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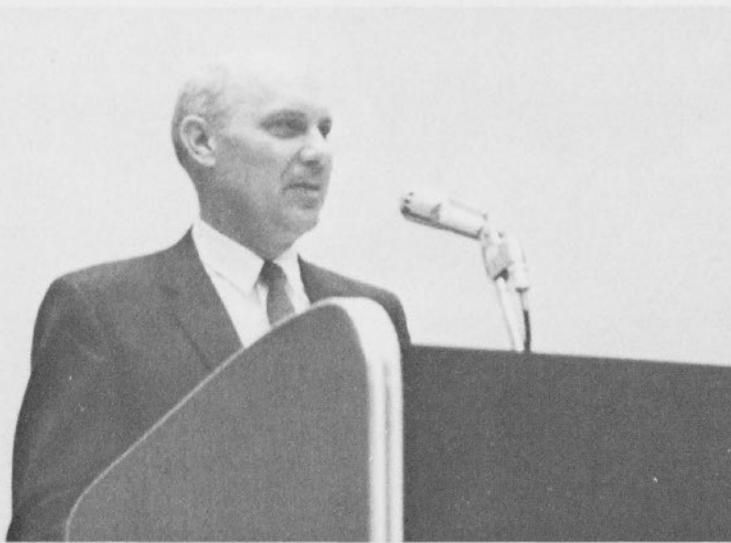




MESSAGE
AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL
ON SUNDAY MORNING
DURING THE COMMUNION AND
MEMORIAL SERVICE

CALVARY, WHERE WE COME TO KNOW GOD

By JOSEPH R. FLOWER / *Superintendent, New York District*



THE APOSTLE PAUL'S PERSONAL OBJECTIVE in his quest for truth was to know Christ, "and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death, if by any means," he said, "I might attain unto the resurrection out from among the dead" (Philippians 3:10, 11). But his objective also was to make Him known, for in writing to the Corinthians he stated, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

There was a special reason for this emphasis at Corinth. The Greeks magnified human wisdom. The cult of philosophy reached its apex here. They defied the human intellect. They were ever learning, but never able to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

What a marked contrast distinguished Paul's message. There was no speculation, theorizing, or uncertainty about it. It has been written in bold, blood-red letters on the canvas of sacred history, from creation to consummation—"Christ... died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him" (1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10).

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APPREHEND IT INTELLECTUALLY

We can know it. The crucifixion of Christ was an historical event that took place nearly 2,000 years ago. Hatred and envy motivated the act. Four gospel writers bear harmonious testimony to it.

The facts stand. They have already stood a long time, and they will continue to stand throughout eternity. If there is a plan that lifts man to a higher spiritual plane in this life, and that gives hope for a life to come, we should expect God to make it known—and He has! We can know it.

It doesn't come to us intuitively, or through observation and research. It comes by revelation.

Furthermore, *it has an appeal to reason.* The simple clear concept we see in the Scriptures is that the way to God is through a blood sacrifice. This originated with God the Father in eternity past, before the foundation of the world. It was depicted in the animal sacrifices offered by Old Testament patriarchs, and typified in the offerings which God provided for Israel under the Law.

There were many details relating to Christ's suffering and death which were predicted by the prophets, such as the betrayal for thirty pieces of silver, the scourging, the parting of His garments and casting of lots for His seamless robe, His unquenchable thirst, His death by crucifixion instead of stoning, and the fulfillment of Passover provisions, including the actual time of crucifixion.

All the ingenuity of a misguided genius such as Dr. Hugh J. Schonfield, author of the book *The Passover Plot*, cannot account for them. He attempts to prove that Christ arranged these details. What folly! Christ was no deceiver and neither was He deceived. Christianity would never have survived on such a foundation.

Indeed, Christ was aware of His mission and the purpose for which He came into the world. He emphasized this continually toward the end of His earthly life, as He endeavored to prepare His disciples for His departure. Instead of negating the truth, this self-awareness speaks loudly in support thereof.

It also has an appeal to conscience. When we see how the envy, hatred, and murderous thoughts of evil men motivated them to hire false witnesses against Christ, and how the mob, despite the protestations of Pilate as to His innocence, clamored for the release of a known criminal, Barabbas, our sense of righteousness objects. None could convict Him of sin, for He was without sin, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. Our conscience says He should have been set free.

Looking at the surface of things we would have to declare that in the crucifixion of Christ there was a breach of justice, a judicial miscarriage. One who was innocent was condemned to death in total disregard of the due processes of law.

A mock court was set up a few years ago. Jesus was retried and declared innocent. But this did not reverse what took place. It was not merely an act of man that condemned Him, for He was delivered up to death by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God.

Our Lord has instituted a memorial to His death in the Lord's Supper, so that *it may be fixed firmly in our memories.* After the Passover feast He took bread and broke it as a representation of His broken body, and indicated the fruit of the vine which He told them to drink represented His shed blood. Thus He made sure we would not forget His sacrifice, and emphasized its supreme importance in His plan to save the lost.

But intellectual apprehension is not enough. We should **BE MOVED BY IT EMOTIONALLY**

The episode of Christ's passion was emotion-packed. It has in it all the elements of a great tragedy; in fact, the greatest tragedy in history. But it is also the greatest triumph!

Think with me of this Man of Sorrows. He wept over the city of Jerusalem, the city that had a history of killing the prophets that God sent to it. In the Garden of Gethsemane His soul was exceedingly sorrowful unto death, and He sweat as it were great drops of blood. The indifference of the disciples, including the inner circle made up of Peter, James, and John, must have hurt Him deeply.

Think of the indignities He suffered. He was scourged, smitten, spit upon. In mockery a purple robe was placed upon Him, a crown of thorns platted upon His head, and a reed for a sceptre put in His hand. His visage was marred more than that of any man. He was forced in His weakened condition to carry the cross, until finally He fell under the load. Then He was laid upon the cross and cruel spikes were driven into His hands and feet. He was reviled; impious epithets were hurled at Him as He innocently suffered the agony of a painful death.

Moravian missionaries, in an attempt at evangelizing the Eskimos of the Far North, thought that they must first civilize them. After years of fruitless effort they decided to pack up and go home. But just before leaving, while a missionary was reading the story of the Crucifixion, he noticed great tears coursing down the cheeks of one of the Eskimos. What education had not accomplished, the reading of the simple story of the Cross did. The missionaries decided to stay on, and this was the beginning of a fruitful work.

This Eskimo was undoubtedly moved emotionally in a manner similar to Count Zinzendorf who was moved as he gazed upon a painting of the Crucifixion in a Roman
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GENERAL COUNCIL MEMORIAL SERVICE REFLECTIONS, 1969

By CHARLES A. HEATH

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MEMORIAL SERVICES rarely differ from each other. All of them are impressive and moving, but they are similar.

This year, however, something in the service impressed me as being quite different. I happened to glance upward and noticed the empty seats in the balcony. Those sections were closed; no one was allowed to enter.

As I looked, I thought, *Those seats are for them. Those are the places reserved for the warriors who have finished their course.*

Suddenly, the entire context became vibrant with meaning. The filled floor section, the Book of Remembrance on the table before us, and *those empty seats.*

General Secretary Bartlett Peterson read the names of those who had been promoted into God's presence during the past biennium. How many there were! As their names were read, the atmosphere seemed charged with their presence.

The reading of the names continued, and images of those I had known flashed across my thoughts. I sensed a strange stirring in my heart: "Howard Bush, J. O. Savell, Talmadge Butler, Ken Waggoner, Elmer Niles. . . ." There were several hundred others. I did not know them all personally, but each one was linked to me in Christ.

The long procession marched across my spiritual vision and took their places in those empty seats; and these words began to spill out of my thoughts onto paper:

*Not here . . . but here;
with awareness of their
presence obviating all
essence of reality;
expelling from minds
particulars of the present,
merging us homogeneously
with eternity.*

*Time stops, then continues;
but not forward. Extensions
into crevices of past existence
remind us of their struggle;
contemporary soul-wars,
waged in spirited determination,
emerging forth conquerors
over death.*

*Tears commence, but cease
as opaqueness dissipates
revealing preferment of
new relationships now enjoyed.
Their lives
openly,
vividly,
converging with
God's holy existence.*



Members of the Executive Presbytery officiated at the General Council Communion service. Shown from left to right are T. E. Gannon, C. W. H. Scott, T. F. Zimmerman, and Bert Webb.

Art Gallery. The inscription, "All this I did for thee; what hast thou done for Me?" prompted him to return to his Moravian homeland and dedicate his life and his wealth to the evangelization of the lost.

DISCERN IT SPIRITUALLY

We need to come to a spiritual understanding of the deeper significance of the Cross. Paul refers to this as "the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom . . . which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:7, 8).

It is the Spirit of God who searches the deep things of God, and it is only by the Spirit that we may discern the deeper meaning of the Cross.

There on Calvary Christ took our place, became our Substitute, bearing the stroke of God's wrath on sin that was our due. There the price of redemption was paid. There forgiveness was provided. There the enmity between God and man was taken away, reconciliation was effected, and fellowship with God made possible.

At the cross God was revealed as being not only just, but also the justifier of the ungodly. There He conquered death, the grave and hell. There through His shed blood we are enabled to overcome the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

What glorious paradoxes are displayed in and through this drama of the ages—on the one hand, sin in all its hideousness; on the other, holiness in its crystal purity. At the cross are displayed both dishonor and honor; darkness and light; hatred and love; enmity and reconciliation; sorrow and joy; bondage and liberty; poverty and wealth; despair and hope; death and life; apparent defeat and ultimate triumph.

It is possible that we might intellectually accept this truth of the sufferings of Christ in our behalf, be affected emotionally, and even apprehend something of its spiritual significance, without really appropriating its benefits. God would have us know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings. There is a final step to take. We must

EXPERIENCE IT BY FAITH

What Christ accomplished at Calvary must be translated

into personal experience. He was crucified as our Substitute; we experience crucifixion by identifying ourselves with Him in His death—"I am crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20).

The death of Christ opens the way for a spiritual resurrection. Our identification with Christ extends beyond His death to His resurrection. This means that our old nature with its deeds is accounted dead, and we may rise in newness of life to live in righteousness through the Holy Spirit.

A Mr. Rudishill of India, who was in a state of despair because of his frequent spiritual defeats, had a vision of the cross during a Communion service. But what he saw on the cross was not the figure of Jesus. It was the ugliest thing he had ever seen. One day in reading Romans 6 he came upon the words, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him [Christ]." In a flash he saw that the indescribably hideous thing that he had seen on the cross was his own sinful self. By appropriating this fact he finally discovered the secret of victorious Christian living.

Whatever the manifestation of the old nature is, it is a work of the flesh, and if we live after the flesh we shall die. But contrariwise, if we through the Spirit will put to death the deeds of the body, we shall live (Romans 8:13). Whatever that deed is—pride, resentment, lust, self-seeking, hatred, envy, et cetera—we must identify it as a work of the flesh, and by faith reckon that it died when God's Lamb gave His life for us.

The death and resurrection of Christ open the way for our physical resurrection. Christ's death for us assures us that "whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." The fact we are now experiencing the benefits of a spiritual resurrection from a state of spiritual death, and have the earnest of the Spirit, is God's pledge to us that our bodies shall be made like unto His glorious resurrection body. Our physical lives hang by a fragile thread, but our hope of resurrection is an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure.

Throughout the past biennium scores of God's choice servants have gone on before us. At the memorial service for Assistant General Superintendent Howard S. Bush, Pastor E. E. Krogstad of Central Assembly in Springfield quoted Psalm 23:4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." He emphasized the word "through," stating that God doesn't leave us in the valley. While we do sorrow because of separation from those we love and respect, it is not as others who have no hope.

The theme of our song is still praise to God for the redemptive power of the blood of Christ, despite the attempts of apostates to remove it from the hymnbooks. If we take this truth out of the Scriptures there isn't much left.

Those who have gone on before us now know a melodious harmony in the celestial sphere they never knew on earth, as this theme is being sung by the hosts of heaven. And throughout the ages of eternity we shall join in the song, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).

*"Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave."*



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Double Your Pleasure

THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN ONE to "double your pleasure, double your fun" (if we may borrow the slogan of a well-known ad). One way which really works is to share your pleasure with someone else.

Sometimes it's hard to have a good time all by yourself. A meal, for example, tastes better when it's shared. A trip is much more enjoyable when you have company.

The same applies to spiritual blessings. The blessings double when you share them with others.

In your private Bible reading, God will reveal many precious truths to your heart. Some are for your personal benefit but others are for sharing. Don't hoard the lessons God teaches you.

Don't hoard the Bible, either. It will mean more to you after you have given a copy to someone else. There are many Christians who do not possess a copy of God's Word. Perhaps you have several! It's hard to enjoy your Bible when you realize others don't have one and you have done nothing to help them get it.

On Bible Sunday we pause to consider these things—to remind ourselves of the value of God's Word, to renew our personal enjoyment of it, and to pray for the American Bible Society.

Did you know the Scriptures are now printed, in whole or in part, in 1400 different languages? Work is now being done on 500 new translations. Some 3,000 translators are now busy around the world, all translating this one great Book into new tongues, and the Bible Society is helping them.

