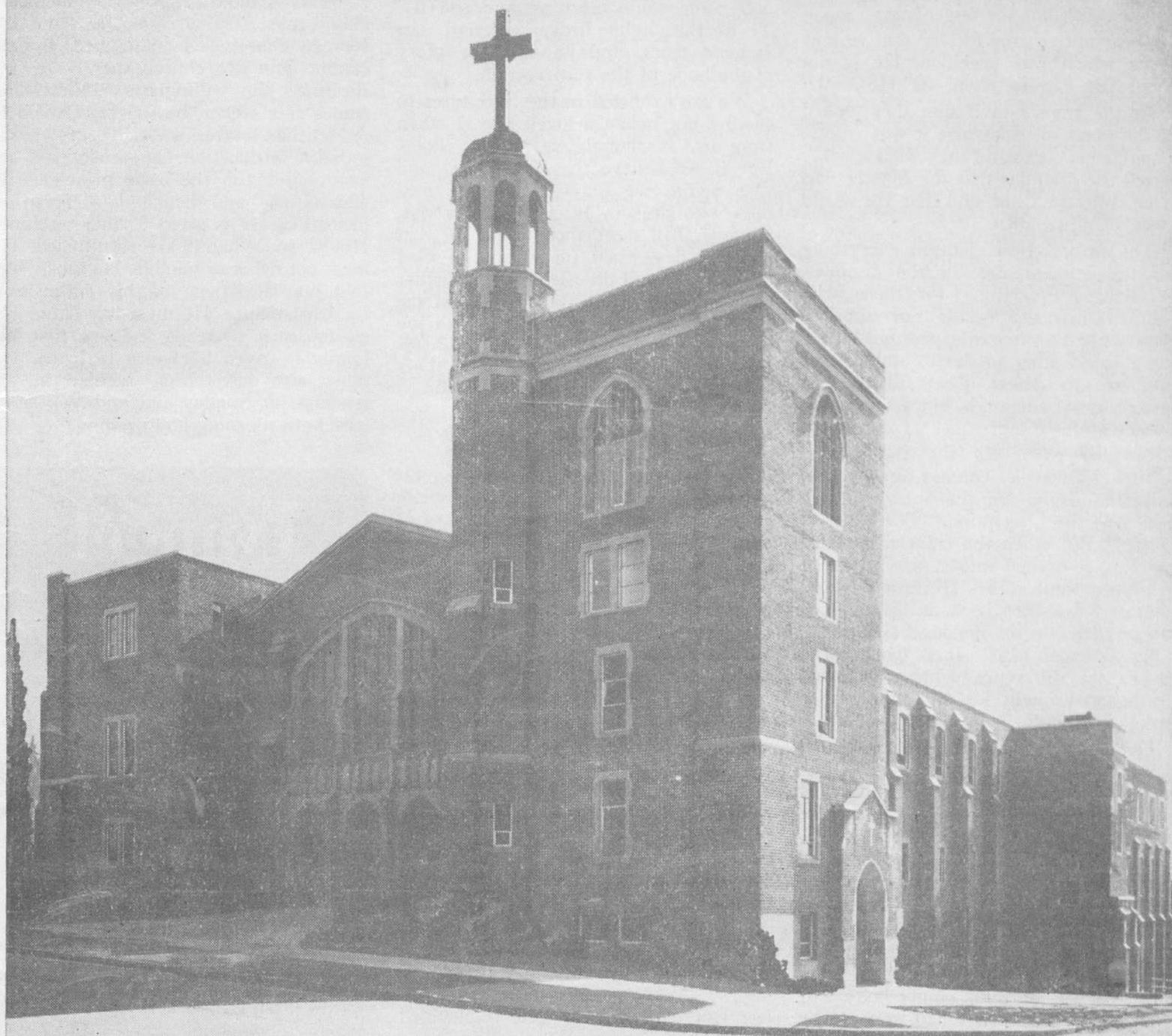


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Christ Is Risen

Great was the sorrow of the women that early morning hour as they made their way to the tomb of their Lord; but great was their surprise when they reached the sepulchre. For Matthew tells us that the angel of the Lord had descended from heaven, and had rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. When the women looked upon the scene they were filled with fear and wonder, but the angel said:

"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said."

At the angel's invitation they looked in the tomb to make sure it was empty. Then at his command they went quickly to tell the disciples that the Master was risen from the dead, and that He would meet them in Galilee.

The resurrection changed everything for the women, and for the disciples. It changes everything for those who follow Christ today. If our sin has been washed away by the precious Blood, there is no sting in death, and neither is there any defeat. Death, instead of being a cruel enemy, is but a servant to usher us into the presence of our King.

A poet expressed the thought by picturing a traveler coming to a gate on a mountainside. On the outside of the gate was the inscription, "The Gate of Death." But when the traveler touched the gate it opened into a new world of brightness and cheer. He entered, and then as he looked back at the gate he saw, written on the inside, these words: "The Gate of Life." It is Christ who makes the difference. Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Over the grave of a great German painter at Nuremberg, Germany, was placed a single word—*Emigravit*. This single word describes the experience of every person who dies in Christ. *He is emigrated*. He is not here; he has gone to a better land.

Dwight L. Moody once said: "Some day you will hear that Moody is dead. Don't believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now." It was only his empty body that was buried. His spirit had gone to be forever with the Lord whom he loved and served.

One day every person who has fallen asleep in Christ shall arise from the dead just as the Saviour arose. The Bible says very clearly, "The dead shall be

raised." Jesus taught the resurrection while He was on earth, and later He appeared to John on Patmos and said: "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation 1:18.

The story is told of a grief-stricken father, who wept as he handed the key of his little girl's casket to the keeper of the cemetery. The minister, noticing the father's uncontrollable anguish, said to him: "You think the key to your little child's casket is in the hand of the keeper of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God, and He will come some morning and use it." Then the light broke through the father's tears, and he saw the glory of the hope of the resurrection.

We are exhorted in the Scriptures to sorrow not, when a loved one is taken from us, as though we had no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we know that our loved ones who sleep in Jesus shall also rise, and we shall meet them again on that glorious day when the trump of God shall sound and all Christians, whether alive or dead, shall ascend to meet the Lord in the air. In that morning of joy we shall meet to part no more. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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Death Has Been Defeated!

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THE RESURRECTION of our Lord Jesus Christ is the keystone in the arch both of Christian evidence and of Christian doctrine.

It first of all challenges attention as the *fulfillment of prophecy*. All through the Old Testament, in the critical passages of Messianic prediction, His rising from the dead is either plainly predicted or indirectly foreshadowed, and it was our Lord's constant prediction concerning Himself that He would be killed and be buried and raised the third day. In this, its first great aspect, the resurrection is the accomplishment of a series of predictions beginning with Moses and ending with Christ Himself, and the whole body of prophecy would fall into ruin if one great particular should fail.

It was an *unprecedented event* in history. There had been others who had been raised from the dead, in both Old and New Testament times, but there had been no proper resurrection. The others were only resuscitations. Christ was the first that ever rose from the dead to die no more.

As a *miracle* it crowns all miracles.

At every point, therefore, it appears as a climax. Christ called attention to the fact that in His career the blind received their sight, the deaf their hearing, the dumb their speech, the lepers their cleansing, and the palsied limbs were restored to motion; but in His own resurrection all these miracles took place at once: dumb lips spoke, blind eyes saw, deaf ears heard, paralyzed limbs moved. The greater miracle, therefore, once established, makes easily credible all lesser manifestations of supernatural power.

Moreover, the Greek word in John 20:7, translated "wrapped together," means *rolled or wound up tightly*; that is, John saw these grave clothes in their original convolutions! Our Lord had sloughed them off without their being unwrapped. It was this that compelled John to believe (verse 8).

But there is a fourth aspect, which leads us to a higher level. This was the crowning *demonstration of His deity*, as is declared in Romans 1:3: "He was made of the seed of David according to the flesh," that is, in His incarnation; but He was "declared to be the Son of God with power" (verse 4) by His

resurrection. Nothing in His previous history had infallibly demonstrated His deity unless it were, perhaps, His transfiguration, which was seen by only three of the disciples. But His resurrection was intended as a demonstration to all disciples and to all ages that He was the Son of God with power; that, as He said, He as His own act laid down His own life that He might take it again; and, so long as the resurrection of Christ stands as an indisputable fact, His deity is unassailable.

It was, therefore, *the turning point in His human career*. From His incarnation to His resurrection it had been a series of humiliations, further continued as He was buried, and His spirit went into the place of departed spirits, Hades, thus descending to the lowest depths with sinful man, with whom He was identified. His resurrection is the first step upward in His glorification, and it is always treated in the New Testament as connected with His ascension to the right hand of God.

It was also, therefore, *His signal victory over the devil* as the great adversary of God and man. Up to this point the devil had seemed to have the advantage. He was planting his fangs in the heel of the woman's seed; but at this point the victory of her seed over the serpent begins to appear. "That through

death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

It is the *promise and pattern of the believer's rising*. He passed through death as the Son of man and He rose as the Son of man—passing through death into life, that He might show the believer that death with Him also shall issue in blessed immortality.

Christ's resurrection is, therefore, *the new standard of the power of God* in the believer. The Old Testament measure was the exodus, with its marvelous interventions. But when Christ rose from the dead, henceforth the standard of God's power is that which He exercised in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places (Eph. 1:19, 20).

