament. It is read daily. That fact is also known among my employees."

And Wallace Johnson is a firm believer in the power of prayer. He and his wife, Alma, maintain an active prayer list that is taken before God's throne every day. During his interview with *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward, he commented:

"Today, whether in Memphis or San Francisco or Rome, I still write down special concerns for prayer. The list may be long, but Alma and I do not want to overlook anything. We are grateful that God honors our prayers and that He is using us as instruments for His work."

Like Wallace Johnson, you, too, meet many people whose eternal destiny could depend upon your willingness to tell them about the One who makes life worth living.

Bus driver, how many times have you witnessed to that regular Monday morning passenger who sits behind you and complains about his hangover?

Housewife, how many times have you mentioned the Saviour to the woman next door, whose husband's foul language fills the air night after night?

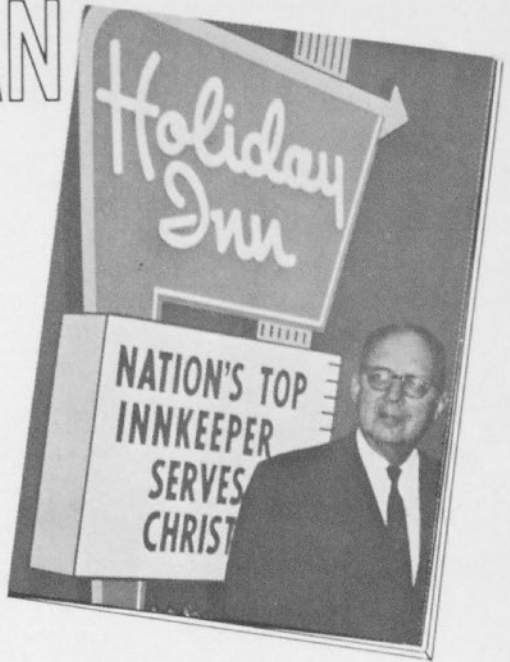
Teen-ager, do the kids at the tennis court know you are a Christian?

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Aymara Indians of Bolivia Are Training to Evangelize Their Own People

OUR HOPES WERE HIGH that early morning in 1953 as we pressed Lorenzo's hand at the La Paz railroad station. Lorenzo was the first Aymara Indian youth to enter the Assemblies of God Bible Institute in Cochabamba to prepare as a pastor to reach his own people.

Lorenzo came from one of the bleakest areas in our work among the Aymaras, 100 miles from the capital city of La Paz. The humble adobe huts with their faded thatched roofs seemed just another part of the dry, rocky landscape.

Illiteracy was the lot of more than 90 percent of the people. The general poverty written over this scene was the result of many crop failures, of repeated frosts at the 13,000-foot altitude, and of the lack of opportunity for education.

At great sacrifice to himself and his family, Lorenzo went to prepare himself as a Christian pastor and leader to bring help to his community. As he boarded a train for the first time, he was as excited as a llama.

Life at the school in Cochabamba was very different for Lorenzo, but it was pleasant. Fresh milk, an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the very existence of plenty of water for washing and bathing all caused him to meditate about his future. Too soon it was time for the closing exercises.

Then, perched high on a public truck, Lorenzo went back home. As he stooped low to enter the one-room, windowless hut, the smoke of his mother's cooking stung his sensitive eyes. Had it always done this? It was hard for him to see in the darkened interior of his home.

From a new viewpoint he now saw the backward conditions of his people, and he decided to leave this isolated spot and start a new life.

Today, Lorenzo is a carpenter in La Paz. Alienated from his family and his community (which he rarely visits), he is still striving after the life of his dreams.

We sent more than 30 Aymaras from Bolivia's highlands for training in Cochabamba at a cost of real sacrifice to them and with the investment of money, time, and personnel of the mission. Not one of them ever became involved in the work of evangelizing his own people!

After seeing these experiences repeated, we began thinking and praying about a more practical training program for the Aymaras. We asked ourselves, "Isn't there some way to train



Students of the Aymara Bible school (above) helped establish 40 churches among their own people. Women squat on the floor when an Aymara congregation (left) meets for worship.

them in their own surroundings so they will stay with their own people?" We found other mission leaders were battling with the same problem.

Consulting with the Aymaras themselves, we agreed together that a rural training program should be conducted in an area accessible to the majority of the prospective students. We purchased for \$250 a run-down property in the village of General Pando, 60 miles south of La Paz. Twenty-five men students came that first year, eager for six weeks of training.

There were no beds—no dormitories. The students slept on sheep hides on benches, and we missionaries slept in sleeping bags in our trucks. It was biting cold in the *Altiplano* (highland) winter. Ice froze in the buckets every night. We had to bundle up in woolen overcoats and fur-lined boots in the unheated, mud-floor classrooms. But the Aymaras were enjoying it!

A young missionary couple who we felt would make good teachers took a look at the low, straw-thatched buildings (after their dusty, five-hour trip over bumpy roads) and asked, "What ever possessed you to build a Bible school in this isolated place?"

Our answer was, "We didn't build it for you!"

Another teacher spent two sleepless nights in General Pando and returned the following day to La Paz.

It took time and persuasion to sell the idea, but we are thankful for the dedicated teachers who stood with us. Missionary teachers Pearl Estep and

Flora Shafer have been a part of the school's teaching staff for many years.

We have built additional dormitories and classrooms each year with student and teacher labor. Galvanized roofing eventually replaced the straw thatch (after we nearly burned down the village with a roof fire). The small village has no electricity, so for sometime the school used gasoline lanterns for lighting.

Typical Indian food is prepared by Aymara cooks; conditions have remained rustic; for the basic philosophy of the school has remained firm—to train the Aymara in circumstances similar to those of his own home and community, so that no transitional adjustment is necessary for him to go back to work among his own people.

The school continues to function during the three winter months. This is the time of year when the agricultural Aymara can be absent from his fields and family. Most of the students are married men who are already respected in their communities.

In this poverty-stricken *Altiplano* a pastor or evangelist going into new territory needs some knowledge of a trade to help support himself and improve the living conditions of his people. So in addition to Bible and theology, classes are offered in hat-making (women's derby style), tailoring, carpentry, and music.

The student must return to study for six different years of training before he graduates. During the nine months between courses most students

spend their time in active gospel work. By the time the student is in his third or fourth training period, he is usually already engaged as pastor of an Aymara congregation.

During the last 12 years of our "living where they live" (for even our children accompany us during these months), 186 students have come for training. The Aymaras return to their own communities, for they never really leave them!

The students of the school have established 40 churches in the different provinces of the *Altiplano*. Graduates from this school are the church and district leaders today. Three of the graduates form part of the teaching team and are sold on their own training program.

Yes, Lorenzo taught us a lesson. Today, instead of adding other alienated individuals to the peripheral areas of La Paz, other "Lorenzos" are hard at work taking the transforming message of Christ in an effective way to their own Aymara people.

—Written originally on request for the *La Paz News Letter*, La Paz, Bolivia.

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Vera Samuelson

KANSAS DISTRICT WMC's are saying good-bye to their president, Mrs. Paul (Vera) Samuelson. She has led them in the 22 consecutive years of their organization. A special service was planned in her honor on WMC Day (June 22) at the Wheat State Camp.

At the recent Kansas District Council, Mrs. Samuelson, after having been returned to office on the nominating ballot for the 23rd time, expressed her appreciation for the vote but declined reelection. "In the course of God's will for every life there come proper times for change. I feel this is one of those times," she said.

