

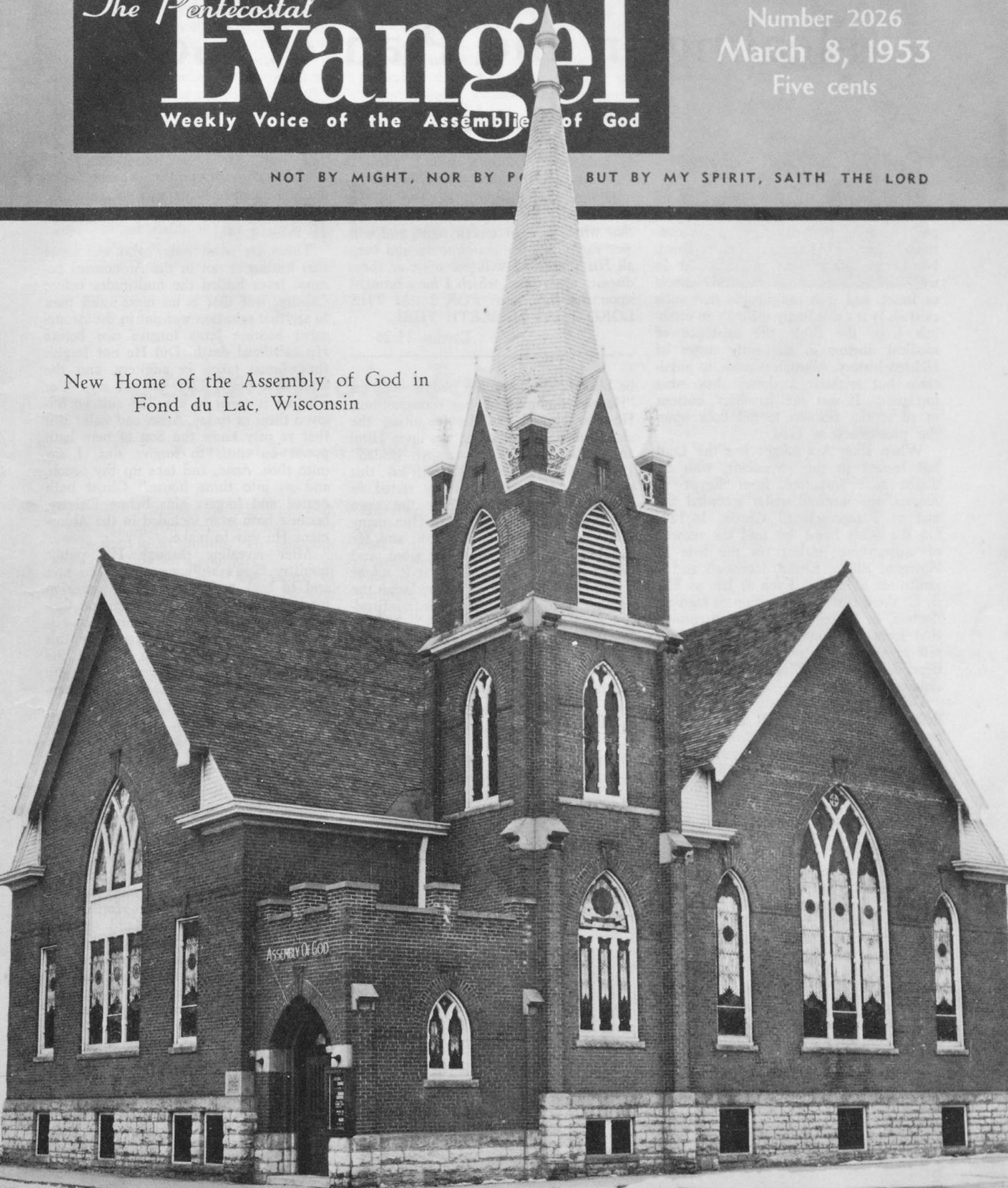
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Healing in the Plan of God

Gayle F. Lewis

At Marah, for the first time, God revealed Himself as the Healer of His people, and from that day forward He continually revealed Himself as such to Israel. Nowhere in all of the Old Testament do we have an allusion to medical schools in Israel, and it is improbable that such existed. It is exceedingly difficult to establish from the Bible the existence of medical doctors in the early stages of Hebrew history. Allusion is made to physicians but without a doubt they were foreigners. It was the Israelites' custom in all serious sickness to fall back upon the providence of God.