But even beyond this, and because of this, Christ's resurrection was *the condition of Pentecost*. The Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Christ was not yet glorified. It was expedient that He should go away that He might send the Holy Spirit, who becomes to the church not only the gift of the Father and of the Son, but the bridal necklace, the pledge of her bridegroom's return and espousal. Without Christ's resurrection there would have been no Pentecostal outpouring.

The resurrection of Christ is treated by Paul as *the basis of the whole Christian system*, faith, preaching, and life. In 1 Corinthians 15:19, we are taught that if Christ is not risen, preaching is vain, faith is vain, and there is no future life for the believer.

And so the resurrection of Christ is *the pivotal point of the ages*. All events from the beginning converge at His sepulchre, and all great events that are to come diverge from that point. All that preceded prepared for His rising; His rising prepared for all that was to follow.

A final accounting for every human being is guaranteed by the resurrection. "God . . . now commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." Acts 17:30, 31.



"HE IS RISEN"

How to Seek God

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THIS IS an effort to be of help to those who are seeking God or desiring particular things from God. It must be borne in mind, however, that what is written here is by no means an exhaustive treatment of the subject. Certain basic principles will hold true in all cases, but it is impossible to limit the seeking of God to a fixed pattern.

In fact, one of our difficulties in receiving things from God is that we come to Him with our own program and timetable. What makes things still more difficult both for ourselves and for God is the mistaken use of Scripture to prove our point. For instance, we might think that if we fast and pray for four days as Cornelius did, we too shall be favored with the appearance of an angel. Or that because Daniel mourned twenty-one days and ate no pleasant food until he received an answer, we shall accomplish spectacular results by means of a semi-fast for twenty-one days. Merely copying such a pattern does not work.

If God uses passages of Scripture in order to guide us in particular cases, that is another matter. But to select such arbitrarily as our own pattern is utterly fallacious. In the first place, the underlying condition and motivation is missing. In the second place, there is the matter of divine purpose to be considered. God leads us as individuals in a way which is to a great extent contingent on our individual personality, circumstances, and the purpose of God concerning us. "If I will that he tarry, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me." John 21:22. This is a personal walk by means of personal guidance by a personal God.

Naaman the leper had a preconceived plan as to how God was going to meet him. When God wanted to heal him in an unorthodox manner he "was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper." 2 Kings 5:11. Naaman would have remained a leper, had he not accepted God's own method, however humiliating it was, and however strange it must have seemed to him.

It is a delightful thing to learn the

ways of the Lord, but the greatest delight is to learn that His ways are past finding out. Rom. 11:33. Just as soon as we think that we have found the groove in which God works and begin to settle there in self-complacency in the mistaken belief that God is going to continue the same thing in the same way, we shall discover to our dismay that this groove is not His *groove*, but our *rut* in which we might become buried unless we are ready to follow Him along other paths and thereby discover that His mercies are new every morning. "Oh, the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."

The subjective reason for seeking God is that we need Him. We have been so created that without Him man is incomplete and therefore entirely devoid of true happiness. The objective reason for seeking God is that we owe it to Him to do so. We were not created for ourselves, but for His glory. God as Creator is fully entitled to derive great happiness from His creatures. His greatest happiness comes from our happiness in Him. Since there is joy in the presence of the angels whenever one sinner repents, it is evident that God's happiness can be increased by men seeking after Him.

In this connection an incident witnessed in a meeting comes forcefully to my mind. During the course of this meeting a spontaneous burst of praise of some duration came from the lips of the congregation. As it subsided there was an interpreted message in

In a number of our Bible Schools, in recent weeks, God's Spirit has been outpoured in such a way that classes have been dismissed for several days at a time, and the students have given themselves wholly to prayer and to waiting on the Lord. An outpouring of this kind occurred this year at Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa. One of the teachers at E. B. I. had been privately seeking God for many months, earnestly desiring a new quickening in his own life. He learned some valuable lessons about seeking God, and when he passed these on to the students in classroom and chapel, a revival broke out which surpassed anything the school had ever known. The teacher has written down some of these lessons for the benefit of all the Evangel readers.



tongues. The gist of it was that God pours out the spirit of praise upon His people because there is joy in heaven on account of a sinner's repentance, and God wants to share His joy with His people. Hallelujah! I believe this is true, not because it came through tongues and interpretation but because it conforms to the teachings of the Scriptures. Even God seems to think, as someone has written. "Joys not shared are only half enjoyed."

Just the other week we had an outpouring of the Spirit in the midst of our class discussion. Nearly all the students arose from their seats with hands raised in worship and joined in a tremendous volume of praise. After this there came a thrilling utterance in prophecy expressing God's cognizance of our praise and His great delight in the same. It was an electrifying message and resulted in another mighty crescendo of praise during which one of the students received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Let us "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name."

The eagerness of God for man's search after Him is, of course, amply demonstrated by all the efforts which God has made to bring about a reconciliation between men and Himself. This is seen from the very first when God provided an atonement for men in the garden of Eden, all the way down to the cross where God exhibited to all the world His infinite love for men by the sacrifice of His son. It is further seen by His many invitations to man to seek Him. One is found in Amos 5:8—"Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them

out upon the face of the earth: the Lord is His name."

The basis of God's appeal in this message to seek Him is His omnipotence as seen in creation. "Seek Him that maketh . . . Orion." This is the finest constellation in the northern hemisphere. Bellatrix, in the upper left hand corner of Orion, is 1,152,000,000,000 miles distant from the earth, is 1,225 times as bright as the sun and has a temperature of 23,000°C. Rigel, in the lower right-hand corner, is one of the most brilliant stars known, being 18,000 times as bright as the sun. Rigel travels at a speed of over 800 miles a second, 48,000 miles a minute. Such a speed would take us around the earth nearly two times in one minute. Betelgeuse, in the upper right-hand corner and the principal star of Orion, has a diameter of over 200,000,000 miles. (The diameter of the earth is only 7,920.) Its volume is 26,000,000 times that of the sun and 34,000,000,000,000 times that of the earth. In other words, if we wanted to fill the space occupied by this star, we would need 26 million suns or 34 trillion earths to do so. So Amos' in-

God's response to the seeker after Him is more certain than tomorrow's sunrise.

However, this seeking must not be a mere half-hearted and perfunctory effort. Assurance for success is given only to those who are wholehearted. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. We can only say that we seek God wholeheartedly when we have no heart left for anything else, when temporal things lose their meaning, and when people become shadows in comparison with our desire for Him. Or, in other words, we seek Him wholeheartedly when we permit nothing and nobody to interfere. Any halfhearted effort will turn out to be a disappointment, although the disappointment itself can become the leverage and incentive to an all-out search after God.

This seeking must be kept up with assiduity—"He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. A diligent seeker is one who seeks God with persistence. For a Scriptural example we might use the account of the importunate friend, in Luke 11. He persisted though his request was at first

steps. They constitute three phases or degrees in our search after God. The first has to do with petition, the stating of our specific request. This presupposes that we know what we are after. Vague generalities are ineffectual. If we need bread we must *ask* for bread. If we need a fish, we must *ask* for a fish. If we need an egg, we must *ask* for an egg, and if we need the Holy Ghost we must *ask* for the Holy Ghost. Luke 11:11-12. "Everyone that asketh receiveth." But asking is not pious wishing. There must be a genuine sense of a well-defined need, and that need should be specifically mentioned. If we need healing of the gall bladder, we do not need simply "a touch in body." That is too general. We need "healing of the gall bladder." We must know what we want, must want what we know we need, and must state that need specifically and expectantly.

This leads us up to the second statement of the three, "Seek, and ye shall find." This has to do with believing expectancy. If we go to a store to buy a fish, do we state our request and walk out at once? Would that not be absurd? Yet this is precisely what many people do with God. They state their request and off they go. It is true that we cannot stay upon our knees all the time. But it is also true that having made our petition to God we can go about our normal duties with an attitude of expectancy and anticipation which meets in every respect the requirement of "seek, and ye shall find." In fact, this expectant attitude differentiates between real asking and mere wishing.

So does the third statement, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." This is the kind of praying that brings results. Note that the seeker is here pictured as being at the threshold. He does not have far to go nor long to wait. He has started with asking, has continued with seeking, and he ends with a persistence which will not take "no" for an answer. He has nothing to do with the bringing about of the answer; his responsibility is merely to be there as the earnest, believing petitioner. The door is opened by someone within, not by the petitioner without.

In seeking God we must not get the idea that God will *reward* us for our effort, in the sense that God will repay us for the time and sacrifice (so-called) involved. This and similar mistakes are frequently made. "Come to church and God will bless you." "Come to the altar and God will reward you for it." The fact is that we are not rewarded for doing any such things. "Which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding

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DRAW NIGH TO GOD

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8

*Draw nigh to God. The world is cold and hostile
There's much of sin and selfishness and greed.
Draw nigh to God, for in Him all is friendly,
And there's abundance for our every need.*

*Draw nigh to God. This age draws to its closing.
Events are taking place that make man fear.
Draw nigh to God. In Him we're safe forever.
Sweet is our confidence when Christ is near.*

*Draw nigh to God. Around us is confusion.
Demands upon our strength and life are great.
Draw nigh to God. In Him is peace from heaven,
'Tis given as in prayer we humbly wait.*

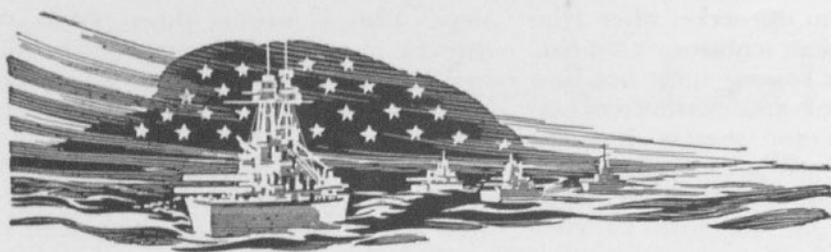
—Frances Ure

junction is to seek Him who is so great as to have made such a universe.