The Women's Missionary Council of the Kansas District was organized in 1945 with a total of 16 groups—one of which Mrs. Samuelson had organized in the church where her husband, Paul Samuelson, was pastor.

Today, Kansas has 134 reporting WMC groups with an approximate membership of 2,000 women. There are 109 Missionettes Clubs reaching 1,400 girls 9-15 years old. Six of the girls have completed the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program and have been crowned Honor Stars.

Vera Samuelson has given more years of consecutive leadership as a District WMC President than any other person. She has led her district in a balanced ministry including projects for home missions, foreign missions, benevolences, the district, and their local communities.

The *Sunflower Room*, the district commissary which takes its name from the state flower, is maintained as a storehouse for outfitting and supplying emergency needs of district-affiliated home and foreign missionaries, and members of their families. It is stocked by voluntary annual contributions from all local groups.

One foreign missionary expressed the sentiments of many when she said, "It is like being in a wonderland to 'shop' in the *Sunflower Room*. The materials are beau-

tiful, of good quality, and chosen with the missionary's actual needs in mind. But the greatest joy of 'shopping' there is the warm friendliness and understanding that we find in the district president."

All missionary personnel are welcomed by the district president. She discusses with them the field outfit list and makes plans to prorate their specific needs among local groups which count it a privilege to be included in the project.

The WMC president saves district missionary families many hours of shopping and packing. Being a mother herself she has sympathetic insight into their household needs. Many of the missionaries she helps are the second generation of her original list.

In 1954 when the district was divided into sections, Vera Samuelson implemented the nationally recommended plan for developing a sectional WMC promotional program. This has proved a strong coordinating factor in the district WMC ministry.

A WMC planning board made up of the district executive WMC officers, the sectional representatives, and the sectional WMC secretaries meets annually to outline the district WMC and Missionettes ministry for the year ahead.

Fall seminars with sessions for WMC training and project promotion are held in each section.


Strong emphasis on individual spiritual development, personal witnessing, and Bible reading holds first place in the Kansas WMC activity.

Along with her district work, Mrs. Samuelson has served on national committees. She was one of those appointed by our Executive Presbyters many years ago to study the possibility of having a national missionary organization for Assemblies of God women. She also participated in the early planning for the Missionettes Division.

Vera Samuelson has been present at every biennial District Presidents' Seminar and often contributed to the workshop program. She was among those who formulated the WMC Guide, an eight-point standard of excellence for local WMC groups. She has given valuable assistance in developing educational and leadership materials. At the 1965 seminar in Springfield, Missouri, she was presented with a white Bible in honor of her 20 consecutive years of dedicated service.

By virtue of her district office, Mrs. Samuelson has been a member of the advisory board of Highlands Children's Home, Kansas City, Missouri.

Besides her WMC work, she is involved in a variety of other interests. For more than 20 years she has participated in the released-time program in the public school system of Wichita, Kansas. Through this channel she has met many unchurched families, some of whom she has been able to help spiritually.

Mrs. Samuelson also has charge of teachers' training in Central Assembly, Wichita, Kansas. She is a student of braille and hopes to become proficient in helping the blind. She is an avid reader and is interested in art as it relates to WMC and other church work. She enjoys knitting as a hobby. "What will you do with all your time, now that you are not going to the office each day?" she is being asked repeatedly. Every questioner gets about the same answer. Vera Samuelson smiles and says, "All the things I've been putting off for 22 years." 

KANSAS WMC'S BID HER GOOD-BYE

By ANN AHLF

APRIL 6 WAS A RED-LETTER DAY for the newly appointed sectional Missionettes directors of the Oklahoma District. As the ladies met together in the conference room of the Oklahoma District office, there was an evident air of anticipation.

Mrs. Robert Goggin, district WMC president, felt the need of promoting the Missionettes program on the sectional level. To accomplish this she appointed a representative for each of the 12 sections and two each in the two largest sections.

The ladies who met together that spring morning had traveled many miles. They were eager to learn how to do the best possible job of promoting Missionettes. Every section was represented.

The morning session was opened with a greeting from District Superintendent Robert Goggin. Mrs. Goggin, in charge of the one-day seminar, then described the purpose of the meeting. An inspiring devotional was presented by one of the representatives.

Charlotte Schumitsch, national Missionettes coordinator, was introduced to the group. Her presentation included a brief history of the Missionettes program, the purpose of a missionary program for girls, and the qualifications for Missionettes sponsors.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. Goggin distributed packets of materials. Included were samples of printed Missionettes materials available from the national office, as well as achievement emblems. Other salable items were displayed.


Mrs. Bonnie Wollard, district office secretary, gave

Oklahoma Appoints Sectional Missionettes Directors

an excellent presentation of the WMC and Missionettes reporting system used by the district.

Mrs. Goggin announced the dates for sectional rallies. She encouraged the ladies to have at least three Missionettes rallies for the girls in their sections.

The balance of the afternoon session was given to the national Missionettes coordinator. She told how to keep Missionettes interested and active, mentioned the importance of thorough planning, and stressed the value of the *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program.

If enthusiasm is any guarantee of success, Oklahoma will soon have many more than the 200 active Missionettes Clubs which are now in existence. The zeal of the women seemed contagious. A good theme for this year might be, "Watch Oklahoma Missionettes Grow." 

New Oklahoma sectional Missionettes directors with Bonnie Wollard (third from left, front row), Mrs. Robert Goggin (second from right), and Charlotte Schumitsch (far right).



Saul's Jealousy of David

Sunday School Lesson for July 16, 1967

1 SAMUEL 18:5-14

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY OVER GOLIATH, David was given a position of leadership in Saul's army. So skillful, courageous, and blessed of God was he that the women of Israel began to sing loudly of his exploits.

THE PRECIPITATION OF JEALOUSY

"And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands" (v. 7). These enthusiastic women displayed a lack of wisdom and tact in their praises and comparisons of David and Saul. It is true that a word of praise fitly spoken may result in much good, but we ought to refrain from words of adulation or comparisons which might cause a weak Christian to stumble.

"And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him" (v. 8). Saul was smitten with jealousy. This was inexcusable! How sad that God's children should ever become miserable when others are favored or blessed! "Love

envieth not," or as Moffatt translated it, "Love knows no jealousy." The nature of divine love is to be happy when another is honored and blessed! Do we possess that love?

THE PRODUCT OF JEALOUSY

"And Saul eyed David from that day and forward" (v. 9)—not with the eye of love and appreciation, but with the evil eye of suspicion, mistrust, and envy. From that day forward he began to put an evil construction upon all of David's actions.

How a child of God needs that clarity of vision which will enable him to appreciate the true worth of others and to refrain from seeing evil in their words or actions.

"And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it (v. 11). What frightful sins spring from the root sin of jealousy! Christians do not throw literal spears at each other; but, sad to say, they are sometimes moved by jealousy to yield to "a smiting spirit." By cruel criticism, caustic comments, and malicious gossip they *smite* their fellow Christians to the wall! "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword" (Proverbs 12:18). But thank God for those with love-touched tongues who have learned that "pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

THE PROVOCATION OF JEALOUSY

"And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul" (v. 12), Saul's jealousy was really due to feelings of insecurity and inferiority. Because he had failed to obey, Saul had lost the sense of God's presence and thus felt insecure. Had he been faithful to God he would have been rewarded for his accomplishments as much as David. He did not need to feel inferior.