The Society distributed 51 million Scriptures last year alone. The current project, in which we are vitally interested, is *Bibles for Burma*. As Evangel readers well know, God has poured His Spirit upon the Burmese in a marvelous way, especially in the northern hill country. Our missionaries helped to organize many churches and established a Bible school at Myitkyina. They had to leave Burma in 1966, but since that time the work has doubled. There are over 300 churches, with 25,000 members, and the Bible school is filled with young people training for gospel ministry.

The Burmese assemblies are now engaged in a five-year plan to take the Christian message to every home in Burma. But they face a great problem due to a scarcity of Bibles. With limited printing facilities in Burma and a general ban on importing books in Burmese languages, our churches cannot obtain Bibles to place in the hands of the converts.

However, a miracle happened. This summer the American Bible Society was able to obtain an import license for a large shipment of Bibles including the Burmese, Lisu, and Rawang languages used by our churches in the hill country. The Bibles are already on the way. It is the first opportunity to send Bibles in over three years and it may never be repeated. The Assemblies of God, by faith, promised to raise \$50,000 to pay for them.

It is hoped that every Assembly of God will take a special offering to meet this need. If you do not have opportunity to give at church, you may send your personal contribution to the Foreign Missions Department. Mark it "Bibles for Burma."

Pray for your Burmese brothers and sisters who will be reading these Bibles. Your Bible-reading pleasure will be doubled by the knowledge that through your offering someone else half a world away also has a Bible to read.

—r.c.c.

Children in the home receive Christian training and learn to pray to a loving Heavenly Father who cares for them.

Can't You Love Me?

By EVELYN PETERSON
Co-director of the Juneau Children's Home



THE TAKU WIND seemed especially angry as it blew off the ice cap in a gale of 60 to 70 miles per hour. Sweeping down Gastineau Channel on its way to an unknown destination, it threw sand and spray 1,200 feet up in the air.

Sidewalks and highways grew

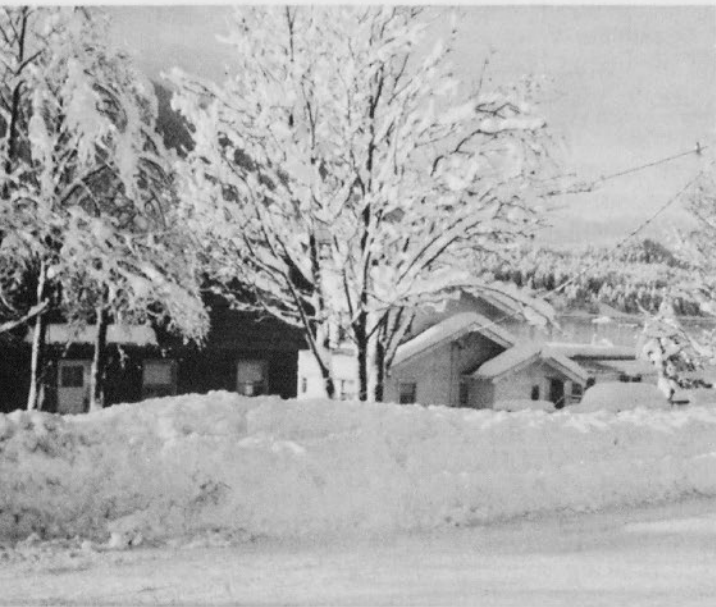
quiet and deserted; streetlights flickered as though unable to cope with the elements.

In a tiny two-room house, another storm was raging with dreadful velocity. For the past four days the parents had been drinking. Five little children, fearful of the loud argu-

ments and fighting which erupted at regular intervals, huddled together in a dark corner. The children hoped they would be forgotten, for to be objects of the next outburst would mean physical injury.

Suddenly the angry voice of the father was silenced by a gunshot.

BELOW: The children's home is surrounded by beautiful scenery both summer and winter. The boys and girls love to play in the snow, **RIGHT:** The children examine some native art.



The oldest girl ran to him as he lay in a pool of blood.

The mother continued holding the weapon, staring down at his dead form. "Get out! get out!" she screamed at the child. "Don't ever come back! I hate you!"

Thus the young girl was sent out into the fiercely cold Alaskan night without shoes or coat, wandering, stumbling, and falling until the tears froze to her face.

Later a passing policeman noticed a strange mound of clothing. Taking a second look, he discovered it was a child curled up against a building. She was barely able to move.

This traumatic experience was so emotionally damaging to the girl that she refused to communicate. She became completely withdrawn, feeling threatened by all adults.

The inward fear and resentment neutralized any help given by those who cared for her the following six months. A little life, so thoughtlessly crushed and broken! Who would pick up the pieces and gently place them together again?

Welfare authorities asked us to

The boys and girls can hardly wait to open the gifts lovingly sent by church groups and individuals across the nation.



care for the child. Once again we were aware of our own inadequacy. We made it a matter of urgent prayer. We asked God to open the floodgates of love and healing, letting His grace pour over this one struggling in life's uneven fight for survival.

This was to be the day! As I drove to town, to get the unfortunate child, the presence of the Lord was unusually near. I felt enfolded in a

blanket of peace, and a new surge of faith was springing within. I knew the Prince of Peace had stepped onto the scene. All would be well!

After placing the little girl and her tiny box of possessions in the car, I noticed her toes were protruding from her shoes. When I suggested that we purchase some new shoes before going home, she smiled faintly.

As we walked to the store, I took her hand. There was no response, but she did not try to remove it.

Our next stop was the ice cream parlor for a chocolate milk shake. The straw almost collapsed under the strain of her suction, for she had never had a milk shake.

As we left, I was pleasantly surprised. She stepped quickly to my side and reached for my hand. This time she clung tenaciously. With an upturned face she exclaimed, "I'm so glad you're going to be my mommie and that I'm going to live with you."

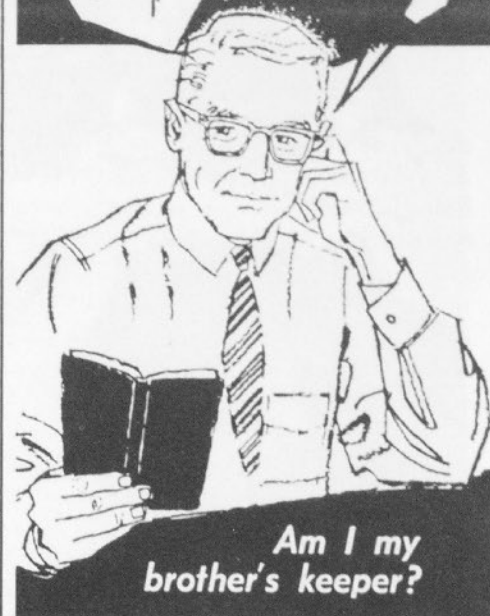
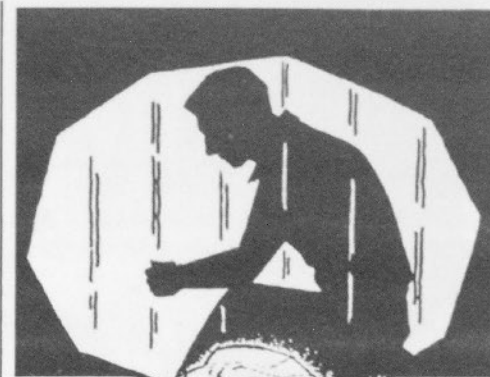
As I looked into her eyes, I knew the One who had said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not," had stretched out His arms of love to her.

In the days that followed all her fears vanished. In their place came peace. Her emotions became stabilized; no longer was there a communication problem. The scales reported a weight gain of eight pounds in two weeks.

Thus our children come—little ones who are so accustomed to abuse that tears never drop from their eyes when they are hurt; children with expressionless faces, void of emotion. Faces with hollow cheeks and big brown eyes—faces that have never known the warmth of a kiss. Rigid, fearful little bodies and long, dangling arms.

We cannot close our eyes to the unfortunate children, for if we try, even in the darkness we could still see their hands reaching out. If we were to close our ears, their tiny voices would continue to resound. Running away from them is also futile, for we are not fast enough; their arms tug at our coats, and we must turn around and face them.

We must face the children who ask for nothing but their birthrights. They have been born. Do they not have the right to be loved, the right to live, to grow, to be fed and clothed? Yes; even more important, they have the right to learn of a



**PRISON SUNDAY
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Heavenly Father who has not rejected them. Their eyes are ever pleading, "Can't you love me?"

Though we feel the love of Christ flow from our lives, our daily prayer is that this flow will enlarge and surround them, carrying them to the feet of the One who likewise had no place to lay His head, One born in a manger, who grew to manhood experiencing the loneliness of rejection.

We give thanks to God for all our friends who have so faithfully and sacrificially opened their hearts to the children, especially at Christmas.

If you have helped us to make even one little life happy, you will not go unrewarded by Him who once said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water . . . he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10: 42).



Eskimos live at a whale camp such as this one at Wainwright, Alaska, during the whaling season.

CHURCH ON ICE

By DORIS FELLOWS / *Wainwright, Alaska*



ESKIMOS STOOD ON THE ICE in a big semicircle in front of me. Behind me, where the choir loft ordinarily should be, lay the balance of 60 tons of whale! This doesn't sound like "church," but it was.

This was quite a setting in which to preach on Peter's words, "I go a fishing." But I heard "amens" and "praise the Lords," some coming from others besides my flock. It was my privilege to preach two Sundays to most of the villagers at the site (several miles from the village) of the whale butchering. I wasn't a candidate for any fashion magazine after working long days and not sleeping; but God was with me and blessed His Word.

May and June were whaling months, and the villagers had caught four. I worked right along with them four

Missionary Doris Fellows and members of her church were able to help haul in whale meat and muktuk from the camp with their Speed-the-Light Ranger.

days and nights on the ice field helping to butcher 60 tons of whale.

With the never-ending day and all that work, a person just keeps on working. Whenever he gets hungry or tired, he just goes over to a tent to eat and rest. It doesn't take long to lose track of time.

We were right there helping to pull the meat and muktuk away and putting it into piles that would be divided later. We were even able to use the Speed-the-Light Ranger (a tractor-type vehicle) to haul in the shares for different families.


The last time we went out to the site, the weather had warmed up so there was water all over the ice. (We "swelter" under 60-degree weather!) I decided to wait until some villagers came in so I could follow them back out to the whale camp. I figured if they felt the ice was safe enough, it would be all right for me. I found out that when the water is on top, it proves there is no crack or hole in the ice. Otherwise, it would go right down. The water on top was just from the melting ice.

Following the successful whale season came the *Nulikaturuk* (a blanket toss and feast). Many visitors from other villages came. Then, the Fourth of July was another day of festivities, contests, and games. All these activities gave us opportunity to become acquainted with the people and better minister to their needs.

My daughter Dorothy has joined us to help with the music and expand our ministry to youth. Attendance at services is growing.

We have had visitors most of the summer; and the first week of August we had children's crusade at night. We also had "sing times" and fellowship for the teenagers. These services started at 10:30 p.m. and ended at midnight. We go along with the villagers during the long daylight hours of the summer, working most of the night.

One night we baked pizzas for the young people. It tasted as strange to them as muktuk would to you. The summer months provide our only opportunity to work with many of the precious young people, before they leave for boarding school.

We are expecting a move of God in this village in our November camp meeting. Since many people are away at fish camps in the summer, we find such a meeting more convenient at this time. Please pray with us that people will be able to come from other villages. Finances for such a trip are a problem to some, so our church has decided to help bring those from far away to the meeting. This is a tremendous undertaking for our little flock, but God will bless their generosity and concern for others. Pray with us that this camp meeting will result in great blessing to these fine people—your brothers and sisters of the Far North. 

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

A FINE YOUNG CHRISTIAN was asked to open a new mission field. He hesitated and said, "I just can't bring myself to go out there alone."

"Would you go there with a man like David Livingstone?" he was asked.

"Yes, I'd be glad to," he replied.

"Then why not go with Jesus Christ?"

"When thou goest out to battle . . . and seest . . . a people more than thou, be not afraid . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Deuteronomy 20:1).

—*The Wesleyan Advocate*

VIEWPOINT

BY CURTIS W. RINGNESS National Home Missions Secretary

THE MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

THE MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN GIVING is an integral part of evangelism in the church today. A successful home missions program depends on dedicated men and dedicated dollars. Evangelism and stewardship are related. Each strengthens the other.

Our church stands in the forefront of the effort to meet the demands of our time. Never have those demands been more urgent than they are now. The moral delinquency and spiritual indifference of the present generation have brought to the Christian church another great testing time. Genuine Christian faith is adequate to meet the test, but it awaits the material means to accomplish its mission.


Through the ministry of giving every Christian can respond to the needs of the lost as did Isaiah. He saw a need, and to see a need is to hear a call. Isaiah answered by saying, "Here am I; send me."

