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THE SON OF MAN APPEARED to John and commanded him to write a letter to seven churches in Asia.

The sixth of these was at Philadelphia. The message to the church at Philadelphia is found in Revelation 3:7-13. It begins with the words: "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. . . ."

The word *Philadelphia* means brotherly love. The church at Philadelphia was representative of the true church of Jesus Christ which existed locally at Philadelphia when John was given the revelation. It represents a condition which has obtained throughout the whole Church Age; namely, the true church of brotherly love in the midst of varying conditions. It also represents a distinct period of time during the dispensation of grace; beginning, roughly speaking, about the middle of the 18th century.

The church at Philadelphia loved Christ fervently and they loved one another sincerely. These two things always go together. No man can love the Lord and hate his brother; indeed, our love to Christ can be measured by our love to our brother.

This church period is particularly the church of evangelistic and missionary labors, which began about A.D. 1750. In every letter to the churches in Asia there is a reference to the vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here the reference is to the fact that it is He who has the key—He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.

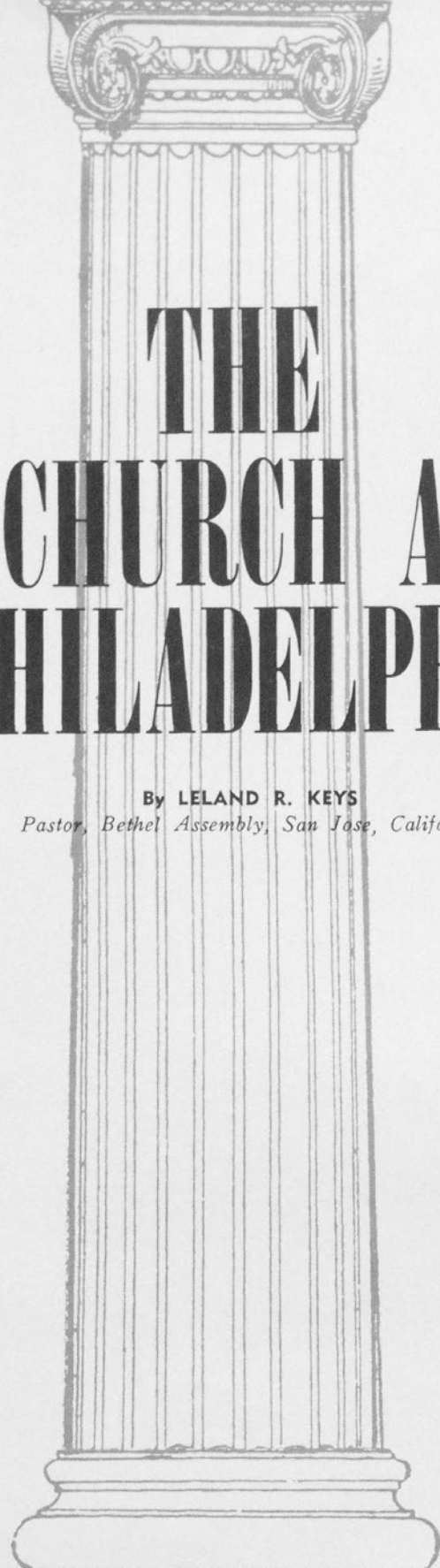
It is said concerning this church that it had a little strength. It was like a person who is convalescing from a great sickness; like a person who is still very weak.

Revivals and missionary effort have been characteristic of the Philadelphia period. Let us name just a few well-known names of this period: George Whitefield, John Fletcher, John and Charles Wesley, Peter Cartwright, Charles Finney, D. L. Moody, General William Booth, R. A. Torrey, and some of the great missionaries such as David Livingstone, Henry Martyn, Robert Morrison, William Carey, and a host of others. Truly it was a church that had set before it an open door. In 1793 William Carey sailed for India where he found an open door. Since that time the Lord opened doors into China, Japan, Korea, India, and the islands of the sea.

The church at Philadelphia lacked the energy of the church at Ephesus; nevertheless, three things are said concerning it. First, it had a little power; second, it was obedient to the Word of Christ; third, it did not deny the Lord's name.

It is quite probable that this church was poor and low in the social scale, but they loved the Lord. We read that in Sardis the Word had been ignored; in Thyatira the Word had been supplanted by the word of Jezebel; but in Philadelphia the Word had been kept. There was a loving response in their hearts to that which Christ would teach. Christ was very much at home in the church at Philadelphia. He was loved, worshiped, honored, and exalted.

Have you ever noticed how much is said in the Scriptures concerning patience? We read that "good



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ground" hearers bring forth fruit "with patience." We read that "with patience we wait for that which we see not." Again it is said that we are "strengthened with power unto all patience and longsuffering." Further, it is stated that there are those who "through faith and patience inherit the promises"; and finally the admonition comes to us, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Here was an assembly that steadily, unflinchingly, and lovingly endured and waited for Christ. Because this church had kept the Word, a promise was made.

Rotherham renders verse 10 thus: "Because thou didst keep my word of endurance, I also will keep thee out of the hour of trial which is about to come upon the whole habitable world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Notice that the promise is not that the church shall be preserved *in* tribulation, but *kept out* of it. The tribulation is for the purpose of testing or trying earth dwellers, and not for the purpose of testing or trying those who dwell "in the heavenlies."

The Great Tribulation is not church time; it is Jewish time. It is the fulfillment of the 70th week in Daniel's prophecy. The true church is caught out before Tribulation judgment begins. Here is a distinct promise that the faithful will escape the Tribulation woes.

If it were the purpose of God that the Church should pass through the Tribulation, then instead of watching and waiting for the Lord, as Scripture teaches, we would be watching and waiting for the manifestation of the "Man of Sin," the Antichrist, and for the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

We are admonished in the Word of God to look for "that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." The coming of the Antichrist cannot be called a *blessed hope* in any sense of the word; nor can the expectation of the Great Tribulation, a time of trouble such as the world has never seen, be interpreted in any sense as a *blessed hope* of the Church. Christ's glorious return to catch up His waiting bride is, and always has been, the great, glorious hope of the Church.

The expectation of Christ's return causes our hearts to mount up with joy as we remind ourselves that He may come at any moment. We who are covered by His precious, protecting blood may be caught up and caught away from the scene of this world's hate and evil, spared from tribulational woes and judgments, to be forever with the Lord, at any time. This indeed is a *blessed hope*, and a source of continual comfort to every believing child of God.

There are some who would object to this teaching on the ground of 2 Thessalonians 2:3, which says, "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." But notice, please, that the apostle is not talking about the coming of Jesus for His saints. Instead he is talking about the terrible and dreadful "day of the Lord" when evil shall come to full fruition and judgment must fall because the cup of iniquity is full. That day of Tribulation judgment cannot come until first there shall have come a falling away from the true faith; also the revelation and manifestation of the "man of sin" (the Antichrist) must come first.

There are three Bible characters who illustrate precious truths concerning Christ and His church. First, there was Joseph. He was engaged to and married Asenath, a Gentile bride, during the time of his rejection and before the time of famine. Even so will it be with our Christ. We are now betrothed to Him as a chaste virgin during the time of rejection by the world at large, and before Tribulation woes begin.

Then there was Moses who received a Gentile bride after his rejection and before passing through the tribulation woe under Pharaoh.

Furthermore, there was Enoch who is undoubtedly a


type of the saints who will be translated. Remember, he "walked with God and was not, for God took him." And before his translation he had this testimony, that he "pleased God." He was caught away before the Flood. Noah was kept through the Flood, as the remnant of Israel will be kept in the world in a place of safety. Noah was kept through the flood when all others were overwhelmed by it. Enoch, on the other hand, was taken out of the world. He is a true type of the church of Jesus Christ being caught away before Tribulation judgment begins.

Jesus says, "Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." He is coming to capture His church—coming quickly. In view of His speedy return, the Church is admonished to hold fast to that which it has so that no man shall steal that which properly belongs to it.

You will notice also that in this passage there is the promise of Christ that He will cause those who are called "the synagogue of Satan" to know that Christ loves His own. There is coming a day when all unreality will be shown up for what it is, a thing that is hateful to Christ. There is coming a day when Christ will plainly reveal the real from the unreal, the true from the untrue. There will come a day when Modernism will be shown up for what it is, even though under a banner of apparent orthodoxy. There will come a day when all Christ-rejecting, Bible-denying atheists who parade in ecclesiastical and denominational garbs will be revealed for what they are, the very "synagogue of Satan." God grant that we shall be found in Christ in that day of revelation.

Notice the marvelous promise to him who overcomes. The promise is always made to the overcomer who overcomes the condition that is specifically spoken of in that local congregation (as well, of course, as to all other forms of sin or shortcoming). This is the most inspiring of the seven promises. "Him that overcometh," says Jesus, "will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." To be made a pillar means that the overcomer will be permanently placed and stationed in the house of God, a monumental pillar; in other words, placed upon exhibition to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Paul says that "we have been raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

A pillar in the temple of our God is a thing of permanence, a thing of strength, a thing of beauty, and a joy forever.

Christ closed this letter by saying, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Not everybody who goes to meeting has an ear to hear what the Spirit says; not everyone who listens to the preacher hears the voice of the Spirit. But in every assembly there are those who are the church of Jesus Christ, the true believers. They have an ear to hear. "Behold, I come quickly." Let us hold fast that which we have, that no man (or devil) take our crown. 

When Will Christ Return?

THE BIBLE TEACHES VERY CLEARLY that Christ will return to earth. However, it does not tell us when. In fact, Christ stated explicitly that "no man knoweth the day nor the hour" of His return—nor do the angels—but only God the Father; so date-setting is ruled out as wrong and useless.

But Christ did say, "I will come again" (John 14:3). His second coming is mentioned in the Bible eight times as often as His first coming. Furthermore, He said we ought to be able to "discern the signs of the times" (Matthew 16:3).

If we know that a red sky at night is a sailor's delight, and a red sky in morning is cause to take warning, Jesus said we ought to recognize the "signs of the times" that will precede His revelation in power and great glory.

There shall be signs in the sky and on the earth, He said. "Distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear . . . for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26). This atomic age undoubtedly is one of the signs that the return of Christ must be very near.

Men in space! Astronauts walking on the moon! Atomic-powered ships and submarines! Worldwide television hookups! Breath-taking advances in automation! We live in an exciting age. But the excitement turns into a piercing fear when we contemplate the imminent threat of nuclear war. The perplexity, unrest, and fear that Jesus foretold is upon us. Men's hearts are failing as He predicted over the prospect of nuclear blasts that will shake the heavens and loose the radioactive fallout that can sprinkle death over all mankind.

The language of the Scriptures is marvelously accurate. Peter said that in the last days of this age the "heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:12). This word "dissolved" is from the Greek verb *luo* which means "loosen." It exactly describes an atomic chain reaction.

In addition, the word "elements" is the Greek noun *stoicheia*, meaning literally steps as in a building, or the orderly arrangement of steps as in a pile of building blocks. It is the word used by scientists to describe the components of all matter. It pertains to atomic structure.

And what expression could describe the searing effect of a nuclear explosion better than "melt with fervent heat"? It appears that God may use the weapons of man's invention to fulfill the Biblical prophecies concerning the judgments that He shall pour upon the wicked in the last days. Once those prophecies seemed farfetched and fantastic. Suddenly they have become plausible, practical, and disturbingly up-to-date.

For the first time in history, man has the capability of total self-destruction. But the Bible says that God will intervene when the last great war breaks out and will stay man's hand so that the human race will not be destroyed completely.

Are there other "signs of the times"? Yes, there are more signs than we can mention in this article. There are signs in the world of economics. Shrinking fortunes, labor strife, economic crises are cited in James 5:1-6 as forerunners of "the coming of the Lord" (verse 8).

There are signs in the religious world. Many are showing "a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." They are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Their ears "itch" to hear the philosophies of men rather than the "sound doctrine" of God's Word. The apostle Paul

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THE SECOND COMING of Christ has received much attention and has been much discussed by our Pentecostal people. It is not my purpose, therefore, to deal either with the certainty of the event, or with the signs that point to its imminence; but rather to discuss the points of view held by the Christian world relative to it.

In searching the Word of God I find that at the Second Coming the people who live in so-called Christian lands will be divisible into four classes, in accordance with the views they hold about the return of the Lord.

1. *There will be the scoffers.* "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3, 4).

One who with insolent and irreverent mockery jeers at Christians and Christianity is a scoffer. With its universal accuracy of description the Scriptures describe the scoffers as "walking after their own lusts," for scoffers are men who customarily practice self-indulgence. They are willingly if not willfully ignorant, and the truth is not in them when they say "All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation," for the truth is, nothing is as it was at Creation.

The scoffer says the Lord has not promised to return, or there are no signs indicating that such a thing is going to take place. Scoffers are notoriously ignorant. Any reader can demonstrate this to his own satisfaction by asking his infidel acquaintances about the Bible. Such things as a 10-year-old Sunday school boy knows well about the Bible, the infidel does not know.

The scoffers have infested the earth for untold generations. When the Psalmist's tears were his "meat and drink," the scoffers said to him continually, "Where is thy God?" They "prosper in the world" and walk wickedly saying, "Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty that we should serve him? and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?"

So it is no surprise that in these last crucial days they should view this "blessed hope" with contempt and disdain. There are multiplied thousands of them, despite the fact that no doctrine is more clearly set forth in the Word of God than that Christ shall return to earth a second time for His people.

2. *There will be the class represented by the inattentive and thoughtless servant:* "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34).

In the most forceful language Jesus warned: "Watch ye therefore: . . . lest coming suddenly he [the returning Lord] find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

We read of a careless man to whom a captive was entrusted. In making his report the careless one said, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." For

This is a sermon preached by J. O. Savell 30 years ago. A month before he died, we told Brother Savell we wished to reprint it, and he said he was happy to give consent; the passing of the years made the truth of the Second Coming more precious to him than ever.



By JAMES O. SAVELL (1891-1969)

FOUR VIEWS ON THE SECOND COMING

this neglect the king condemned him to death. But Jesus' warning is not only against our being so taken up with our business here and there that we cease to look for Him, but also against indulging in sensuality which stupefies the conscience and renders one heedless of divine things.

The cook who allows his mind to dwell on the pleasure he looks forward to in the coming night, or who lets his mind be absorbed with disturbing financial or marital troubles, is the one who lets the pot boil dry, spoiling the food.

That is why a multitude of people will not be watching and expectant when the Lord comes. They will be so preoccupied with carnal indulgences or allowing their attention to be centered in the cares of this life that the Lord's return will take place when they are not aware of it. Who can measure the damage and loss such persons suffer by so doing?

We do not have to go outside our Pentecostal ranks to find members of this class. It is a sad fact that thousands of Pentecostal saints, who at one time had all their spiritual sensibilities aroused to this truth, have lapsed into this most regrettable state. Sermons on the coming of Christ do not stir our congregations as they once did. Unless we awake from our inattentiveness and thoughtlessness, the Lord will come at an hour that we are not aware of.

3. *Then there will be the class who hold the views of the evildoers.* "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:48-51).

This servant is not represented as forgetting that his lord is to return, but he takes the position that the sinner does who gives the familiar answer to the invitation to accept Christ, "I have plenty of time." He will indulge himself, knowing that the lord *may* come and call for an accounting when he is not ready, but with the spirit of the gambler he takes the chance, expecting to change his ways and have everything ready for inspection when at length the lord does come.

Neither the minister nor the layman who turns aside from a daily expectancy of the return of the Lord, and

begins "smiting his fellowservants," will be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. He will find himself in an indifferent attitude, with moral laxity creeping into his standards of life.

Dare the members of local congregations allow themselves to become embittered toward each other over calling a pastor, or members of district councils to make their sessions political battlegrounds as they contend over the question, "Who shall be greatest in the kingdom?" and yet *look for Him?*

To believe that Jesus has delayed His coming and live as this evil servant did will result in such an one's being "cut asunder."

4. *Lastly there is the class of those who hold the faithful and wise servant's point of view.* "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods" (Matthew 24:45-47).

What the Lord says about the activities of this wise servant gives rise to the thought of stewardship found in so many places in Scripture. In picturing this servant as in charge of and responsible for a large establishment boasting many servants all of whom must be cared for, housed, and fed and in describing his faithfulness in performing his tasks and the great reward he is to have, the Lord plainly laid out for every one of us the mode of life He expects us to adopt.