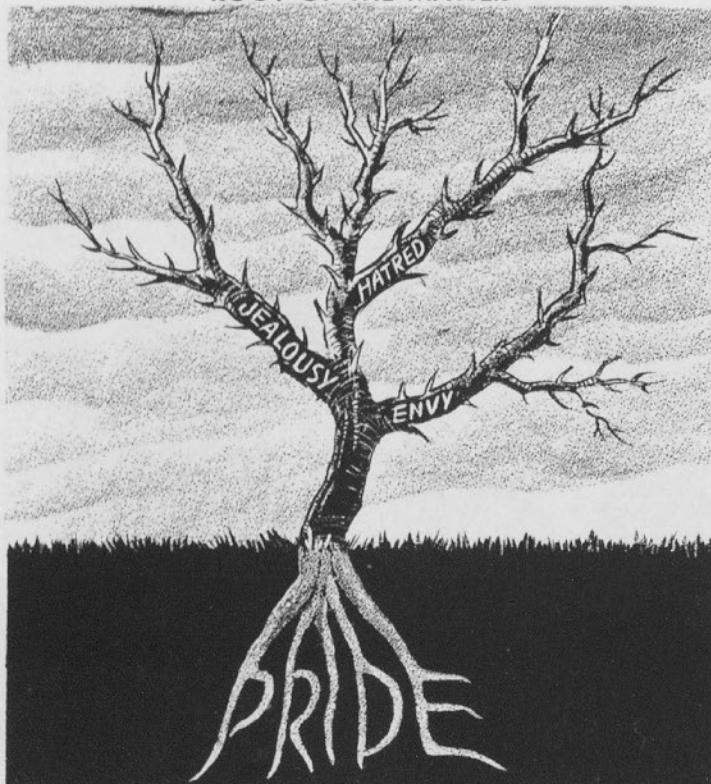
In these days many suffer from feelings of insecurity and inferiority. What is the cure? One who does the will of God may count on the presence of God—and God's presence is the answer to insecurity! One who is faithful in the work God gives him to do will be as surely rewarded as the man of more God-given ability. No Christian—in the will of God and faithful in the use of the talent God has given him—ever need feel inferior!

THE PREVENTIVES FOR JEALOUSY

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory." (See Philippians 2:1-4.) The "chief end of man is to glorify God," states the old catechism. If this is the ruling passion of our lives, it will purge us of ungodly and ignoble aspirations, attitudes, and reactions. We will not live or serve in a spirit of carnal competition with each other for self-aggrandizement. We will live solely for the glory of God. We will live that Christ may be revealed in and through us—glorying only in the Cross.

"In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3). This Christlike attitude is absolutely contrary to worldly mindedness and is impossible to attain by our own efforts. We attain it only through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will so work in us that, in the light of the Cross, we will see ourselves as we are apart from the grace of God—selfish, sinful, incapable of holy living. He will enable us to form right estimates of ourselves, neither belittling nor overrating ourselves. Above all, He will help us sincerely to appreciate the true worth of others as they are in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROOT OF THE MATTER



JESUS SAID, "LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS."

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MATTHEW 11:29



Glorious Hope of the Church

By MRS. MAX JOHNSON

THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST saw the beginning of the Church. The Second Coming will bring its purpose to full consummation.

Much has been said regarding the time and manner of our Lord's second advent that has hidden the main issue—that of applying the glorious hope to the present situation. Looking into the future, Peter voiced this: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11).

A PURIFYING HOPE

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:1). We are exhorted to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-13) and to exhibit godly character. We are constantly reminded to be clean at His appearing (2 Peter 3:14; Ephesians 5:25-27). God grant that the Church may be free of spot and wrinkle on that great and blessed day.

A STRENGTHENING HOPE

Urging us to action, the apostolic injunctions are ever pointing to the coming of the Lord. We are exhorted to watch for (Mark 13:32), look for (Hebrews 9:28), and to love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8). While the day of grace remains, we are to labor zealously in the ministry of the Word and an all-out effort of evangelism (John

9:4). Night follows the Rapture; hence the Church's opportunity ends.

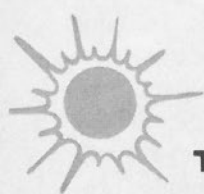
A CONSOLING HOPE

To those who have suffered persecution from early times to the present, this hope has been a source of power. Here we see the ultimate victory of the Church against whom no enemy shall prevail. To this suffering world of physical pain, great losses, severe temptations, the future is glowing with the prospect of the coming King with all His glory. The bereaved have a sure promise of a resurrection (1 Thessalonians 4:16). To the living at His coming there is the assurance of immediate union with Christ (v. 17). "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (v. 18).

A STABILIZING HOPE

The Blessed Hope is practical for everyday living. It keeps us awake in those areas in which we are most likely to go to sleep. It gives us strength in discouragement and prods us on to greater zeal when we grow lazy. It gives proper direction and meaning to all that is really important in our personal lives and in our Christian service. It keeps us looking up with our affections on things above rather than on the earthly and temporal.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).



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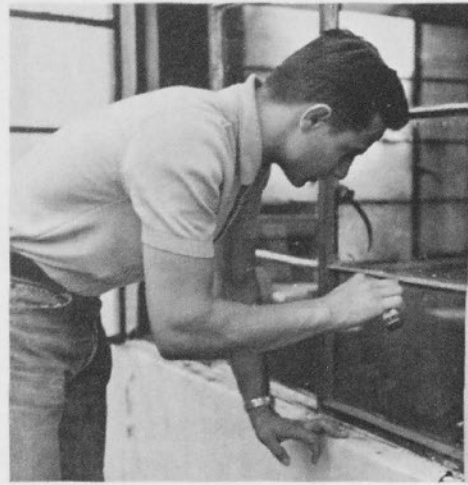
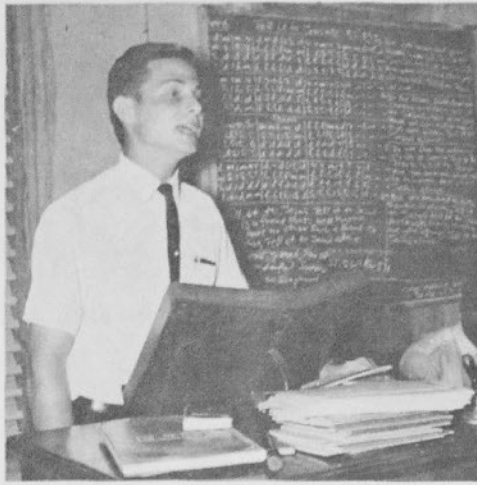
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MISSIONARY INTERNS

By REX JACKSON
Foreign Missions Education Director

John Treherne (above) served as missions intern in Nigeria last summer. He preached at churches (left) in many areas of Nigeria and received practical experience (center) in getting the new print-shop ready for occupancy.

1967 MISSIONARY INTERNS

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MISSIONARY INTERNSHIP—a comparatively new program—offers an unusual opportunity and challenge to our college students.

Under the program a limited number of students from Assemblies of God colleges go to mission fields for practical experience during the summer. Response from students and college administrations has been enthusiastic.

Last year interns went to home mission fields in Alaska, Hawaii, American Indian reservations, and to our Hillcrest children's home in Arkansas. Others went to foreign fields such as Mexico, Trinidad, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guyana, El Salvador, Europe, Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria.

The number of students sent by a school varies from one to eight. Any interested person applies to the Campus Missions Fellowship. Choices are made according to ability, experience, Christian walk, and future plans. In some colleges final approval is given by faculty or dean.

Funds to send the interns come from the student missionary bands and in some cases from the college. Where additional finances are required, the student is responsible to raise the money. His home church usually provides assistance.