No less definite than God's appeal to seek Him on the ground that He is the omnipotent Creator of an incomprehensible universe, is His appeal to seek Him because of the assurance of success—"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." Psa. 55:6. Having invited us to seek Him, He is not sought in vain. "I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye Me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." Isa. 45:19. The certainty of

denied. This does not mean that God will deny our request, but it does mean that we are to persist even though God does not seem to respond. He will respond if we do not give up. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Luke 11:9-10. We are exhorted to ask, seek and knock with the assurance of a response from Him.

These three statements are not synonymous in their meaning. They are



I'll Never Forget "Boats"

Bob Murfin

DURING MY THREE and a half years with the Navy in World War II, I rubbed shoulders with bluejackets from Maine to Texas, but Boats was by far the most unforgettable. On board our LST he was directly under the first lieutenant as enlisted man in charge of the seamen's division. He was a first class boatswain's mate and I was quartermaster, attached to the navigational end of the ship.

Boats was perhaps 23, a giant of a fellow with bushy, curly brown hair who towered four and a half inches over six feet, and all 220 pounds of him was muscle and fight. One day on board our LST I saw a seaman sass him. Without batting an eyelash, Boats planted his big fist on the sailor's chin, and a moment later other seamen were dousing him with water, trying to bring him around.

But I got along without incident with Boats. When I first met him, he was a third class petty officer wanting to learn a little bit about navigation in order to increase his rating. I had studied both celestial and terrestrial navigation and was able to teach Boats some of the simple things. He took notes as I told him about reading the compass, about adjusting for magnetic influences in various parts of the world, adjusting compasses, as well as making navigational plotting by the sun and the stars. So, naturally, Boats was quite friendly toward me and we grew to be rather close friends.

One day we had a burial at sea. Among the fellows who had been hit in an air raid, one had died and with land five or six days away, a carpenter's mate went below and made a crude, wooden box. The bottom of it was filled with steel so that it would sink readily and our buddy was laid in and the lid was nailed on.

Our ship pulled slowly from the convoy and the crude box was carried to the side. All men who could leave their watches came on deck and looked on as a flag was draped over the box. Then as we stood in a semi-circle, our hats in hand, the executive officer read from a book. We stood at attention as three rifles barked and the bugler blew taps. With the notes fading in the distance, six seamen hoisted the box and dropped it overboard.

We stood silently for a few moments watching the spot in the blue Pacific where we had left our friend. I couldn't be sure what the other fellows were thinking, but I know they were solemn thoughts. Each had been told that he's on a one-way trip—possibly he'll never go home again. And to the guy with no hope in the next world, it's a pretty discouraging time.

The silence was soon broken, however, when an officer barked, "Carry on!" And so we did. I returned to the bridge and entered in the ship's log: "14:15—burial at sea."

That night when I left the bridge, the stars were shining as only they do when you're miles from the city lights. Then rounding the fan tail of the ship, I saw there in the starlight big Boats. He was alone and looked up as I approached.

"Hey, Murf, is that you?" And when I answered, he asked, "You got a minute? I'd like to talk to you."

There was something in his thick, Georgia accent that told me Boats was down in the mouth about something.

"Murf," he began, "if I'd been in the box this afternoon, where'd I be tonight?"

I was taken aback, but finally said, "Well don't you know, Boats?"

"Yup, guess I do," he said slowly. "That's what's got me worried. You see, you'd never believe it, Murf, but my mom and dad were good people. Why, Murf, my Grandpa was a preacher and I know I'm the biggest sinner that ever lived."

And I said, "Well, Boats, that's good."

"Good!" he exploded with surprise, "What's good about it?"

Then I told him that it's good to know that we're sinners because that's God's estimate of all of us. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," I quoted to Boats. Then I unfolded the gospel way of salvation. I could just feel the Holy Spirit recall Scripture verses to my mind. It was like pouring water into a sponge: I could feel God's Word take hold in that big fellow's heart.

After I'd explained as simply as possible how the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ had paid for our sins, I said, "Now, Boats, what you need to do is just bow your head and open your heart right here before God. Just tell Him you're sorry for your sins and tell Him you'll accept Christ as your Savior right now. Will you do it?"

"Yup, I guess I will," he said, and we bowed our heads together. I prayed that the Holy Spirit would open Boats' heart and give him

assurance of his salvation there that night. As I concluded, I said, "Now, Boats, won't you pray?"

He began to pray in just little boyish words, so simple and yet so sincere. As he prayed I slipped my arm up over his big shoulder, and he took hold of my knee as we sat there. As he prayed, he clenched his left fist and squeezed with his right hand on my knee. And he'd pray and squeeze and pray and squeeze until I was ready to yell. Finally, his grip let up and he put his big old arm around my shoulder and hugged me. "C'mon, Murf, let's hit the sack. I can sleep now." And we went below.

Next morning we were up at sunrise. After taking care of routine details, we had muster. I'll never forget it. The men were lined up all over the ship—the deck division up in the bow, the engineers back on the fan tail, the bridge gang up on the bridge, and on to the seamen's division with big Boats.

Boats had a habit of walking back and forth in front of his men, stopping as he gave orders for the day. Lined up three rows deep like so many ten pins, they would teeter and totter as the old ship rolled. But all the while every eye was to the front.

This morning Boats had just begun his walk when he stopped. In a clear booming voice he announced: "Fellas, last night I had a talk with the Lord. Quickly all eyes snapped to the side. Every man looked at Boats, open-mouthed. "And, furthermore," he continued, "the first one that takes the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in vain—so help me, I'll put you on the business end of a swab and you'll scrub holes in this deck." If you had tried, you could have shoved your fist down any one of the fellows' throats.

Well, needless to say, Boats was a domineering sort of a personality. When we had gospel services aboard the ship later, he was all for it: "Men, up to the bow!" he would command. And they came up to the bow. When some fellow would get a little restless or act bored, Boats would walk over and stand behind him like a grade school teacher over her problem child.

God used big Boats in a remarkable way. Either through his own personal witness or through Gospel services on board that ship, every seaman accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Savior. I'll never see some of those fellows again on earth because they did not come back.

The day arrived when I was ordered back to the States. Reluctantly, I bade Boats and the fellows good-by and headed back. But they headed on into the thick of things. Already our old LST had seen plenty of action, but the worst was yet to come.

I didn't learn about it until I was back in civies. An officer who had left the ship soon after I did told me she rests at the bottom of the Pacific near Okinawa. Reports indicated that all men were lost with her. Maybe Boats was shipped back before the end came—but I doubt it. With the other fellows he's probably planted on some little coral reef or else buried at sea.

But I'll see them all again—because that big fellow Boats was willing to be used of the Lord.

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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

New Version in 1952

The Revised Standard Version of the whole Bible will be on sale by Sept. 30, 1952, according to a recent announcement by the publishers. The R. S. V. New Testament appeared in 1946.

Southern Baptist Membership

Membership in the Southern Baptist Convention passed the seven million mark in 1950, according to headquarters officials at Nashville, Tenn. There was a gain of 318,000 or 4.7 per cent over 1949. Sunday School enrollment also hit a new peak of over five million for the 27,788 Southern Baptist churches.

Communist Plot in India

A plot by Communists to exploit tensions between Christians and Hindus in certain parts of South India, was laid bare recently with the arrest of two Communist leaders. Police said the two Communists had in their possession a complete blueprint for fomenting discord between Christians and Hindus.

God's Invasion Army

Young people in churches affiliated with the Baptist General Conference of America are going all-out for Christ. About 50 of them have quit their jobs and joined "God's Invasion Army" to give a year to full-time soul-winning. After two months of training they have gone out to do house-to-house evangelism. This month they are working in Salt Lake City. More than 2,000 decisions for Christ have been reported since the first "Invasion Army" was organized two years ago.

Israel's Government Resigns

The coalition government of David Ben Gurion resigned on Feb. 14 after losing a vote of confidence on the question of religious schools. It is expected that new elections will be held in Israel shortly. Mr. Ben Gurion's government will continue to operate until a new government is elected.

The issue is not whether there will be religious schools in the public school system, for Israel's laws assure this. The parents of each child can decide whether he should go to a secular school or a religious school. The question is, Who decides what constitutes a religious school? The Religious bloc in the government disputes the claim that some 60 "religious" schools that the Labor Federation has established can properly be considered religious.

Presbyterians Resist Reds

When the Communists seized the Presbyterian Seminary in Korea, they demanded that the Seminary students sign the pledge which said, "Although I am a Christian, I promise full obedience to the authority of Kim Il Sung." Out of 600 students, 480 refused to sign. The Seminary was closed and the 480 fled to the hills.

Leaving the Monastery

Over a year ago, 50-year-old Donald C. Foster gave up his wife, his job, his \$50,000-a-year business, and the world to enter a Benedictine monastery, and a great deal of publicity was given to the story. According to *The Converted Catholic Magazine*, Mr. Foster slipped back into the world at the end of last November, but the story almost escaped notice. The abbey where he was studying announced merely that he was "unable to meet certain requirements at this time."