This wise servant realizes that his lord may come any day; in fact, anytime. Taking this view of the matter, he is ready.

A sincere and active belief in the imminence of the coming of Jesus is conducive to four things:

(a) *Setting one's house in order.* "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die and not live" (Isaiah 38:1).

(b) *A life of watchfulness.* "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

(c) *A life of holy conduct.* "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3). "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:10-12).

(d) *A life of missionary endeavor.* "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).



J. O. Savell in the pulpit while serving as Texas District Superintendent. "Here, Lord, we offer ourselves to Thee."

WITH CHRIST

JAMES O. SAVELL, 77, of Houston, Texas, departed this life on August 9 to be forever with Christ.

Brother Savell was widely known and greatly beloved throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship, having served as a district superintendent, general presbyter, and executive presbyter for many years, in addition to his pastoral, evangelistic, and camp meeting ministries.

Ordained on October 29, 1914, at San Antonio, Texas, he began his ministry in Mississippi by preaching to his own relatives. For eight years he pioneered the Pentecostal message in Mississippi, establishing three churches. He was pastor of First Assembly of God in Meridian, Mississippi, for a year beginning in 1922. Then for three years he was pastor of First Assembly in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

He served as district superintendent in Mississippi, 1922-26; pastor in Alabama, 1927; evangelist in Mississippi, 1928-29; pastor in New Orleans, Louisiana, 1930-33; pastor in Goose Creek (now Baytown), Texas, 1934-38; pastor in Columbus, Georgia, 1938-39; pastor in Akron, Ohio, 1940-43.

From Ohio Brother Savell was called back to Goose Creek, Texas, to serve a second term as pastor of Trinity Tabernacle, 1943-48. He relinquished that charge to become Texas District superintendent, 1948-52. Upon his election to the office of assistant general superintendent he moved to Springfield, Missouri, where he served the Fellowship for five years, 1952-57. While in Springfield he was executive director of the Gospel Publishing House.



Brother Savell at his desk in the old headquarters building in Springfield while serving as Assistant General Superintendent. He had a welcoming smile for everyone.

In 1957 he declined reelection to the office of assistant general superintendent, believing God wanted him back in pastoral ministry. He thereupon served the Park Place Assembly of God in Houston, Texas, for three years. In 1960 he resigned this pastorate to devote the rest of his life to camp and conference ministry and evangelism.

He was never happier than when he was in the pulpit proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. He remained active until the latter part of June 1969 when he suffered a stroke and was hospitalized at Baytown, Texas. Complications developed and he remained in the hospital until he died. His wife or children were with him constantly.

The funeral was at Trinity Tabernacle, the church he pastored longer than any other, with Pastor J. J. Krimmer in charge. Hundreds of friends were present, including many civic officials and community leaders indicating the great affection and respect in which Brother Savell was held by all who knew him. Scores of ministers were in the congregation. One was Fred Eiting, 80-year-old Pentecostal pioneer pastor, who ordained Brother Savell in 1914.

Brother Savell is survived by his wife Ibbie, six sons (James O. Jr., William, Daniel, Paul, and David, all of Baytown, and Veno, of Houston), and one daughter Ruth (Mrs. Douglas Oelfke, Baytown).

Paul played the organ at the funeral and Ruth sang one of her father's favorite songs, "The Eastern Gate." Three executive presbyters participated in the service. J. P. Hogan, M. B. Netzel, and Kermit Reneau all spoke briefly concerning Brother Savell's full life and fruitful ministry. Condolences also were expressed by District Superintendent W. S. Graham on behalf of the South


Texas District. The memorial address was delivered by Gayle F. Lewis, former general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Lewis' text was 2 Timothy 4:7—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He said: "Brother Savell fought a good fight against the enemy—against sin in his own life, against sin in the church, against sin in the world, against false teachers and false professors, against every sign of hypocrisy or compromise. Like Paul, he finished his course; he was determined to finish the work God had given him to do.

"He began preaching in 1914 and never quit. His first revival was back in Mississippi, preaching to his own family, and his last revival was back there in June. A new generation had come along, and he wanted to tell them about Jesus Christ too.

"And, like Paul, he kept the faith. Some 55 years ago God gave to Brother Savell an understanding of the Word, a revelation of Pentecostal truth, and he held it firmly to the end. He believed it; he practiced it; he preached it. He won the crown of righteousness which the Lord had laid up for him.

"We shall miss him, but we cannot grieve, for he has made it Home. He has heard the Saviour say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' He rests from his labors; but his works, his life, his example will live on with us to guide us."

The Lord, the righteous Judge, has a crown laid up for each one who loves His appearing. May we, like Brother Savell and the apostle and a host of others who have gone before us, find grace to fight a good fight, and finish our course, and keep the faith, that we too may win the crown. 



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BIENNIUM

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD is a movement with a mission. Since the Long Beach General Council two years ago, we have been engaged in a great Spirit-directed, soul-searching, movement-wide renewal of our commitment to fulfill that mission in today's world.

Conscious of our need for God's help and anointing for this task, over 7,000 of our people met at St. Louis in an unprecedented Council on Evangelism a year ago. There we sought to articulate our mission. We pledged ourselves to seek God for spiritual revival, acknowledging this step to be the necessary prelude to further advance. In our homes, our churches, wherever we might be, we began to pray earnestly that God would revive us and direct us and use us.

God heard our cry and He has been blessing our Fellowship. From every direction reports have come to the national headquarters telling of new victories. Many indications of heaven-sent help are seen in the biennial reports given at the General Council in Dallas last month.

CONVERSIONS

The General Secretary said 164,279 conversions were reported by our churches in the past two years. Most of these occurred in the regular services, Sunday school, other departmental activities, or evangelistic crusades. Many conversions, however, occurred outside the regular activities of the local assemblies. Over 3,200 young people were saved in youth camps in the two-year period, and more than 5,800 in children's camps. The WMC's and Missionettes reported over 7,000 souls saved. Students at Assemblies of God colleges won 6,353 to Christ.

In addition, thousands were led to Christ by Assemblies of God military chaplains, prison chaplains, and Teen Challenge workers. Over 25,000 conversions were reported by Home Missions churches among ethnic groups.

Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) teams had 3,000 decisions for Christ in foreign countries in 1968 alone. Reports from our foreign missionaries showed an average of 794 converts per day throughout the year. For these indications of God's blessing upon our evangelistic efforts we give Him heartfelt praise.

GROWTH

The net gain in church membership was not as great as the number of conversions would lead us to expect. The 8,570 Assemblies of God churches (a net increase of 64 for the biennium) have 625,660 members (a gain of 49,602). There are 11,459 ordained ministers (up 291) and 5,567 licensed ministers (up 230) for a total of 17,026 ordained and licensed ministers. (a net gain of 521). The total includes 1,293 who are superannuated.

Assemblies of God Sunday schools in the U.S. enrolled 49,602 additional students in the past two years. Average attendance went up almost 10 percent.

Membership in CA (youth) groups climbed to 107,452. Enrollment in Royal Rangers increased more than 18,000; in Missionettes 16,500.

There was a 25 percent increase in the number of military chaplains (who now number 39) and prison chaplains (now 30 in number).

Contributions to Foreign Missions increased 10 percent and to Home Missions 14 percent. New records were set in total giving to Speed-the-Light (\$902,779 in 1968), *Light for*

the Lost (\$353,242 for the biennium), and Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (\$504,373 for the biennium).

The Foreign Missions Department reported the number of members and adherents abroad increased by 289,798.

NEW THIS BIENNIUM

The Men's Fellowship Department brought out a new Trail Ranger program for Royal Rangers 15 to 17 years of age. It also introduced a new Advanced Training course for Royal Rangers leaders, and sponsored National Training Camps for them.

PRIMS (Primary Missionettes) came into being last year and already 426 PRIM clubs have been reported. The second half of *Design for Living*, a study and activities course for the young women's auxiliary (Y's) of the WMC, became available.

The Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission sponsored the first Evangelists Seminar in 1968.

Church School Literature Department produced a great new indoctrination course for 11-year-olds (called *Foundations for Faith*).

Our home missionaries started 98 new churches and outstations among ethnic groups (31 for Indians, 14 in Alaska, 53 among the foreign-speaking branches); also 25 new deaf groups. It was a biennium marked by advances on many fronts.

PUBLICATIONS

At the Gospel Publishing House the presses continued to roll, keeping the supply lines intact. A constant stream of printed materials flowed to the front lines to strengthen the workers and fill their hands with evangelistic literature. More than five million tracts were printed, together with 378,214 books (30 new titles). Over 11 million copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* were circulated and 230,000 copies of *TEAM*, the men's magazine. New circulation records were set by *Sunday School Counselor* (51,767) and the *Evangel* (194,217).

Church School Literature maintained its high level of circulation (2,377,391) and reported that 16,400 churches now use Assemblies of God literature in their Sunday schools. A Literature Sales Division was established during the biennium to obtain an even wider use of these excellent materials.

TRAINING

Enrollment at nine Assemblies of

God colleges exceeded 5,000 in the 1968-69 school year.

The Home Missions Department said 560 young people were graduated from 15 Bible schools among the ethnic groups in the past two years.

The Sunday School Department issued 58,245 certificates to workers who completed the prescribed training courses in the biennium.

The Advanced Christian Training Schools (ACTS) in 1968 had 311 students enrolled in three locations.

Berean School of the Bible reported a 23 percent increase last year in the number of courses taken by correspondence.

The most spectacular gains made in the entire field of training, probably, were those reported by the International Correspondence Institute. The ICI, established since the last General Council, is strengthening and coordinating the many correspondence courses offered by our foreign missionaries throughout the earth. Over half a million persons are presently enrolled in these courses on Bible and Christian living. Many new courses are being developed for overseas use, employing the latest self-teaching techniques, to reach the lost and give them basic Christian training.

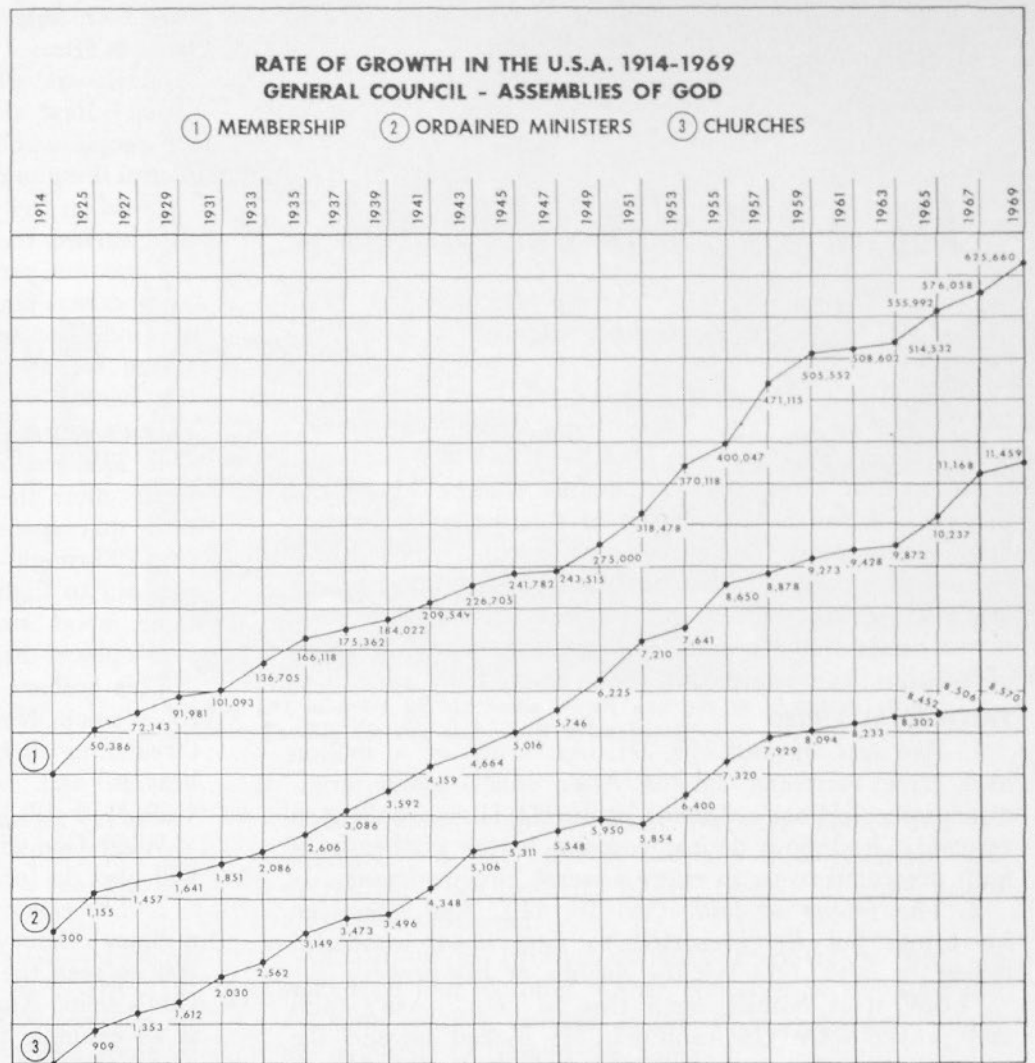
When we remember the hundreds of prison inmates taking Bible courses provided by the Home Missions Department, and the special training materials furnished for WMC's, Royal Rangers, and other departments, it is evident that the importance of training is not being overlooked in our movement-wide advance.

SERVICES

Space will not permit a listing of the many valuable services rendered by the various headquarters departments. For example, the CA Department discovered that 60,000 of our young people are away from home (35,000 in the armed services and 25,000 at non-Assemblies of God colleges). It ministers effectively to these important groups through the Servicemen's division and the Chi Alpha collegiate program.

Men's Fellowship members supplied gospel literature for 437 GOOD NEWS CRUSADES in foreign cities. The Women's Missionary Council contributed \$2,532,921 in cash to various ministries in the biennium, plus an equal amount in new goods.

The Department of Benevolences



continued its ministries to the very young and the very old. It sent checks to 150 retired ministers and missionaries each month and helped other aged ones in emergencies. It also administered Bethany Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Hillcrest Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had 83 children under its roof. Highlands Home in Kansas City, Missouri, had 49 under its supervision (12 living there awaiting placement and 37 living in foster and adoptive homes).

The Disaster Relief Fund aided 23 churches suffering from floods, hurricanes, etc., with total gifts of \$10,626.

OVERSEAS

The work of the Foreign Missions Department kept growing. There were 85 new missionaries appointed in the past year bringing the total number of foreign workers up to 969 as of March 1969. Offerings to support this expanding work increased about 10 percent each year.

There are now 2,518,751 members and adherents (an increase of 13 percent for the biennium) in the 82

foreign fields where our missionaries are working.

Growth has been so great that the Assemblies of God is now the largest Protestant movement in a number of countries, particularly Italy, France, and Brazil.

With the opening of the French Guiana field this year, Assemblies of God missionaries may be found in every country in South and Central America.

In several countries the national churches have established their own Foreign Missions departments, choosing and equipping candidates for missionary work and guaranteeing their support.

Seven new Bible schools were opened in foreign lands in the biennium, bringing the total to 92. Our missionary objective in every field is to win souls and train the converts to evangelize their own people. These are the two major areas of missionary emphasis today—evangelism and training. It is in these areas we can complement the work of a vast, growing national church that is emerging on every continent.

Asa, a King Who Sought God

Sunday School Lesson for October 5, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

2 CHRONICLES 14:1-13

THIS LESSON INTRODUCES A SERIES on the kings and prophets of Judah. The events in this series cover over 300 years—almost the entire time during which Judah existed as a separate kingdom. In this lesson and others we will see how closely the prophets' messages related to the needs of the people at a particular time. The first of these studies is about King Asa.

FAITH CHALLENGED

1. *The test of faith* (v. 9). An army of a million men came marching against Asa's small, newly organized forces. What a fearful prospect! How would Asa respond? And how do *we* respond to the challenge of faith presented to us in every adverse circumstance?

2. *The prayer of faith* (vv. 10, 11). Asa assembled his army, but first resorted to God in a wonderful prayer of faith. Observe the quality of his prayer:

"Lord, it is nothing with thee to help." Asa's faith and prayer were God-centered. He looked beyond the seriousness of the circumstances to a God whom he knew

was both able and willing to help those who put their trust in Him.

"Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee." What? Rest at such a time? Yet Asa cast himself and his people wholly on God—and this is always a safe and restful thing to do.

"And in thy name we go against this multitude." Asa had learned the secret of spiritual conquest and victory. He was not proceeding in his own strength or defending some carnal plan of his own. He was moving in the will of God, backed by the power and authority of God. When we are sure that we are going forth truly "in His name," we may be equally sure of divine help.

FAITH'S FRUIT

1. *The routing of the enemy* (vv. 12, 13). "So the Lord smote the Ethiopians." The wording makes it appear that Asa's army had little to do with the victory won. Through God's miracle-working power the enemy was put to flight, great spoils were taken, and great fear came upon surrounding cities when the people saw God's power displayed.

This account is reminiscent of a great victory enjoyed by a small New Testament army of believers who, in threatening days, sought the Lord, received power from heaven, and exerted blessed spiritual influence (Acts 4:29-31; 5:12, 13).

What God did for Asa and for the Early Church, He will also do for us if we seek Him and fully trust Him.

2. *The removal of iniquity* (vv. 8, 16). Soon after the military victory, a Spirit-inspired prophet encouraged Asa to seek the Lord, to be courageous, and to count on God's help. Asa's uncompromising and prompt response is an example to any of us who profess to want Pentecostal revival today. All of the idols and idolatrous altars which for years had cursed the nation were now removed.


Even Asa's personal feelings and sympathies were put aside in his sweeping action in behalf of righteousness, for Asa removed his own mother from being queen when he found her guilty of the sin of idolatry.

What lessons are here for us! There can be no genuine revival where sin is not drastically dealt with. We cannot tolerate sin either in ourselves or in those whom we love if we desire to have God's best.

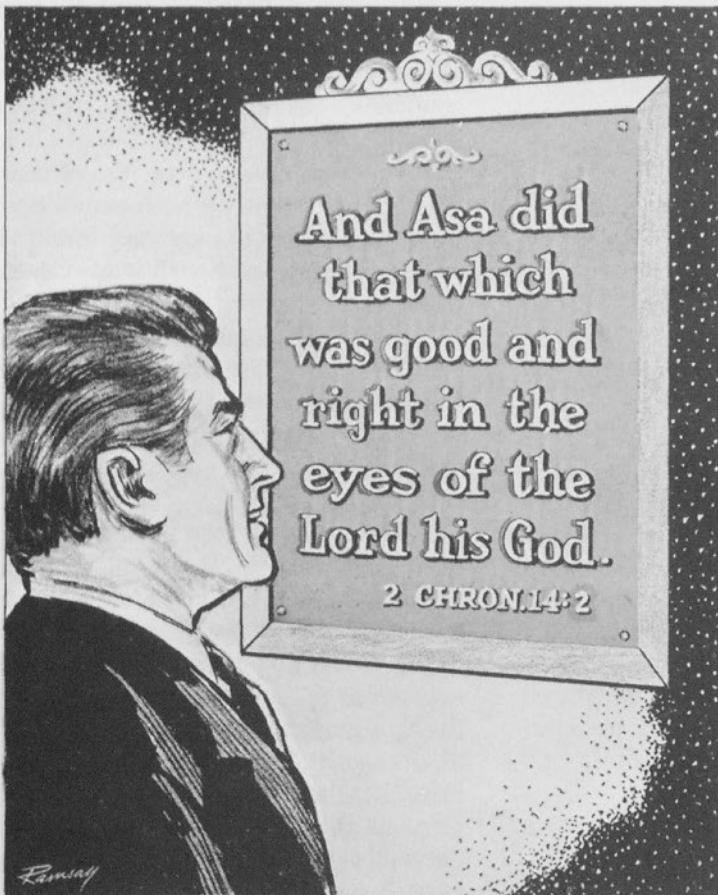
3. *The revival of the nation* (2 Chronicles 15:9-15). Asa then called all the people of the nation together at Jerusalem. We read that the response was tremendous. Why? Because "they saw that the Lord his God was with him." Faith and righteousness are contagious!

"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord... with all their heart and with all their soul... and he was found of them." How these words challenge us today! Our nation is given over to the worship of idols—idols of sex, money, pleasure, and self. Moral and spiritual decay are spreading at an appalling rate. False religions and theological concepts are doing as much damage in our nation as Old Testament idolatry did to the nation of Judah in Asa's time.

Are we prepared to seek the Lord with all our heart and soul, to be as obedient to God, as true to God-given convictions as Asa was? Are we prepared to cut across our own desires and affections in order to please God?

After centuries have passed, God's promise still stands, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). 

A PLAQUE WORTH HANGING



CHURCHES FEEL LASH OF

HURRICANE CAMILLE



This boy sits in front of his home which was left in shambles after hurricane Camille hit the area. (AP Wirephoto).

DAMAGE TO THIS AREA UNBELIEVEABLE . . . Pastors will need time to evaluate damage before report on cost can be given . . . Many of our church families are affected . . . Please pray. . . .”

This was the telegram, in part, that Mississippi District Superintendent F. L. Langley addressed to Charles W. H. Scott, assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God. It listed numerous churches and described some of the havoc created by hurricane Camille as her 200-mile-an-hour winds lashed the Gulf Coast region of the U.S. in August.

Assemblies of God churches in Pascagoula, Moss Point, Escatawpa, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, and Ocean Springs, Miss., suffered considerable water damage to buildings and furnishings.

Assemblies churches and families along the coastal areas of Louisiana and Alabama also were among the thousands who suffered from Camille’s fury and destruction. Cost of repairing the damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

There is an old saying that “lightning never strikes twice in the same place,” but it may be difficult to convince the congregation of the Assembly of God in Venice, La., of this.

Four years ago their church and parsonage were completely destroyed when hurricane Betsy swept through the area. Daniel Guillory, then pastor of the church, and his congregation courageously rebuilt a lovely brick church and parsonage.

Then came Camille. Described by the National Hurricane Center as the worst storm ever to affect this nation, her vicious winds and ensuing tidal wave completely destroyed the Venice Assembly and parsonage once more. Only the concrete floor of the church remains. There is no sign the parsonage ever existed.

Ira Burns had become pastor of this church in July of this year. He and his family lost all of their personal belongings.

It is not known how many families from Assemblies


of God churches in Louisiana lost their homes and belongings, but over twenty families in Mississippi lost everything they owned. Many places of employment also were destroyed.

According to Brother Langley there is no need to send food and clothing. Other churches in the state are assisting stricken families in this way, and federal funds are available to rebuild the homes.

However, no such federal assistance is available for repairing or rebuilding the churches.

The Assemblies of God has a Disaster Relief Fund to help churches in emergencies like this. However, the fund was almost depleted before hurricane Camille struck.

Those in attendance at the recent General Council in Dallas gave a special offering of over \$4,500 for this cause. This was a start.

All who can help these stricken churches are urged to send offerings without delay. The coupon below may be used in sending your offering. 

HELP...

Offerings are urgently needed to help the disaster stricken Gulf Coast region recover from the aftermath of hurricane Camille. Kindly send your designated offering to:

**Disaster Relief • Department of Benevolences
1445 Boonville Ave. • Springfield, Mo. 65802**

Friends:

Enclosed is my designated offering of \$.....

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MOBILIZE TO EVANGELIZE

By W. E. KIRSCHKE / *National Secretary, National Sunday School Department*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL in the Seventies will borrow a page from space exploration as it takes our Lord's commission seriously to reach this generation with the gospel. It will learn that mobilization was the secret behind the success of the flight of *Apollo 11*.

Newsweek in reporting the vaulting flight to the moon pointed out the imperative role of this MOBILIZATION. It called for the "meshing of 22,000 separate flight steps and nine million separate pieces of hardware." The mobilized army of 300,000 technicians supplied a backup personnel force for the three astronauts. Add to this the staggering \$24 billion to launch the eight-day, 500,000-mile journey and you have the formidable challenge accepted by the nation to mobilize men, methods, and materials for an unmatched venture in space.

Can we compare this technological achievement of putting a man on the moon and gathering specimens of dust-covered rocks from its surface to the placing of the feet of the redeemed and regenerated sinners on the streets of the city of God, millions of light-years beyond any planet in our solar system?

In achieving the Sunday school's ultimate goal of "presenting every man [pupil] perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28), we encounter the greatest need to MOBILIZE PERSONNEL that the movement has ever known.

"The church is an army," says Dr. A. T. Pierson, "always to be mobilized in each generation and ready for action." The initial enactment of evangelism by the Lord Jesus Christ placed an imperative call upon men, methods, and money. Nothing less than the mobilization of the whole church is necessary to reach the whole world.

The immediate purpose of the MOBILIZATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FORCES in accord with our Lord's commission is the role the local Sunday school will play in the FIVE YEAR PLAN OF ADVANCE of the Assemblies of God. Spiritual priorities enunciated in St. Louis at the

1968 Council on Evangelism called for a TOTAL MOBILIZATION of the church to fulfill her mission in today's world. The emphasis for 1970, "The Believer in Mission," gives a relevant theme for Assemblies of God Sunday school members REACHING PEOPLE. The October Enlargement Campaign encourages members to say, "Come and Go with Me." This fall, district Sunday school activity across the nation in conventions, tours, seminars, training classes, and soul-winning clinics will be conducted under the banner, "Reaching More People." In implementing this challenge, two pertinent factors must be considered:

1. A SPECIAL VISION IS IMPORTANT

Vision will mark a new stage of evangelism. Dr. James S. Stewart illustrates the fact in the different ways people look at a city. "The youth in a remote provincial village dreams of the city as a gateway to adventure. The businessman, with a successful career, sees the city where a fortune can be made. A man who is a native in the city doomed to hard labor and toil all his life, sees formidable buildings, noisy streets, thronging pavements, and hates his bondage, yearning to be free. The statistician sees the city as a social unit, comprising parliamentary voters, Town Council wards, new housing sites, industrial estates, art galleries, churches, and schools. The poet may write a lyric about it, or the philosopher may philosophize about it, but when Jesus saw the city "*He wept over it.*"

The Sunday school worker, like his Lord, will assign a far greater and different meaning to the city than that of the youth, the businessman, the statistician, the poet, or philosopher. His vision will alert him to target areas that need the Sunday school. The exploding population will challenge a mobilization of Sunday school forces to reach the unreached. The leisure time over long weekends resulting in decreased attendance will demand better programs, better class sessions, and great-

er personal interest. The migration of families producing vacancies on the staff will necessitate a mobilization and training of new workers.

2. A SPIRITUAL VICTORY IS INDISPENSABLE

Dr. Richard Dresselhaus in the "Focus on Christian Education" seminar in St. Louis challenged our obedience to the Great Commission on various points. "When are we going to evangelize every person that is ours to reach? What about the preschooler, is he too small? What about the senior citizen, is he too old? Or do we have a kind of priority-for-profits program to reach only those who best fit into the machinery of a given program?" Sometimes we may have reason to ask in this violent changing culture, "Is a person too sinful, too delinquent, too removed from our pattern of life, our clique, to reach?"

When the lack of spiritual victory prevents us from reaching across the barriers, behind the fences, and over the walls for lost souls, then we need to heed Dr. Hallenbeck's counsel in *The Passion for Souls*, where he reminds us of the significance of the word "OUT" in Christ's parable of the Great Supper. Before we can go INTO the streets to win souls, we must GO OUT. We must GO OUT OF OUR PREJUDICES, OUT OF OUR FALSE DIGNITY, OUT OF OUR INCONSISTENCIES, AND OUT OF OUR DISOBEDIENCE. Spiritual victory will take the worker where the people are—into homes, the inner-city, new housing areas, to the forsaken, the forgotten, and foreign-speaking groups.

The final issue to be settled in the mobilization of Sunday school forces is the personal involvement of each Christian. The "Come and Go with Me" Enlargement Campaign starting next Sunday provides the opportunity. As Ananias in the first century obeyed Christ's call to GO AND TELL Saul of Tarsus, and held in his outstretched hand the future of Saul's career of thirteen epistles, three missionary journeys, innumerable churches to build, countless sinners to be won, cities to hear his witness, the course of the stream of the centuries to be changed—so the challenge awaits your Sunday school in the '70's.



YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

The only Pentecostal church in the town to which we have moved believes we must be baptized in the name of Jesus. Since I am worshipping with them, would it be all right for me to be baptized?

If you were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I see no reason why you should be baptized again. But water is not the issue. They deny the distinction between the Father and the Holy Ghost, and teach that there is no other in the Godhead but Jesus, manifesting Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We believe such teaching is false.

Since God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28), I cannot understand the words in Psalm 51:5, "In sin did my mother conceive me."

In Psalm 51:5 we have the inspired record of what David said in his prayer of repentance. He saw not actual sin alone, but the sinful nature handed down by all parents to their children. This verse does not mean that it was sin for his mother to conceive. It means that his mother had a nature inclined to sin and he inherited it. This is called the Adamic nature. It is dealt with in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," as well as in verses 17, 18 and other scriptures.

Is the teaching of dispensational truth scriptural? I do not find the term "dispensation" in the Bible.

The word *dispensation* is found in 1 Corinthians 9:17; Ephesians 1:10 and 3:2; and Colossians 1:25. We now live in the dispensation of grace.

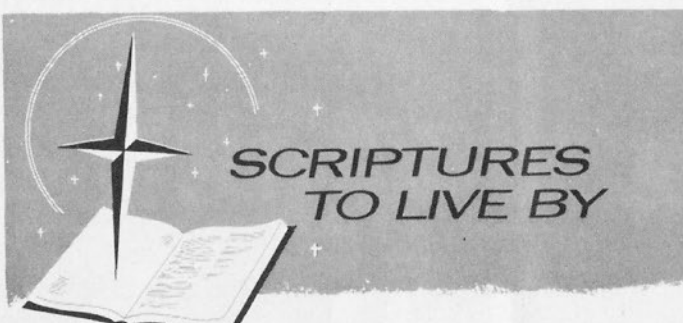
Dispensation means "a system of principles, promises, and rules ordained." Dispensational teaching is a study of different rules and promises by which God has governed mankind.

Adam and Eve were innocent until their fall, hence they lived in the dispensation of innocence. God then governed and dealt with man through the guidance of conscience. Because of man's natural perverseness, God established human government, teaching Noah that "whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Genesis 9:6).

When God chose Abraham and his seed, the patriarchs came under the rule of promise. This gave way to the dispensation of the Law at Sinai. We now live in the dispensation of grace. The next dispensation will be that of the Kingdom.

While there is good reason for recognizing such dispensational periods, remember that each of them is active now. Babies are innocent; man still has conscience; human government must be; guidance by law is necessary; and, in the midst of it all, God is now offering salvation to "whosoever will" through the administration of His grace.

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.