When asked to comment on the results of the internship program, Dean of Students Daniel B. Pecota of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Washington, stated: "We received excellent commendations on the work done by our two students who went to Africa. One comment was that the missionaries on the field want the intern to go back to college, finish his education, get married, and return to the field as soon as possible. We thought this spoke well of the young man's work. Another comment concerning the second student was he had been the instrument in the hands of God in bringing a very gracious revival to a school in



John ministered to students at two of our Nigerian Bible schools.



John conducted a revival in a new church in the capital city of Enugu. Response from young people was especially encouraging.

Liberia. Other important results have been the increased desire, knowledge, and impetus for foreign missions on the part of student participants and the inspiration they have been to their fellow students."

Cordas Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California, emphasizes the continuing interest on the part of the students each year and the results in the individuals who have gone.

Hugh Jeter, head of the missions division of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas, says that all their interns have been challenged and have in turn challenged the student body. There were 85 missions majors in Southwestern last school year.

The most apparent result is in the increased zeal and

burden of the intern himself, according to Darlene Vandevelde, missionary curator at Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California.


This is substantiated by John Treherne, who went to Nigeria last summer as a Central Bible College intern. John applied because he had a call to Africa, and he chose Nigeria because English is the official language of communication there, and he would not have a language barrier.

His summer in Nigeria provided an opportunity to get firsthand information and experience. And his experience included a wide variety of activities—helping move heavy printing equipment to a new press building in Aba; doing proofreading, editing, and other similar jobs at the press; assisting in two Bible schools; ministering in churches and at rallies; conducting revivals; and just doing whatever he was asked.

At nearly every service where he preached, John saw at least two or three people saved.

He came home with a far greater insight of missions. He now sees more clearly the great need, and his hope is to get back to Nigeria as a full-time missionary just as soon as he can.

"I have seen multitudes of Africans who have been influenced by our missionary program, but there is still a tremendous need," John says.

As long as there are young men like John and college missions fellowship groups with vision such as our Assemblies of God schools have, the future of our missionary program looks bright. All of God's people need to stand by our plans for advancement. And one thing we must never forget is to "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." 

Becky Hollandsworth wearing the skirt and blouse she received in answer to prayer.



How a Little Girl's Prayer Was Answered

By MRS. RALPH HOLLANDSWORTH • Missionary to Liberia

IT WAS A MISSIONETTES GROUP in Castle Rock, Colorado, that God used to answer prayer for our four-year-old Becky. Her idea of being a really "big girl" was to wear a skirt and blouse like the schoolgirls.


She asked for one, but I tried to explain that we would wait until she grew more so her skirt would stay up. That didn't satisfy her at all. Later in the day I found her beside her bed praying and asking Jesus to send her a skirt and blouse.

After hearing that, I intended to make her one; but before I got around to "helping the Lord answer prayer," an air-mail package arrived from those Missionettes in Colorado. Mailed a couple of days after Becky prayed, it contained candy, balloons, and a toy to thrill a little girl's heart. But most of all it contained a skirt and blouse, size four—a perfect fit for Becky!

Since most services Becky attends are in a dialect she doesn't understand, each Sunday morning we have a special Sunday school class in English for her. We treat it like any beginner's class in the States, and how she enjoys it! She listens attentively; and when the lesson is completed, she takes the visual aid and retells the story in her own words. She learns the memory verse, and then later on in the week we see her out under a large avocado tree with the native children gathered around her, teaching them the memory verse and telling the story again.

Whenever we go where white people are seldom seen, we have a large following. We're such interesting creatures that the children delight in watching our every movement. Becky, being so full of life, brings squeals of laughter and joy to all.

About 50 children followed us from church one day. When we reached home, Becky told them all good-bye. Then she turned to me and said, "Someday I'll win them all for Jesus."

This is our prayer to be soul winners for Jesus. 

Key people in the Missoula story are (left to right): Superintendent Earl W. Goodman, Pastor Carl E. Perry, and Pastor and Mrs. William A. Redmond. Glad Tidings Assembly (lower photo) is now too small for the growing congregation.



MONTANA CHURCHES MOVE FORWARD

Based on information received from EARL W. GOODMAN Superintendent of the Montana District



IN MARCH, 1966, two men and a few women approached the Montana District officials requesting affiliation. They had been meeting for services in Missoula but wished to make a greater impact upon their community.

The board of First Assembly in Missoula and Pastor Carl E. Perry agreed with the launching of a second assembly. The district presbytery extended an invitation to William A. Redmond, pastor of First Assembly in Bozeman, to become pastor of the new church.

Thus Glad Tidings Assembly was launched. The people immediately accepted full financial responsibility for building payments, utility bills, parsonage rent, and the pastor's salary.

Superintendent Goodman writes, "A mature pastor gave up a strong church in one college city to take the 'unknown' in another college city. (Bozeman is the home of Montana State University and the University of Montana is located in Missoula.) Brother and Sister Redmond had clear assurance it was God's will for them to lead this new church."

Pastor Redmond called on people tirelessly. In less than two months Glad Tidings attendance grew from a dozen to a hundred! The Sunday school now averages 130, and a strong church attendance is maintained.

On January 28 the church voted to purchase lots on which to erect a larger building. Sunday school attendance reached 163 on Easter with 200 crowding the auditorium for the worship service.

Although First Assembly gave some of their people to the Glad Tidings venture, Pastor Perry reports, "The Sunday school is running ahead of a year ago with all facets of the church prospering."

Brother Goodman concludes: "From every indication the kingdom of God is extending through the ministries of these two fine churches. A happy enthusiastic people are on-the move. *Branch Out* pays!"

ASSISTING NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS



SAKS ASSEMBLY, Anniston, Ala., where Eugene Williams is pastor, is one of many home missions churches in Alabama now receiving special assistance. The new program is cosponsored by the Sunday School and Home Missions Departments of the Alabama District.

When a home missions Sunday school moves into its new facilities, it is furnished with tables, chairs, and combination flannel, tack, and blackboards to equip five classes from nursery to senior age. An additional \$30 allotment is given for nursery furniture.

Many home missions pastors and churches have expressed their gratitude for this method of furnishing their new schools.

—GEORGE E. WALTERS, Sunday School Director, Alabama District

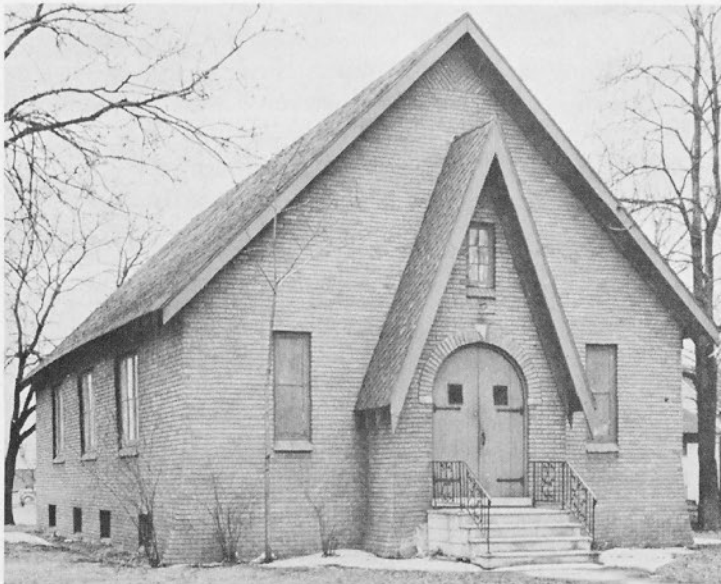
Mrs. Eugene Williams using one of the combination boards.