A Christian may answer with the same words by giving himself—and his money. When a man gives his money, he is giving a part of himself. Money is value in negotiable form. Money to the hungry is food; to one without shelter, it is a house. But to the soul without Christ, money may be the preacher of the gospel, the new church in his neighborhood, the mission in the ghetto. Since money is stored-up value, giving of his money enables the Christian to participate in the soul-winning outreaches of the church. He is saying, "Here am I, LORD, in my money; send me."

This is not to imply that money can be substituted for one's time and talent or that time and talent can be substituted for money. Whether it be time, talent, or money—when a man gives, he gives part of himself.

The Assemblies of God must intensify its efforts to reach and to serve *all* the people of our nation. We face a nation where rural churches are closing by the hundreds each year, where the inner city is being abandoned in the flight of the church to suburbia. The trend for churches to "sell and run" in the face of changes in the community should be replaced by an all-out effort to "stay and serve." Strong churches may share finances, as well as ministerial and lay leadership, to help provide a ministry to neglected communities and neighborhoods.

In Romans Paul raised a series of questions which cannot be answered completely apart from the ministry of Christian giving. He asked, "How shall people confess Christ if they do not believe; and how shall they hear without preachers; and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Christian giving is the answer to the final question.

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BY THE TIME
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BEHIND BARS.

GOD MADE EDDIE OVER

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL



Eddie Swartout

EDDIE SWARTOUT tugged at the bonds that held him to the leg of an upside-down table. The room was dirty and dim, but he could see greasy perspiration on the angry face before him.

Eddie's body trembled from exhaustion, yet he gritted his teeth and continued to tug at the dirty rags which held his wrists.

"We'll teach the Black Legion gang it doesn't pay to tangle with the Red Hooks," the young fellow said. With that the boys took pliers and pulled Eddie's toenails off, then ran an electric current through his body. A knife flashed, and Eddie grabbed his abdomen where his bowels were gushing out.

The janitor found him unconscious a few hours later and called an ambulance.

It was not Eddie's first brush with death, nor his last. He was shot twice in the chest and once in the knee. He suffered fractures of the skull, cheek bone, and nose—besides having his teeth knocked out—in a variety of episodes with police and gangsters.

Eddie was the last of 22 children born to his parents in the slums of Brooklyn, New York. His parents were drunkards, and most of the time the children had to take care of themselves. By the time Eddie arrived many of his older brothers and sisters were already involved in crime or prostitution.

Eddie often slept in a pasteboard box in an alley and used newspapers to keep warm.

Crime attracted Eddie early. When he was nine he was sentenced to a detention home where he spent eight months. He was arrested for attempted murder at 16, but it was nearly two years before his case went to trial. By the time he was 22, he had spent nine years behind bars.

The last time he was sentenced the judge said, "Swartout, there's no hope for you. We've tried to give you a chance, but you'll never change."

Eddie was sent to Sing Sing where two of his older brothers already were serving time. He was 18.

When the young man got out of prison, he was determined to find a new life. He drifted from city to city, but everywhere he went people somehow found out about his record. Soon no one wanted to associate with him.

During this time he met a lovely Christian girl in

Texas. The young lady's parents and pastor learned of Eddie's past and told him to quit dating her.

"You can't make me," Eddie said defiantly. "Besides, I like her. I won't hurt her!"

However, Eddie discovered the sheriff was the pastor's brother. Within a few hours Eddie was leaving town!

When the sheriff ran him out of town, Eddie decided he was fed up with trying to go straight. He would go back to his own kind of people and revert to his old way of life.

While hitchhiking back to Brooklyn, Eddie met a young fellow who had been reared in a Pentecostal home. Though the young man was not a Christian, he took Eddie home with him to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Eddie was amazed at the congeniality of the boy's parents. He was more amazed, however, when the young man's father got up at four the next morning singing!

Eddie nudged his bed partner. "Hey! What's wrong with your old man?"

The young man grunted sleepily. "He's gettin' up to slop the pigs."

Eddie frowned. "Slap the pigs? What's he want to do that for?"

"Slop, stupid!" the exasperated youth replied. "That means he's going to feed them. Boy, you really are a city jerk."

The father still was singing happily, and Eddie could hear some of the words. The song had something to do with loving Jesus.

"But what's with the singin'?" Eddie asked, still wondering how anybody could get up that early and sound so happy.

The youth pulled the covers closer to his chin. "Oh, Dad's one of 'those.'"

"One of what?"

"One of those Pentecostal fanatics."

Eddie had never heard of them. "What are they?"

"They're all like he is," the backslidden youth said. "Now shut up and let me go back to sleep."

Eddie couldn't see a thing wrong with the boy's father. He liked the man's smile and, what's more, he had treated Eddie decently. There was something very different about him.

That night, above the protests of his friend, Eddie asked the man if he could go to church with him.

Eddie was appalled at the church. The meeting was

held in a patched-up tent which had sawdust on the floor and benches made of rough lumber. Eddie had gone to circuses in such surroundings but certainly not to church!

The manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the meeting was new to Eddie, too, but the joy he saw on the faces of the people made him long for such happiness.

When the preacher gave an altar call, Eddie ran forward and knelt. He didn't know how to pray but he said, "God, if You're listening and can give me what these people have, I want it."

Immediately the power of God touched him. It felt almost like a charge of electricity, he said, but instead of being painful it was a delightful feeling. Suddenly Eddie began to cry, something he hadn't done for years. Even as a child Eddie wouldn't cry because the gang associated tears with "softies."

Nevertheless, Eddie allowed the tears to flow as he asked God to forgive his sins. A tiny light mushroomed around him. Then for the first time in his life, he felt clean and spotless inside.

When he got up from the altar, he grabbed an elderly lady and hugged her and cried some more. He was amazed as she showed her love for this newborn Christian by patting the back of his neck affectionately. It was the first time he could ever recall anyone showing genuine affection for him, and he did not forget it.

September 23, 1953, marked the day of complete change in Eddie's life. He was 24 years old.

It was not easy, however, for Eddie to adjust to his new life. He attended church but still felt out of place among other Christians.

One day while feeling quite depressed he decided to face things squarely and admit he didn't belong. Dejected and discouraged, he stopped by the church to tell a few of the people good-bye. Then he started walking toward the highway.

Eddie heard someone whistle behind him, but he didn't turn.

"Eddie!"

He recognized the voice. It was Sammy Stoops, a deacon at Cole Mission Assembly of God.

"Eddie! Come back."

Then someone started running. Mr. Stoops caught up with him and grabbed him by the shoulder. "Stay, Eddie," he pleaded, "you belong here."

Eddie went back. From then on, he grew in the Lord. It was not long before he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A short time later God called him into the ministry.

About this time, he became interested in a young lady in the church. They became engaged, and Eddie was happier than he had ever been in his life.

One night, however, when he dropped by to see her, she told him she couldn't marry him because of his prison record.

Eddie went across the street from her house and knelt under a tree to pray. "Oh, God, change her mind," he prayed.

Soon she came out of the house and she *had* changed her mind. They were later married and now have three fine boys.

Because he had violated his parole by leaving New York, Eddie turned himself in to the authorities. He was placed on parole for two years. Part of this time he was pastoring a small church in Raymondville, Texas.

Eddie had not been home for 14 years. He discovered God had given him a real love for his family so he went back to New York on a visit.

When he saw his mother, he had to introduce himself to her. Later, as she lay in a hospital near death, he had the opportunity to lead her to Christ. He talked to her about her soul but she didn't know how to pray. He told her, "Just talk to God like you do to me."


She began talking to God, then she stopped. "Eddie, I'm sorry I haven't been the kind of mother I should have," she said.

Eddie tried to soothe her and encouraged her to pray again. When she started to pray, she began to quiver and cry. Soon she smiled.

"I feel something 'walking up and down' inside," she said. "I'm ready to go now. I'm not afraid."

Others in his family have since been converted. One brother, who spent 21 years of a life term in prison for murder before being paroled, received Christ as his Saviour.

This brother was instrumental in the conversion of another brother who had spent 18 years in prison for armed robbery. Both are now ministers working for God in a rescue mission. A sister also has been saved. Eddie continues to believe God for the conversion of the rest of his family.

He has been a licensed Assemblies of God minister for 10 years and serves God as an evangelist. He's ever ready to tell others how God made him a new creature in Christ Jesus, and many have been won to Christ through his testimony. 

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HAVE YOU MET THE CHANGELESS CHRIST?

By MARTIN H. THOMAS

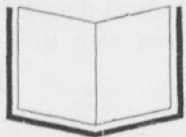
THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Our today is a part of the "for ever" mentioned in that verse. Jesus is just as alive, just as powerful, just as active, just as loving, just as dependable, as He was when He walked the earth in human form. I have seen wonderful evidences of His current vital interest in the needs of mankind.

Some time ago I preached a sermon on the presence and power of God. Altar calls are not customary in my Covenant Presbyterian Church, but at the close of the sermon I found myself in the midst of such a call. I invited not only those who wished to profess Christ as

Saviour, and those who wished to join the church, but also those who felt the need for peace and assurance.

Suddenly, as we sang, there was a movement in a pew near the front, and one of our members started down the aisle. She was weeping as I met her and seated her on the front pew while we finished the hymn. She wanted, she said, to rededicate her life to Christ. So, standing there before the congregation, she reaffirmed her faith in Jesus as her Saviour and made her rededication, after which prayer was offered on her behalf.

Later as we talked about what had happened, her eyes sparkled, but she was no longer crying. "You know," she said, "if someone had asked me before today, 'Are you



MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

MIGHTY, SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

By DELMAR KINGSRITER

"They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18).

THIS SCRIPTURE MUST BE the favorite of many missionaries. It certainly is mine for it provides for me both defensive and offensive weapons. Satan is well aware of the devastating results when the prayer of faith is offered for the sick.



Since the time of Christ, the healing of the sick has been one of the most potent weapons in the hands of God's servants. Therefore, Satan often seeks to destroy us who are carrying the message of deliverance from sin and sickness. There have been many occasions when I have had to quote and claim this scripture when satanic powers were seeking to destroy my very existence.

I recall one occasion when another missionary family,


Delmar Kingsriter is a missionary to Malawi, Africa, where he has served since 1955.

together with my wife and children, traveled in a Speed-the-Light boat to a remote village in Africa. The Gospel had first penetrated this village only a few weeks before and we were seeing wonderful success.

After a glorious meeting, crowned by a water baptismal service, we had just begun the three-hour journey back to our base camp when a huge swarm of poisonous African bees attacked us. Before we were able to find shelter in a smoke-filled hut each of us had sustained as many as 50 to 75 stings, mostly around the face and head. I realized we were in danger of losing our lives, for many people have died after being stung only a few times.

Within moments, the wife of the other missionary became desperately ill and collapsed in the dust. It was in that moment that this scripture became very precious to me and seemed to be the last thread of hope between life and death. None of us present that day can ever doubt the power of the Word of God. We gathered around this still form and quietly quoted this scripture, and then offered a simple but desperate plea for help to the only One who could help us in that hour—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Within a few seconds, color came back into the face of this missionary and she stood up and said, "I am well." All the way back to camp our little children joined us in worshipping the Lord for a mighty deliverance. There was not even a sign of the swelling that usually accompanies the stings of even the less poisonous honeybee.

This was a modern-day deliverance, not unlike that of the three Hebrew children whom God delivered from the fiery furnace. Is it any wonder this Scripture verse has become one of my favorites? 

saved?' I would have said, 'I sure am.' And then I would have thought, 'I think so; I hope so.' But let them ask me now. Now I know!"

In my own heart I breathed a fervent thanks to God for His marvelous guidance and for such a deep moving of His precious Spirit among us that day. Only the changeless Christ could have wrought that work.

The healing power of Jesus is just the same today too. Most people believe this, but we sometimes have doubts about His willingness. This is precisely where the leper was in his attitude toward Jesus. "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." Jesus said, "I will; be clean." And He says it yet today, to people like you and me, and Sophie.

When the heavy door of the camper slammed on Sophie's hand, bending her fingers back almost at right angles, she decided it was time to act on her faith. "Jesus," she said, "I'm yours. I know it is not your will that any of yours should suffer unduly, and that this pain is not your doing, but the result of my carelessness. I ask you, therefore, to take away the pain and its cause, and heal my hand."

The fingers looked the same, but the pain was gone. They appeared to be broken, but she was able to bend them back into place. They still appeared swollen, but she ignored their looks and went on about her tasks, praising the Lord. The result: not one bit of trouble and her hand is fine.

Jesus is both capable and willing to meet our needs.

A little six-year-old boy knows this. When his father, a prominent psychiatrist, lay at death's door in the hospital, the boy slipped into the basement to pray for him. Later he said, "Daddy, you probably won't believe what happened down there."

"I'll believe you," his father promised.

"Well, while I was praying I heard a voice saying, 'Son, your daddy is going to be all right.'"

"Son, I believe you," the father said, and he is alive today, a witness not only to the capability but also of the willingness of Jesus to heal and to save.

My own son Timothy was to play his trumpet with the choir anthem. It was to be an offering of praise to God. Early that week, however, he had an accident in which his lip was cut and bruised severely.

All week long we watched uneasily as his lip did not heal, and no other plans were made for the music. But the day before he was to play, Tim assured me, "Daddy, I think the Lord will see me through. After all, it's for Him."