"Black Sunday" in Korea

Bob Pierce says that thousands of Korean Christians have been killed by the Communists, and many more will face martyrdom if United Nations forces are compelled to leave Korea. Speaking recently at Minneapolis, Pierce said:

"The Sunday following the U. N. invasion of Inchon (Seoul's port) has become known as 'Black Sunday.' On that day alone more than 10,000 Christians in Seoul and surrounding areas were killed because of their faith in Christ. If the war should end tomorrow, eight out of ten churches in Korea would need new pastors. The former ones have been killed.

"In the first weeks after Seoul fell the first time, 47 of the city's religious leaders were liquidated in a few days. In another city 124 Presbyterian pastors were missing during the Red retreat. In a third city, a mass grave contains 1800 bodies, all of them pastors and church leaders who were buried in groups of 30 and 70 at a time."

Pierce is the evangelist who had such great soul-winning meetings in Korea just prior to the initial Red attack. He returned to Korea to administer relief supplies on behalf of the Youth for Christ organization. As he was leaving Korea on Dec. 23, 1950, pastor after pastor shook his hand and said, "I'll see you next in heaven."

A Plea for National Prayer

The *Cotton Trade Journal*, published in Memphis, recently carried a front-page editorial urging President Truman to proclaim a national day of prayer—not a Sunday, but a weekday, it said, so that the wheels of industry will have to stop while the nation turns in audible prayer "to the One Creator and Giver of all good, seeking His direction."

In making its plea, the trade paper said that for many years Americans have worshipped at the false altars of material pleasure and material wealth. "Now, if ever, is a time to rise to a higher concept of life and its significance. As a nation and individually, our greatest need today is to seek Divine guidance," said the editorial.

May we suggest Daniel's prayer for his people (Daniel 9:3-19) as a model of the prayer America needs to offer. America must humble herself, and repent, and ask God to forgive her sins, before she can expect His help. Daniel said: "We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive."

A Ministry by Telephone

For the past nine months Julia Shelhamer, 70-year-old widow of a Free Methodist evangelist, has been ministering for Christ over the telephone at Washington, D. C. An ad runs in the *Washington News* inviting anyone who is in trouble to call her number. When they do, she assures them that God will solve their problems if they will pray.

One man said, "I was intending to commit suicide tonight, and a friend told me to call you first." After talking with her, and listening while her voice of prayer came over the telephone wire, the would-be suicide felt strangely different.

A young man who poured out his troubles to her is now studying for the ministry.

A young woman, overcome with jealousy and ready to divorce her husband, was guided through to a reconciliation.

All that Mrs. Shelhamer knows about most of the people who call her is that they seem to get real help from her warm faith and reassuring words: "I know the Lord will answer prayer. Will you pray with me? If you will only confess your sins, God will take that sin away and remove the feeling of guilt. . . ."

There have been as many as 110 phone calls in a single day. Evidently the world is full of discouraged people who are waiting for someone to point them to the place of Help.



CROWD AT SERVICE IN VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, CUBA ON FEBRUARY 11

The service held in the stadium at Victoria de las Tunas, Cuba, the afternoon of February 11. The people stood through a downpour of rain which lasted about half an hour. Note the umbrellas; how-

ever, at the time the picture was taken the sun was coming out. It was estimated that between nine and ten thousand were present at the night service. Cool weather had cut down on the attendance.

God Stirs Hearts in Cuba

HENRY C. BALL

Field Secretary for Latin America

"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." Acts 19:20.

THAT VERSE describing the growth of Christianity in Paul's day can surely be applied to what is taking place in Cuba today.

On February 7 a telephone call was received in the Foreign Missions Department from Hugh P. Jeter, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Cuba, requesting that representatives be sent from headquarters to Cuba to witness what God was doing there. It was decided that Glenn M. Horst, Promotional Director for the Department and Assistant Secretary for the Far East, and I should go.

We arrived in Habana the evening of February 10. It was my privilege to address students in the local church that evening.

The next morning we went to Camaguey, located in the heart of the island. The greatest of all the meetings held thus far in Cuba were held there, and ended just recently. Crowds estimated at from thirty to forty thousand stood for hours in the municipal stadium to hear the Word of God, and to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Healer. People had come from distant cities, having heard over the radio of the marvelous works of God. They carried news back home with them.

One cripple, confined for years to a wheel chair, had begged for money to attend the meetings. He had gone on a bus, taking

his chair with him. He returned home unhealed, but was stirred to return. Again he begged the money for the trip. On his second visit to Camaguey he was healed. Upon his return home crowds followed him around the streets, marveling at what God had done for him, and anxious that such meetings be held in their own city.

Through the influence of the Mayor a lovely lot has been donated for a tabernacle in Camaguey, since our church building, recently erected, is now much too small to accommodate the converts.

Mayors and city commissioners throughout the central and eastern portion of the island are inviting our brethren to hold campaigns in their stadiums. Radio stations are eager and anxious to broadcast our services on free time. Newspapers have published stories along with pictures and testimonies. The largest magazine published in Cuba, *Bohemia*, has given a reporter an assignment on the meetings.

While we were in Cuba several campaigns were in progress. We were in Victoria de las Tunas on the night of February 11. We estimated that between nine and ten thousand were present that night. Victoria de las Tunas is not as large a place as Camaguey. The night was quite chilly. During the service that afternoon the people had stood through a downpour of rain which lasted about half an hour. That no doubt was the reason for the small attendance that night.

The next night the attendance increased by at least two thousand, and it was still rather cool for Cuba. Hundreds raised their hands for salvation and healing, and some moving testimonies were given of healing.

As we walked down the streets of that city, and were recognized, the common salutation was *Hallelujah*. A *shine boy*, picked at random, told me that he had been healed when he attended the first service in the stadium. Just as the boy finished with my shoes, Brother Jeter came up with the Postmaster of Victoria de las Tunas, who desired that we see his daughter whose crossed eyes had been straightened. She had been employed in the post office for a number of years, but finally a substitute had to work for her since her left eye was so crossed that sometimes only the white was visible. Her father showed us a photograph of her before her healing.

We found her at a desk with mail which she was sorting. She received us graciously and confirmed the healing. It seems that she had heard the meeting in Camaguey as it was broadcast over the radio, and had placed her hands on the radio in faith that she would be healed. Two hours afterwards she had glanced in the mirror and had observed that her eyes were no longer crossed.

Naturally such healings have been noised abroad and are the talk of the island.

It was our privilege to attend the open-

ing night of a campaign in the strong Roman Catholic city of Sancti Spiritus. Brother Jeter was not certain as to the location of the stadium there. We arrived at dusk and followed the crowd, and arrived at the stadium. Fully eight thousand were there when we arrived. Every seat in the stadium had been taken and hundreds were standing. They stood from seven o'clock unto around ten o'clock.

That entire service was broadcast over a local station without charge. The service opened with choruses as there were no hymnals available for such a multitude. I noticed that many knew the choruses, likely from having attended campaigns in other cities. The choruses were repeated over and over until the people could sing them.

A simple but forceful message on salvation and healing was given. When the people were asked how many would like to give their hearts to Christ, it seemed to me that every hand was lifted. Prayer was offered for salvation, and then the vast congregation also repeated a prayer for salvation. On the faces of many joy was clearly expressed.

Prayer was offered for healing.

After these meetings got under way in Cuba it became humanly impossible to pray for individuals. Our brethren decided upon the plan of praying for everyone en masse and have the sick themselves place their own hands upon the region afflicted.

The evangelist requested, after the prayer, that anyone healed come to the loud-speaker and give his testimony. Several came and testified. Among them was a woman with a two-year-old child in her arms. She held the child up for all to see and shouted the information that the child's eyes had been crossed since he was thirteen days old. He had been healed. The testimony, united with the testimonies of the others, caused such a stampede to give testimonies that it threatened to break the platform. The interpreter shouted for the platform to be cleared,

saying: "Get off, get off, the platform is going down." All of that, as well as the singing, preaching, and testimonies, was going out over the radio.

By the time that first service came to an end and the people had gone, the meetings were the talk of the city.

Excitement is growing. This wonderful move of the Spirit of God has swept and is sweeping over the entire eastern and central portion of Cuba. It seems likely that all of Cuba will have a chance to know the living Christ of God.

Besides the large services there are special services for the instruction of the new converts in the way of the Lord.

While preparing to leave Cuba I noticed a group of some ten priests. Desiring to know their reaction to the meetings I approached two of them and told them what I had witnessed in the cities of Victoria de las Tunas and in Sancti Spiritus. One of the priests said: "Faith can do great things." I invited them to go to see for themselves the wonderful works of God.

The priests of Cuba have found that it is useless to oppose the popular mass movement to Christ as Saviour and Healer. Let us pray that our greatly-overworked missionaries and Latin ministers will be able to instruct them regarding the truths of Christ.

All the churches in Cuba are enjoying the benefits of this Pentecostal revival. I was told that the Methodist Church has received into her fellowship some two thousand converts since the revival started.

Our chapels no longer are adequate. Larger tabernacles are urgently needed. Help will have to be extended to some of our congregations, such as that of the capital city of Habana. Loans drawing three per cent interest would be especially welcomed by the Habana congregation. Such loans should be made through the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Sees "Dark Days" For China

"THE LATEST NEWS we receive from China indicates that the Chinese Christians and the organized work of the church and its institutions there are facing darker days than at any time since the Boxer Uprising in 1899," says Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, China Secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York. "A considerable number of missionaries of Protestant and Catholic communions have been imprisoned. Chinese in larger numbers have been tried and imprisoned. Some of the latter have been seized, and are unheard from thereafter.