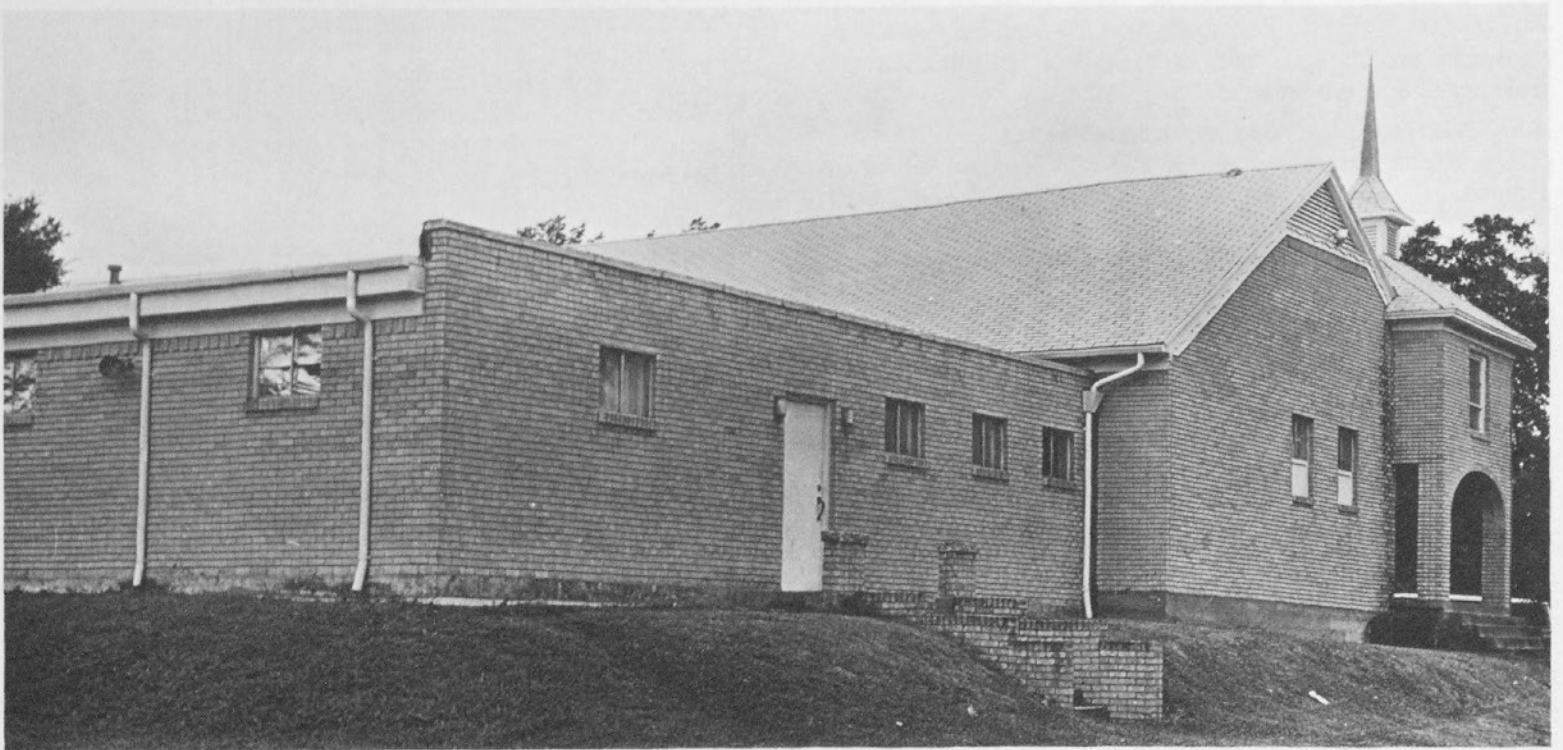
**SCRIPTURES
TO LIVE BY**

DAILY READINGS FOR SEPT. 29—OCT. 5

Theme of the Week: **CONTROLLING OUR TEMPERS**

Mon. Matthew 5:21-26	Thurs. ... Numbers 32:6-15
Tues. Jonah 4:1-11	Fri. Proverbs 15:1-10
Wed. 2 Kings 17:7-18	Sat. Psalm 37:8-22
Sun. Psalm 2:1-12	

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

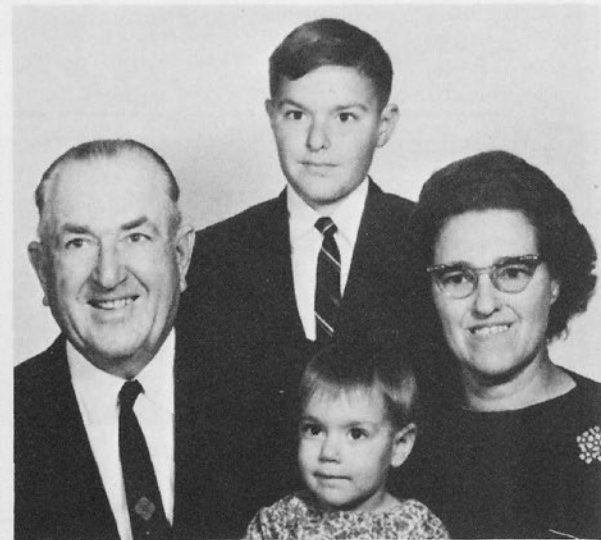


This church which was formerly the Cement City Assembly of God now houses the Dallas Indian Revival Center.

New Facilities Provided for Texas Indian Congregation

THE INDIAN CONGREGATION OF Dallas, Tex., has a new home. A few months ago the Cement City Assembly of Dallas presented its facilities to the Indian mission of North Texas. The South Dallas Section made this gift possible.

Dial Cook has pastored the Cement City Assembly for many years. Brother Cook and L. E. Davis, pastor of the Dallas Indian Revival Center, made it clear to the Cement City congregation they were welcome to remain and worship with the Indian congregation, if they wished.



LEFT: The auditorium of the Dallas Indian Revival Center will comfortably seat 350 people. ABOVE: Pastor L. E. Davis and family.

A few did stay with them. Many members had already moved to residences in other parts of the city.

The property is strategically located for ministry to Indians. In the West Dallas Project nearby there are 22 Indian families.

The Davises are trusting God to give them a congregation of at least 300 in their new place of worship. In this comparatively new Indian work, the Sunday school has already reached 100, and church attendance runs from 75 to 100. The church had a successful vacation Bible school in June. Attendance averaged 107.

Indians of 27 tribes have been represented in the services. The main tribes the church is reaching are: Apache, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Crow, Jemez Pueblo, Navajo, Papago, Seminole, and Sioux.

Students from Southwestern Assemblies of God Bible College in Waxahachie, Tex., have been a great blessing through their ministry and help.

God is pouring out His Spirit on the hungry congregation. A number have received the Baptism, and the Davises are anxious for all their members to desire to receive this wonderful experience.

The attractive building has 17 Sunday school rooms. It is fully furnished and will comfortably seat 350 people.

Recently, a group of men from surrounding assemblies and Indian men of the church remodeled and braced the roof. First Assembly in Dallas made possible a greater part of this improvement, although other churches, individuals, and the Indian congregation helped on the project, which cost \$2,000.

The Lakewood Assembly in Dallas (pastor, E. M. Fjordbak) paid \$200 on the bill for moving a house (that had been given to the Indian mission as a parsonage) to the old Ledbetter Hills property the congregation formerly occupied. The North Texas District and the South Dallas Section paid the balance. The house will be sold with the Ledbetter Hills property. The district and the section made the down payment on the first property in Ledbetter Hills. The missionaries and the Indian church were making monthly payments on the balance when they moved to the new building.

Note: The Indian church has a post-office box, but no packages can be delivered there. The Davises live 20 miles or more from the church. All freight should be sent to their home address: 525 West Griffin St., Lancaster, Tex. 75146.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS for HOME MISSIONS

should be sent to:

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HOME MISSIONS DEPT.

1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802

VIEWPOINT

BY CURTIS W. RINGNESS National Home Missions Secretary
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FOCUS: THE AMERICAN DEAF

MINISTRY TO MINORITY GROUPS must be recognized as a part of the total strategy of winning America to Christ. There are multitudes of people in special circumstances around us.

The Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department represent a potential ministry to 35,000,000 people in various ethnic and minority groups. In this vast multitude are more than a million deaf people in the U.S. They are lost souls without the message of Christ and His love.


Deaf America can be evangelized only as churches and Christians recognize the need and minister to *all* people in their community. Churches should actively seek to provide ministry to the deaf and to others in special circumstances. A ministry that flows from the sincere concern for the unredeemed life is a necessary prelude to effective communication of the gospel.

It is important that we understand the deaf. They are an intelligent, happy, and well-adjusted people and consider their deafness a handicap and not an illness. Therefore, they do not usually seek healing as would those who have become hard-of-hearing. They are satisfied with the quiet world to which they have become accustomed. But all too frequently these good people have been neglected by the Christian church.

While the basic problem is one of communication, there is a way whereby Christ may be made known to the deaf. The sign language opens to the deaf person doors that would otherwise be closed to him. His spiritual needs can be met as the Word of God reaches and touches his heart by means of the sign language.

The Assemblies of God has for many years been actively engaged in ministry to the deaf. Some 128 deaf groups are offering services to the deaf of their communities. Ministers, Sunday school teachers, and interpreters are participating in this vital ministry. Since 1948 the sign language has been an important part of the curriculum in Assemblies of God Bible colleges. From these classes many trained workers have entered the deaf harvest field.

What can a local church do to meet this great challenge? First of all, find out how many deaf people live in your area. Then ascertain whether or not their spiritual needs are being met. An experienced deaf worker may be called to present this ministry to the congregation and arrange to teach the sign language to those interested in the spiritual welfare of the deaf. The Home Missions Department will cooperate with any interested group.

The message of the gospel must be communicated to every individual who is lost without God. If there is to be a meaningful response, the gospel must be given in a language in which the words are understood. The needs of the deaf must not be ignored. 

IN TROPICAL CONGO, cool Alaska, picturesque Spain, colorful Costa Rica, troubled El Salvador, crowded Philippines, sunny Jamaica, hopeful Grand Bahama Island—these are a few of the places MAPS vocational volunteers have been working for the Lord this year.

MAPS is the Mobilization and Placement Service of the Assemblies of God. Led by Coordinator Charles W. Denton and Representative John V. Ohlin, the program helps dedicated Assemblies of God laymen and young people engage in special evangelistic ministries and strategic vocational work in areas where ministers and missionaries need specialized assistance. Pastors also join in some of the short-term projects.

The MAPS program is well named, for it now has volunteers scattered all over the map. Among their most common activities are construction work, teaching, and house-to-house witnessing. Some were missions interns sent out by the Assemblies of God colleges for the summer. The program is also open for printers, nurses, and people of other vocations who may be able to offer valuable assistance in foreign and domestic areas where the church is seeking to establish a gospel witness.

One of the most exciting MAPS projects this year was the construction of a new church in Bath, Jamaica. A year and a half ago, Pastor T. L. Vibbert of the Abundant Life Memorial Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, preached for a convention in Jamaica and was impressed that his church should sponsor a new church building for Bath. Working with Missionary Cyril Darell-Huckerby, he presented the project to his church, which soon purchased the property.

The MAPS team of volunteer builders, under the direction of Construction Missionary Gordon Weden, arrived last February after the foundations had already been laid by the local Jamaican workers. In one month of intensive labor, the men worked with the Jamaicans to complete all but the final flooring, some of the fixtures, and the painting. The church, which will seat 180 persons, has an estimated value of \$28,000, although only a little more than half that amount was spent.

Pastor Vibbert and his congregation are thrilled with their first missionary church on foreign soil. He wrote recently, "The most exciting thing that has ever happened in our church is the building of the Gateway Church in Bath, Jamaica. Not one offering has been taken from our congregation to build it, but people have given as they felt impressed of the Holy Spirit."

Another construction project is under way in Barrow, Alaska, where Richard Rutledge is supervising several teams of MAPS volunteers as they build a 40- by 80-foot church to meet the needs of a growing congregation. Home Missionary Darrell Redfearn is the pastor.

The distant travel of the MAPS volunteers is not without its extra benefits. Although they pay all their own expenses, the money spent is deductible from their income tax as a religious contribution. Also, there is opportunity for local ministry. The Barrow, Alaska, volunteers had the chance to take a brief hunting trip for seal and caribou.

A Nebraska team of MAPS workers—Pastor James Loutzenhiser of Taylor, his son Jim, and Pastor Ellis Townsend of Burwell—helped Missionaries Harold Mintle and Eldon Easter and the Bible school students build a chapel for the Bible institute at San Pedro Sula,

Scattered All Over the Map

Honduras. Other MAPS volunteers included Pastor James O'Bryan; two men from his congregation, Terry Connaly and Jarold Haynes; and Warren Edwards and Claude Shotswell from California.

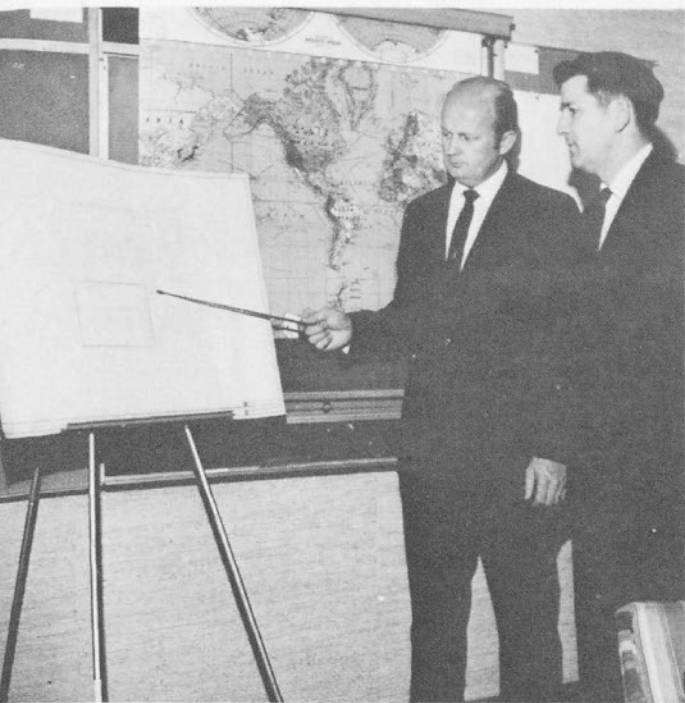
Even before the new chapel was completed, it was already being used for the triannual conference of CELAD (Council of Executives of the Assemblies of God, an international A/G fellowship of Central America, Mexico, and parts of the Caribbean area). Delegates came from 13 Spanish-speaking countries and Haiti.

Yet another such project was the construction of a new church for a congregation recently raised up through a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE with Missionary-Evangelist Elmer Bueno in San José, Costa Rica. Gordon Weden supervised the project. The funds for this MAPS project were raised by Missionary-Evangelist Gene Martin.

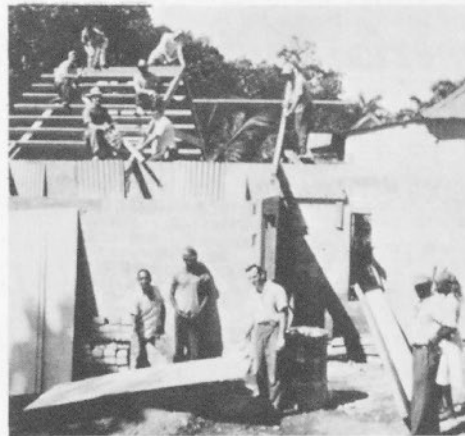
MAPS Representative John Ohlin has announced that carpenters, electricians, plumbers, blocklayers, and other construction workers are being sought for future projects for an additional building for the overcrowded Bible school in San José, Costa Rica, and evangelistic center at Teheran, Iran; and activities building for the Assemblies

Douglas Blue, MAPS volunteer, works with Congolese Christians on the construction of the new church in Kinshasa, capital of Congo.





LEFT: John Ohlin (left) and Milton McCorcle, a layman, discuss plans for a MAPS project. RIGHT: This team helped build a chapel for Honduras Bible Institute. Left to right: Pastor James O'Bryan, Missionary Harold Mintle, Pastor Ellis Townsend, Terry Connolly, Jarold Haynes, Missionary Eldon Easter, and Pastor James Loutzenhiser. BELOW: Americans and Jamaicans construct the church in Bath, Jamaica.



The Greatest Year Ever for the Mobilization and Placement Service

of God church at Nassau, Bahamas; and an Indian Bible school in Arizona.

In addition to these construction teams, MAPS also helps place other volunteers who go out individually for various kinds of vocational missions. The Garr Memorial Church at Charlotte, North Carolina, is supporting two MAPS volunteers from its congregation—Douglas Blue, who is helping with the construction of a new Assemblies of God church in Kinshasa, Congo; and Gary Swaringen, who is teaching at the Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines.


Among other volunteers is Geraldine Knox of California who will assist Missionaries Sterling and Lois Stewart by teaching at the mission school in El Salvador's capital, San Salvador.

Yet another foreign program coordinated by MAPS is the placing of college missions interns. Most of them go out from their colleges for two months of summer ministry with regularly appointed missionaries who have requested such assistance. This past summer the interns were placed in Spain, Jamaica, Grand Bahama Island, Guyana, and Panama. Another group of nine interns from the colleges assisted the coordinator of the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton Impact Crusades held prior to the General Council.

The busy MAPS office also coordinates the summer AIM (Ambassadors in Mission) programs. This past summer approximately 300 young people participated in house-to-house witnessing in nine countries. AIM is directed by the National Christ's Ambassadors Department, but MAPS coordinates its activities with the various departments and agencies involved.