Next morning there was still no improvement, but in faith Tim took his horn to church. And glory of glories, his tones were crystal clear and the anthem was what it was intended to be—a note of praise to God.

"You know, Dad," Tim said after church, "I don't think I could play that horn now if my life depended on it."

That was a lesson in the exercise of faith in the unchanging Christ.


There was a man sick with the palsy. He could not, of his own strength, go to Jesus for healing. He was fortunate to have four friends who took him to Jesus. When they could not get into the crowded house, they let him down through the roof. The Bible says, "When He saw their faith, He said, Man, your sins are forgiven you . . . rise, take up your bed and go home."


Thank God for the faith of friends! Little Terry does, for she had many friends who prayed for her. Doctors had removed one of her kidneys, which had a cancerous tumor growing inside.

Cobalt treatments followed, but three months later X rays revealed cancer in both lungs. They were eighty-five percent affected. More tests indicated the same diagnosis. Then one doctor noticed something that suggested new tests should be made for another, less deadly type of cancer. Treatment was immediately started for both kinds.

A few days later, other pictures were taken and they indicated her lungs were eighty percent *clear*. "Amazing," said the doctors. "Nothing short of a miracle."

Three months later, Terry was taken back for additional treatments and tests. Again, the doctors were utterly amazed, because they were unable to find any trace of malignancy in her entire body.

Terry knows Jesus is alive, and that He has not changed in His concern for those who trust Him. Her parents know it too. I know it, and so do millions of other people in this twentieth century. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. I invite you to come to Him with your own personal need and trust the changeless Christ for the answer. 



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Sunday School Lesson for November 2, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

ISAIAH 40:12-18, 26-31

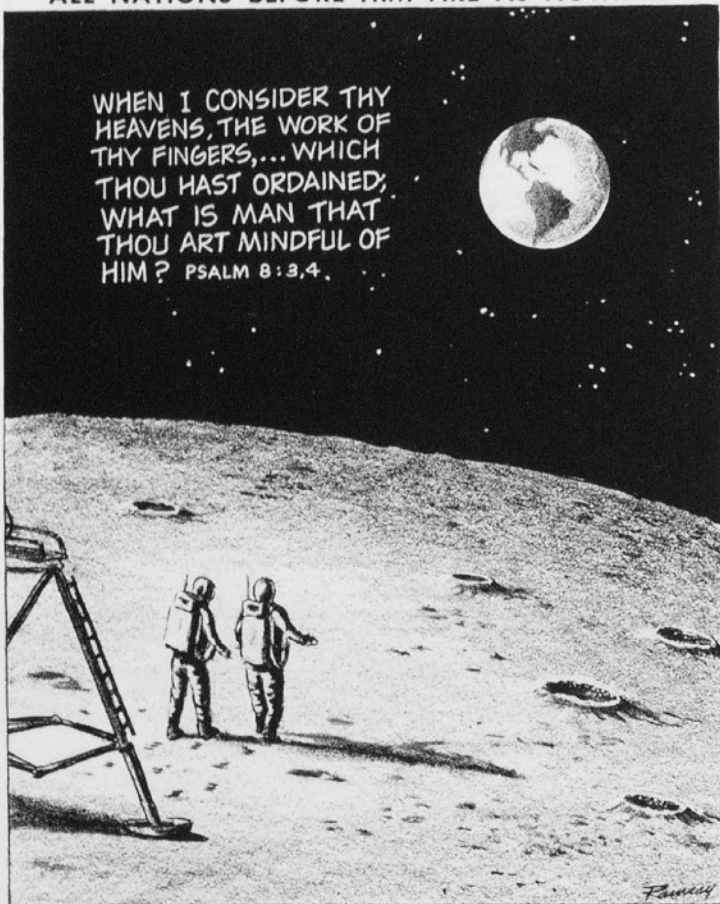
THE BOOK OF ISAIAH has two divisions. Chapters 1-39 are mainly condemnatory and chapters 40-66 are largely consolatory. The first 11 verses of chapter 40 predict the end of Israel's servitude, the full punishment for her sins, and the coming of her Messiah.

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN GOD AND THE NATIONS (vv. 12-17)

Isaiah first described the omnipotence and omniscience of God. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand?" The language here is reminiscent of that God used when He revealed Himself to Job (chapters 38-41) resulting in Job's humbling and confession. How little a man can hold in the palm of his hand, and how little he can weigh in even the largest of scales! In contrast, God formed and sustains the entire universe!

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his

ALL NATIONS BEFORE HIM ARE AS NOTHING



counselor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him . . . judgment . . . knowledge . . . and . . . understanding?" Isaiah pointed out the absurdity of thinking that anyone could give advice to the Creator of both the universe and man.

From the contrast between God and man in general the prophet turned to the contrast between God and the nations. Israel had trembled before various nations for centuries: Egypt, Syria, Assyria, and now Babylonia. But to the trembling nation God said, "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance [scale]. . . . All nations before him are as nothing." It is God who "removeth kings, and setteth up kings" (Daniel 2:21). He controls the nations!

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN GOD AND IDOLS (vv. 18-25)

In view of God's infinite power and wisdom, how ridiculous, said Isaiah, that man should worship an idol, something he made himself. The prophet described various methods and materials used in idol-making and concluded the section as he began it, "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal, saith the Holy One?"

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN HUMAN INSUFFICIENCY AND DIVINE ADEQUACY (vv. 26-31)

The prophet challenged Israel to turn to the One who alone can provide strength and salvation.

"Lift up your eyes on high," he said—turn to the God who created you and the universe.

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?" God never lacks the ability nor willingness to hear a cry for help and meet all human need.

"Even the youths shall faint and be weary." Youth is the peak of human strength and courage. Yet the increasing suicides, mental breakdowns, and use of drugs indicate that life without God is too much for any of us.

But there is a secret way to victorious living, even in our times. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." As sleep refreshes the tired physical body, so prayer strengthens the soul, soothes the nerves, and renews the mental faculties.

"They shall mount up with wings as eagles." The grace of God, the divine life of Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit become available through prayer; these lift the soul above the temptations and trying circumstances of everyday life.

"They shall run, and not be weary." Running speaks of the times in the life of the believer when he is called upon to face unusual difficulties. These experiences call for reserve strength. Such strength is developed, like an athlete's, through training. The believer who consistently spends some time each day in quiet waiting before the Lord, draws from Him the reserve strength needed when special demands are made!

"They shall walk, and not faint." Walking is moving at the ordinary rate of speed. Life is made up mostly of ordinary things. Sometimes it is more difficult to walk in the valley of everyday routine than to climb the mountaintop of special endeavor. But if we will quietly look to our all-sufficient Creator and Heavenly Father, and wait upon Him, He will send His Holy Spirit to refresh us, strengthen us, and send us on our way conscious of His love.

HEARTBEATS AND THE NEW BIRTH

A RECENT STUDY conducted on 287 infants at a New York hospital investigated the suggestion that babies in the womb become conditioned to their mother's heartbeat.

A tape-recording of the mother's heartbeats (72 per minute) was played to the babies. It was noted that on the average it took 23 minutes to put the babies to sleep with the heartbeats while it took over twice as long without them.

Even older children who had difficulty sleeping fell asleep within minutes under the influence of the beats.

Besides the effect on sleep, other benefits resulted from the beats. In the first four days of life 70 percent of the babies hearing the heartbeats showed a weight increase. During the same period only 30 percent of the group without the beats gained weight, this group on the whole showed a loss.

Those babies hearing the beats also cried much less and had fewer gastrointestinal and respiratory problems.

Possibly the success of the heartbeats was because the babies were fooled into thinking their mothers were nearby. The study proved the benefits of a relationship founded on love.

Just as the infants denied the heartbeats suffered in development and contentment, so many people today suffer in their spiritual development because they lack the blessings of the greatest relationship of all—sonship with the Father.

Man apart from God is neither fully developed nor contented. Spiritually he is dead. But Jesus came to bring life and made this possible by bearing the punishment for sin on the cross. Those who will receive Him and believe on His name can become sons of God.

The babies in the experiment were fooled, for though their mothers were absent the recordings satisfied their tiny minds.

Tragically, many today are responding to imitations of God's true presence and are being fooled by the devil and his wiles. Those who are searching for a meaningful relationship and reality will find it only through a total commitment to Jesus Christ.

—S. CRISP in *Redemption Tidings*

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If Jesus was perfect in character, why was it necessary for Him to be baptized with a baptism of repentance?

Jesus accepted such baptism, identifying Himself with sinners, because He came to be made a sin offering for sinful men, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Some people say the disciples tarried 10 days for Pentecost to come; others say seven days. Can you help us settle this question?

Since the Day of Pentecost came 50 days following the Passover, and Jesus ascended to the Father 40 days after His resurrection, it is generally accepted that the disciples tarried 10 days after the Ascension until "the day of Pentecost was fully come."

In 2 Timothy 4:17, Paul says, "And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." Can you tell us when Paul was cast to the lion?

We do not have any record of Paul being cast to a literal lion. It is therefore more probable that he quoted from Psalm 22:21, as he so often quoted from the Old Testament, referring to adversaries whom he felt would like to devour him.

Psalm 22:21 is a prayer: "Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorn" (that is, when I have been in deep trouble).

Psalm 115:16 says, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." I heard an evangelist say this proved man would never get to the moon! Will you explain this?


The evangelist evidently said this before *Apollo 11*, but his mistake does not change the truthfulness of this verse. While God rules the universe, He has made the earth for the habitation of man; the *Apollo* flights do not change this. However far into space man may reach, God's dominion reaches farther.

Please explain Mark 4:12, "That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."

There are two ways of hearing. There is hearing by the outer ear and "hearing" in the heart. Many heard Jesus' words and even admired them, but comparatively few heard with the "ear" of their hearts and were ready to respond to His message and do His will.

This inward deafness is greatly on the increase in our day. Many reject Christ's authority; they disobey and even say, "We will not have this Man to rule over us." Finally this rebellion will be so general that "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12).

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
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DAILY READINGS FOR OCT. 27—NOV. 2

Theme of the week: **KEEPING TRUE**

Mon. Numbers 12:1-8	Thurs. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Tues. Deuteronomy 7:6-11	Fri. 1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Wed. Matthew 25:14-30	Sat. Hebrews 10:19-39
Sun. Revelation 2:8-11	

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

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Buddhist temple in Burma.

A LAND OF RICE and rubies, Burma is nestled among some of the most complicated political problems on earth. Bordered by East Pakistan, India, Tibet, Red China, Thailand, and Laos, Burma is uncomfortably near the continuing tensions in Vietnam.

In this strategic location, Burma has managed to remain neutral and aloof as the eyes of the world focus on Southeast Asia. In an effort to remain free from the influences of both Red China and the Western world, Burma has made a number of moves to nationalize its economy and limit the assimilation of foreign ideologies.

This political stand of the Burmese government brought about the 1966 decree that all foreign missionaries must leave by May 31 of that year. This was not a denial of religious freedom to the Burmese people, but rather a purging of all foreign elements so that the people themselves would govern all religious organizations established in their country.

Many mission groups were caught unprepared, but the Assemblies of God had readied itself for such an occurrence.

As Maynard L. Ketcham, Field Secretary to the Far East, stated: "From the very first, the work of the Assemblies of God in Burma has strongly emphasized the indigenous church principles. People have been taught tithing and they have been strongly encouraged to become self-reliant and develop a sense of spiritual and physical responsibility."

Some time before the missionaries left Burma, they withdrew from all places of responsibility in the national organization and took on the status of advisers. Thus when it was time for the missionaries' departure, the national ministers were fully capable of carrying on the established work.

About six months later (in October 1966) Samuel Fish, superintendent of the Burma Assemblies of God, wrote to Brother Ketcham:

"We praise and thank God for sending missionaries to teach us the way of the Lord from the Bible and also

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to establish the Bible school. We also would like to express our appreciation to the missionaries for their dedicated lives.

"Although we are far from each other in body, our spirits are all united in the Lord, so let us pray for one another. May the Lord richly and fully bless you and all Christian brethren in America."

Did the departure of our missionaries mean the end of our work in Burma? No! Rather the church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, has continued to grow. When the Ray Trasks and the Glenn Staffords, our last missionaries in Burma, left for the United States, the Assemblies of God had 12,000 believers and 180 churches in Burma. Current statistics show 25,000 believers and 300 churches, with 134 full-time pastors.

The Bible school at Myitkyina has enrolled 11 students. These are active in evangelism and have held open-air meetings in their area. The spirit of revival continues to grow in Burma as the national organization is implementing a five-year plan for evangelizing the country. A part of this plan will put a full-time evangelist on the field.

Hunger for the Word of God was evidenced when 89 women attended a Bible training course. The meetings, scheduled for one week, were continued an additional week at the request of the ladies.

The withdrawal of missionaries from Burma did not relieve us of any further responsibility. The Burmese Christians are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and at this time we have a special opportunity to help them.

The American Bible Society received permission from the Burmese government to deliver a shipment of Bibles valued at \$50,000. The Assemblies of God will collaborate by raising this sum in a two-year period.