Left to right: Everett W. Cooley, superintendent of the Michigan District; John Roy, pastor of the new Morenci Assembly; and Arthur G. Clay, pastor Bethany Assembly.

WE MOTHER A CHURCH

By **ARTHUR G. CLAY**
 Pastor, Bethany Assembly
 Adrian, Michigan



ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE people attended the opening service of our *Branch Out* church, Morenci Assembly of God, on Sunday afternoon, April 2. District Superintendent Everett D. Cooley ably ministered the Word.

Prior to the service the congregation assembled in front of the church for a formal presentation of the key to Pastor John Roy. The Home Missions Department of the Michigan District is renting the facilities from a Lutheran church. They pay for the utilities as well.


Morenci is a lovely community located 20 miles southwest of Adrian in southeastern Michigan. It has a growing population of 2,500 with several industries and a fine hospital. The church is strategically located as several of the adjacent communities are also without Pentecostal churches. We anticipate a strong, healthy church will be established under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Roy.

Guests who brought greetings to the new assembly in the first service included Mayor Charles Figy of Morenci, William Lancaster, president of the Ministerial Association, and Fred Smolchuck, secretary-treasurer of the Michigan District.

Under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Clay, the Teen Chorale of Bethany provided music for the occasion.

The Men's Fellowship and WMC's of Bethany Assembly, Adrian, prepared the building for occupancy by sanding floors, varnishing, and painting.

We send at least two families plus musicians to every service. Mothering the new assembly also includes providing the salary and an apartment for Pastor Roy, his wife, and infant son. Brother Roy graduated from North Central Bible College in 1966, and this is his first pastorate.

Bethany Assembly was founded in 1943, and this *Branch Out* venture is a new experience for our congregation. In November of this year I will have completed 16 years as pastor. The Sunday school has grown from 104 to the present average of 430. This thrills us all—but I know of no other project ever undertaken by Bethany which has brought more satisfaction to the people than giving birth to their first baby church. 

TOP PHOTO: Bethany Assembly, the mother church.
 CENTER PHOTO: Morenci Assembly.
 LEFT PHOTO: Opening service in the Morenci Assembly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lindsay

By RENA BALDWIN LINDSAY

Peace in the Day of Trouble

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
Whose mind is stayed on Thee.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
Because he trusteth in Thee.*

THE LORD GAVE me that little Scripture chorus in 1941 while Blanche Appleby and I were preparing to return to the Orient for missionary service. Little did I realize then how eventful the next few years would be and how often our faith would be tested!

We had our dark moments, of course. But even when things were at their worst, we somehow never lost the assurance that God would bring us out of our long captivity.

Sister Appleby and I were formerly in missionary work together in South China. After our furloughs the Sino-Japanese war prevented us from returning to that field, so we went to the Philippines to help Brother and Sister Leland Johnson in a Bible training school there. But World War II cut this work short.

On the morning of December 8, 1941, just as we were receiving the news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, several planes flew over Baguio—planes carrying the U. S. Army insignia. Americans and Filipinos who saw them shouted and applauded enthusiastically. But enthusiasm was suddenly dampened, for the planes proved to be manned by the enemy. As they flew over Camp John Hay, they dropped bombs, killing and injuring a number of men.

Then came a day when the Japanese army swarmed up the zigzag trail and took possession of Baguio. All day long and far into the night truckloads of soldiers were arriving. Each time a new load came in, a deafening shout went up. There was an immense bonfire and all sorts of excitement.

In the meantime we missionaries on the hill were

having a precious prayer meeting. We didn't know what might happen before morning, but as we drew near to God in prayer, He put His own peace in our hearts—and we felt ready for anything.

Sometime after midnight the Japanese came for us and took us to the British school where so many were already. We were all lined up facing a machine gun while the general made a speech through his interpreter. The only building we were allowed to occupy was already full, and new groups kept arriving. We were there all day and on the following day were told we would be going to a different place.

Faint for lack of food, we were herded onto the tennis court. Facing a machine gun and with planes circling over our heads, we were told we must walk to our destination. If we wanted to be sure of suitcase and bedding, we must carry them ourselves. Furthermore, they said the men would be sent to one place, the mothers with children to another, and unmarried women and girls to yet another.

We were hurried off under heavy guard. Soon we found we were all going, not to some far distant place as we had been led to suppose, but to different sections of Camp John Hay, comparatively nearby.

After we had been there for over a month, all Baguio missionaries (about 22 of us) were suddenly released. The authorities realized that the Filipinos were nervous and uneasy, and they evidently hoped that our presence outside would assure them that everything was all right after all.

In November 1942 all missionaries were interned again; but somehow Sister Appleby and I were overlooked, perhaps because we had previously obtained permission to move to our own little house.

Our mission house was on a quiet, dead-end street on the edge of town. The place where we held our meetings was just about five minutes' walk from our door. So, although we didn't appear on public streets, we went to church services and had prayer meetings, choir rehearsals, business meetings, etc., in our own home. Many were saved, many healed, and about a dozen received the baptism in the Holy Spirit there in our little tin house.

For a few weeks during that period we also ministered to Filipino soldiers from time to time. These boys had been captured in Bataan and imprisoned for many months, then brought to Baguio and released to go to their homes. Before their release in Baguio they were given a certain amount of freedom, and many of them came to our services. They also came to our home for breakfast and

to hear the Word of God. A number were saved and went back to their homes with a real testimony.

The situation had become more and more tense as time went on. We were really rather relieved when our captors took us into custody again, this time to Los Banos internment camp where we were imprisoned for the last eight months of the Japanese occupation.

Soon only American planes were soaring over the Islands, and life became very difficult for us. Food became scarcer and scarcer, and we learned what starvation rations meant. In the middle of the morning we were given two kitchen spoonfuls of rice gruel. At 4:30 in the afternoon we were given the same portion with perhaps some vegetable tops added. The gruel kept getting thinner and thinner, and never more than two spoonfuls twice a day.

On February 22, 1945, we were told we would not receive any more rice. They gave each of us a double handful of dry rice in the husk and told us that was the last they could give us.

Early the next morning, the 23rd, American transport planes flew very low overhead. We learned afterward that we were scheduled to be executed on that day. Our soldiers told us they had captured a Japanese prisoner who had papers on him from Tokyo ordering our execution at 7 a.m. The machine guns were already placed on the hill above us in readiness. But—at three minutes to seven, American paratroopers began descending into the camp from the sky!

Our soldiers had known they must make haste if they got us out alive, so although our camp was 25 miles within enemy lines, U.S. am-tracks (amphibious tractors) had surrounded us the night before, ready to take us out the minute the paratroopers released us.

Immediately there was much firing, and we hid ourselves as well as we could to avoid flying bullets. When the firing eased a little, I looked outdoors and cried excitedly, "Girls, *look!* An American soldier!" Oh, how good he looked to us! Thinking about it afterward, I realized he must have been dirty and greasy, but he looked beautiful to us.

Never shall I forget the wonderful sight of our American flag as we neared the New Bilibid Prison which the Army had turned into a hospital for wounded soldiers. And the flavor of the delicious soup that was served us! Having eaten nothing all day (not even rice gruel!) and with all the excitement we had been through, it seemed heavenly.

The tanks went back for a second load, and that trip was more exciting than the first for there were more snipers by that time. Finally all of the 2,121 internees were safe into American lines.