The more than one million Assemblies of God people in this country represent an almost unlimited potential of vocational ministries. The Lord's work in America and in foreign lands requires many kinds of labor with which our ministers and missionaries constantly need specialized assistance. The Mobilization and Placement

Service (MAPS) is prepared to help Christian laymen and young people add their time and talents to the worldwide efforts of the Assemblies of God.

The total evangelization of the world will take the all-out efforts of the whole church. 

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A *The experience of First Assembly of God in Baxter Springs answers, Yes—* **EVEN
IN A LITTLE
'COW TOWN IN KANSAS'**

By **T. A. GIANOPULOS** / *Pastor, First Assembly, Baxter Springs, Kansas*

BAXTER SPRINGS is a pleasant community of 5,000 located in the extreme southeast corner of Kansas. Signs situated at the edge of the city proclaim it to be "The First Cow Town in Kansas."

It once teemed with activity as a part of the now depleted lead and zinc mining industry of the tristate area. Today its citizens find employment in Joplin, Missouri, and Miami, Oklahoma, as well as in a few small, diversified local industries.

The Pentecostal message is not new to the area. When Charles Parham left Topeka shortly after the Holy Spirit was outpoured upon the students in the Bible school there, he moved into the southeast Kansas area and began to preach the Pentecostal message. As a result of several months of ministry, a number of people throughout the area were saved and received the Pentecostal experience.

Mr. Parham moved to Baxter Springs in 1904 and established his headquarters. A number of churches came into being in and around Baxter Springs as a result of these early efforts.

Today there are three Pentecostal

churches in the city besides First Assembly of God. There is also a Bible school for about three months of the year.

The Assemblies of God church in Baxter Springs was organized June 15, 1934, by James A. Rogers. Many persons of the Pentecostal persuasion joined the new work, and the Sunday school numbered nearly one hundred from the start. Meeting in a rented hall at first, the growing congregation soon moved into a more suitable building.

The missions program had a humble start in the Baxter assembly; but from the beginning an interest in missions was manifested. Each Sunday morning at the close of Sunday school, a penny march was conducted. Proceeds were earmarked for missions.

Although the amount given seems small in comparison with today's giving, the early interest in missions gave impetus to a steadily growing missions program. The penny marches continued until about 1947 when a new policy of receiving a missions offering on the first Sunday of each month went into effect.

As early as 1945, offerings were

sent to headquarters in Springfield to be dispersed under the World Missions Plan. Although occasional offerings were sent to specific missionaries, most of the funds were undesignated.

Early records are scarce, but it is likely that the first regular support to individual missionaries was contributed by the Women's Missionary Council. The WMC's also sponsored a work among the girls of the church which predated the national Missionettes program.

During the pastorate of L. F. Ammons, missions giving increased substantially as individuals and classes were urged to pledge monthly sums for the support of specific missionaries. The list of missionaries receiving support began to grow. New names added were Gerald Falley, Vernon Metz, Lloyd Marsh, Ruby Johnson, and Walter Kornelsen. Institutions such as the Teen Challenge Center in Chicago and the Belgium Bible School also were pledged monthly support. We assumed the pastorate in 1965.

The first missions convention was held in the fall of 1966. This has since grown into a three-day, annual spiritual treat. A considerable amount of en-

thusiasm is evidenced by the congregation in preparation for the displays and other features of the convention. Many have expressed the feeling that the annual missions convention is one of the highlights of the church year.

The inclusion of foreign-born students from Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, in the convention adds a tremendous impact. Their presence helps demonstrate the effectiveness of our missionary outreach for many of these students were converted as a result of missionary activity.

Another step taken in 1966 was the formation of a missions committee. Its first members were William Webber, Lester King, and Mrs. Phillip Geisler. This committee is responsible for keeping missions before the church. They are in charge of the opening exercises on the first Sunday of each month and they plan the annual missions convention. Finally, as the church adopted the Faith Promise Plan, the committee was assigned to allocate funds for new missionary projects.

The program developed, giving increased, and foreign projects for Mis-

sionaries Robert Mackish and John Burnett were included in the budget.

Home missions giving also grew. Eugene Herd, missionary to the American Indians, received support, and monthly sums were contributed to the Kansas District Breakthrough projects for the last four years.

In a continuing effort to keep a well-rounded outlook, the Servicemen's Division receives regular monthly support and a generous offering is sent each year to the national children's homes. Other missionaries now receiving support are V. G. Greisen, Trella Hall, and Paul Pugh.

Everyone has a part in contributing to the greatest task ever committed to men—that of evangelizing the world. The Christ's Ambassadors have increased their annual Speed-the-Light giving for the past four years. The WMC's continue faithfully each year in their expanding program. The Men's Fellowship has its Light-for-the-Lost effort. The children respond with the BGMC banks.

Today, with an active membership of 80, our annual contribution for missions is in excess of \$5,000. For this we are grateful, but we feel the greatest gain is in the area of the spiritual life of the church. The principle given by our Lord is never more true than when applied to missions: "Give, and it shall be given unto you." *CB*



ABOVE: CBC students Bill Lee, a Navaho Indian, and Yen Sha Lin from Pakistan examine an Indian tomahawk. They were among several students who testified during the fourth annual Missions Convention in Baxter Springs. LEFT: The Hall of Missions contained display areas from the various Sunday school classes and departments of the church. Gerald Falley examines an African carving from Nigeria.



What Is Happening in Nigeria?

By **ROBERT CARLSON** / *Missionary to Nigeria*

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORLD War II, the rising tide of nationalism was led in Nigeria largely by the Ibo tribe from the eastern part of the country. Up until July 1966 the leaders of the Ibos were in the forefront, calling for "One Nigeria."

The Ibos led the first military coup that overturned the civilian government. Since the political parties in Nigeria generally followed ethnic lines, the Ibos felt that one of these political parties was trying to dominate the nation. Their main theme at that time was "a strong central government."

This stand brought about fears in other parts of the country, particularly the north. There it was feared that the Ibos really meant "One Nigeria under Ibo rule." This fear was instrumental in the second overthrow of the government which placed northern elements in basic control.

The Ibos were forced to draw back into their homeland where a total change of their attitude took place. It was no longer "One Nigeria," but rather a "loose confederation." Later on came the thought of complete separation. Of course, we all know that the Eastern Region (mainly Ibo) seceded from Federal Nigeria in mid-1967 and began one of the costliest wars in history in terms of human life.

A glimpse into the cultural background of the black African will let us see some of the reasons they retreated from modern political thinking into the tribal patterns of the past.

The black African gains his primary identity from his tribe, irrespective of his standing in the community or in the nation. His basic loyalty remains with his tribe. When the pressures of modern civilization and technology become unbearable, he retreats to the basic and ancient ground of his being, to the way of life he knows best—his tribe.

From the very beginning of his tribe, all matters of importance were talked out to a point of agreement. Complete unity had to be reached before action was taken. Therefore it is extremely difficult for an African, in the context of western democracy, to permit an opposing political viewpoint. His tribal background teaches him that a political group is either for the government or against it. It allows no place for a loyal opposition. Hence the rash of single party states all over independent Africa.

This retreat into the tribalistic philosophies of the past is going to force some drastic changes in our missionary work in Nigeria. How long the war may continue no one knows, but some programs will be hindered as long as the war continues and possibly a long time following.

Organizationally, the Assemblies of God of Nigeria worked as a tightly knit unit. There has been no general conference during the war. When it is over, travel restrictions and renewed tribal allegiances may militate against it ever meeting on the same basis again.

Those programs closely related to the local church—evangelism, Sunday school work, Christ's Ambassadors, Women's Missionary Council, or Men's Fellowship—can continue without difficulty, however.

The two very important programs which previously were conducted on a country-wide basis—the Bible school program and the literature program—will undoubtedly have to undergo some revision.

For instance, in the past the "feeder" Bible school system has been very successful. In various areas several Bible schools took students through the first and second years of the training program. All students then came together for their final two years in the Central Bible School.

The missionaries felt that rubbing shoulders with students from other sections of the country helped unify the Assemblies of God work.

The war has interrupted this program, and it will be many years before it can function again. Students from one area would be afraid to attend a school in another tribal area. This means we must upgrade the "feeder" schools to the status of regular four-year Bible schools.

It means the existing facilities at the "feeder" schools will not be adequate. Additional classrooms and dormitory space will be required. Additional missionary and national teachers will be needed.

Before the war we had 250 students from approximately 40 tribes enrolled in our Bible schools. These students must not be neglected too long.

With the secession of Biafra from Federal Nigeria and the resultant civil war, literally millions have been rendered homeless. Estimates of deaths as a result of the conflict run all the way from 150 thousand to two million, depending on the source.

In Biafra and in the immediate area surrounding it are some 50,000 Assemblies of God members. Approximately 450 Assemblies of God pastors and their families live in this same area. We plead with you to remember them in prayer. Pray that God will work miracles of protection and deliverance for them. Pray that God will somehow bring to a close this terrible civil war.

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Let us examine ourselves on this important matter. Do we engage with lukewarmness in private devotions? Is the fire of devotion burning dimly in our hearts? If so, let us be alarmed at this sign of decay. Let us go with weeping, and ask for the Spirit of grace and of supplication.

—SPURGEON

WHY ROCKEFELLER TITHED

YES, I TITHE, and I would like to tell you how it all came about. I had to begin to work to support my mother. My first wage amounted to \$1.50 per week. I took it home to my mother, and she held the money in her lap and explained to me that she would be very happy if I would give a tenth of it to the Lord.

I did, and from that week until this day I have tithed every dollar God has entrusted to me. And I want to say, if I had not tithed the first dollar I made, I would not have tithed the first million dollars I made.

—JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER SR.

NOTHING MATTERS BUT THE CROSS

THE ONE WHO DIED UPON it said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" and wherever men have been truly drawn to Christ, they have been drawn to Him by the Cross.

The Cross has a redeeming pull—the power to lift men out of sin. Hearts crying out for forgiveness and peace are raised into fellowship with God through the cross.

I recently read of two wills. One was filed in May, 1564, at Geneva, Switzerland. The testator was a scholar and minister whose property amounted to \$32, a few books, and a few old chairs.

This will said: "With my whole soul, I embrace the mercy which He has exercised to me through Jesus Christ, atoning for my sins by the merits of His death and passion, that in this way He might satisfy for all my crimes and faults, and blot them from His remembrance . . . that under His shadow I may be able to stand at the Judgment Seat."

The second will was that of a man who died at the beginning of the 20th century. At the time of his death he was probably the richest man in America.

His will reads: "I commit my soul into the hands of my Saviour in full confidence that having redeemed it and washed it in His most precious blood, He will present it faultless before my heavenly Father, and I entreat my children to maintain the blessed doctrine of the complete Atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ."

The first man was John Calvin, a Frenchman, scholar,

and minister in the 16th century. The second man was J. P. Morgan, an American banker, and financier of the 20th century.

Though different in so many ways they were both alike in their confidence in the redeeming work of Christ on the cross. John Calvin did not plead his poverty and J. P. Morgan did not plead his riches. Nothing matters but the Cross.

—MICHAEL P. HORBAN

ABIDING—ESSENTIAL TO LIFE

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SOLID CEMENT. The rain was powdery dust. The light was dense blackness. The perennial sweet william plant had been buried for two years below the cement walk.

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Like the sweet william we may sometimes feel that we are buried under a mountain of insurmountable difficulties. The heavy burden of home responsibilities, family tensions, financial obligations, misunderstandings, and complex problems seem more than we can bear. Our spiritual life becomes dusty dry in this distressing atmosphere and we often question God as to the reason for these unpleasant experiences.

But Jesus gave us the secret to constant victorious living when He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit . . . If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered" (John 15:5, 6.)

Just as the plant can only retain its identity by abiding in the vine, so the Christian can only survive as he abides in Christ.

The sweet william roots, though buried under the cement, maintained life in the plant until a larger opening allowed the anxious stems to press through the surface.

Likewise, as we press through our troubles and use them as opportunities for strengthening the spirit, we can fulfill our God-given purpose in life.

Always abiding in Christ is the secret to victorious living and essential to our existence. —GARNET SKILES

'GOD WILL NOT BLOW YOUR NOSE'

A LITTLE GIRL was very much upset when her brother made a trap to catch little birds. She prayed the trap might fail. Then, while pondering the problem, her face suddenly lit up.

The next day, when she again prayed the trap might fail, her mother noticed she prayed with more assurance of faith. Her mother said, "Julia, I noticed you're not so worried over the trap now; you seem to be sure your prayer will be answered."

"Yes," she answered, "I know my prayer will be answered now; for I went out and kicked the trap to pieces."

This reminds me of what my father once said: "Son, God is not obligated to blow your nose or tie your shoestrings."

When I have a flat tire I don't kneel down in the road and ask the Lord to repair it. I thank Him for a spare and tools and strength to change the tire. When I pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," I don't sit down and wait until God brings me a sandwich. I thank Him for the farmer, the baker, the grocer, and for giving me the money to buy their product.

God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, but there are some prayers we can help God to answer.

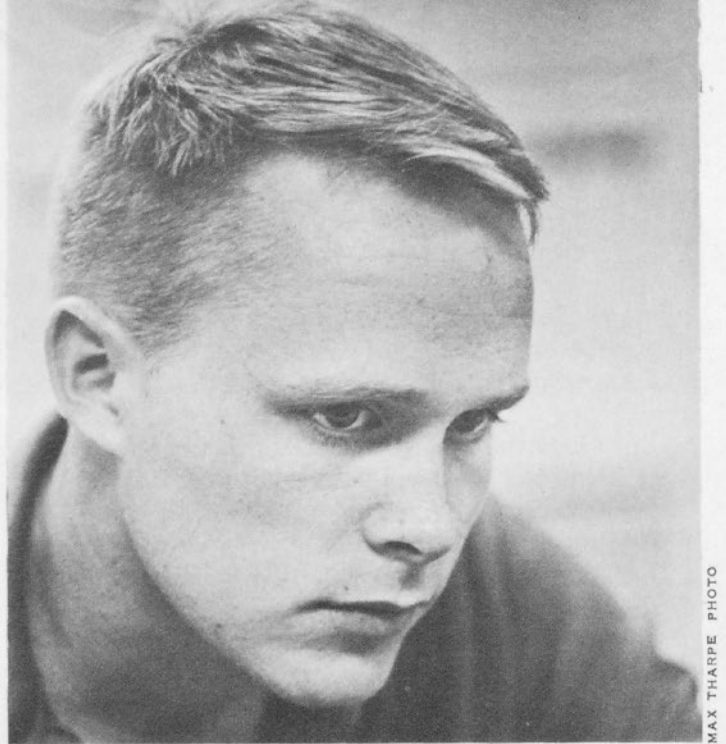
—MORRIS CHALFANT

A SINGLE NOTE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

ROSSINI WAS ASKED to write an aria for a contralto who had only one good note—a middle B flat. He did not complain but wrote an opera with a contralto recitative on middle B flat and wove a glorious harmony around it.

Christ can take a surrendered life which may be a dull B flat with only one good note, one talent, and weave a personality of color and grace with which to bless others.

—The Telescope-Messenger



WHAT'S AHEAD for today's American—the "now generation"?

Joseph Stone, a recognized leader in the field of advertising, bases his somewhat shocking prediction of things to come on trends now in vogue. Writing in *Broadcasting*, the New York executive says:

"What's the pattern for tomorrow? Just look at the pieces. Nudity is one. The girls want to take it off. Music has left the formal patterns. . . . Crowded colleges. Flamboyance in dress and decor.

"We're going from a frontier society into a new classical era of expressionism.

"Soon there will be no Kansas. No Bible Belt. And New York's Broadway will go not just to Albany but all the way to Abilene."

If these "prophecies" seem bleak, their source should be remembered. The advertising world often fails to see the whole picture.

There is a significantly large segment of today's population who are not swept along with the current. Certainly astronauts cannot be classed as "old-fashioned," yet they take communion on the moon and read Scriptures from space. And scores of others who count themselves up-to-date cannot be called frivolous or shallow-minded. The questions these people ask indicate the depth of their thinking.

C. M. Ward, speaker for *Revivaltime*, receives a wide range of questions from his radio audience. Many reflect concern with contemporary issues, such as: "Is there any Bible verse that might suggest the moral acceptability of present-day organ transplants?" Or, "What argument can I use against any indulgence in premarital sex?"