During the past three years it has been impossible to ship Bibles into the country. We have no assurance that permission will be granted for additional shipments. That is why the present opportunity is so important.

Today, October 26, we observe Universal Bible Sunday. This is the day set aside for each Assemblies of God church to participate in the *Bibles for Burma* project. The Executive Presbytery and the Foreign Missions Department encourage each member to support this urgent project. The offering should be sent to the Foreign

Missions Department, designated: *Bibles for Burma*.

A Burmese pastor, Josiah Hpala, summed up the situation nicely: "God has blessed this country of Burma. Day by day the work of the Lord is increasing. The time has now come to do more work for the Lord." We are thankful for this golden opportunity to put Bibles in the workers' hands.



ABOVE: Maynard L. Ketcham presents a plaque to leaders of the Burma Assemblies of God and charges them to hold the torch high. LEFT: Burma is separated from Red China by a range of the Himalayas. BELOW: Burmese Christians praise the Lord. BOTTOM: Literature is an important part of evangelism.





The author at the "Evangel" booth at the General Council in Dallas, Texas.

'LORD, I BELIEVE'

Bible reading: Mark 9:14-29

BY FULTON W. BUNTAIN / *Pastor, First Assembly, Tacoma, Washington*

IN A DARK VALLEY of desperate need, a father brought his son to Jesus for healing.

It was a pathetic case. The boy had scars on his arms and legs from falling into the fire as a result of seizures. Several times, the father explained, the lad had almost drowned as he was near the public pool or the seaside when these attacks occurred. A cloud of anxiety shrouded the whole family as they lived in anticipation of another of those fearsome attacks.

When it happened, it was violent. The boy's body was thrown to the ground like a discarded doll. He thrashed his arms and legs in spasms. He ground his teeth and foamed at the mouth, and then he became rigid. There was nothing anyone could do but wait and watch as an unseen enemy tore the boy's body. Everyone diagnosed his affliction as demon possession.

This father had heard of Jesus. He heard rumors of His healing power. He couldn't put away the hope that his son might be healed. He came expecting to find Jesus but found only His disciples. So he asked them to cast out the evil spirit and bring healing to his son.

No doubt the disciples did other things besides healing the sick and preaching, but this seemed to be in the forefront of their ministry. They preached about God and His deliverance and they went about demonstrating His power and love.

God is calling His disciples today to have the same kind of ministry, not only to preach about God but also to demonstrate His love and power.

Praying for the sick was a vital part of Christ's ministry. It was natural and right for the father to bring the boy to Him or to the disciples. The ministry of Christ has not changed. We are to have that healing ministry today.

This boy wanted to be healed. The father asked for it. The disciples attempted it. They prayed, but the demon was not cast out. They failed. But they faced their failure openly and honestly.

What's more, Jesus accepted it as defeat. There was no

This article is abridged from a sermon preached on Monday morning, August 25, at the General Council in Dallas. It was one of the morning Bible studies on the cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God.

smoke screen of theological hypothesis surrounding this case. It was clear for all to see. There was no disguised victory, no lesson of patience being taught, no school for advanced learning of spiritual qualities.

This was a battlefield on which the enemy had just scored a strategic victory and the humiliated soldiers were not of a mind to console themselves. Their only thought was why had they lost, and how could they retaliate?

Jesus and the early apostles dealt with man as a whole person. The redemption they preached was a redemption of the whole man. Forgiving sins and driving out fear and resentment was just as much a part of Christ's healing ministry as curing the lame and helping the blind to see.

Jesus stands on the side of wholeness, health, strength, and holiness. He said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

The job of the church then is not to compensate for defeat, but to win. We are not to explain evil away, but to do away with it. And when we are not able to cast it out, then we are to admit it honestly.

"We were not able," the disciples admitted. So long as we refuse to admit defeat, so long as we insist on rationalizing all our defeats by cataloging them in the catchall compartment of the mysterious, undefined "will of God," we will fail to be triumphant.

The disciples asked, "Why could we not cast him out?" We also must inquire the reason for our failures if we would demonstrate God's supernatural power to heal and deliver the millions who desperately need to be set free from the bondage of Satan.

While the apostles were struggling over this boy's disease, a large crowd gathered around them, and significantly there were "scribes questioning with them."

Perhaps one reason the disciples were unable to bring healing to the boy was because they were caught up in a theological debate on the subject of divine healing.

These scribes were the professional deliberators on the holy law of the Jews. They were more concerned with intellectual refinement and maintaining a system

than with the suffering of their people. They had erected an enormous scaffolding of arguments and proofs and spent most of their time making additions and repairs on that theological jungle gym. They were aloof from the people and very defensive about their doctrine. They had a stake in the status quo.

Perhaps the church today has become more concerned with pleasing the sophisticated theological intelligentsia than with meeting the needs of suffering humanity. Could it be we spend too much time with the problem and not enough with the answer?

Another cause of failure is revealed in Jesus' words, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?"

Jesus was stunned by their unbelief. We can almost see Him covering His face with His hands as He says, "O faithless generation. . ."

Jesus knew the reality and power of God. It took no mental exercise for Him to believe, for He had an intimate acquaintance with the Father. With His vivid knowledge of the goodness and power of God, He was staggered by the depths of the disciples' unbelief.

But notice to whom the exclamation was directed. Jesus did not point accusingly at the poor boy for lack of faith. He did not frown at the father. Neither did He snarl at the apostles. He said, "O faithless generation." He referred to the whole society. The boy, the father, and the apostles were breathing an atmosphere polluted by unbelief.

Ours also is a faithless generation. Despair and hopelessness are everywhere! We have excellent methods for communicating our lack of faith.

Compare the amount of time most of us spend deliberately strengthening our faith with the time spent in a haze of meaningless conversations, activities, television, books, and newspapers. We shouldn't be surprised if we are unable to cast out devils. Our prayer should be, "Lord, forgive us for the barrenness of a busy life!"

To the question, "Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus' answer was simple, uncomplicated, but unpopular—*fast and pray*. The prescription Jesus gave His disciples was *power through prayer*. It is a life of prayer—praying *before* the emergency. Christ's disciples needed power. Five minutes of prayer a day upon rising is not enough for a supernatural ministry.

Perhaps many of us would have been ready with good advice for this father. We could have told him the social causes of the child's disease, or the historical reasons for the scribes' disbelief in divine healing. But would we have been able to bring healing to the boy?

To some people, prayer is a bore or a bother. To others it is too time-consuming. But it is the key to unlock the supernatural power of God.

The father was about ready to gather up his child and go home. He was discouraged. The apostles were perplexed. The scribes were delighted. And the son was still possessed.

Just then, four figures made their way down the side of the mountain. The night before Jesus and three disciples (Peter, James, and John) had participated in a strange and awesome experience. A mysterious cloud had formed and hovered over them. Out of the cloud the voice of God had come, saying, "This is my beloved Son."

Now as the four descended fresh from this experience, the people looked at Jesus and were greatly amazed. In a fleeting moment of illumination they saw the eternal Christ, the timeless One, the glorified Jesus, the great I Am, the Alpha and Omega.

In looking to Jesus they took a major step toward healing. They got their attention off the problem and onto the solution. Discouragement vanished. For a moment despair, despondence, and defeat were dissolved. All the negative forces which cause and encourage disease fled into the background as their attention was dominated by the presence of Jesus.

As we get our eyes on Him, we open up possibilities for answers, for solutions, and for miracles.

The boy's father said, "Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit."

When Jesus asked the father to believe on Him for his son's healing, he cried, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

The man brought his belief. It wasn't heroic, courageous belief. It was simply a little faith pushed forward by a tremendous need.

To the father's frenzied cry, Jesus responded with a positive principle of faith: "All things are possible to him that believeth."

These words sent life into that kernel of faith and it took roots. The father cried, "I believe!" That was it. That was the moment when the light of heaven came on in his soul.


Jesus rebuked the devil, and he departed out of the child; he was cured from that very hour.

I wonder if that isn't the cry of most of us today. We try to believe, but do we fully believe? Jesus recognizes the belief that is there even though it may seem buried with doubt.

This is an age when doubting is thought to be more courageous, more noble, more intelligent than faith. We delight in asking intelligent questions rather than in giving positive answers. Sermons are more acceptable when they get us to think rather than when they challenge us to believe.

And yet in the midst of it all there is faith. Amid confusion, frustration, and doubt there is the cry, "Lord, I believe." Jesus hears that. Miracles once thought impossible are happening in churches today. People are being healed and are experiencing anew the reality of God and the goodness of God. Lives are being changed and empowered. Jesus is challenging us all to believe more fully. Lord, help our unbelief!

As we close the decade of the soaring 60's and the door springs open into the surging 70's, I believe God would have us go forward with a New Testament ministry. The need is there, and we have the answer.

The formula whereby we can open the windows of heaven and see the answer is prayer. A little faith pushed by a great need can move mountains. Let us open our eyes and see the world about us that needs Christ. And then may we go out with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to heal the whole man. 

1969 ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN: FOURTH SUNDAY

COME and go with me...
...FIND SATISFACTION

CA'S PARTICIPATE IN IMPACT, THIRD DIMENSION, COMPETITION AT COUNCIL

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS were involved in three areas of events surrounding the Dallas General Council. Two of these were new programs instituted at this Council.

Impact, a large-scale person-to-person witnessing program in the Dallas area, involved 7,500 persons for a week just prior to the Council. About 5,500 of these were Christ's Ambassadors. Interns from four of our colleges provided full-time leadership at secondary levels for Impact.

The customary General Council activity of the CA's was the national finals of the Teen Talent Search and Bible Quiz. There was a difference this year as the finals were held prior to rather than during Council. Competition ended with First Assembly, Wilmington, Calif., crowned as the new Bible Quiz champions displacing Bethel Assembly of Arlington, Tex., who finished second this year. The winning team from Wilmington (Roy G. Sapp, pastor) was coached by Dianne Beal and composed of Gloria Beal, David Schiek, Deanna Catt, Allen Belt, and Don Schiek. They achieved first place by winning six out of the seven games in a round-robin tournament involving the championship teams from six other regions in the nation.

Simultaneous competition in the six categories of Teen Talent Search produced the following winners, as determined by the combined ratings of qualified judges:

Vocal solo—Miki Scruggs of Whitehaven Assembly in Memphis, Tenn.



The CA booth visualized the many facets of the Assemblies of God youth program.

Vocal ensemble—Leilani Teeter, Linda Fuller, and Patti Teeter singing as the Sumner Girls Trio of the Assembly of God, Sumner, Wash.

Instrumental solo—a harp solo by Becky Hartwick of Faith Assembly, Sarasota, Fla.

Instrumental ensemble—a trombone duet composed of Rich Lemberg and Charles Chivers from the Assembly of God, Janesville, Wis.

Keyboard solo—Leilani Teeter from Sumner, Wash.

Keyboard ensemble—a piano duet by Christine Lorusso and Loretta Lorusso from the Assembly of God, Somerville, Mass.

Awards were presented during a capacity-crowd rally at Oak Cliff Assembly in Dallas.

The other youth program at the Council was the Third Dimension. This was the first General Council to have a complete youth participation series arranged. During the Third Dimension sessions, led by Jerry Sandidge, exciting and well-known personalities related their experiences and answered questions as the "roving microphone" went through the audience.


Guests at the sessions included Ira Stanphill, gospel songwriter; Col. John A. Lindvall, chaplain in the U.S. Army; Delta Airlines pilot Bill Barron; professional tennis player Paul Como; artist Torger G. Thompson, creator of the "Miracle at Pentecost" mural; L. C. Graves of the Dallas Police Department; Earl McKenzie, top executive of Sears, Roebuck & Company; and Everett Phillips, Assemblies of God field secretary for Africa.

Other guests included Norman Correll, CA Department national secre-

tary; Denise Power, former *Revival-time* soloist; Paul Ferrin, minister of music at First Assembly in Memphis; Art Perri, former entertainer now singing for Christ; and Ray Brock, author of the "Dear Ray" column in the *CA Herald*.

A "who's who" lineup of talent performed for the more than 400 youth involved. A session called "Inside Insight" acquainted the young people with the behind-the-scenes activities of the General Council and included a visit to a Council business session.

Other activities were a trip to Six Flags Over Texas, a State Fair Park tour, three prayer breakfasts, and a college youth luncheon.

The high level of interest and activity is evidenced by the volume of mail that has come to the headquarters executive offices commending the Third Dimension program and expressing appreciation for the whole range of youth activities offered at the General Council. 

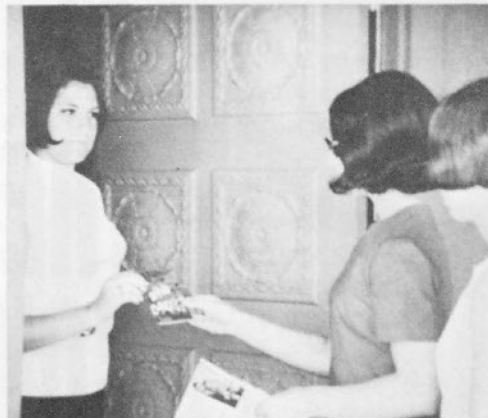
Teen Talent Search provided competition in six categories. Becky Hartwick was first in the instrumental solo competition.