"Yet there are brighter aspects to the picture. A letter mailed in China in February by a missionary says: 'There are wonderful tales of heroism coming out of our area. The church is in for hard times, and may go under organizationally, but certainly there is plenty of determination to hold on to the fundamentals and not to yield on matters of faith.'"

From another reliable source comes this information on China:

"It is said that the Chinese peasants enjoy great liberty and blessings and that there has been no famine since the Reds took over. On the contrary, thousands have perished since that time. We happen to live near China. I am in touch with Christian workers and others who go back and forth. . . . Ask the thousands of refugees in Hong Kong what they think of the *deliverers*.

". . . I have already told you of the train loaded with grain bound for Russia from a famine area. It rolled right over the emaciated forms of the Protestants who lay down on the tracks.

"When the regulars take over from the irregular terrorists, whose reign of terror I experienced, they make promises to the simple peasants, 'We will take the land from the rich and give it to you.' The *wasters* are

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stirred up to bring charges against the rich. They bleed them poor and confiscate the property, or shoot them and take everything. If the elders of the community exert too much influence they are sometimes taken to another town, accused of espionage, and shot.

"The rabble begin to till the land jubilantly, but at harvest time the soldiers take most of the grain for the government. If anyone is unwise enough to complain that there is not enough left to feed his family he is threatened as an enemy of the people. A repetition of complaints means death. . . .

"Some become angry and ask, 'Well, you have given us the land, but where are the deeds? We have no proof of possession.' They are led off and shot as an example.

"I have met many in Hong Kong who have fled from this region of terror. They cannot all be wrong."

NEWS NOTES

The District Missionary Representatives Conference was held in Springfield from March 9 to March 13, just prior to the Sunday School Convention.

Evangelist Harvey McAlister sailed for the Philippine Islands on March 3 to engage in evangelistic work there.

Edna Wagenknecht is relieving M. Marguerite Flint at the Hardoi Bible Training School while Miss Flint is on furlough.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

Lesson for April 1

Acts 1:1-11

The Scriptures in the printed text (Acts 1:1-11) cover more than the Ascension of Christ. They include Luke's introductory words to Theophilus; the ministry of Jesus among His disciples during forty days after His resurrection; the promise of the Holy Ghost; the turning of the minds of the disciples away from a Jewish expectation of the Kingdom; and finally, Jesus' ascension into heaven.

1. The Opening Words to Theophilus

Theophilus is the same person to whom Luke addressed his Gospel. Luke 1:1-4. Some think he was a public official when Luke wrote the Gospel, since Theophilus is there addressed as "most excellent Theophilus"; that he vacated such office before the Acts was written, since he is here addressed only as "Theophilus." Let this teach us that position is worthy of respect. The position of those over us in government ought to be respected. When out of office, the persons should then be respected for what they are, and not for the office which they have held. It is to be hoped that their service when in office is such as to make them worthy of respect when their time of office ends.

2. The Acts a Continuance of Luke

In the Book of Luke, the writer records with great care the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus while here on earth. In the Book of Acts there is the record of His ministry through the Spirit after His ascension to heaven. Jesus is "The Truth." The Holy Spirit is "The Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17), who brings to remembrance the things which Christ has said (John 14:26), and who guides into all truth (John 16:13).

May we pause here for thought. In such Scriptures as John 14:17, 26 and 16:13 we have some "proof texts" for the promise that, when the Holy Spirit was come, He would lead the New Testament writers into all truth, and bring to their remembrance whatsoever Christ had spoken unto them. We now have the record of this teaching of Jesus in the Word of God. Our need is not for further revelation. Our need is the Spirit of illumination on the Word, that we might be guided aright in its interpretation. If we look for further revelation of truth than that which is written we may be led into error. We must avoid a false spirituality as much as we avoid formality.

3. The Risen Christ With His Disciples

Jesus spent forty days confirming the disciples in the fact that He was "that same Jesus" after His resurrection as before His crucifixion, showing "Himself alive after

His passion by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3). Jesus would leave no room for doubt. He spent that time also in instructing them in "the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." As He had gone to the Scriptures to assure them concerning His resurrection (Luke 24:25-27), no doubt He went to the Scriptures in confirming them in the things pertaining to the Kingdom. It cannot be over-emphasized that we should go to the Bible for divine instruction and guidance, rather than to impressions and personal feelings.

4. Partial Revelation

When Jesus spoke of the disciples receiving power and being witnesses, they became perplexed. They had a Jewish belief concerning the Kingdom. They had hoped that Jesus would be the One who would deliver Israel from the Roman yoke and restore unto them the Theocratic Kingdom under Messiah. See the expression of this hope in Luke 24:21. When Jesus spoke of the power of the Holy Ghost, they replied, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus did not tell them that this kingdom would never be restored. He only said, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." If our thinking is too earthly we may miss what God would have us receive. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him." 1 Cor. 2:14. The Messianic Kingdom will come, but first a lost world needed opportunity for salvation.

5. Preparation For Christian Service

After confirming the disciples in assurance that He was the same Jesus who had been with them before His crucifixion, and after instructing them in "the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," Jesus made known the purpose of His crucifixion. Then He charged them to tarry until they were endued with power from on high, and gave them the great commission.

They already had been told to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15. Now they were told that, in order to do this, they must have more than mere human intellect or power. Their witness was to begin at home, then to reach to farther fields, finally going to the uttermost parts of the earth. They were to be witnesses, for they had both seen and heard, but with their witnessing they were to have also the Holy Spirit and His power (John 15:26, 27; Acts 5:32). As the apostolic church needed power, the church needs it still. May we not lose sight of the giver of power, by looking for

things which we think will accompany power. Rather, let us look for the power in the person of the Holy Spirit; then the works of power will come through Him.

6. The Ascension of Jesus

Having confirmed the faith of His disciples, having instructed them, and having given them the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' ministry here on earth was finished. Before the wondering eyes of His disciples "He went up" (Acts 1:10). A cloud received Him out of their sight. They were alone, yet not alone. They marveled, but they were not confused and disheartened as they had been when they saw Him crucified. They had assurance that He was "alive for evermore." They were ready to return to the city and tarry for the Holy Ghost in earnest prayer, but also with jubilant joy, praising and blessing God (Luke 24:53).

7. The Assurance to Us

When Jesus ascended up on high, two sparkling messengers assured the disciples that the same Jesus, who was taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as they had seen Him go into heaven. We embrace the promise. We say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." When He comes, may He find us endued with power from on high, busy taking the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Command of the Risen Christ (lesson for Sunday, March 25). Lesson text: Mark 16:9-20.

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"Jesus is taken up from you into heaven" Acts 1:11

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He ascended up on high Eph. 4:8

③ THE SPIRIT CONFIRMS IT ④ MAN DEFENDS IT

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Have I not seen Jesus Christ?" 1 Cor. 9:1

Being by the right hand of God exalted, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear: Acts 2:33

On the Cover Page

Pastor Watson Argue and the congregation of Calvary Temple (formerly known as Hollywood Temple) plan to dedicate this new house of worship to the Lord on Sunday afternoon, April 1. Wesley R. Steelberg will deliver the dedication sermon and will preach also in the morning and evening services. Former pastors, officers of the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God, and officials of the state and city are expected to be present.

Construction of the building began about two years ago. J. A. Johnson, well-known contractor and member of the official board of Calvary Temple, supervised the work. The exterior, designed in a modern adaptation of Tudor Gothic, is executed in face brick and cast stone. The cross above the 80-foot tower revolves, and is silhouetted with neon tubing, making it a landmark visible for miles around. The building cost over \$500,000.

The church is on East 69th at 8th Avenue Northeast, in Seattle, Wash. A feature of the planning are the five exits which have been adapted to the existing slope at 8th Avenue Northeast, in such a manner as to allow direct egress from each floor which they serve without the use of steps. It will be possible to empty the building in 1½ minutes.

The main auditorium seats 1,000 on the ground floor, 400 in the first balcony, and 102 in the second balcony, making a total seating capacity of over 1500. In addition, there are 50 Sunday School rooms, two nursery rooms, a young people's room, and a basement auditorium to seat 500, besides smaller auditoriums for group meetings.

Other features of the new church include a radio room equipped for broadcasting services, pastor's study, business and Sunday School offices, caretaker's apartment, baptistry with dressing rooms adjoining, and quarters for visiting evangelists and missionaries.

The new fireproof building has the latest design of radiant heating in concrete floors and walls. The main auditorium has a ventilating system which brings the air through the floor under the seats and eliminates all possible draft.

Members of the congregation have faithfully given and worked, and are now happy that their prayers have been answered. The new building is greatly needed as the former building across the street has been inadequate for the Sunday services and Sunday School. The former building will be taken over by the Northwest Bible College.

The Pastor, Board, and congregation are praying that "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." Haggai 2:9.

HOW TO SEEK GOD

(Continued from page five)

cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise

ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:7-10.

There is a reward, to be sure. But the reward of the seeker is not that God repays him for seeking Him, or coming to Him, or going to church, etc. This is man's duty, his reasonable service." The reward of the seeker is that by seeking God he makes it possible for God to do for him that which could not otherwise be done. God is so pleased by man's search after Him that, since it is impossible for man alone to find Him, God responds by placing Himself within reach of searching man. God Himself has assumed this responsibility. "I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Jer. 29:14. Therefore, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." Lam. 3:40.