The answers to these and other important questions are included in C. M. Ward's latest book, "Questions This Generation Is Asking."

Replying to the question, "Are our present-day problems communist inspired?" the radio preacher says: "Crime, pornography, pollution, delinquency, racial tension, death on the highways, LSD, war, etc.—all these we have cooked up all by ourselves without any help from communism. Let's be honest. Blaming others for our own faults is not edifying.

"This does not mean, of course, that we should be

ANSWERING TODAY'S GENERATION

naive, or lacking in vigilance or realism, about subversion. The enemies of our nation are bound to take every advantage we allow."

Another serious-minded youth, having heard arguments minimizing the danger of using some forms of dope, asked, "What does marijuana do to humans?"

The *Revivaltime* evangelist replies:

"It is a drug that affects the human nervous system, the mind and the emotions. *It must create a state of confusion.* The scientist concludes that marijuana is always risky and often downright dangerous to the human body. It contains an unstable chemical called tetrahydrocannabinol. Its tricks are hard to trace, since everyone's body chemistry is different.

"If marijuana is harmful, it's a poor argument to say that we should accept it because we accept cigarettes and liquor. We already know the damage tobacco and alcohol have caused the human race.

"Youth is crusading for a better standard of living. You cannot have a better standard by further damage and creating more moral and social problems.

"Apart from the physical damage, marijuana weakens a person's ability to cope with the real challenges of everyday living. It saps the inner strength, the right to be one's own person.

"Many young 'martyrs' feel society is against them and see drugs as a way to escape from today's injustice. *But only by facing these problems with an unbefuddled mind, can you make the improvement your generation deserves.*"

Answering an older member of his audience who asked, "Is it ever right for a Christian to allow his lawyer to pull strings?" Speaker Ward says:

"It is not right to avoid trial by some technique, behind stage, that results in the evasion of the law. *A believer's attitude must always be to support law and order even if it be against himself.* Unless he does, he does not really believe in justice.

"Remember! Just as a corrupt preacher is the worst enemy of religion, so the worst enemy of the law is the slick lawyer or judge who, though he has covenanted to uphold the law, seeks ways to circumvent it."

Other interesting questions include: "Am I responsible for the dreams I dream?" "How should a boy begin his dating experience?" and "Why does God permit the sins against babies and little children, which are so prevalent today?"

Students of the Bible will appreciate the radio evangelist's answers to such questions as: "Did Adam know what death meant when he was told that sin would re-

sult in death?" or, "Why was Judah chosen instead of Joseph to head the line of the Messiah?" or, "Why was Christ born a Jew?"

In answer to the question, "To what does 'the price of a dog' refer in Deuteronomy 23:18?" Speaker Ward explains: "It does not mean that it is wrong to sell dogs. Both Adam Clarke's commentary and *The Pulpit Commentary* say Moses was not referring to four-footed beasts, but rather to male prostitutes. Giving into the treasury of the Lord any wages from either male or female prostitutes was forbidden, for 'both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God.'"


Young married people will want to see the answers to such questions as "Can a wife be only 'half in love' with her husband?" and, "How can a husband keep courting his wife?"

Young parents will thoughtfully consider the experienced minister's answer to, "Should little boys be taught to fight?"

Brother Ward counsels: "Aggression is a primary instinct and doesn't need to be taught. Lads need to be taught fairness—*when to be and when not to be aggressive.* This is a delicate task for every parent to assume—how to raise a young gentleman without turning the lad into a sissy. *The target is to train the boy to be in self-control at all times.*

"No parent should leave the impression that grown-ups will settle all his problems with his contemporaries."

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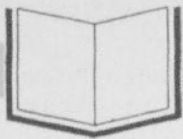
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EXPECTING VICTORY

By **MARCUS T. GASTON**

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him" (Psalm 62:5).

A FEW YEARS AGO in a certain pastorate we were facing an annual business meeting in which many people were expecting problems to develop. Certain controversial issues were to be considered, and some feared that a serious division in the congregation might result.

As I waited upon the Lord for wisdom and guidance, I asked Him to take charge of the entire situation and give us a miracle of spiritual unity even in the discussion of differences. God directed me to this verse of




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Scripture and gave me the faith to expect a great spiritual victory.

I went into the meeting with strong confidence in God and a deep assurance in my heart. In that meeting we witnessed a special moving of the Spirit of God which caused everything to work out beautifully for the good of the church.

In connection with this experience, I was reminded of the faith of William Carey, father of the modern missionary movement. While still a boy Carey asked religious leaders of his day what was being done to take the gospel to the heathen. He was told to sit down and be quiet. The young man never surrendered his vision of taking the good news of Jesus Christ to those who had never heard it. He cobbled shoes for a living, and people referred to him as the "shoemaker preacher."

The time came when Carey was invited to address a company of British clergy on the subject of missions. It was on that occasion that he uttered the words which became the slogan of Christian world missions: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Many times since that occasion God made Psalm 62:5 especially real to me; it has encouraged me and strengthened me during tests and trials. I have found that as I get my eyes off the disturbing "things" and let the power of God come into my life through a vital expectant faith, He keeps His Word and promise. 

When Will Christ Return?

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said these signs would be seen "in the last days" (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3).

There are signs also in social life. Disobedient children, broken homes, the "new morality," the mounting crime wave—all these "signs" are included in the passage mentioned above.

The current outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Christian people of all faiths is another fulfillment of prophecy pertaining to the last days. The prophet Joel said God would pour out His Spirit "upon all flesh" immediately prior to "the great and terrible day of the Lord" (Joel 2:28-32) and today this is happening in ever-increasing measure. The charismatic renewal throughout Christendom must be recognized as a significant end-time sign.

The revival of Israel is another outstanding "sign of the times." For many generations the Jewish people were scattered among the nations without a homeland of their own. But today there is a new nation on the earth—the sovereign state of Israel. The emergence of Israel and other governments as free nations in recent months and years takes on great significance in the light of Luke 21:29-31. Jesus said, "Behold the fig tree [Israel], and all the trees [other nations]; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things

come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

The surge of nationalism throughout the earth, and particularly the blossoming forth of Israel as an independent nation, is one of the most significant developments in our time. The Lord Jesus tells us, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

We cannot know the day nor the hour when Jesus will return, but we can discern "the times and seasons." The apostle Paul mentioned this in 1 Thessalonians 5:1. Writing to the Christian believers at Thessalonica he stated that the coming of the Lord would be "as a thief in the night" for the *unbelievers*—a tragic surprise—but he added that the *believers* would not be caught by surprise. He told them how to prepare for Christ's return, and said: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: 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."

This will be the first phase of Christ's second coming—a secret return to catch away all born-again believers, whether living or dead. After this will come the reign of the Antichrist and the time of Great Tribulation when the wicked who are on the earth shall be punished for their wickedness. The climax of this tribulation period shall come when the Lord Jesus is "revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel

ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

WE ALL HAVE MOMENTS OF EXALTATION during which we are more than normally sensitive and our spiritual insight is greatly quickened. One of these moments came to me recently while sitting in the deep calm of a quiet Quaker meeting.

I remembered the instructions God gave to Moses concerning the tabernacle that Moses was about to construct. After completing His direction in great detail, God said, "See . . . that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount" (Hebrews 8:5).

One can see farther and more clearly from a mountain. Worshiping in a church should be a mountaintop experience which may come as we sit quietly, listening to the beautiful tones of the organ, hearing the Scripture read, or giving ear to the words of the minister.

At such moments we may become keenly aware of our sins, both of commission and omission. We may regret a hasty word or unkind or inconsiderate treatment of someone whom we might have helped. Our duties and responsibilities are made plain to us and avenues for greater service open up before us.

And then we are dismissed and go home. The workaday world again surrounds us. Such insights are sent to help us improve our conduct and become more acceptable servants of our Lord. Our greatest test comes when we strive to apply in our everyday lives the revelations of His will which we have gained on the mount.

How faithfully we should remember God's admonition to Moses: "See . . . that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount."

—HOWARD E. KERSHNER, *Christian Economics*

of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . ." The Antichrist shall be dethroned, Satan shall be chained, and for a thousand years the earth shall enjoy the beneficent reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Every prophecy that needs to be fulfilled prior to the Rapture of the Church has now been fulfilled. The Lord may return to catch away His redeemed people at any moment!

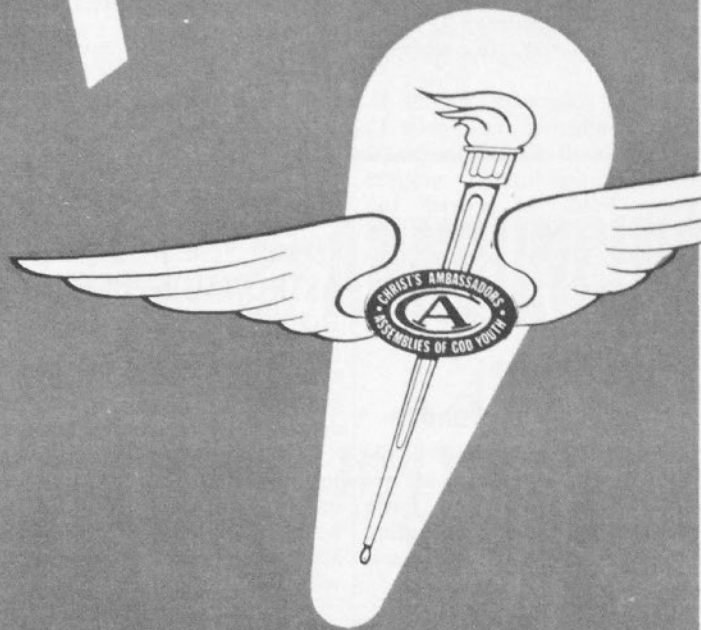
The emergence of Russia as a world power is another "sign of the times." The prophet Ezekiel (chapter 38) foretold a great alliance of anti-God nations descending from the north and east, led by Russia. These forces will invade Israel and the West "in the latter years" (verse 8) and will meet defeat at Armageddon. It will be history's greatest battle. At the critical moment God will release His fury against the nations that have fought against Him, and His enemies will be crushed with hailstones, fire, brimstone, and destruction from the skies. The prophet said this shall be "in the latter days" (verse 16).

A loving Heavenly Father has forewarned us of these things in order that we may prepare ourselves by placing our trust in Christ and committing our lives to His service. The Lord has urged us to be ready, for He may come sooner than we expect (Matthew 24:44). Are you ready to meet Christ if He should come within the next hour? Or would you be left behind to endure the sorrows of the Great Tribulation?

Now is the time to get ready. Jesus may return today.

—r.c.c.

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

Says Astronauts Trying to Establish a Christian Religion

MADALYN DETERMINED TO BAN RELIGION IN OUTER SPACE

AUSTIN, TEX.—Frank Borman's reading from Genesis last Christmas as *Apollo 8* circled the moon was enough to incite the fury of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, long-time supporter of atheistic causes.

But when Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin, a member of the *Apollo 11* crew, left a small disc on the moon containing microfilmed prayers of Pope Paul, it proved too much. She has filed a suit in the federal district court here seeking a ban on religion in outer space.

The suit asked immediate trans-

fer of the filing to a three-man court on the grounds that U.S. District Judge Jack Roberts of Austin has a "Christian, sectarian bias."

The suit asks for an injunction against NASA and its administrators to prohibit their "directing or permitting religious activities or ceremonies and especially reading of the sectarian Christian religion's Bible, and from prayer

recitation in space and in relation to all future space flight activity."

Since the Scripture reading of the *Apollo 8* crew had been written into the flight plan itself, Mrs. O'Hair contends the astronauts were operating under an "unsound flight plan."

She also accused the *Apollo 8* and 11 astronauts of trying to "establish a Christian religion of

the U.S. government before the world" by bringing religion into a military-scientific venture.

"The world watching this human spectacle was a captive audience for the proselyting of the religious convictions of the sectarian minor world religion of Christianity," she said.

"I think this is a very callous use of religious ideas as a gimmick to sell outer space exploration ideas to the nation," she concluded. "I intend to pursue this all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary."

Suggests Praying for Mrs. O'Hair

ASTRONAUTS DEFEND BIBLE READING IN SPACE

HOUSTON, TEX.—Michael Collins, who piloted the *Apollo 11* command capsule while his two companions walked on the moon defended Bible reading in space.

In denying that it was wrong to read the Bible in space Colonel Collins said, "I think maybe we ought to say a prayer" for Mrs. O'Hair and "maybe she will see the light."

Life magazine reported that Edwin E. Aldrin who followed Neil Armstrong onto the moon July 20 unstowed communion elements and put them on a little table he had in front of the abort guidance-system computer. He said he requested air-to-ground radio silence and then "read some passages from the Bible and celebrated communion."

teers, the team is working at Tel Beersheba, site of the ancient village which according to some scholars dates back over 5,000 years.

Beersheba was the southernmost city of Old Testament Israel and figures in the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elijah, and Samuel.

The archaeologists have already unearthed the walls of an ancient Roman fortress as well as some Hellenistic buildings at the site.

Dr. Yohanan Aharoni, director of the excavation, said the excavations will be continued for two months each year over the next five years.

Archaeologists Hope So

Desert Excavations to Throw New Light on Old Worship?

BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL—New light on worship at the time of Solomon is expected to be uncovered by an international team

of four scholars excavating an ancient village four miles east of here in the Negev desert.

Assisted by some 100 volun-

Afro-American evangelicals to be represented at such a gathering.

The purpose for the group attending the conference was to study the involvement of African Christians in the political, social, and economic growth of the African nations and to look for new dimensions in evangelism.

"We go not to preach but to learn," stated Mr. Perry. "We hope to communicate our findings to Afro-American Christians."

Traveling with Mr. Perry on this tour were Stanley B. Long, editor of Afro-American literature for the American Tract Society; Walter Whittingham, president of the Harlem Evangelistic Association; John Lawrence, national evangelist for the Church of God in Christ; and Columbus Salley, author and lecturer with Harcourt-Brace Publishers.

Protestant Churches

Suffer Cutback in Funds

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Major Protestant denominations are suffering their first cutback in funds since the Depression, according to an article in the *New York Times*.

A study of the budgets of the country's large denominations discloses that although total donations to churches continue to increase slightly, church members are beginning to keep a higher proportion of their contributions at the local level.

The new pattern has important implications for American Protestantism, the report editorialized, because it constitutes a reversal of the massive buildup of large national bureaucracies that has characterized Protestant religious life for the last two decades.

U.S. Negro Evangelicals Attend Congo Conference

KINSHASA, CONGO—George M. Perry, an ordained Assemblies of God minister and president of the National Negro Evangelical Association of the U.S., and a delegation of four other Negro American churchmen attended the Congo Conference on Evangelism here in August. This meeting was jointly sponsored by EFMA and IFMA agencies in Congo, as well as the Congo Protestant Council.

This was the first time for

... at a glance

• • • The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the Army cannot refuse the burial of a convicted Communist among their honored dead. Robert G. Thompson, one of 10 top Communists convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the government by force and violence, was recently buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

• • • Israel has purchased the Temple Scroll from an Arab for \$70,000. The scroll, longest of the parchments found in caves beside the Dead Sea where they were hidden more than 2,000 years, is nearly 100 feet long and dates to the end of the second century B.C. Archaeologist Yigael Yadin said the Hebrew of the scroll is very close to the language on which present-day Israeli Hebrew is modeled, although the form of the letters is a "bit old-fashioned."

• • • A recent study disclosed that 63 percent of all criminals released from custody in 1963 were rearrested within five years, with 43 percent being rearrested within one year following their release.

Noah's Ark Found?

Will Explore Next Summer

ISTANBUL, TURKEY—Some archaeologists here think they may have found remains of Noah's Ark under a glacier in a lake bottom on Mount Ararat in Eastern Turkey.

B. E. Crawford of Washington, D.C., president of SEARCH (Scientific Exploration and Archaeological Research Foundation), said a party of six found pieces of wood there on July 31 and August 2.

Plans call for further explorations next summer. Mr. Crawford said about 900,000 cubic yards of ice and other substances would have to be removed to expose the craft.

According to the Book of Genesis (chapter 8), Noah's Ark set down on Mount Ararat at the end of the great flood which covered the whole earth and destroyed all human and animal life except that on the ship.