CA's register for Third Dimension activities. Coordinator Jerry Sandidge is at the left.



Over two-thirds of the 7,500 participating in Impact were youth. They took the gospel to many homes in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denton.



This year's top Bible Quiz team was from First Assembly, Wilmington, California. Three members of the team are shown during the tense competition.



Qualified judges confer before issuing a ruling during the Bible Quiz.



During Third Dimension activities well-known personalities (above) related their experiences, then answered questions as the "roving microphone" (left) went through the audience.

TOP AT THE COUNCIL

ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE for a cause?" D. L. "Sam" Jordan, president of the National Action Crusades Council, challenged the more than 700 men attending the Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Baker Hotel at the 33rd General Council in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Jordan, a layman and insurance executive from Ottumwa, Iowa, said, "The Word of God will never go forward until we are willing to die out to ourselves and let the Holy Spirit work. Only as we are willing to do this will we truly reach lost souls and win them to Christ."

Following the message by Mr. Jordan, the men were



D. L. "Sam" Jordan spoke at the Men's Prayer Breakfast, challenging them to greater participation in personal evangelism.

asked to commit themselves to personally witnessing to and winning a man to Christ in the next year. At each seat was a commitment card with a space for the name of the person to whom a witness would be made and a place for the pledger's signature. A great sense of dedication was evident among all the men present.

Music for the breakfast was furnished by the McDuff brothers—Coleman, John, and Roger. T. E. Gannon, executive director of the Men's Fellowship Department, opened the meeting with prayer. Glen B. Bonds, national MF secretary, served as master of ceremonies.

In keeping with the other early morning prayer breakfasts at the Council, a part of the morning program was devoted to prayer for special departmental requests. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman directed this.

Prayer requests were presented by Glen B. Bonds for the general MF program, by Wildon Colbaugh for *TEAM* and Action Crusades, by Everett James for Evangelism Literature for America and Light-for-the-Lost, and by Johnnie Barnes for the Royal Rangers. Assistant General Superintendent C. W. H. Scott concluded the service with prayer.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of Light-for-the-Lost awards by Everett James, secretary for the LFTL National Council. First place in the nation for total church giving went to the First Assembly, Phoenix, Arizona, V. Ernest Shores, pastor, with its contribution of \$5,510.00. Second place went to the Assembly of God, Covina, California, Judge B. Lindsey, pastor, with a contribution of \$5,480.75.

First place in the nation for district giving on Light-for-the-Lost Day went to the Northern California-Nevada District which contributed \$2,559.11. Second place went to the Eastern District where \$2,136.90 was contributed.



Everett James (center) presented Light-for-the-Lost trophies to V. E. Shores (left), pastor of First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz., and Joe Wright, district MF director for Northern California-Nevada.





The McDuff Brothers sang at the Men's Prayer Breakfast.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS

Two important meetings were held by the MF Department just prior to the General Council. A Royal Rangers leadership banquet, held on Wednesday, August 20, was attended by district Royal Rangers commanders, aides-de-camp, and sectional commanders. The national Royal Rangers program was presented by Ronald Halvorson and Wesley Kilcrease of Southern California and by Alan E. Gell of South Texas. Floyd Horst, MF coordinator for the North Texas District, gave an inspiring message which led to a significant dedication prayer service.

On Thursday, August 21, at the district MF directors seminar, divisional reports were given and brief discussions were held on the greatly expanding MF programs.

Two 35mm slide stories were introduced to the men at this meeting. *The Valley Park Story* is a testimony story of the development of men's work in the Valley Park, Missouri, First Assembly. *Let George Do It* is a narrative-type story showing the unburdening of a layman's heart to his pastor and the thrilling activities which re-

sulted. These slides are now available to our churches. Churches wishing to show them should contact their sectional or district MF director.

The annual Light-for-the-Lost banquet for district MF directors was held at noon on August 21. This was the time for pledging toward the 1970 goal for Light-for-the-Lost. Each year the LFTL goal has been increased, and this year it totaled nearly \$400,000.

The unusual response by the district MF directors and district Royal Rangers commanders in attending the meeting was indicative of the excellent growth and development of MF work in the districts.

In opening the sessions Glen Bonds, national MF secretary, quoted General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman's message to the National Men's Fellowship Committee: "Before us lies what could well be a decade of destiny. Beginning with 1970 we will be confronted with tremendous opportunities for implementing a plan of action that will penetrate our culture for Christ. We rely heavily upon the good assistance of the Men's Fellowship Department to help us mobilize our personnel and material resources for an all-out effort to make an impact upon the world."



General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman brought greetings to the men (above) and led in prayer (left) after special prayer requests were presented by the national MF office staff (below).



SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT COUNCIL FEATURED LUNCHEON, DIRECTORS SEMINAR

"ASSEMBLIES OF GOD Sunday School Members Reaching People" was the theme of the Sunday school activities at the Dallas General Council.

Highlight of the events was the Sunday School Fellowship Luncheon attended by more than 200 persons. Many commented that it was one of the most enjoyable and inspirational meal functions of the Council.

A revival atmosphere pervaded the luncheon. W. E. Kirschke, national secretary of the Sunday School Department, was the speaker.

Other features on the program included initial presentation of *Understanding the Times of Christ* (1970 workers training text) and special music by the Lowell Lundstrom evangelistic team.

Prior to the Council session there was a district Sunday school directors briefing. Plans were reviewed for the 1969-70 Sunday school emphasis on "Reaching People"



William Menzies (left), author of the 1970 workers training book, "Understanding the Times of Christ," autographs copies purchased during the Sunday school luncheon at General Council.

as well as projections for the advance of Assemblies of God Sunday schools for the 70's. The directors were given a district director's manual and a National Sunday School Department survey concerning team teaching.

Missionaries, some in costumes of the lands of their calling, worship the Lord during the Sunday afternoon Council service.



Klaude Kendrick (left), educator and writer, addressed the Writers Seminar. Over 200 persons attended this pre-Council activity which included workshops (below).



Many came forward to seek God after Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's message in the Monday evening Council service.



Sessions of the General Council were in the spacious Dallas Memorial Auditorium. (Photos by John Morar and David Womack.)

AWARDS FOR WORLD MINISTRIES GIVING PRESENTED AT GENERAL COUNCIL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Six districts and 10 churches received World Ministries Giving Awards at the General Council in Dallas.

These awards, presented biennially, go to the top three districts and five churches in total giving, and the three districts and five churches who lead in overall balance in participation.

The top three districts for total giving were: Southern California (\$2.9 million); Northern California-Nevada (\$2.2 million); and Northwest (\$1.5 million).

Leading churches in total giving were: Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. (\$128,203); First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn. (\$126,271); Calvary Assembly, Inglewood, Calif. (\$124,232); First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz. (\$104,489); and Assembly of God, Covina, Calif. (\$102,809).

Balance-in-participation awards were presented to those districts and churches which excelled not only in dollar giving but also in supporting all the departmental ministries and programs underwritten by the Assemblies of God.


Awards in this category went to the Nebraska (58%), North Dakota (57%), and Minnesota (56%) districts.

Top churches in this category were: First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn. (312

points); First Assembly, Enterprise, Ala. (293 points); First Assembly, Corona, Calif. (285 points); Fremont Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn. (280 points); Calvary Tabernacle, Chicago, Ill. (280 points)—the last two tied for fourth place—and First Assembly, Binghamton, N.Y. (277 points).

World Ministries gifts in the past biennium exceeded \$27 million, repre-

senting a 15.7 percent increase over the previous biennium.

Programs underwritten with these funds include Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Benevolences, Boys and girls Missionary Crusade, Bible schools and colleges, Servicemen's Division, Sunday school, Speed-the-Light, radio, literature, and several other outreach efforts. 

Superintendents of top three districts in total giving and top three districts in balance in participation are shown with two general officers. First row, left to right: Joseph Gerhart, Northern California-Nevada District; William H. Robertson, Southern California District; Reuben Carlson, Northwest District. Second row, left to right: T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; Herman Rohde, Minnesota District; Kenneth Olson, North Dakota District; L. W. Dickinson, Nebraska District; and M. B. Netzel, general treasurer.



Pastors of top five churches in total giving and top five churches in balance in participation pose with three headquarters officials. First row, left to right: Judge B. Lindsey, Assembly of God, Covina, Calif.; James Hamill, First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.; Marcus Gaston, Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.; David Scott, Calvary Tabernacle, Chicago, Ill. Second row, left to right: Raymond Hudson, national secretary, Stewardship Division; T. F. Zimmerman; Harry Petersen, representing Edmund Lothar, Fremont Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn.; William H. Reimer, First Assembly, Corona, Calif.; V. E. Shores, First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz.; R. D. E. Smith, First Assembly, Binghamton, N. Y.; Howard P. Trawick, First Assembly, Enterprise, Ala.; William H. Robertson, representing Ronald Cottle, Calvary Assembly, Inglewood, Calif.; M. B. Netzel.

T. F. Zimmerman awards James Hamill, First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn., first place in top five churches for balance-in-participation giving. The church was also second in the nation in total giving.





SET FREE FROM TRANQUILIZERS

By D. L. "SAM" JORDAN

GARY PREGON WAS BORED with life. His job at the radio station and as control room director at a television station had become a drag. His nerves were shot and he was taking considerable tranquilizing medication—\$60-a-month worth to be exact!

At 27 it seemed life held little promise or meaning for Gary.

Marital difficulties made life even more unbearable and Gary turned to drink in his search for reality and happiness.

This only compounded the problems. In desperation his wife Karen bought a Bible and began searching the Scriptures for a solution to their difficulties.

Upon returning home from work Gary often found Karen reading the Bible or other religious books, and this infuriated him. He told her to stop that nonsense.

But God had other ways of reaching Gary.

Occasionally his job included supervising the broadcasting of the Billy Graham Crusades for the local television station. Every time this happened Gary's condition

seemed to take a nosedive. His job demanded he keep a close surveillance over the program and, try as he would, he could not shut out Billy Graham's message on the plan of salvation. This further irritated him.

Then one of his fellow employees, Phil Benjamin, had accepted Christ as his Saviour and was carrying a New Testament to work, which he read at every opportunity. Gary noted that Phil's life was different, but when Phil witnessed to Gary about Christ, he could make no headway.

Another person with whom Gary came in contact each week through his job was John G. Walker, pastor of First Pentecostal Assembly of God in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Brother Walker's church had a broadcast, *Melodies of Praise*, which fell under Gary's particular area of supervision. Gary liked Brother Walker and was impressed with his radio ministry as well as the testimonies and music of those on the broadcast.

About this time Gary's condition worsened and a solution to his problems seemed more remote than ever. He recognized he was at the end of his rope. In final desperation he called Brother Walker and asked if he could talk with him.

Gary met the pastor in his study and recounted his problems. Brother Walker simply went over the plan of salvation and then invited Gary to accept Christ as his Saviour. Gary gladly did so.

"I felt as if a great load lifted, and as if heavy, black filth and corruption rolled from within me until I was as clean and light as the snow," Gary recalls.


Matters were suddenly much better. The drinking stopped and the tranquilizers were no longer needed.

When Gary returned to the doctor for a checkup he told him he was no longer taking the tranquilizers.

"You shouldn't stop this medication so suddenly," the doctor warned. "It could bring on depression."

"I've been saved and don't need it any longer," Gary told him.

Gary is an enthusiastic witness for Christ and is eager to share with others what Jesus has done for him. Among those to whom he has witnessed are two doctors and a Jewish businessman.

Karen also accepted Christ as her Saviour. She and Gary are so thankful for the Lord's transforming power in their lives. Gary's story illustrates the way in which the Holy Spirit may use the faithful personal testimonies of a number of people to bring one soul to Christ. 



WHAT DO *Presépio* AND *Nacimiento* HAVE IN COMMON?

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PETITIONS ANSWERED

SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE HER EYES. There he sat with her Bible in his hands—Arnold, who always bragged of his atheism. Fortunately she was able to stifle the involuntary gasp before he heard. Silently she backed out of the living room.

How strange it seemed—a Saturday night without the TV blaring. The reading lamp was on instead, and by its light her husband was intently studying the Bible. In all their years of marriage he had not once opened God's Book until tonight.

Why? She wondered as she sat at the kitchen table. Then she remembered last Sunday night's church service. She usually stayed home because of Arnold's petulance. But last Sunday night the church participated in the *Revivaltime World Prayermeeting* and she determined to go. After all, she had mailed in three prayer requests, so she felt a certain obligation to pray.

What a wonderful service! How keen was the Spirit's prompting. The altar area quickly filled with kneeling Christians, each with a typed list of prayer requests sent from the *Revivaltime* office. Soon every pew became an altar, and the entire sanctuary a prayer room.

Oh, the wondrous sound of earnest intercession—like the sound of many waters!

That's it! She brightened at the thought. *That Revivaltime prayer meeting is why Arnold is reading the Bible tonight.*

The November sky moved from gray to black, but Arnold continued to read. His wife softly moved to the bedroom. Lying in the darkness she watched the luminous hands of the clock. Hour after hour passed, but the only sound was the occasional creak of Arnold's chair.