This brings us to one of the basic conditions of seeking after God; namely, the recognition and removal of things that obstruct, such as unconfessed or unforsaken sin. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Isa. 50:1-2. God does not compromise with sin. We may be certain that if there is sin in the way, we shall not get very far in our search before we come up against such things. We may be equally certain that there is no way which by-passes the issue.

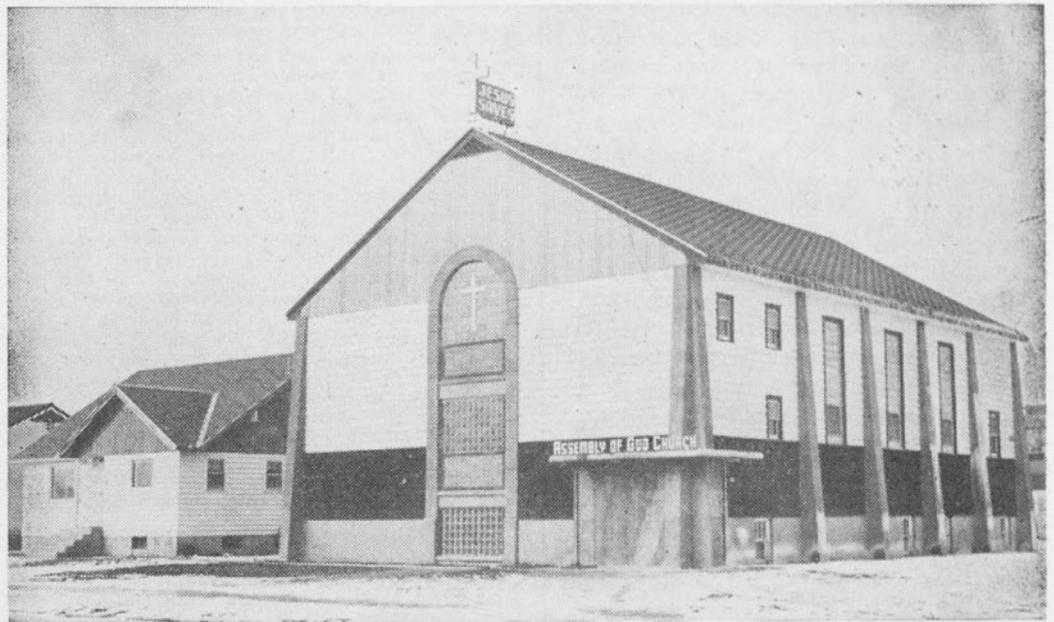
If we refuse to recognize it or simply push it away in the belief that we can ignore it, we shall deceive ourselves. That which stands before us, in our consciousness, time and time

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again as we seek God, is usually the thing which is in the way. It is true that we can resist the Spirit of God in this thing and it will fade away. But the progress we think we are making will turn out to be a circular route, leading us right back to the same thing. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23-24.

Notice how willing God is to have us come. He does not say, "Go away with your gift." He says, "Leave your gift here till you come back." This is very closely connected with another indispensable requisite; namely, faith: for "without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. There is a direct relationship between our faith (or the lack of it) and our conscience. "If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." 1 John 3:21. A strong faith demands "a conscience



THE NEW ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN BILLINGS, MONTANA

On Jan. 1, 1951, the congregation in Billings dedicated this new edifice to the service of the Lord. It is 45x70 feet in size, and will seat 250 on the main floor and 125 in the balcony. It was built according to plans which provide for future additions which eventually will make an "L-shape" structure extending 100 feet in each direction.

It was eleven years ago that the first Assembly of God services in this city were held. Sherman A. Williams and his co-worker, Leon H. Ayers, were the first pastors (1940-1944). A basement church was built under Brother Williams' leadership. Lyle B. Spradley became pastor in 1944, and the church continued to prosper under his ministry. He resigned in 1947 to assume his present duties as Secretary and Treasurer of the Montana District Council.

In 1947 E. W. Goodman became pastor, and under his leadership the superstructure was built upon the original basement. Much of the construction work was done through the volunteer labor of members of the congregation. The church has also built a parsonage. Both church and parsonage are shown above.

THERE'S A BIG DAY COMING

Yes, you guessed it. That great day is National C. A. Day, April 8. It's the big day on the C. A. calendar.



IT'S GOING TO BE A DAY OF VICTORY

C.A.'s have chosen as their theme for this day, "Win in '51," for on April 8 our Assemblies of God youth all over the land will be dedicating themselves to victory in the spiritual battle against the forces of hell.

And they are determined to win, for they have with them the mighty conquering Christ.

DON'T LET IT BE A DAY OF DEFEAT

The National C. A. Office has also set this day aside to be one of victory. However, the victory it seeks is triumph in the very struggle for existence. Only on this one day of the 365 in a year are offerings taken for the support of C. A. headquarters. On none of these yearly occasions heretofore have offerings adequately met the need for support of the National Office. With each passing year the situation has become more acute. C.A.'s are you going to allow this day to be one of defeat?

BE PREPARED FOR THIS DAY

Pray; seek God for personal victory and purity of life.

Unite in efforts to win for Christ America's unsaved youth in your community.

Take advantage of special C. A. Day material and helps furnished by C. A. headquarters. Write the National C. A. Office immediately (via airmail) if the special mailing for C. A. Day has not reached your church.

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void of offense toward God, and toward Man." Acts 24:16.

The rightly motivated seeker will not simply want to feel better; he will want to be better. He will not merely seek blessings; he will seek the *Blesser*. Even where both motives and objectives are faulty, God attempts to meet us along the lines of our highest good, and for this reason He will first put His finger on things that are out of harmony with the holiness of God. In this fact we should find one of our greatest encouragements when we seek God. It means that God is working on the case, and the sooner we respond in obedience, the sooner we shall attain our objective. As we continue to seek and respond, God will continue with His response, and we shall find to our great delight the materialization of the glorious promise, "Ye shall seek Me . . . and I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Jer. 29:13-14.

NEWS

"INTENSE REVIVAL MONOPOLIZES CAMPUS LIFE!"

So went the banner headline of the biweekly student newspaper *The Scroll* last month. Hallelujah!

With the opening of the spring semester at Central Bible Institute, the spiritual tide had given daily evidence of mounting. During the morning chapel period on Feb. 11, heaven suddenly seemed to pour upon us in a mighty deluge. This was repeated more intensely the following morning, with the result that we felt divinely constrained to spend our days in the chapel for nearly two weeks.

Suspension of regularly scheduled classes was regarded as a transfer to a larger class room with a Greater Teacher, the Blessed Holy Spirit. Over twenty received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Large numbers testified to bodily healing and many other blessings. Noteworthy were testimonies by persons who had never experienced a real spirit of freedom previously but now witnessed to liberty in the Holy Ghost.

Preceding the outpouring several groups had met frequently to pray for revival. When it came it swept everything with it like a mighty flood. Faculty members expressed the belief that this revival was on the same level as the best in the history of C.B.I. The revival reached the Cafeteria where noon meal trays were set aside as God's power fell. Even here the slain of the Lord were to be seen.

Under the easily recognizable administration of the Holy Spirit the revival became a rich variety of prayer, confession, testimony, anointed preaching, speaking in tongues, interpretations, prophecies, shouting, singing and intercession.

We desire to be as faithful as the early church which "...continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."—by Bartlett Peterson, President, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

N.A.E. CONVENTION TO OPEN APRIL 10 IN CHICAGO

The Ninth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, to be held in the Congress Hotel, 520 South Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, April 10-13, promises to be the greatest convention of Evangelicals ever held. Leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as from foreign countries, will be in attendance.

The Convention opens with a prayer service at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10th. Outstanding leaders will speak on the following topics in the evening sessions: EXALT CHRIST in Mis-

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The Commissions will meet in work-study groups throughout the forenoon each day. Those meetings will be: Army and Navy Chaplains; Church Schools (National Sunday School Association); Educational Institutions (National Association of Christian Schools, and groups on seminaries, colleges, etc.); Evangelism; Foreign Missions; Home Missions; Stewardship; Radio (National Religious Broadcasters); World Relief; Youth (Evangelical Youth); Evangelical Action, International Relations; Laymen's Advisory Council; Women's Fellowship; and Social Action.

The afternoon sessions will consist of outstanding reports from the various Commissions in popular form—debates, panel discussions and dramatizations.

One of the highlights of the Convention will be the special musical numbers under the able direction of Douglas Fisher.

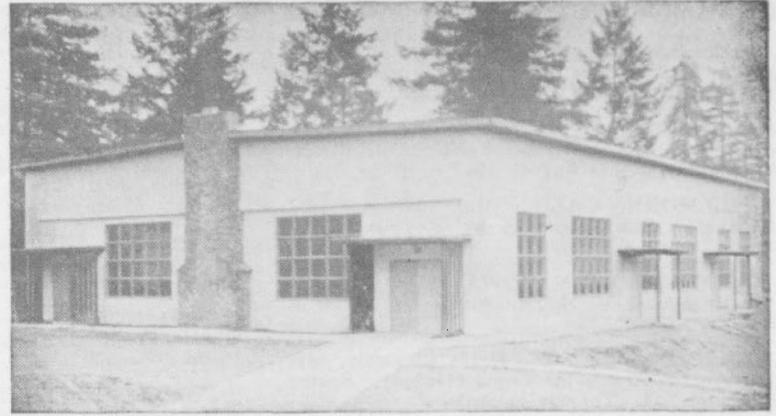
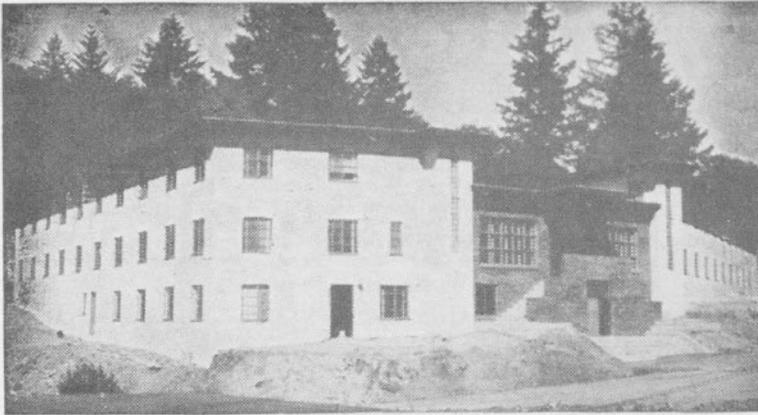
Scores of missionary organizations, religious presses and the like will have most interesting and helpful exhibits.