One Out of Every 50 Americans Was Victim of Crime Last Year

WASHINGTON, D.C.—One out of every 50 Americans was a victim of crime last year, according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Uniform Crime Report once again told a story that has become all too familiar—crime is still on the increase. Last year's rise was 17 percent over 1967 with 4.5 million serious crimes reported in 1968.

The crime index continued its upward climb. For 1968 it was 2,234.8 serious crimes for each 100,000 inhabitants. This figure was almost double the one for 1960.

With these statistics for a basis, the FBI report provided the following crime clocks for 1968:

—Eight serious crimes were committed every minute.

—Violent crimes (murder, forcible rape, robbery or assault with intent to kill) were per-

formed at a rate of one every 54 seconds.

—One person was murdered every 39 minutes.

—A robbery occurred every two minutes, a burglary every 17 seconds, a larceny (\$50 or over) every 25 seconds, and an auto theft every 41 seconds.

'Religion in Public Education' Guide Issued

NEW YORK, N.Y.—An expert in church-state relations claims that there would be little opposition to government aid to nonpublic schools if the instruction made possible by such funds "is provided by public school personnel, in publicly controlled premises."

Philip Jacobson, program coordinator of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, made the observation in a discussion guide entitled, "Religion in Public Education," pub-

lished by the American Jewish Committee.

In the guidebook, Mr. Jacobson lists nine issues that form the basis for most controversy when the subject of religion in public education is discussed: Separation of church and state, government aid to private education, teaching about religion, Christmas observance, moral and spiritual values, prayer and Bible reading, dual enrollment, released time, and the use of school premises by religious groups.

WCTU Anxious About Liquor's Wooing of Youth

LINCOLN, NEBR.—The liquor industry's drink target currently is the youth of the country, the director of the department of public relations for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union charged here at the agency's 95th annual convention.

Mrs. Carl Bodin said that legislative bills to lower the legal drinking age are being increas-

ingly proposed by liquor lobbyists and that drink propagandists are reaching into the elementary schools with "their moderation propaganda."

"The drive," she added, "is to defeat alcohol and temperance education. It is backed by colossal propaganda campaigns designed to lure the country's youth into ranks of drinkers and drunkards."

Ecumenical Masonry

Model City to Have One Church for All

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new experiment in urban living is being constructed in the rolling hills of Maryland between here and Baltimore.

Called Columbia, the model city will feature a 25,000 square foot building that may have revolutionary significance for religion in America.

The new center will house under one roof congregations of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, Unitarian, Roman Catholic, and Jewish beliefs.

Each congregation will have its own minister, conduct its own service, and carry out its own program.

The scheme of the sociologists planning the model, self-contained city is to eliminate duplicating expensive quarters for every faith represented by the residents of Columbia.

The money saved will theoretically be available to support com-

munity service projects, religious education, youth activities, and family counseling services.

Reportedly the experiment in Columbia is designed to find an answer to the preoccupation of most congregations with real estate. America's Christians and Jews now hold more than \$100 billion in buildings and property, according to estimates, and are adding to this massive investment at the rate of \$1 billion a year.

Columbia's interfaith venture will hopefully show how to eliminate wasteful and unnecessary duplication in the building of churches and synagogues.

The building offers four multi-use worship spaces with seating capacities ranging from 70 to 600. Thus four services can be held simultaneously.

With cooperative scheduling the religious center is expected to accommodate 20 or more services in one weekend.



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First Unit in Master Plan

THREE-YEAR-OLD CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES

RICHARDSON, TEX.—The last Sunday in June was a day of rejoicing for the pastor and congregation of Faith Temple Assembly here as they dedicated their new church to the Lord.

District Superintendent E. A. Anderson brought the dedicatory message and Lonnie Mullen, sectional presbyter, participated in the services.

Faith Temple was started in 1966 by Pastor and Mrs. Joseph DeGrado. The DeGrados were conducting a revival crusade in Richardson when the Lord impressed them to begin a pioneer work in this city.

The first service was conducted in an old theater building on April 24, 1966. There were 28 in attendance.

OTTUMWA, IOWA—Thirty-seven persons were saved during a kids crusade led by Evangelist Victor Etienne at Faith Assembly.

The total five-day attendance was 482. The young people worked hard bringing in 80 first-time visitors. One girl, having 31 visitors to her credit, won the first prize which was Terry's little brother—a small dummy.

Young and old alike thoroughly enjoyed the ministry of Brother Etienne. Many adults came back night after night.

—Arthur D. Kost, pastor

EFFINGHAM, ILL.—First Assembly enjoyed God's blessings during a recent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Clifford Minton of Fremont, Calif.

An 83-year-old mother and two others were saved. Several rededications were made. Two persons were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled. Others testified of God's healing power manifested in their bodies.

People continue to meet at different times during the day for prayer.

—Marvin E. Tuggle, pastor

The congregation continued to meet in this building until they moved to the spacious new building in June.

Located in one of Richardson's finest areas, the new building contains nine classrooms, a nursery, pastor's study, kitchen, fellowship hall, and a sanctuary which will seat 250.

The building is the first unit of a master plan and is of Spanish design. It is constructed of adobe-color brick and has a 27-foot bell tower. A white stucco courtyard adds a unique touch to the main entrance of the building.

Faith Temple is situated on four acres across from the newly acquired site of the University of Texas of Dallas. The proposed outer loop of Dallas County will pass in front of the church, making it accessible from the super-highway.

The second unit of the master plan will include an auditorium with seating for 650 and an additional 10 classrooms.

Pastor DeGrado reports the spiritual tide of the congregation is high and souls are being added to the church regularly. A number have received the Holy Spirit and several have been healed.

An average of two families a month has joined the church since the first of the year.

DENVER, COLO.—Central Assembly has experienced a real move of God and in the last few weeks 12 people have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

The church held several all-night prayer meetings this summer which prepared hearts for this outpouring of the Spirit.

Several have been saved, and a number have testified to receiving definite healing. The Sunday school attendance and interest in all departments of the church have increased.

A group of 11 Missionettes went to the mountains for an overnight camp-out. During their devotions six were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several others were refilled. The sponsors who accompanied the girls called it an experience they will never forget.

—Harold Hartzler, pastor

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TERRAL, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie of Stockton, California.

Every department of the church was blessed during these meetings. Thirteen followed the Lord in water baptism as a result of the services.

—Gerald Burton, pastor

WITH CHRIST

Thomas Hindle, 99, superannuated missionary to Mongolia, went to his eternal reward June 4, 1969.

Brother Hindle and his wife Louise first went to Mongolia in 1910 after a year of language study in Japan and China. Canadian by birth, the Hindles labored independently until 1918 when they affiliated with the Assemblies of God. The couple ministered a total of 33 years in Mongolia and China.

During World War II the Hindles were held as enemy nationals and later were taken to a concentration camp. They returned to Canada for retirement in 1943 and resided in Wood-

stock where Sister Hindle passed away in April 1964. Brother Hindle continued to reside in Woodstock until his death in June.

Mary E. Moore, 81, of Modesto, Calif., went to be with Christ on June 9, 1969. Sister Moore was ordained in 1934 by the Northern California District. She served as an evangelist and also as a pastor in Oakland, Cressey, Waterford, Livingston, and Ripon, Calif. Superannuated in 1956, Sister Moore has been active as a prayer group leader at Bethel First Church in Modesto in the last few years. She is survived by a daughter and a son.



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H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

ADVANCE, MO.—God blessed the Greenbrier Assembly here with His presence during a meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

God blessed the people and met their needs as they sought Him each night during the altar services.

Seventeen were saved, 10 baptized in the Holy Spirit, four reclaimed, and one refilled during the meetings.

At the close of the revival 15 new converts were baptized in water.

—James Johns, pastor

BELLEVILLE, ILL.—Last Mother's Day was a day of rejoicing for the congregation of Calvary Assembly in East St. Louis as Pastor H. E. Thrasher led a 30-car motorcade from their old location to their new church

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ROCHESTER, MICH.—Bethany Tabernacle had five weeks of

special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley Wibley.

Seven were baptized with the Holy Ghost and many saved during these meetings.

—F. L. Racine, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

AREA-WIDE MISSIONS CONVENTION—Oct. 8-10. Services will be held at each of the follow-

ing churches: Northeast Assembly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kensington Assembly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Calvary Assembly, Wyncote, Pa.; Full Gospel Tabernacle, Roxborough, Pa.; Bristol Pentecostal Church, Bristol, Pa.

On Oct. 12, all churches will hold a combined missionary rally at Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2:30 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Chancellor	AG	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	Esther Palmer	D. P. Benefield
	Midland City	Mt. Zion	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	Nettie Parham	Dorman Jenkins
	Repton	Oak Dale	Oct. 6-12	Esther Palmer	Lomax Lunsford
Ariz.	Miami	¹ AG	Sept. 28-Oct. 3	L. O. & Gladys Triplett	H. C. Babb
	San Carlos	Apache	Oct. 5-19	L. O. & Gladys Triplett	Orville C. Alexander
Ark.	Harrison	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	J. W. & Ava Nell Walker	Donald Walker
	Malvern	North Malvern	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	LeRoy King
Calif.	Fresno	Revival Tab.	Oct. 8-19	Ervin Asiatico	Roy Lee
	Montebello	AG	Oct. 1-12	Thomas Ming	J. R. Clark
	Norwalk	AG	Oct. 7-26	H. B. Kelchner	Orrin Kingsriter
	Rodeo	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 28—	L. L. & Mrs. Ferguson	Herbert C. Dodson
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Oct. 8-19	J. L. & Mrs. Pittman	Arthur Shell Jr.
	Clewiston	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	E. A. Manley	Bernard Browne
Ga.	Augusta	Olive Road	Oct. 6-12	Randall A. Walker	Ralph Summerlin
	Columbus	Central	Oct. 1-12	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Ulus Luker
	Griffin	Mountain View	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	Randall A. Walker	Ray Brown
	Savannah	Fellowship	Oct. 5-19	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Glenn Snodgrass
	Toccoa	Faith	Oct. 1-12	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Earl Stuckey
Hawaii	Honolulu	First	Oct. 5-19	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Eldon Vincent
Ill.	Alton	Edwards Street	Oct. 5-19	I. D. Rayborn	Owen Carr
	Danville	First	Oct. 5-19	Lula M. Dennis	Gordon Nelson
	West Frankfort	First	Oct. 5-19	Dennis Thrasher	Hugh Still
Ind.	Bedford	First	Oct. 1-5	Singing Lunsfords	E. J. Bruton
	Indianapolis	¹ Abundant Life	Sept. 30-Oct. 5	Paul Hild	T. L. Vibbert
Kans.	Columbus	AG	Oct. 5-10	Larson-Stiver Team	Wilma Heavin
	El Dorado	AG	Oct. 5-17	Corbett & Mrs. Berthelot	Anthony Benigas
	Kansas City	First	Oct. 1—	Hilton Griswold	U. S. Grant
	Lawrence	Faith	Sept. 28-Oct. 3	Larson-Stiver Team	Homer T. Rule
	Ness City	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	George & Susie Holmes	Oscar Bolen
	Topeka	Highland Park	Oct. 5-19	Moses & Ruth Copeland	J. O. Rosenberg
Ky.	Mayfield	First	Oct. 7-12	E. C. Davis	Carey Puckett
La.	New Orleans	Lakeview	Oct. 9—	J. Don George	Dan Ronsisvalle
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel	Oct. 1-19	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	D. W. Hare
Mass.	Fitchburg	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 5	James & Beulah Pepper	Edward R. Neuhaus
Mich.	Ann Arbor	Evangel Temple	Sept. 24-Oct. 12	Musical Vander Ploegs	T. Burt Evans
	Howell	AG	Oct. 7-19	Ray C. Eskelind	Lloyd E. Wortz
	Plainwell	AG	Oct. 1-12	Wesley & Mrs. Wibley	Edgar J. Kent
	Pontiac	First	Oct. 1-12	Richard Ronsisvalle	C. A. Davenport
	Vicksburg	¹ AG	Oct. 5-10	Thom & Carolyn Loven	Alan G. Pownell
Minn.	Little Falls	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Neale & Ida Sheneman	Robert Abbott
	Rochester	AG	Oct. 5—	Bob Larson	Craig Carter
	St. Cloud	¹ AG	Sept. 28-Oct. 3	Thom & Carolyn Loven	Martin Gerdes
Miss.	Brookhaven	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 10	DeGreef & Cooper Team	Joel Upton
	McComb	First	Oct. 7-19	Jerry & Ann Johnson	G. E. Harden
Mo.	Kansas City	Christian	Oct. 1-12	Dan & Marty Womack	Aaron Pack
	Kansas City	Friendly	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Larry & Coleen Griswold	William H. Cambers
	Kansas City	North Oak	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Wallace & Carol Joice	J. Carl Bolin
	Maryland Hgts.	Northwest	Oct. 5-12	Glenna Byard	Gary Denbow
	Moberly	First	Sept. 28-Oct. 10	F. R. McAdams Team	Derrell Miles
	Richmond	First	Sept. 31-Oct. 12	Milo Harmin	J. J. Meeks
	Sweet Springs	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	J. B. Woolums	Gerald N. Marshall
Nebr.	Columbus	AG	Sept. 28-Oct. 10	Dorothy Knott	Dale K. Eden
N. J.	Camden	Pent. Christian	Oct. 5-17	Gene Burgess	Joseph M. Beretta
	Swedesboro	AG	Oct. 8-19	Walter Schell	Sara Bergstrom
N. Mex.	Hobbs	First	Oct. 8-19	Glen Shinn	Dale Webb
N. Y.	Hudson Falls	Gosp. Lighthouse	Oct. 7-19	James & Beulah Pepper	Robert A. Canterbury
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem	Oct. 7-12	David Lewis Family	William Behr
N. Dak.	Kulm	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Roy & Arlene Brewer	LeRoy Johnson
Ohio	Bethel	AG	Oct. 7-19	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Evan P. Richards
	Findlay	First	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	William Caldwell	Howard E. Spriggs
	Rogers	AG	Oct. 7-12	Paul & Ilene Anderson	Dellie M. Stewart
Okla.	Muldrow	First	Sept. 29-Oct. 5	Norman Kilpatrick	Ray Hood
Oreg.	Sutherlin	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Marlon Jannuzzi	Floyd Bailey
Pa.	Ambridge	AG	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Elias Zarro	Eugene Petroski
	Jersey Shore	AG	Oct. 8-19	George & Evelyn Butrin	Richard Grimes
	Philadelphia	Northeast	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	Larry Clevenger	Gordon J. White
	Quakertown	AG	Oct. 5-12	James L. Snyder	Walter R. Stuart
	Shrewsbury	Full Gospel	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Dave & Jan Olsheski	Alfred Boyd
Tex.	Ben Wheeler	Flat Wood	Sept. 28—	James & Peggy Hazelton	John Cook
	Cleburne	First	Sept. 28—	Don & Iris Campbell	W. F. Mercer
	Murchison	Barton's Chapel	Sept. 28-Oct. 12	Jim Mackey	Leonard Ward
	Sunset	² AG	Sept. 29-Oct. 12	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	E. R. Stewart
	Wichita Falls	South Side	Sept. 24-Oct. 5	Glen Shinn Family	Carl Alcorn
Wash.	Ferndale	Bethel Temple	Oct. 1-12	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Stanley Jacobsen
Wis.	Milwaukee	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	W. Glenn West	E. E. Kirschman

¹Children's Revival

²Youth Crusade

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CONFERENCE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD

Teen Challenge Leaders Meet

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Teen Challenge Leadership Seminar sponsored by the National Home Missions Department here in July drew representatives from nearly all of the 24 Teen Challenge Centers.

The seminar was directed by Chas. W. H. Scott, Executive Director of the Home Missions Department, and Curtis W. Ringness, national Home Missions secretary.

The Teen Challenge ministry is expanding rapidly as evidenced by reports of directors and representatives attending the meeting.

Progress was especially noted in the areas of ministry among young narcotic addicts and troubled youth; and a new preventa-

tive program presented to youth groups through high school and college assemblies. Some directors reported highly successful results from their preventative program presentations.

Progress is being made not only in the spiritual realm, but also in vocational rehabilitation. Local and state agencies are recognizing the value of the Teen Challenge work and not only cooperate with its efforts, but are requesting its help. Some state agencies are offering financial assistance.