A few days later she would let the people of *Revivaltime* know of her newfound confidence. *Yes, indeed, she thought; the Lord will answer!*

Last year 1,285 churches participated in World Prayermeeting—with more than 54,000 people praying for the prayer requests mailed to the broadcast. The *Revivaltime* staff compiled prayer lists which were forwarded to each group that had registered to help in prayer.

Once again thousands of urgent prayer petitions are coming to *Revivaltime* for World Prayermeeting on November 23. And once again the call is sounding for groups of intercessors.

Whether large or small in number, your group can be an important part of World Prayermeeting. And reports reaching *Revivaltime* demonstrate the blessing participating churches receive.

Here is a sampling from a few of last year's participating assemblies:

OHIO

"Our church participated in the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting. As we prayed, God met our hearts in an unusual way. One could hear weeping and real intercessory prayer for the needs of others. I believe God was preparing us for the revival our church is now enjoying."

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NEW YORK

"God answered! I sent in a request to the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting that my adopted daughter be filled with the Holy Spirit. That very night, November 17, at our World Prayermeeting service, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and my adopted daughter was one of them. Praise His Name!"

NORTH DAKOTA

"God was in our World Prayermeeting service in an excellent, faith-building manner. Our people responded to the call to prayer. There were at least 120 praying in our prayer room. All the requests sent to us were earnestly prayed over by our people as God moved upon their hearts. Certainly there was a deep spirit of intercession. Our prayer service lasted exceptionally long, for which we praise God."

VIRGINIA


"Praise God! I am still rejoicing in my heart at the wonderful way the Lord let revival break loose in our church on World Prayermeeting Day.

"Our former pastor of eight years had resigned just a few months previously, and it seemed folk were not responding to our new pastor. Well, Sunday night a young boy was filled with the Holy Ghost, and some 'starch' was taken out of others. Now the church seems happy, and many are expecting great things in the days ahead."

MARYLAND

"God marvelously answered your prayers for our church which was my request at World Prayermeeting time. Our church has grown in numbers, in finance, and spiritually, for which I praise the Lord."

NEWFOUNDLAND

"I want to thank you for praying for our church in the World Prayermeeting last year. Our congregation has doubled since last year. Many souls have been saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit, especially the young people. To God be the glory." 

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'A MIRACLE HE LIVES'

THE DOCTOR SAID I should have been dead, that it is a miracle I still live. I thank God every day for all He has done for me.

In 1967 I was in a serious automobile accident; my car was demolished. My right arm was knocked out of the socket. For eight months I lived with my arm that way.

On April 1, 1968, I entered the hospital for an operation; the doctor had to make a new socket for my arm. A week after surgery I developed pneumonia in both lungs. I also suffered two heart attacks and a stroke.

All my friends in the church and the pastor held me up in prayer, and God brought me through. I can't thank the Lord enough for His goodness to me.—Raymond E. Knowles Sr., Miami, Fla.

(Endorsed by Rex Anspaugh, pastor of Central Bible Church, Miami, Fla.)

HEALED OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

AFTER SUFFERING with bronchial asthma for almost seven years, I now live a healthy, active life and am able to be a normal wife and mother. Praise God for His wonderful healing power!

In July 1962 I wakened one morning with a viselike pain in my chest and extreme difficulty in breathing. The doctor said I had the worst case of bronchial asthma he had ever seen.

I became a semi-invalid. More than half the time I had to sleep in an elevated position. I had pneumonia eight times and three times nearly died from it. Many times the asthmatic attacks were so severe I had to be placed under oxygen. The pain was terrible and almost constant. The medication caused such severe nervous reactions that I often delayed taking it, and then I would lose consciousness.

In May 1969 I became ill with Asian flu and had an asthma attack at the same time. I couldn't talk above a whisper; I couldn't walk without help; and I had such difficulty breathing that I scarcely knew what was going on around me.

It was the last night of special meetings at the Assembly of God, and I begged my husband to take me for prayer. During the song service, the power of God fell on me. The pain vanished; my breathing became steady and easy; and my voice became clear as a bell.

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

Since that night I have breathed great amounts of both dust and insecticide (once sure causes of severe asthma attacks), and I have not had even a sign of tightness in breathing. I constantly give thanks to God that He freed me from this terrible illness.—Mrs. Norma L. Petrea, Scappoose, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. C. Murray, Assembly of God, Scappoose, Oreg.)

HEALED OF VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS

MY WIFE EDITH AND I are so thankful for the great miracle of healing God performed in her life.

On Sunday morning, July 6, 1969, four weeks after the birth of our second child, I received a phone call stating that my wife had gone into convulsions. I was filling in at the church for the pastor who is my father-in-law. When I arrived home, the fire department was administering oxygen. She was then taken to the hospital unconscious.

She remained unconscious until Tuesday evening. On Wednesday and Thursday she regained consciousness but continued to have spasms. After she suffered another attack on Friday morning, the doctor told me her condition had been diagnosed as viral encephalitis. On Saturday morning they told me my wife had less than five hours to live.

There was peace in my heart and in the hearts of family and friends as we continued to pray and believe God. My wife's parents had rushed home when she first became ill. I had called my missionary parents in Belgium. I again called them and asked them to continue to pray. Christians in all parts of the United States, Europe, Malaysia, and Vietnam were praying for Edith.

In the evening of the day the doctors told me she would die, my wife regained full consciousness. Within one hour she was completely alert.

The doctor had told me she would probably be blind, unable to talk, or possibly mentally retarded if she lived. After many tests, the doctors were unable to find any brain damage or aftereffects. God had undertaken; she was completely healed. The doctors were amazed. They said I was fortunate to have my wife, because only one in a thousand who have had this disease live, and those who do are never again normal.

After being hospitalized 18 days, my wife returned home. Five weeks after the first attack she was able to attend Sunday school and church. She is continuing to gain strength every day.—Marne Cottriel, Lancaster, Calif.

(Endorsed by her father, Pastor Earl H. Jones, Assembly of God, Rosamond, Calif., who adds, "Truly God performed a miracle for our daughter. It is a wonderful testimony to all who have seen her.")

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

Allows Raffles, Bazaars

New Law Legalizes 'Church Gambling'

D.A. Opposes Ruling

BOSTON, MASS.—A new law permitting religious, charitable, and fraternal organizations to operate raffles and bazaars has been signed by the governor of Massachusetts.

Governor Sargent noted that the measure contains "strong safeguards" to ensure that only non-profit, charitable organizations can raise funds through raffles and bazaars.

The new law also stipulates that five percent of the gross receipts from these activities will go to state funds.

District Attorney John Droney who has crusaded against lotteries and other forms of gambling declared he is against all raffles.

"If churches have to be financed from gambling, they ought to close their doors," stated Mr. Droney. "If the churches did the job they are supposed to do—inspire people—then they would not have to depend on money from gambling for their support," he concluded.

PROPOSED BILLS WOULD RESTRICT LIQUOR ADS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill aimed at banning all advertising of alcoholic beverages on TV and radio has been introduced in Congress. Any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol would fall under the control of this bill.

In a similar action Senator Strom Thurmond has introduced a bill concerning the labeling of alcoholic beverages. He proposes placing on alcoholic beverages containing 24 percent or more alcohol by volume a warning which would read: "Caution: Consumption of alcoholic beverages may be hazardous to your health and may be habit-forming."

While hearings on the bills are promised within the next few months in the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, they will probably not be voted out of this committee unless there is strong grass-roots support.

At National Confab

Breakfast calls governors to prayer

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—"Americans are more conscious of their need for prayer now than ever before, and it should not be considered strange for a man in public service to begin his day with prayer." So stated West Virginia Governor Arch Moore at a prayer breakfast held during the recent National Governors' Conference here.

Some 30 state governors and

AT LUTHERAN CONFERENCE

'Don't Ape Mass Media,' Churchmen Told

GREENWICH, CONN.—The kind of communications practiced by the mass media is "leaving a vacuum" that will make communication by churchmen "seem increasingly attractive," a Lutheran clergyman said here.

Gilbert E. Doan of Philadelphia called mass communication "ephemeral, mechanical, distant, frustratingly diverse and rapid, manipulative, and sales-oriented."

If the communication of the gospel "apes the media and ignores the vacuum, it will fail," he warned.

Mr. Doan addressed some 50 participants at an American-European Consultation on "Contemporary Christian Mission and Its Implications for Stewardship and Evangelism." The meeting was sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation.

their wives attended the prayer breakfast hosted by the J. C. Penney Company.

Guest speaker James Jeffrey, executive director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, encouraged the governors to appropriate through prayer the resources available in the Lord's promise of John 16:24, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Asked what relation a personal faith in God had to carrying out the responsibilities of his office, one governor said, "I would not want to serve in that high capacity or anywhere without seeking His wisdom and His direction."

Dies in Quest of Jesus

Mediums Wrong, Pike Is Gone!

JAFFA, ISRAEL—The body of James A. Pike, 56, former Episcopal bishop of California, was found at the foot of a cliff in the wasteland around Bethlehem.

Spiritist mediums in North America insisted that Pike was still alive, surviving in a cave of the Judean wilderness that all the while had claimed his life.

Bishop Pike and his wife had traveled to the Holy Land seeking information for a new book he was writing on the historical Jesus. The Bible relates how Christ was tempted by Satan in the Judean wilderness, and Bishop Pike was determined to go there too—"to meditate."

A car breakdown, a futile search for help, and death followed. He was buried under a pine tree in St. Peter's Protestant cemetery here.

Both Pike and his 31-year-old wife held strong beliefs in life after death and communication with the dead by extrasensory perception.

Among his most controversial acts were the public denials of the Trinity and the virgin birth of Jesus. To him Jesus was simply a "remarkable man" rather than the divine Son of God.

It is ironic that a man who had searched in vain for truth in Catholicism, atheism, and liberal Protestantism should perish in the Judean wilderness in quest of the historical Jesus.

... at a glance

• • • Emphysema deaths have doubled every five years since 1950, according to Dr. A. Cabot Wohlrabe, medical director of Ministers' Life Insurance Company. Deaths from this dread disease are six times greater for smokers than for nonsmokers. The incidence mounts in direct proportion to the quantity smoked.

• • • "The Methodist Magazine," a British journal founded by John Wesley in 1778, ceased publication with its August issue—a victim of rising costs, the London publishers said.

• • • Baptized members of Lutheran churches around the world increased by 150,000 last year, compared to an increase of 600,000 in 1967. Lutheran churches in Germany, homeland of the Reformation, where more than half of all Lutherans live, reported a slight decrease from last year's figures, according to the Lutheran World Federation.

• • • Methedrine or "speed" has become the most heavily used dangerous drug on the scene, according to a sociology professor in Los Angeles. In reporting to a California state subcommittee holding hearings on a bill to improve narcotics education in the schools, the professor said the use of LSD, popular in 1966 and 1968, has leveled off recently. Marijuana still is the drug most consistently used alone or in conjunction with other psychedelic substances, he said.

• • • William E. Booth-Clibborn, grandson of the late William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, died in Portland, Oreg., August 27, at the age of 76. Coincidentally, Mary Booth, granddaughter of William Booth, died at her home in England on August 31, at the age of 85.



Pastor and Mrs. Schachterle

Homecoming Marks 25th Anniversary for Denver Church Over 1,000 Attend

DENVER, COLO.—Over 1,000 people attended the August homecoming activities at Glad Tidings Tabernacle here which marked the church's 25th anniversary.

Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Schachterle who pioneered the church in 1944 and served as pastors ever since, were honored during the two days of activities.

A 35th wedding anniversary celebration for Brother and Sister Schachterle highlighted the Thursday evening activities. Their three children and families were present for the occasion. One daughter, Marjorie, is a pastor's wife and lives in Lancaster, Calif., while their son, Gene, an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, pastors in Valentine, Nebr.

Friday's activities included three services, a luncheon, and a dinner attended by over 300. Many rededicated their lives to Christ and His kingdom.

The church has experienced numerical and spiritual growth under Brother Schachterle's leadership. A lovely building was constructed, many souls have been saved, and many young people from the church have entered full-time ministry. Several of these were present for the homecoming.

HOUSTON, TEX.—A heartwarming altar service, punctuated by the breaking of \$250 worth of rock 'n' roll records by teen-agers, climaxed a recent revival with Evangelist Bob Larson at Heights Assembly.

An inspiring aftermath was the breaking of still more records a week later during the Sunday evening service.

A record number of visitors—predominantly young people—attended the services. The outreach into the community was highlighted by the appearances of Brother Larson on television and radio. He pointed out to listeners the moral evils of rock 'n' roll.

—Kenneth D. Barney, pastor



Evangelist Bob Larson appeared on a local television program to discuss the evil of rock 'n' roll during his Houston meeting.

DOWAGIAC, MICH.—The Assembly of God recently conducted a children's crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Jeffrey of Fennville, Mich.

Nine children were saved. The attendance increased each evening. Among the many visitors were some who had never attended Sunday school.

—Robert Smith, pastor

RYAN, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed God's blessings in each service of a recent youth crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. R. I. Wynkoop of Garland, Tex.

In these services 14 were saved, and four received the Holy Ghost.