Room reservations for the Congress Hotel should be sent to the National Association of Evangelicals, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. Registration fees—\$2.50 for each representative; \$1.00 for each visitor. The registration fee covers all Commission meetings and business sessions of the Convention. The evening services are open to the public without registration fee.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick were with us in January, and we had overflow crowds in spite of seven inches of snow and temperatures below zero. Twenty-two were saved, four received the Holy Ghost, and nine joined the church.—James Williams, Pastor, First Assembly.

CHARITON, IOWA—Our church recently closed a four-week revival with Evangelist McGhghy of Leon, Iowa. The meeting began with a Teachers' Training Course on the book, "Going with the Gospel." Seven professed salvation, six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, several testified to healing, and the church as a whole was greatly revived.—Merlin N. Steen, Pastor



GLAD TIDINGS, OUR OLDEST SCHOOL, ERECTS NEW MODERN BUILDINGS

One of the finest achievements in the history of our Bible schools is that of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute at Santa Cruz, California. Faced with the necessity of providing new quarters, this oldest school of the Assemblies of God laid the matter before the Northern California-Nevada District Council last January (1950). Authorization was given to move the school from its old location in San Francisco to the District camp grounds at Bethany Park, near Santa Cruz.

The entire District showed its interest in the project from the very start. Contributions came in from all over the District—from churches, rallies, fellowship meetings, Women's Missionary Societies, individuals, and from the alumni and G. I. students. Some donated several days of work in erecting the buildings. Others worked for greatly reduced wages. 98 percent of the work was done by district people.

By the opening of school last September, the buildings were ready for use and 139 students are now enrolled. The two main buildings are shown above. They provide 22,500 square feet of housing, which includes 72 dormitory rooms and two apartments, as well as 18 rooms

in the cabin courts. There are 5,200 square feet of classroom space, including four large rooms for class sessions and an attractive chapel or assembly room. All this was produced at a cost of \$3.85 per square foot. (The usual cost for comparable building accommodations is around \$9.00 per square foot.)

Another forward step has been the enlargement of the library. It occupies the east end of the dining room, with a study space for about 100 students. (The old library could seat only 35.) The accreditation of the school necessitated a more adequate library, so a call went out and the churches of the District responded with hundreds of books, several hundred of which came from J. Narver Gortner's splendid collection. The books have been catalogued and additions are being made constantly.

The moving of the school and the construction of these new buildings has been a great accomplishment. The new facilities are a pledge of the District's hope and faith in the future of Glad Tidings Bible Institute and an example of what can be accomplished when God's people have a mind to work.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.—We had a revival campaign with Evangelist Don McKinney of Jackson, Miss. The attendance was good and the church was benefited.—Charles Hurst, Pastor.

HAWORTH, OKLA.—We had a special service on Sunday, Jan. 28, with Evangelist Orville Manning. The presence of the Lord was there in a wonderful way. Seven prayed through to salvation and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.—C. H. Stevens, Pastor.

AMARILLO, TEX.—We had a revival in January with Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones of Texarkana, Ark. Around 75 were saved and 58 were filled with the Holy Ghost. During the entire five weeks someone was saved or received the Holy Spirit every service. We broke the Sunday School record with 348 in attendance.—A. A. Daly, Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle, 6th and Cleveland.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—We are rejoicing over the visitation God was pleased to give us when Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Coxe of Amarillo, Tex. were with us for a 6½-week meeting. They sang and preached the message of full deliverance for spirit, soul, and body. God confirmed His Word among us. A number of sick were healed. Backsliders were reclaimed, and people received the Holy Ghost who had been seeking for years.—Richard C. Garner, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

WARREN, ARK.—Last July we left the church at Cullendale, Ark. to accept the pastorate here. We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Dobbrell Helton and later a youth revival with Evangelist Milton Brown. In November Evangelist W. V. Grant conducted a two-week meeting. Eternity alone will reveal the accomplishments of these meetings. A number were saved and healed.—H. Jewel Murry, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Lord gave us a real revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Orrin Kingsriter. A number sought the Lord for salvation and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed. We appreciate the well-rounded ministry of our brother and his wife. The Spirit of God has melted the hearts of our people together in love and we are anticipating a continuation of His blessing.—Wilson A. Katter, Pastor, City of Lakes Gospel Tabernacle.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—Evangelist Harvey J. Hays of Chowchilla, Calif. was with us for two weeks in February. Many were saved, a number reclaimed and several were filled with the Holy Ghost.—Pastor and Mrs. B. H. Givens.

COMMERCE, OKLA.—We thank God for the six-week meeting we had with Evangelist C. G. McClary of North Kansas City, Mo., ending February 18. Twenty or more were saved and ten received the Holy Ghost. We are moving forward and trusting God for greater things.—W. F. Gilchrist, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—God visited our community in a marvelous way in a meeting with Evangelist Paul Glover. The ministry of the Word and the singing was a blessing to all who heard him. About 40 were saved, quite a number were filled with the Spirit, and a number were healed. A great percentage of those saved were men. All departments of the church show a marked increase.—Marvin D. Hartz, Pastor, Capitol Hill Assembly.

LAMAR, MO.—We are still reaping results from the recent campaign with S. K. Biffle of Joplin, Mo. One man was saved in his home. An unsaved lady, who was deeply under conviction, woke up in the night, fell on her knees and was wonderfully converted. In the meetings a goodly number were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit, or refilled.—James Eastman, Pastor.

PRATT, KANS.—God gave us a good meeting with Evangelist E. L. Slavens of Kansas City, Kans. We had record crowds. Several found the Lord as their Savior and many wonderful testimonies of healing were given. We have begun construction of a new church. The old church will be used for Sunday School.—Russell Rexroat, Pastor.

SUNNYVALE, CALIF.—We had a five-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. D. Mark Buntain. Between 40 and 50 came to Christ for salvation. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, others were healed, and the church in general stirred. Services were conducted twice a day at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The morning services were well attended, and we have continued these "Hour of Power" meetings as a regular part of the church services. We have a daily radio ministry over station KEEN and the response has been most gratifying.—Mark A. Hinman, Pastor.

DUNN, N. C.—On January 21 we began meetings with Evangelist W. F. Garvin of Tulsa, Okla. We had been praying and making preparation for a revival, and some testified that they felt the Lord would do the unusual in this meeting—and He did! It far surpassed anything we had anticipated. The attendance was excellent every night. Twenty-three were saved, 22 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (some of these had been seeking for a number of years), 16 new members were received into fellowship of the church, and the Sunday School set a new record with 201 in attendance.

Our District is young and this was the first assembly in North Carolina to reach the 200 mark in Sunday School. We give God praise for His goodness and mercy to us.—A. A. Amerine, Pastor.

FORT MYERS, FLA.—We had a successful tent meeting at the County Fair Grounds with Evangelist Homer Peterson. Some 75 came forward for salvation or were reclaimed. About 39 received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. The Bible teaching of Jonas E. Miller in the day services was beneficial and inspiring.

There were many outstanding miracles of healing. One testified to being healed of a broken shoulder. A lady was healed of asthma after suffering 40 years and taking as many as ten shots daily for relief. Another testified of being healed of an injury of 29 years' standing.

The community was stirred. Several entire families were saved. Seventeen followed the Lord in water baptism on Sunday, January 28. A large crowd attended the baptizing.—H. T. Walker, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CLIO, MICH.—We had a 13-day meeting with Evangelist Fred D. Drake of Buffalo, N. Y. The weather was extremely cold and there was much sickness; in spite of this, two were saved and nine were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Quite a number were healed.

Our youngest daughter, ten-year-old Nancy, was filled with the Spirit. My wife and I are yet babes in the Assemblies of God, having recently left the Wesleyan Methodist Church by special request after receiving the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, so Nancy's baptism meant much to us. Nancy had never sought publicly before, nor to my knowledge had she ever witnessed anyone receive the Holy Spirit. God met her from the very first. As the Lord baptized her she prophesied and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance.—Ralph P. Hughes, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

GENERAL COUNCIL—Atlanta, Georgia, August 16—23, preceded by C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, August 15.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—Mar. 27—Apr. 22; Evangelist Star Thomas.—by Ray F. Curtis, Pastor.

FORT MADISON, IOWA—Mar. 27—Apr. 15; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by Mirko E. Parlotz, Pastor.

DAYTON, TEX.—Old River Assembly, Mar. 18—Apr. 8; Evangelist Leona Newberry, Springfield, Mo. (L. Thomas is Pastor.)