Teen Challenge is very active in inner-city evangelism. Sunday schools, Bible story hours, and Bible study groups have been started.

Philadelphia Teen Challenge



This group of Teen Challenge directors attended the recent Leadership Seminar sponsored by the Home Missions Department in Springfield, Mo. Curtis Ringness and Charles W. H. Scott are on the front row.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS COME FROM HAWAII

KANEOHE, HAWAII—God's Spirit is being manifest on the work here. Missionary Bernice Proctor attributes this move of God to the weekly prayer services.

Recently two people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one was saved. Sister Proctor writes, "We feel the prayer services are a great spiritual lift."

She adds, "The Speed-the-Light bus we received is a wonderful blessing and help. Pray for us that we shall soon have a building for our services."

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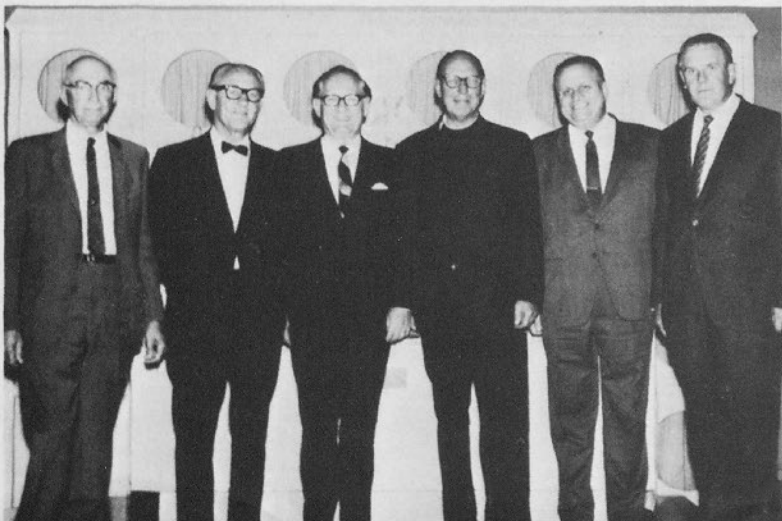
LIHUE, KAUAI—Missionary William Ashpole recently attended the Civil Air Patrol Chaplains meeting of the U.S. Air Force in Honolulu.

Later he ministered at Bethany Assembly in Aiea where Eva Bloom is pastor, and in the Waimanalo Assembly where Glen McCollister is pastor.

During the services at Bethany Assembly one was saved and several believers received the Baptism.

Brother Ashpole also was guest speaker for the Men's Fellowship and Women's Missionary Council banquets of Bethany Assembly held at the Reef Hotel in Honolulu.

Pictured are some of those who attended the celebration for Chaplain Warwick. Third from left is Joseph Gerhart, district superintendent of Northern California-Nevada. Chaplain Warwick is standing fourth from the left.



Left: Ken Schmidgall, director of Chicago Teen Challenge, participates in one of the discussions conducted during the seminar.



Right: Curtis Ringness, national Home Missions secretary and Charles W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, directed the seminar sessions.

alone has established 12 Sunday schools.

During summer months scores of young people join the Teen Challenge staffs for accelerated summer activities. Bible colleges

have included Teen Challenge ministry as a part of their student intern program. Directors report many thousands of young people have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Prison Chaplain is Honored

SOLEDAD, CALIF.—Harry C. Warwick, Assemblies of God Chaplain at the Correctional Training Facility here, was honored with a surprise luncheon celebrating his 25th anniversary as prison chaplain of the Department of Corrections in California.

Many well-wishers and friends attended the luncheon, including fellow chaplains from local and nearby correctional institutions, ministerial colleagues, officials of the Soledad institution, and Assemblies of God district officials.

Brother Warwick's wife, daughter, son, and brother and his family from Santa Barbara also joined in the festive occasion.

Master of Ceremonies was Chaplain Nick Neufeld. Mr. C. J. Fitzharris, superintendent of the Soledad Facility, also participated

in the activities. Mr. S. Knickelbein, assistant deputy director of Program and Staff Service, brought greetings from the Director of Corrections. He spoke briefly of the vital importance of the prison chaplain and his ministry, saying he considered spiritual regeneration basic to the inmate's rehabilitation.

Joseph Gerhart, district superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, expressed appreciation for the kindness shown to Chaplain Warwick.

Brother Warwick related a few highlights of his long and unique ministry, and invited four inmates to witness for the Lord. Their testimonies of the transforming work of God in their lives made an evident impression on everyone present.



Pictured are most of those who attended the June 1969 Home Missions Seminar of the Southern New England District.

Annual Home Missions Seminar Convenes in Southern New England

AUBURN, MASS.—The Fourth Annual Home Missions Seminar of the Southern New England District convened at the district campgrounds in June with more than 40 present.

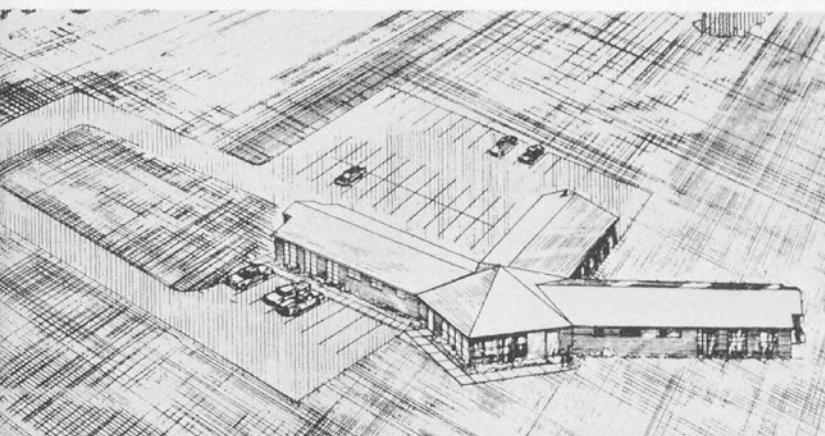
District leaders, pastors, potential workers, and recent Bible school graduates who anticipate working in the district in some home missions capacity were in attendance.

The District Home Missions Department covered the cost of housing and food for the over-

night conclave, and district personnel conducted the various workshops and general sessions.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide instruction in various areas of practical ministry for the home missions church and pioneer outreach and to provide a spiritual challenge for the work God has commissioned His people to do.

David W. Flower, superintendent of the district, reports there are several opportunities for opening new works in the district.



This is the artist's sketch of the proposed San Antonio Center.

San Antonio Teen Challenge Plans New Training Center

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—A permanent Teen Challenge center for the rehabilitation of drug-addicted youth may soon be a reality for this city.

Plans are to build the center on 91 acres of land located in the Fairview community. Miss Jewel Westerman, a former school-teacher and active Christian youth worker, donated the land for the center. Provided in the facilities will be a chapel, dormitory space for 25 fellows and 10 staff members, a cafeteria, a recreation area, and plenty of acreage for the therapy provided in physical labor.

San Antonio ranks high among the nation's cities for accessibility to drugs. Many youths in all areas of society have "turned on the drug scene" and are being

caught in the trap of addiction. Equally hard hit by drug abuse are the cities surrounding San Antonio. The new training center will also serve these cities.

The projected cost of the new center is \$125,000.

Raymond E. Wiseman, who has been associated with the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past three years is the new missionary pastor of the Keshena Indian Assembly in Keshena, Wis. Brother and Sister Wiseman are replacing the **Norman Rehwinkels** who are leaving the Indian field for the present.

Lynette Fae Kurtz, a recent



CANTON, OHIO—While the choir of Bethel Temple presented the cantata, "Amazing Love," this smaller choir translated it into the language of signs for the deaf. This choir is composed of sign language students who were trained and directed by Mrs. Robert Dixon (left), a deaf member of Bethel Temple.

Inner-City Evangelism Bears Fruit in New York

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Several phases of inner-city evangelism are now bearing visible fruit here.

In the Chinatown ministry, Pastor and Mrs. Ong report their Sunday efforts are reaching new Chinese families for Christ.

According to Stanley Berg, chairman of inner-city evangelism, many in Harlem are being reached with the gospel through personal witness, outdoor services,

tracts, and indoor meetings.

Near the East Harlem Triborough Bridge, Louise Whittingham and her staff minister to the needs of underprivileged children.

At the Lost Coin, a mission for teen-agers in Greenwich Village, God has saved several young men, including one gang leader, and filled them with His Holy Spirit.

Prayers and support are urgently needed for this ministry to the inner city.

Ukrainian Branch Conference Reports Progress

RIVERHEAD, N. Y.—Encouraging reports of progress brought rejoicing at the 40th annual conference of the Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God which convened here in July at the First Ukrainian Assembly.

Church leaders from the U.S., Canada, and abroad conveyed greetings to the Council.

Joseph Matolina, superintendent of the Branch, brought an inspiring message on "Reviving the Spirit." The evening ministry of Peter Dmytrasz of Chicago was richly blessed of God.

One minister was ordained at the Council and one received an exhorter's permit.

Financial reports were read and presbyters gave inspiring reports of their involvement in the work of God during the past year.

Brother Matolina, editor of the Ukrainian bimonthly periodical, *Pilgrim Evangel*, reported that this publication which is now in

its 29th year continues to be a distinct blessing in evangelism efforts at home and abroad.

Through Prayer Cards

JEWS ARE INSPIRED TO CONTACT MISSION

UNIVERSITY CITY, MO.—Jewish people here are opening their hearts to the gospel witness as never before, reports home missionary Harvey A. Smith.

Many have contacted the mission for help as a result of prayer cards they received. These included a lady who requested prayer for a personal need, a man who had been involved with spiritism, and a Catholic lady interested in the ministry to the Jews. Brother Smith was able to explain the way of salvation to all of these.

He requests prayer that God will give a greater spiritual harvest among the Jews.

Mo., has been reappointed by the National Home Missions Department.

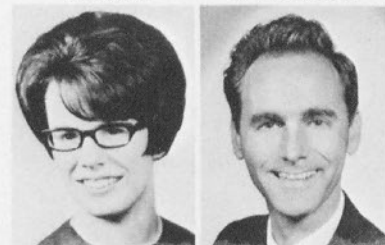
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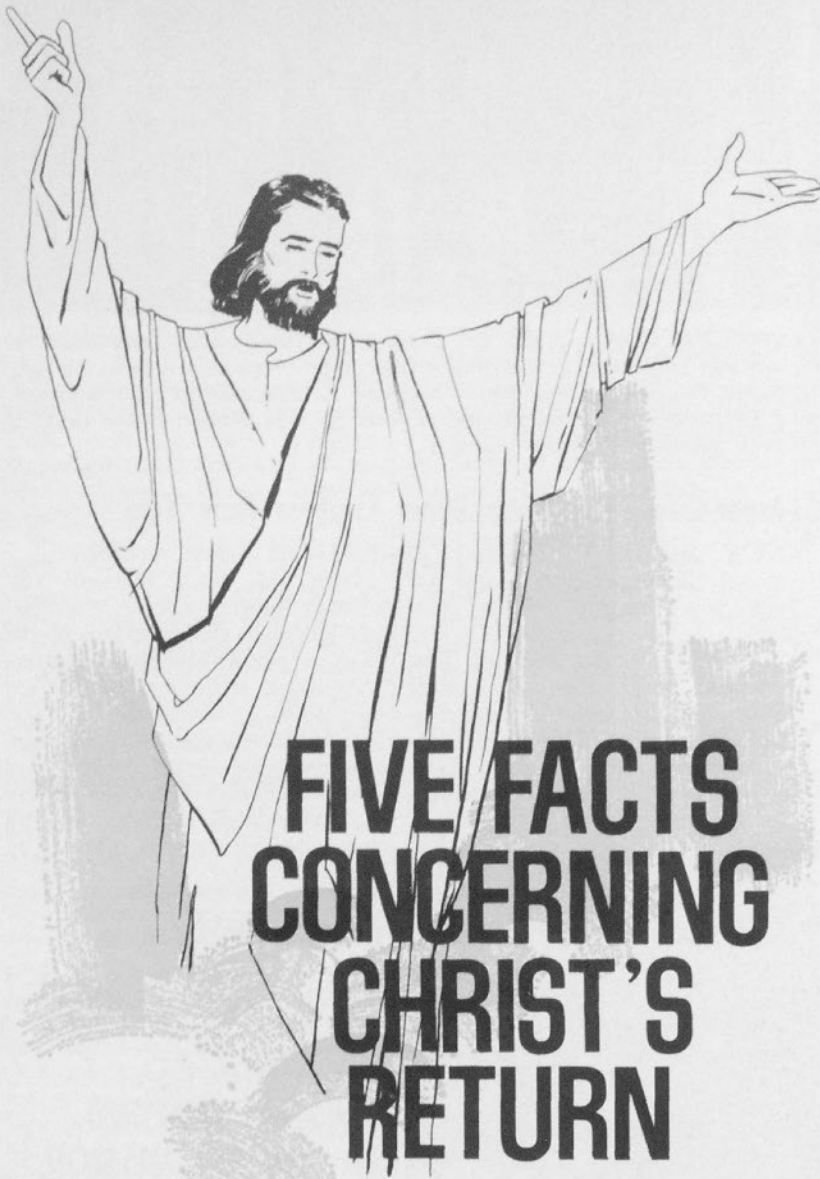
graduate of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., has received Home Missions appointment to American Indian work in Sisseton, S. Dak. She has worked in Indian ministry during the summer months for the past two years. Miss Kurtz will be a co-worker with Carol Norris.

Donald R. Wilkins, director of Teen Challenge in St. Louis,

L. Kurtz

R. Wiseman





FIVE FACTS CONCERNING CHRIST'S RETURN

THE MOON LANDING in July produced the tallest, blackest headlines in our generation. Some newspapers even brought out their "Second Coming" type to herald the historic event.

"Second Coming" is the biggest type they have. It is so named because the second coming of Christ will be the biggest event the press ever reported.

Some may doubt that such a thing is going to happen. Their doubt would be understandable, even justifiable, if there were not good reason to believe it, based on the highest authority. The apostle Peter said there would be scoffers in the last days who would say, "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:4).

Peter went on to say that mankind was overtaken by a global catastrophe once, in the form of a great flood which wiped out almost all human life. If it happened once it can happen again: another great catastrophe lies ahead, he said, only next time it will be fire rather than water which God will use to punish the ungodly.

These are not some wild theories dreamed up by a calamity cult but the plain statements of the Scriptures.

The Bible clearly sets forth a number of facts concerning the Second Coming. If we are wise we will face these facts and arrange our lives accordingly.

1. There will be another personal coming of Christ.

As far back as Enoch's day there was a prophecy, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints" (Jude 1:14, 15). Then we have Christ's own words referring repeatedly to the time "when the Son of man cometh," culminating in His explicit promise, "I will come again and receive you unto myself" (John 14:3).

2. It will be the same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem.

When the Lord ascended back to heaven, an angel said to the disciples who had watched Him disappear into the clouds: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? 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).

3. He will come this time as a mighty King and a powerful Judge.

Though Jesus was a humble Man at His first coming—One who could be whipped and crucified by His enemies—He will have a different role next time. He will come as a Lion—not a Lamb ("the Lion of the tribe of Judah"—Revelation 5:5). He will come as a mighty Warrior—"He went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Revelation 6:2). "And in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Revelation 19:15).

4. His return will spell eternal doom for His enemies.

He will come the second time as King of kings and Lord of lords. Once His enemies nailed Him to a cross and His blood flowed down over His hands and feet. This time His hands and feet will be covered with the blood of His enemies.

The Bible says that the Lord Jesus Christ "shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:1). The verdict shall be based on whether or not the people have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and therefore have their names written in the Lamb's book of life.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

5. But His reappearing will be a happy event for those who love Him.

He is coming to take His own people to be with Himself, never again to be separated from them. "So shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Jesus wants us no less than we want Him! He prayed, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory" (John 17:24).

No wonder the apostle spoke of Christ's coming as a "blessed hope" and urged us to look forward to His "glorious appearing" (Titus 2:13). It will mark the fulfillment of all our hopes, the answer to all our longings, for we shall see Him in all His glory and be changed into His likeness.

Are you a child of God? Have you surrendered your life to Christ and put your whole trust in His saving grace? If so, the following words are addressed to you:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