What a time of rejoicing we did have! Not one internee and not one American soldier was killed in that rescue. They say it was one of the most outstanding rescues in military history. General MacArthur said, "God was surely with our American forces that day."

One of our Christian internees overheard a worldly man saying to a soldier afterward, "Some of these folks give God the credit for our rescue, but we know it was you brave fellows who saved our lives."

The Christian soldier answered, "Well, *we* know God did it." When I heard that, I remembered the little

Scripture chorus the Lord gave me shortly before the rescue:

*Call upon Me in the day of trouble.
I will deliver thee.
Call upon Me; I will deliver,
And thou shalt glorify Me.*

* * *

Sister Lindsay now resides at Bethany Retirement Home, our Assemblies of God home for retired ministers, missionaries, and their wives. She wrote this note and attached it to the article above: "How good the Lord is to give me a beautiful home in Florida and such a good husband after all that happened 'in the day of trouble'! We are very happy, and have such precious times of fellowship together with the Lord."

Bethany Retirement Home is solely supported by the gifts of churches and individuals who have not forgotten the immeasurable contribution our "pioneers of the faith" have made over the years. If you wish to share in this ministry of caring, write the Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



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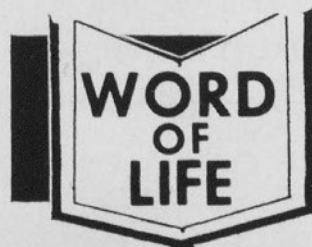
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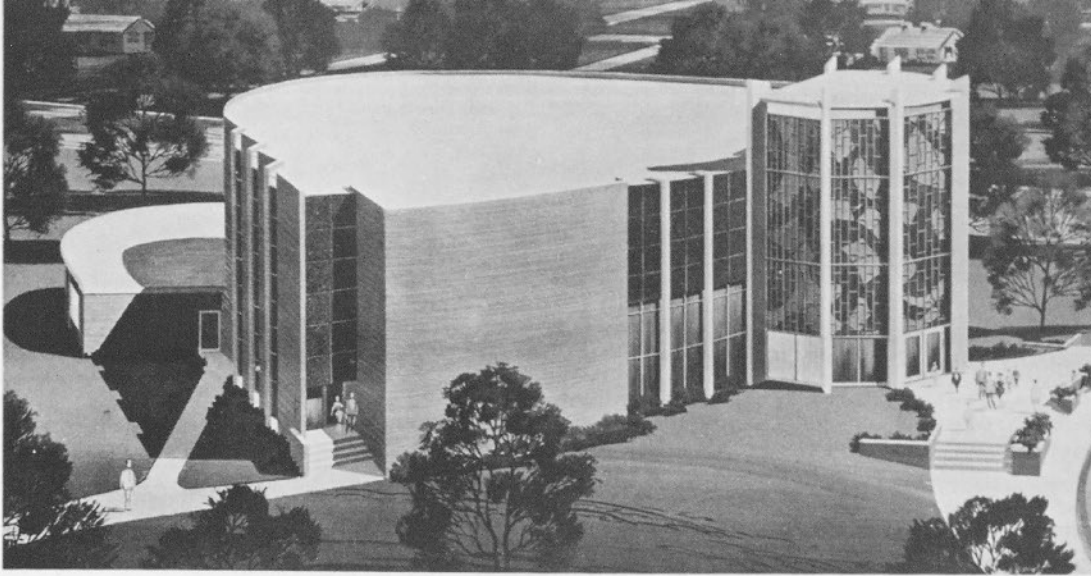
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National Fund Campaign Gets Underway



CBC Alumni President Ralph Harris (left) presents a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the college's alumni to General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman, national chairman of the fund-raising committee for the Ernest S. Williams chapel. (Architect's drawing at left.)

PLANS UNVEILED FOR E. S. WILLIAMS CHAPEL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Plans for the new \$325,000 Ernest S. Williams Chapel for Central Bible College here were unveiled during the college's annual alumni homecoming.

Officiating at the unveiling was Philip A. Crouch, CBC president. He announced that construction will begin as soon as sufficient funds have been raised.

It was also announced that the 16 executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God will serve as the national fund-raising committee

for the chapel, with General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman as chairman.

Brother Zimmerman spoke to the college's alumni, stressing the many contributions Brother Williams has made to the Assemblies of God. Under Brother Williams' 20 years as General Superintendent (1929-1949) the Assemblies of God made major advances in every field.

Brother Crouch also stressed Brother Williams' outstanding ability as a minister, teacher, and

leader. He served as president of CBC while he was General Superintendent, Brother Crouch noted, and later was a distinguished member of the theology faculty.

Construction of the chapel was authorized by the General Council in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1965.

The proposed E. S. Williams Chapel will seat 1,214 persons—774 on the main floor and 440 in the balcony. The choir loft will seat an additional 75.

The chapel also will contain a prayer room and choir room.

The building, of cement block and brick, will be located in the south central area of the campus, near Norton Road. It will face west.

On behalf of the alumni, a check for \$1,000 was presented to Brother Zimmerman by Ralph W. Harris, Alumni Association president.

A report on the progress of the fund-raising campaign is scheduled for January 7, 1968—Brother Williams' 83rd birthday.

ASSEMBLIES EXPAND COLLEGE MINISTRIES

C. D. GABLE of Mechanicsburg, Pa., has been named College Youth Representative of the Eastern District of the U. S. His work will be in connection with the district's Christ's Ambassadors department.

Brother Gable earned the bachelor of divinity degree at Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1966. He received undergraduate theological education at Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., graduating in 1963.

As College Youth Representative he will visit most campuses in Pennsylvania and Delaware setting up Bible study and prayer groups, called "koinonia cells." On campuses with larger numbers of Assemblies of God students, he will establish Chi Alpha chapters.

The Eastern District is the second to take this step of directing full-time personnel toward ministry among students in secular colleges. The Northern California-Nevada District in 1964 began a full-time Campus Ministries Division under the direction of Richard A. Williams. The program provides two full-time workers and several part-time ministers among collegians.

Although Brother Williams also travels in his districtwide respon-

sibility and encourages Chi Alpha ministry on other campuses, his time is largely spent at the Chi Alpha Student Center at the University of California at Berkeley.

In addition to the full-time representatives mentioned, the National Christ's Ambassadors Department sponsors a full-time college youth representative, Rick C. Howard, who promotes Chi Alpha ministry nationwide and edits *Campus Ambassador Magazine*.

Several other workers are presently involved in this college ministry on a part-time basis including Harry Schaumburg, Central Bible College's first summer missionary intern to university students, who is working among students in Mexico City.

District C. A. presidents also make a vital contribution to this outreach to college students. Through their efforts more than 8,400 names and addresses of students at secular colleges were submitted for last year's *Campus Ambassador Magazine* mailing list.

Inquiries concerning the Assemblies of God *secular college ministry* should be addressed to: Chi Alpha, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

CHARLIE BEADLE TO LEAD SINGING AT LONG BEACH

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A song leader for the worship services at the 32nd biennial General Council business meeting in August in Long Beach, Calif., has been named.

Selected for this ministry is Charles P. Beadle of Santa Cruz, Calif., an ordained minister.



Brother Beadle is associate pastor of First Assembly in Santa Cruz where he has served since June 1965. He is a cum laude 1966 graduate of Bethany Bible College where he was vice-president of the student body.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., he is well known in Assemblies of God church circles for song-leading abilities with large audiences.

Attendance at the August 24-29 meeting in the Long Beach Arena is expected to reach as high as 10,000.

Persons planning to attend the General Council can secure housing information from: General Council, Assemblies of God, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, Calif. 90802.