The church is meeting in a new building which was completed in April.

—Curtis Newton, pastor

MELLEN, WIS.—Seven were saved during a recent children's crusade at the local Assembly of God with the pastor, Clarence L. Ewing, as evangelist. The theme was "Sailing with Christ."

Average attendance was 24.

Events of the crusade included crowning of a king and queen on the last night, and a picnic on Saturday.

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ORLANDO, FLA.—The Pine Hills Assembly recently witnessed a great move of God during a one-week study course followed by a week of special services with Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. Nichols of Leland, Miss.

A number were saved or reclaimed. Several were filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were refilled.

On the closing day of the meeting 11 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 19 united with the church.

—J. E. Winstead, pastor

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GREEN RIVER, WYO.—First Assembly has just concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Rogers of Boonville, Mo.

The congregation was blessed, five people were saved, and three were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Several new folk were reached.

A revival spirit continues to move through the church. The Sunday school broke its attendance record during the meeting.

—Jerry Hackett, pastor

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RINGLING, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here experienced a wonderful move of God among the children during a youth crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. R. I. Wynkoop of Garland, Tex.

Twenty-three persons were saved or reclaimed, and one was refilled. Only eternity will reveal the results in the hearts of the children.

About 150 visitors attended the crusade. The illustrated songs and chalk drawing proved to be a great blessing.

—Eugene Howeth, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

60TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—Nov. 2, Assembly of God, Pilot Point, Tex. Former pastors will be guest speakers.—Richard Gilder, pastor

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EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Birmingham	Robinwood	Oct. 30-Nov. 9	Walter C. Mills	Edward Spain	
	Gardendale	Crocker	Nov. 5-16	Robert Louis Stephens	Paul M. Gowins	
	Geneva	First	Nov. 3-9	Esther Palmer	E. Hollis Kelley	
	Montgomery	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Charles E. Wilson	
	Mount Olive	Hicks Chapel	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Esther Palmer	M. O. Bruce	
Ariz.	Sylacauga	Trinity	Nov. 4-16	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Cary Rigby	
	Phoenix	Westwood	Oct. 26-Nov. 2	Singing Kolenda Family	Lester Searles	
Ark.	Osceola	First	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Norman L. Kilpatrick	Charles Throgmartin	
Calif.	Argus	Trona	Nov. 2—	The Varner Team	Michael Lasky	
	Clovis	A/G	Nov. 5—	Doug & Fern Jones	Arnie D. Rogers	
	El Sobrante	Central	Nov. 2—	John & Freda Bryant	Russell Griffin	
	Modesto	Neighborhood	Nov. 4-9	Singing Kolenda Family	Roy Blakeley	
	Romoland	A/G	Nov. 3-16	Bonetta C. Rabe	Mark J. Watts	
	Salinas	Alisal	Nov. 5-9	Eddie & Ruth Washington	Gene Forrest	
	San Francisco	Glad Tidings	Nov. 2-9	Bob Watters	Floyd W. Thomas	
	San Jose	Evangel	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	John Stephens	David Stephens	
	Taft	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	A. A. Anderson	Leonard Palmer	
	Tracy	North Side	Nov. 2—	L. L. & Mrs. Ferguson	Truvon D. Rogers	
	Visalia	First	Oct. 29—	Lindell & Darlene Ballenger	O. H. Mitchell	
	Colo.	Colorado Springs	Nob Hill	Oct. 26-Nov. 9	Jim Mackey	Kenneth Crouse
		Greeley	First	Nov. 4-16	Robert & JoAn Summers	H. I. Maley
	Conn.	Danbury	First	Nov. 5-16	George & Evelyn Butrin	Jack Provard
	Fla.	Lakeland	First	Oct. 28—	Quentin Edwards	Karl Strader
St. Augustine		First	Nov. 2-16	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Charles Inman	
Ga.	Macon	Central	Oct. 22-26	Randall A. Walker	Cortez Frazier	
	Tifton	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Kenneth & Theda Wright	O. L. Stokes	
Idaho	Warner Robins	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Randall A. Walker	Charles A. Morris	
	Jerome	First	Nov. 2—	John Anderson	Sheldon Slagel	
Ill.	Decatur	Glad Tidings	Oct. 22-Nov. 2	Dan & Marty Womack	J. H. Crouch	
	Galesburg	Calvary	Oct. 28—	E. L. Surratt	C. R. DePrenger	
	Maryville	A/G	Oct. 29—	Jimmy & Nelson Merritt	George AnKarlo	
Ind.	Normal	First	Nov. 4-16	James & Beulah Mae Pepper	Howard Wicker	
	Griffith	A/G	Nov. 2-16	Jerry Stegall	John Neese	
	Hartford City	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	"Little Joe" Peterson Team	Donald R. Whitlow	
Iowa	Michigan City	Faith City	Oct. 22-Nov. 2	William Caldwell	Reginald A. Yake	
	Perry	A/G	Oct. 26-Nov. 7	Curt & Linda Long	William Kruger	
Kans.	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	Oct. 29—	J. Don George	H. W. Barnett	
	LeRoy	A/G	Oct. 26-Nov. 9	The Pratt Family	O. M. Rayborn	
La.	Overland Park	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Gail Howard	
	Minden	First	Nov. 4-16	Mike & Linda Murdock	Leslie Hunter	
Md.	Rosepine	A/G	Nov. 2-16	Robert Salter	W. D. Bloodworth	
	Westlake	First	Nov. 2-14	Corbett & Mrs. Berthelot	L. A. Earl	
Mass.	Pocomoke City	A/G	Oct. 26-Nov. 9	Keetah Jones	Herman Fry	
	Pittsfield	Assemblea Cristiana	Nov. 5-16	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Thomas E. Grazioso	
Mich.	Plymouth	A/G	Oct. 22-Nov. 2	Lloyd & Carol Portin	J. Edwin Jacobson	
	Dearborn Heights	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Jack Carrier	
	Muskegon	Central	Nov. 2-16	Star W. Thomas	Bernard Ridings	
	Saginaw	First	Nov. 5-16	William Caldwell	Thomas Trask	
	Shepherd	Oil City	Nov. 4-16	Wesley C. Wibley	Arthur Austin	
	Warren	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 2	Wesley C. Wibley	Robert G. Muirhead	
	Miss.	Jackson	First	Nov. 2-9	Dave C. Stanton	Jesse E. Smith
		Buffalo	A/G	Nov. 3—	Glenna Byard	O. W. Hunt
	Mo.	Kansas City	Bennington Chapel	Nov. 11-16	Dan & Marty Womack	W. B. Owen
		Kansas City	Calvary	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Maxine Willis	L. S. Carpenter
		Kearney	A/G	Nov. 3-21	Dorothy Knott	Ben Z. Barnes
		Lee's Summit	First	Nov. 4-16	L. D. Rayborn	Robert Palmer
		Marionville	A/G	Oct. 19-Nov. 2	Glenna Byard	Marvin Nichols
		Marshall	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Warren LaRose
		Maryville	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Morris & Mrs. Lefkovitz	V. M. Mings
Neosho		A/G	Oct. 28—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Daniel C. Branham	
Pagedale		Bethel Chapel	Oct. 26-Nov. 2	Howard & Barbara Young	Donald E. Massey	
Raytown		Central	Nov. 5-9	Dan & Marty Womack	Paul Brewer	
St. Louis		Grace	Oct. 19-26	Howard & Barbara Young	J. C. Washburn	
Warsaw		A/G	Nov. 18-30	Dan & Marty Womack	David L. Duncan	
York		A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	Leonard Herrmann	
N. J.		Freehold	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Walter Pierce
		Portales	First	Nov. 4-9	Doug & Judy Maners	Claude Spilman
N. Mex.	North Syracuse	North Central	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Leon L. Miles	
	Asheville	West Asheville	Nov. 5—	Paul Stephen O'Shields	George Patterson	
Ohio	Lumberton	West Park	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Woodrow Oxner	Ralph Buchanan	
	Boardman	Christian Church	Nov. 4-9	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Salvatore LoPresti	
	Mansfield	First	Nov. 2-16	Gene Burgess	Clinton Vanzant	
Okla.	Crescent	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Wallace & Carol Joice	Ronald G. Allen	
	Oklahoma City	Bethel Temple	Oct. 26-31	Bob Watters	M. Russell Herndon	
Pa.	Oklahoma City	Putnam City	Oct. 29—	Glen Shinn	C. L. Dixon	
	Carbondale	A/G	Nov. 5-16	James L. Snyder	Paul M. Bradley	
Tex.	Danville	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 2	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Malius H. Davidson	
	Huntingdon	Trinity	Nov. 5—	J. L. & Dortha Pittman	E. J. Hatchner	
Wash.	Lansdale	Maranatha	Nov. 5-16	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Robert K. Steward	
	Amarillo	Fairview	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Donnell-Holler Team	A. L. Beggs	
	Beaumont	First	Nov. 5-9	Jack Martz	Roy Harthern	
	Crowley	A/G	Oct. 23-Nov. 2	Bob McCutchen	Coleatus Kerr	
	Dallas	Evangel Temple	Nov. 5-16	Norman Jones	Bracy Greer	
	Dallas	First	Nov. 2-7	Paul R. Olson	Edgar Palser	
	Denver City	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Calvin & Beverly Durham	Ted Albritton	
	Ft. Worth	Victory	Nov. 2-9	Thomas R. Calk	Charles H. Jones	
	Grand Saline	First	Nov. 5-16	M. M. & Mrs. Otwell	Frank Kennedy	
	Lorenzo	¹ A/G	Nov. 2-7	Joe & Darlene Black	Don Martin	
	Quitaque	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	James E. Smith	
	Waco	Calvary	Oct. 19-26	Quentin Edwards	R. L. Whitworth	
	Va.	Arlington	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 9	W. Glenn West	Claude R. Qualls
		Leesburg	Full Gospel	Nov. 4-16	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	George Gowans
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THE LORD'S TABLE

By ALICE R. FLOWER

TODAY WE WILL HAVE COMMUNION. Will it be just another occasion of passing the bread and wine for perfunctory partaking? Or will our hearts be thrilled anew by a fresh revelation of our Lord Jesus—the One in whose remembrance we receive the sacred symbols of His broken body and shed blood?

It is the Lord's table. God grant we may see beyond the faithful pastor presiding over this holy service, and beyond the deacons or elders distributing the elements. May heaven be opened to our yearning hearts until like those two disciples at Emmaus our eyes are opened to behold the risen, living Saviour. By faith may we receive from His nail-pierced hand with new significance this blessed sacrament, this Holy Communion.

Let our hearts be laid bare before the faithful Holy Spirit's searching so that all "bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking" may be purged therefrom. May any secret grudge, nursed resentment, or mounting pride be brought to the Cross in sincere repentance. The Holy Spirit's work will be effectual; and God will give grace and strength to "avenge all disobedience" (2 Corinthians 10:6, margin) by a ready and complete confession. The blood of Jesus avails for thorough cleansing that the peace of God may possess our inmost being.

What rest to have all inner controversy ended—to know a divine respite from every secret struggle. There must be no condemnation as we take the cup—no reservation as the bread passes our lips. It is the Holy Communion of our Lord, and those who "bear the vessels of the Lord" are commanded to be clean (Isaiah 52:11). How essential then that each partaker ask God for a new cleansing, lest he be eating and drinking damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's provision. This was Paul's pointed warning to any who might partake unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:29).

Spiritually enriching is the sacred consciousness that we are all one in Christ Jesus—that together we form that loaf of "one bread," the closely knit fellowship of redeemed saints the world around. We gather before Him, like the shew bread in the holy place of the tabernacle long ago. We share together the memory of His suffering, His death, as well as His triumphant resurrection.

We are "members one of another." May a fresh revelation of this close relationship mark our walk for all the days to come. Let us live in a consciousness of our interdependence and of the sympathetic, organic functioning the Holy Ghost would actualize in the Church, the body of Christ.

What concern a proper understanding of this close relationship will give us regarding our words to or about each other! What compassion and tenderness in our attitude toward the weaker members! What diligent intercession for any who suffer or fail! What readiness to allow the love of God to flow forth from our heart in every contact with mankind! What willingness to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the love-law of Christ! What zeal to share a morsel of the Bread of Life with those for whom nothing is prepared!

Every Communion service may thus mark the renewing of our determination to live day by day in constant remembrance of Him. And the Blessed Hope to which the Lord's Supper lends added significance will be joyfully anticipated—"Looking for and *hasting unto* [earnestly desiring, margin] the coming of the day of God." Not only on Communion Sunday shall we personally drink of the cup, but every day we shall live its meaning "till He come"—our glorious living Head.

Blest Calvary—

*So freshly real art thou to me!
Before me stands the table spread
With hallowed cup and broken bread,
True emblems of His passion sore
When love declared forevermore
God's pardon free.
I bow before His sacred cross
Esteeming all beside but loss.*

Blest Calvary—

*So freshly real art thou to me!
I glory in the cross this day;
To travel in the blood-marked way
I choose, because through grace divine
A closer union thus is mine
With Christ my Lord.
The world to me is crucified
When thus beneath His cross I hide.*