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 5; Einar Ekberg, Swedish baritone singer.—by O. W. Apple, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 6th and G St., Mar. 18—Apr. 8; Evangelist George Hayes.—by W. E. Larson, Pastor.

SHERIDAN, WYO.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (W. A. Redmond is Pastor.)

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple, Palm at Jefferson, Mar. 25—; Evangelist Ethel MacPherson. (Henry Hoar is Pastor.)

CLINTON, ARK.—Mar. 18—Apr. 1 or longer; Evangelist Austin Shelton, Weed, Calif.—by Edwin P. Lack, Pastor.

DEFIANCE, OHIO—Mar. 18—; Evangelist Gladys Voight, Durant, Fla.—by C. E. Nielsen, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Bethel Temple, 1915 N.E. Broadway, Apr. 8—; Evangelist L. H. Sheets. (C. W. Ahalt is Pastor.)

BENICIA, CALIF.—Mar. 25—; Evangelist Charlotte M. Rodgers, Portland, Oreg.—by Joe H. Harper, Pastor.

TOPPENISH, WASH.—City Armory, Apr. 1—29; Evangelist A. A. Allen. Afternoon services in Assembly of God.—by W. D. Combs, Pastor.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—St. Cloud Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 25—Apr. 8 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Merwin Price.—by Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Magnolia Park Assembly of God, Apr. 1—; Velmer Gardner and party of Washington. (E. M. Yeats is Pastor.)

GENESE, ILL.—Assembly of God, Apr. 3—22 or longer; Evangelist James Black, Roswell N. Mex.—by Joe Hanna, Pastor.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.—Tent meeting, Mar. 15—; Evangelist Gayle Jackson, Sikeston, Mo.—by Charles Hurst, Pastor.

CHANNELVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 21—Apr. 4; Evangelist Bob McCutchen.—by Bythel Hagee, Pastor.

WADSWORTH, OHIO—Full Gospel Church, meeting in progress; Evangelists Erla LaDow and Gail Straisinger.—by William L. Rhyand, Pastor.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Sunday School Seminar, West 3rd and Virginia, Mar. 26—30, under supervision of District Superintendent, V. H. Ray. L. B. Keener, Victor Trimmer, and Mrs. Frances Foster, instructors. Sectional Fellowship and C. A. Rally Mar. 30.—by L. B. Keener.

HEREFORD, TEX.—Mar. 20—; Evangelist Eugene Smith. (S. E. Eldridge is Pastor.)

CROSBY, MINN.—Mar. 18—Apr. 1 or longer; Evangelist Dale V. Helle, Seattle, Wash. (C. V. Waters is Pastor.)

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—Trinity Tabernacle, 812 Broadway, Apr. 1—; Evangelist J. E. Winstead, Winter Garden, Fla.—by L. A. Hubbard, Pastor.

WAYNE, MICH.—Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Waldron of Florida. (E. W. Raimer is Pastor.)

VANCOUVER, WASH.—Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 15; Evangelist John F. Hauck. (Paul G. Trulin is Pastor.)

PUXICO, MO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 1—15 or longer; Evangelists Glenn and Katie McClure, Marsing, Idaho.—by L. V. Kitchell, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Mar. 25—; (not Mar. 4 as previously announced). Evangelist H. Ralph Love.—by A. K. Moore, Pastor.

QUITMAN, TEX.—Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 8; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Howard Yates, Henderson, Tex.—by Ernest (Billy) Harris, Pastor.

OPELIKA, ALA.—West End Assembly of God, Apr. 9—; Evangelist W. E. Smith, Mobile, Ala. (not Evangelist Ralph Elmore as previously announced).—by Hermes Broadhead, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Bethel Assembly of God, 1317 McCormick St., Mar. 25—Apr. 15 or longer; Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist.—by Taylor H. Davis, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Irvington Pentecostal Church, 58-60 Paine Ave., Mar. 25—Apr. 8; Evangelist C. F. Radzinski, Camden, N. J.—by Henry Graf, Pastor.

INDIANOLA, IOWA—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist G. R. McGhghy, Leon, Iowa. (M. C. Fishel is Pastor.)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 17th and "O" Sts., Apr. 1—; Evangelist Paul Gaston—by J. B. Prettyman, Associate Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—West Side Pentecostal Church, Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Edwin Anderson, Providence R. I. (Clyde Bowman is Pastor.)

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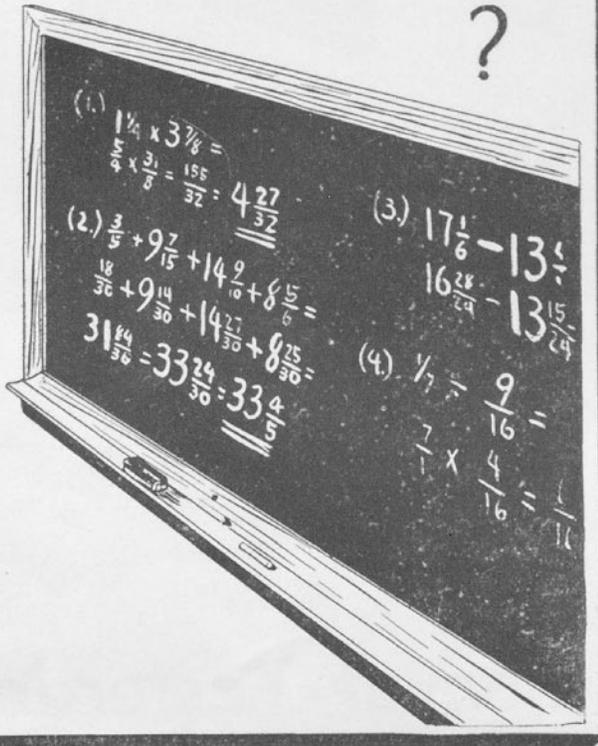
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Mar. 25—Apr. 15; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler.—by Lloyd Christiansen, Acting Pastor.

AUGUSTA, GA.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Hines, Toronto, Canada—by S. J. Westbury, Pastor.

MUNCIE, IND.—Dedication of Sunday School annex, Glad Tidings Church, Apr. 15, 2:30 p.m. Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker.—by Roy J. Davidson, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Teacher Training School for Dallas Section, Bethel Temple, Apr. 16—20; Paul Copeland, instructor. Sessions at 7:30 p.m. Albert I. Ott is host pastor. For information write Elmer W. Barnes, Sectional S. S. Representative, 2900 Britton Ave., Dallas 16, Tex.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Special Rally at Friendly Assembly, Bremen and Blair Avenue, Apr. 1, in interest of Assemblies of God; S. D. Flannigan, Christian layman, at 10:45 a.m.; K. H. Lawson, District Superintendent, at 11:15 a.m.; S. D. Flannigan at 2:30 p.m.; J. R. Flower, General Council Secretary, at 3:15 p.m.; T. F. Zimmerman, District Secy-Treas., at 7:45 p.m.—by G. R. Kelly, Pastor.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.—Suburban Assembly of God, Cor. of Warren and Forest Aves. (Don Theater), Mar. 18—Apr. 1; Pastors of Chicago area will be preaching. (This is a pioneer work sponsored by the Chicago churches. If you have friends in this area, we will be glad to contact them.)—by Delmar Ross, Pastor.

MONTANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES—Billings Apr. 2, 3; Anaconda 5, 6; Kalispell 10, 11; Great Falls 12, 13; Sidney 16, 17. V. G. Greisen, Kansas District Superintendent, guest speaker. Rooms provided for visiting ministers. Write Currell Muirhead, District Superintendent, Box 1549, Great Falls, Mont.—by Lyle B. Spradley, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—If you have friends at the Jacksonville Naval Air Base, we would be glad to contact them. Send names and addresses to J. Bashford Bishop, 2240 Post St., Jacksonville, Fla. (Pastor, Riverside Assembly of God).

SERVICEMEN stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. are invited to attend the First Assembly of God, 1307 10th Ave., Phenix City, Ala.—by Pastor A. Valdez.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Breakfast with the Parson," station WVMI, Biloxi, Miss., daily except Saturday, 7 a.m.—by Pastor Charles Hurst, Pascagoula, Miss.

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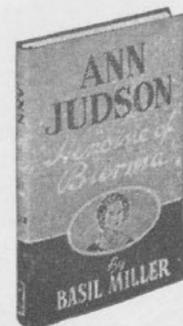
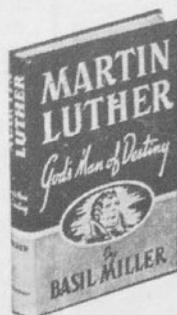
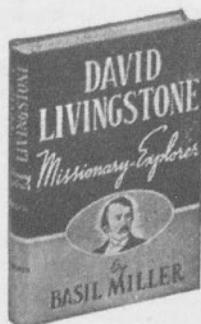
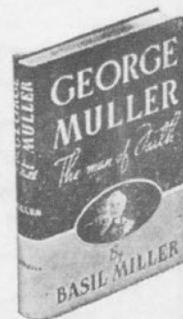
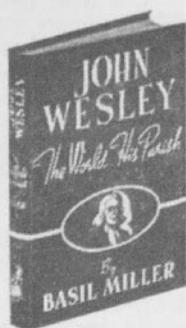
SERVICES of the Assembly of God, Geneseo, Ill. are conducted in the basement of the Unitarian Church, 120 W. North.—by Joe Hanna, Pastor.

NOTICE—If you have friends stationed at the Air Base here, I shall be glad to contact them.—by Pastor W. Paul Jones, 11 20th St. N., Great Falls, Mont.

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