MELVIN STEWARD RESIGNS AS STL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Melvin W. Steward, Speed-the-Light field



representative of the Christ's Ambassadors Department since August 1965, has resigned to become pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in La Mesa, Calif., a

suburb of San Diego. He succeeds Paul Bruton Jr. who has been elected district C. A. president of the Southern California District.

As Speed-the-Light representative, Brother Steward traveled throughout the nation promoting the youth program which provides vehicles, printing machinery, and radio equipment for missions ministries. In 1966 the annual contributions reached \$650,000 setting a new Speed-the-Light record.

MUSKEGON, MICH.—Central Assembly here had a most successful 17-day meeting with Wilfred Millington of Sussex, England. More than 100 new people were present and there were decisions for Christ in each service. Six people went forward for salvation the closing night.

Dr. Millington's Bible teaching was broadcast twice daily. For half an hour each morning and half an hour each afternoon he answered questions phoned in by the radio listeners. The broadcasts were so well received the station management wishes him to return as soon as possible, due to many requests from the public.

—Bernard B. Ridings, pastor

LONDON, ARK.—The Assembly of God here rejoices over a great spiritual uplift. Before a special meeting began with Evangelist J. E. Mangum of Oklahoma City, Okla., two men gave their hearts to the Lord. Then during the meeting four backsliders were reclaimed and one person was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—C. R. Young, pastor

DOE RUN, MO.—During a one-week meeting at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Ren Marr, one was saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Others were refilled.

—Homer L. Smith, pastor

MARSHFIELD, MO.—First Assembly here recently experienced an outstanding move of God during services with Evangelist Al Hewison.

Several were saved or reclaimed.

WRITERS CONFERENCE AT GENERAL COUNCIL

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Prior to the opening of the General Council of the Assemblies of God there will be a Writers Conference here. All who are interested in Christian writing are invited.

The afternoon session on Thursday, August 24, will include such features as "Anatomy of a Novel," "Sermons in Print," "Preparing Manuscripts," and "Photo Journalism." Ralph W. Harris will be moderator. A number of Gospel Publishing House editors will par-

ticipate in the three-hour program (1:30 to 4:30 pm.) together with guest speakers.

There also will be a banquet for writers the same evening (5:30 to 6:45 p.m.) moderated by Bert Webb. "Writers Must Read" will be the subject of the banquet speaker, C. M. Ward.

For further information write to the Editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

KANSAS HAS ITS FIRST SECTIONAL MUSIC CONFERENCE

WICHITA, KANS.—The Kansas District had its first sectional music conference at Bethel Assembly here, May 4 and 5 (Rodney Stanbro, pastor). A total of 178 persons from 17 churches registered for the conference sponsored by Section 7 (David Richards, presbyter).

Guest clinician for the two-evening event was Jesse Peterson, formerly head of the Music Department at Evangel College.

The evenings opened at 7 p.m. with a musical, presenting area choirs and small ensembles. Brother Peterson then spoke on "The Importance of Music in Our Churches." Following this there were workshops on graded choirs, song leading, choir directing, accompanying, choral and instrumental techniques.

A choral reading session directed by Jesse Peterson climaxed the program.

Joann Stanbro, music conference chairman, said, "The anointing of the Lord upon the whole conference, coupled with the practical benefits received, were beyond expectation. Plans are formulated to make this an annual event."

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Berea Temple had a record-breaking attendance of 753 during the meeting with Evangelist C. W. Quattlebaum. A number of persons were saved or filled with the Spirit. William N. Sachs is pastor.

URGENT NEED FOR TEACHERS

Growing Bible college needs Assemblies of God teachers with graduate degrees in science (biology concentration) and language (French and Spanish). Good opportunities for advancement. Another college needs a teacher in botany (with doctorate). Send immediately for a data form from the Department of Education, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

PFNA CONVENTION TO STRESS EVANGELISM

DALLAS, TEX.—“Evangelism—Our Pentecostal Imperative” will be the theme for the 20th annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, to be held October 31 to November 2 at the Memorial Auditorium here.

Howard P. Courtney, chairman of the PFNA and general supervisor of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, will deliver the keynote address.

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, will speak in the closing service.

Conventioners will also hear Thomas F. Zimmerman of the Assemblies of God; Albert Vaters, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; Carlton Spencer, Elim Missionary Assemblies; Charles W. Conn, Church of God; Robert DeWeese, Open Bible Standard; and Robert L. Rex, Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Statler-Hilton has been designated as the convention headquarters hotel.

Local arrangements are being made by a committee of Dallas-Fort Worth Pentecostal ministers. The chairman is J. Craig Bigg, 3516 Kiest Crest Drive, Dallas, Tex. 75233.

WITH CHRIST

LURA BLADES, 61, of Malden, Mo., went to be with Jesus February 15, 1967. Sister



Blades was licensed to preach in 1937 by the Southern Missouri District. She served as an evangelist and as a pastor

in Malden, Risco, Clarkton, and Tallapoosa, Mo. She is survived by six brothers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL TO CONVENE—July 19-21 at the Ukrainian Branch Camp Grounds, Lanesville, New York. Business sessions at 9:40 a.m. and