When King Asa sought not the Lord but turned to the physicians, who no doubt were imported from Egypt or Assyria, the inspired writer recorded the fact as a reproach (2 Chron. 16:12). On the other hand, we find the records of outstanding healings in the lives of Naaman, Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah and a multitude of others. Even as late as 850 B. C. there is still no mention of medical doctors in Israel, all of which proves that from the time God revealed Himself as the Healer of His people, Israel depended upon God for deliverance from sickness and disease.

God sent His Son into the world to destroy sin and to heal all that were oppressed by the devil. Christ's entire earthly ministry was characterized by healings. Matt. 4:23—"Healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Mark 1:34—"And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases." Matt. 8:16—"He healed all that were sick." Luke 4:40—"He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them." He healed the halt, the maimed, the blind and the withered. Leprosy, paralysis, and deafness were some of the afflictions that vanished at His touch or at His word. Many others are not mentioned: but nothing was too hard for Him.

Not only did Jesus Himself heal the sick, but He sent His disciples to do the same. "And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them" (Mark 6:12-13).

At the close of His earthly ministry He bore cruel stripes in order that all might

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: FOR I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.

Exodus 15:26

be healed. The Scripture plainly declares, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). That He fulfilled this prophecy by Isaiah is clearly stated in Matthew 8:16, 17—"When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." This is Matthew's rendering of the passage in Isaiah 53, "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." The apostle Peter, looking back to Calvary, said, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we,

being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

There are some today who will argue that healing is not in the Atonement because Jesus healed the multitudes before Calvary. But that is no more valid than to say that salvation was not in the Atonement because Jesus forgave sins before His sacrificial death. Did He not forgive the woman taken in adultery, and the man with palsy? Did He not say, "For whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee: or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." Christ both healed and forgave sins before Calvary, because both were included in the Atonement He was to make.

After revealing through His public ministry God's willingness both to save and to heal, and after making provision for both through His Atonement on Calvary, He committed this ministry to His followers, and in Mark 16 we have this great commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The New Testament clearly shows that the early church trusted God for healing. Many signs and wonders were done among them, and that not only by the apostles, but also by the most humble believers. "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). The lame man was healed at the Gate Beautiful. All through the Book of Acts, healings and miracles accompanied the preaching of the Word of God.

This ministry was not confined to a certain time, nor to a certain few. James, in writing his general Epistle to Christians everywhere, says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of



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the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15). Here is a positive promise which was believed by the early church, and which we should believe today. In no place do we find where this promise was withdrawn. It is the positive statement of the Word of God, put there by the Spirit of God, and all who would obey the Scriptures ought to practice this.

In 1 Corinthians 12:28, the apostle Paul tells us plainly that God has set miracles and gifts of healings in the church, along with other ministries, and if God has set them in the church they should be in evidence and in operation in every church. No one man or group of

men has a corner on this provision of God. It is part of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Wherever God's Word is proclaimed—wherever people pray and believe—God will save and God will heal. We know that this is true, for in our own ministry we have seen people instantly healed of heart trouble, paralysis, ptomaine poison, cancers, tumors, spinal meningitis, scarlet fever, and many other troubles.

Let us hold fast to our inheritance in Christ. Let us continue to declare the truth which has been believed among us from the beginning. Let us boldly declare the gospel of Jesus Christ, and believe Him to confirm His word in every church, and in every community, with signs and wonders according to His promise.



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Jesus Heals Today

A Personal Testimony by Wilfred A. Brown

IN 1933 a friend approached me with a warning. "If you keep up this pace you will be dead in six months." His prophecy was almost fulfilled a year later.

In September 1934 I was pastor of Grace Pentecostal Church in Atlantic City, New Jersey. During this ministry I spent two weeks at Maranatha Park and held a series of evangelistic services at Quakertown, Pa. There I took sick with what I thought was a case of the grippe. I stopped preaching for one night but went right on preaching thereafter even though I burned with a fever. But when I returned to Atlantic City I did not improve.

Each afternoon I would have great chills and they would be followed by a high fever. At night I underwent night sweats that hastened the weakening processes. I remember awaking one night and throwing my pillow on the floor for there was no dry spot on it. Along with this I completely lost my appetite. The very thought of food nauseated me. One evening a friend brought us a chicken. My wife fricasseed it and made most tempting dumplings to go with it. I took one mouthful and hastened to bed.

Through the mercy of God I was able to do most of my regular preaching. But after ministering I would return home and sit in a chair for three quarters of an hour before I could gather strength to take my coat off and prepare for bed.