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	July 16-30	Jerry & Ann Johnson	H. P. Trawick
	Millport	Liberty	July 3—	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Gertrude Hickman
	Mobile	Crichton	July 12-23	The Singing Lunsfords	Clarence Cope
	Prichard	Full Gospel	July 10-16	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Melvin M. Byron
	Saraland	A/G	July 17-23	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Will E. Smith
Ark.	Wilmer	Georgetown	July 16-23	Woodrow Oxner	D. Z. Finch
	Helena	First	July 23-30	Jim Mackey	Royce L. Lowe
	Horatio	First	July 18-30	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	J. L. Walker
	Texarkana	Central	July 11-23	Ed Eaton	A. C. McLaugh
Calif.	Garden Grove	First	July 16-22	L. T. Bates	Ralph G. Markey
	Glendale	Faith Center	July 16-21	Christian Hild	Ray A. Schoch
	Lawndale	First	July 16-30	William T. Holcomb	William Ferril Jr.
	Sacramento	First	July 19-31	Ernie Eskelin	Paul Trulin
	Santa Paula	First	July 19-30	Quentin Edwards	Paul M. Wells
	Stockton	*Full Gospel	July 17-21	Youngman-Howard Team	Robert H. Graham
	Taft	First	July 9-23	Fred Diehl Family	Leonard Palmer
Ga.	Pine Mountain	**State Park	July 17-21	Burnie Davis	Bob Elliott, D-CAP
Idaho	Salmon	A/G	July 11-23	Dave & Jan Olshevski	David J. Eide
	Ava	A/G	July 18-30	Marion & Sandra Beach	Lloyd H. Aud
Ill.	Pittsfield	A/G	July 11-16	Marion & Sandra Beach	Ronald A. Callahan
	St. Elmo	First	July 16-30	Matschulat Party	Yale Roberts
	Evansville	*Calvary Temple	July 3-9	Carl E. Gammel	Hansel Vibbert
Ind.	Fort Wayne	Evangel	July 4-16	Basell-Brown Party	Joe Hartley
	Indianapolis	West Side GT	July 9-21	Bob Watters	Paino-Duncan
	Portage	*First	July 10-14	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Robert Hawkins
	Terre Haute	First	July 9-16	Jerry & Linda Knibbe	William Saunders Jr.
Iowa	Mason City	*First	July 9-14	Irene Abrahamson	Gene Vaale
	Perry	*A/G	July 18-20	Paul Hild Family	L. H. Kyle
	Perry	***City Park	July 21-23	Paul Hild Family	L. H. Kyle
La.	Goldonna	A/G	July 9-23	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	A. S. Davis
	W. Monroe	Luna	July 9-23	Nettie Parham	Leonard Sapp
Md.	Landover	***Columbia Park	July 2-9	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Fred J. Miller
Mich.	Flint	*Bethel	July 17-21	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Forrest Anderson
	Howell	*A/G	July 18-23	Carl E. Gammel	L. E. Wortz
Minn.	Vicksburg	*****A/G	July 16-Aug. 6	Stan & Mrs. Morris	George H. Mitchell
	Bemidji	Gospel Tab.	July 11-16	J. E. Robins Party	Duane Juve
	Mound	Minnetonka	July 11-23	R. S. Peterson	James G. King
Mo.	Roseau	A/G	July 13-16	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Robert Ludwig
	E. Prairie	A/G	July 18-30	L. D. Rayborn	T. Dale Pollard
	Ellisville	First	July 18-30	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	James W. Dunn
Nebr.	Potosi	Big River	July 17-30	Ruth E. Reece	Robert J. Marler
	St. Louis	*Riverview Gardens	July 10-16	Carl E. Gammel	Louis Mattea
	Sarcoxie	A/G	July 2-16	Ruth E. Reece	Leonard Willman
	Big Springs	A/G	July 16-21	Kathleen Jennings	Daniel P. Wilson
N. Dak.	Mitchell	A/G	July 9-14	Kathleen Jennings	Roland Hastie
	Hobbs	First	July 12-16	Winferd Mack	B. Dale Webb
N. Mex.	Fargo	First	July 9—	R. S. Peterson	O. W. Apple
	Fargo	First	July 20-23	K. M. Stottlemeyer	O. W. Apple
	Jamestown	A/G	July 6-9	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Leo Miller
Ohio	Minot	*A/G	July 16-21	Irene Abrahamson	B. C. Heinze
	Akron	Bethel Temple	July 18-30	Basell-Brown Party	Lillian Derfer
	Barnesville	A/G	July 5-9	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Loren O. Beans
	Barnesville	*A/G	July 10-16	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Loren O. Beans
Okla.	Dayton	Bethel Temple	July 16-23	David & Mona Lewis	Elton Hill
	Baum	A/G	July 16-30	Hale-Turner Team	M. E. Dickenson
	Duncan	Bethel Temple	July 19-30	Marvin Schmidt	Marcus Alexander
	Edmond	First	July 16-23	C. C. Crace	Nick Schubert
	Midwest City	Bethel Temple	July 5-9	Marvin Schmidt	M. Russell Herndon
Pa.	Nicoma Park	A/G	July 16—	Larry & Helen Hatfield	Allen McLaughlin
	Oklahoma City	Southside Faith	July 16—	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	John W. Newby
	Tulsa	Home Gardens	July 12-16	Marvin Schmidt	J. R. Cissna
	Brave	****A/G	July 16-23	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	David M. Glunt
	Green Lane	*****Maranatha Park	July 9-14	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Harold Crosby, SS-D
S. Dak.	New Castle	First Pentecostal	July 16-21	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	R. G. Mohrman
	Peckville	*****A/G	July 5-16	"Gypsy" George Butrin	Ernest Drost
	Rapid City	*****District Camp	July 10-15	Paul Hild Family	Richard Tuffe, SS-D
	Dyersburg	First	July 23-Aug. 6	Gene & Heather Burgess	B. Morris McKenzie
	Knoxville	Scott St.	July 16-28	Knott-Olson Team	Robert L. Otey
Tenn.	Oak Ridge	First	July 12-23	Don & Sharon Parker	Claude Snodderly
	Dallas	Memorial	July 10-23	Terry D. Johnson	Derwood W. DuBose
	Ft. Worth	Zion Temple	July 9-23	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	B. R. Griffith
	Houston	Northwood	July 9-16	Lloyd Bates	Paul Emerson
	Mexia	A/G	July 10-23	B. P. Carroll	O. C. Bates
	Morton	First	July 19-30	Winferd Mack	Roy F. George
	Odessa	First	July 9—	John & Freda Bryant	M. D. Williams
	San Antonio	Faith	July 9—	E. R. Winter	Sam A. Mask
	Tyler	Calvary	July 12-23	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	H. S. Coons Jr.
	Tyler	Clad Tidings	July 17—	James & LaVerne Sartor	L. H. Hubbard
W. Va.	Oak Hill	First	July 4-16	Ken & Gloria Kashmer	David Hannum
	Gresham	*****Morgan Siding	July 23-30	James F. Pepper	John C. Gunderson
Wis.	West Bend	A/G	July 10-14	Victor Etienne	Corwin G. Lowe

*Children's Crusade
*****Kids Kamp

**Youth Camp
*****Tent Revival

***Area wide Crusade

****Youth Crusade
*****Am. Indian Camp


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2:30 p.m. Evening services at 7:30. Speaker: Evangelist Nick Tomen, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. For accommodations, write: Ukrainian Branch, 9 East 7th Street, New

York, N.Y. 10003.—by Joseph J. Matolina, superintendent.

HOME COMING—Aug. 13, at the Assembly of God, Kittitas, Wash.

Speakers will be former pastors Alvin E. Isaak and Eugene A. Born. All former pastors and members are invited.—by Daniel B. Westerfield, pastor.



THERE IS SOON TO BE AN OPEN-AIR MEETING far greater than any which has ever taken place. It will not be on earth nor in heaven, but “in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Every redeemed blood-bought soul will be there, including those who have died as well as those who are alive on the earth at the time—not one will be missing. All will be clothed with resurrected, glorified bodies, suited for heaven.

But every unsaved, unredeemed person—the legalist, the formalist, the man who trusted in his own good works instead of in Christ, as well as the unbeliever, the scoffer, the profligate—these all who are “without Christ” will be absent.

THE CENTER OF ATTENTION

Amid the many wonderful circumstances of the meeting, one will far transcend the others—the object of the gathering will be “to meet the Lord.”

What joy the Redeemer will have when He is surrounded with the great throng of those who are “born again” through the “travail of his soul” when He “poured out his soul unto death” (Isaiah 53:11, 12).

THE TIME OF MEETING

Another feature about this great convocation is that not even one who will be in the congregation knows when it will take place! It may be in the morning, afternoon, evening, or during the silent hours of the night. It may be this year, this week, or today.

No bell will sound to gather the assembly; they will be summoned by the shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. So effective and powerful will be the voice of Him who calls that in the wink of an eye every member will be found in his place at the great meeting in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:52).

THE AFTER-SERVICE

There is a solemn sadness about the after-service. Listen to the pleadings of the group assembled outside the closed door, “Lord, Lord, open to us” (Matthew 25:11). These people profess Christ, and take upon their lips the word *Lord*, but was He really their Lord? They may have been baptized, confirmed, and recognized as church members, but all the time they had never been born again.

What does the Lord answer in response to their call? “Verily, I say unto you, I know you not” (Matthew 25:12). There was no link of personal faith between their souls and Christ: thus they are shut out from His presence for ever.

THE INVITATION

Time passes so quickly! Listen to the clock as it hangs on your wall. Every tick tells of passing opportunities and the approach of eternity. “The coming of the Lord draweth nigh” (James 5:8).

Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, now is the time to get right with God: not next month, nor next week—but now.

—GRACE AND TRUTH

THE GREAT OPEN-AIR MEETING