Just about that time a sister in the congregation informed my wife that I had about one and a half months of life left.

There was every reason for her prediction, for I had become extremely thin and weak.

Just about that time the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Buffalo, New York, invited me to be a candidate for the pastorate there. I made this 500-mile trip, by bus, in a very deep sense of spiritual and physical weakness. I was greatly blessed in Buffalo, but when I reached Atlantic City again I grew steadily worse.

Then the Buffalo church called me to be their pastor. What a dilemma faced me. Here I was a dying man in Atlantic City—who in their right mind would want such a man for their pastor in Buffalo? My predicament was like that of Israel at the Red Sea. To go back meant to fall into the hands of Pharaoh; to go forward seemed to mean drowning in the depths of the sea. To stay in Atlantic City meant sure death; to go to Buffalo seemed like suicide.

Just then another sister in my church approached me. She reported a remark which she had made to another member. She said, "I told this lady that I believed that Brother Brown had better do one of two things: either trust the Lord or get the best doctor in Atlantic City." That did it. I decided to pray.

I went to our living room, closed the door, walked the floor in spite of my weakness, and prayed this prayer: "Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, lay Thy healing hands on my body and make it every whit whole. Amen." After I had prayed this prayer repeatedly for one

hour, I stopped praying. Nothing had happened except that I had fully made up my mind to trust the Lord.

Early that evening I became exceedingly weary, and, fully dressed, threw myself on my bed. While there the Holy Spirit came upon me with tremendous power. I felt the mighty surge of His presence touch every part of my being. I shouted with holy laughter. I praised the Lord loud and long. I spoke in other tongues in a way I never had done before. Every part of my body was activated by this mighty manifestation. I was delivered and I knew it. I knew God had removed that awful clutch of sickness from my life. My fever left; the night sweats began to go; the next Sunday I began to eat, in the name of the Lord. I gained forty pounds in less than six months.

A very accomplished physician gave me a thorough diagnosis. He thought that I had either tuberculosis or cancer. I do not know what it was for no X rays were taken at that time. But this I do know. For the past eighteen years I have enjoyed good health and have had the glorious experience of a very busy life, filled with much spiritual labor, because to my life, like Hezekiah's, God has added these many years. May His name be praised.

It would not be right to end this testimony without relating some further facts of God's goodness. All who have trusted Him for any blessing know the test of faith that usually follows a manifestation of miraculous power. My case was no exception.

Satan's attacks of unbelief would hit me after I had gone to bed at nights. I would feel my weakness most at that time. But God still was with me, and time after time His Holy Spirit dropped this promise into my heart: "I shall not

die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord" (Psa. 118:17). With that the warm glow of His presence would steal over my heart, and I would drop off to receive the strengthening of a good night's rest.

Another incident always stands out in my memory. One day, about six weeks after my healing, I had a particular battle with my feelings. It just seems that Satan particularly attacked me that day. All day long it seemed as if a voice was saying to me: "You're no better. You

know you are worse. Why make believe that you are healed when you feel this way? You know you have lost weight." After enduring this mental torture for many hours, I decided to weigh myself. On the testimony of two scales I had gained nine pounds!

*"Keep on believing, Jesus is near.
Keep on believing, there's nothing to fear.
Keep on believing, this is the way:
Faith in the night as well as the day."*

Faith and Your Healing

Andrew Murray

Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief (Mark 9:24).

THE ABOVE words have been a help and strength to countless souls in their pursuit of salvation and the blessings of God. But these words are really used in relation to an afflicted child and the fight of faith when seeking healing from the Lord Jesus. In them we see that in one and the same soul there can arise a struggle between faith and unbelief.

There are sufferers who do not doubt the power or the will of the Lord Jesus to heal in this day without the use of earthly remedies, but who lack the boldness to accept healing for themselves. They believe in the divine power of Christ; they believe in a general manner His good will to heal; they have acquired, either by the Scriptures or by the healings they have witnessed, the intellectual persuasion that the Lord can help even them—and yet they shrink back from accepting healing and from saying with faith, "The Lord has heard me; I know that He is healing me."

FAITH AND TRUST

Take notice first that without faith no one can be healed. When the father of the afflicted child said to Jesus, "If Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us," Jesus replied, "If thou canst believe." Jesus had the power to heal and He was ready to do it, but He put the responsibility on the man. "If thou canst. All things are possible to Him that believeth" (R.V.).

In order to obtain your healing from

Jesus, it is not enough to pray. Prayer without faith is powerless. It is "the prayer of the faith" which saved the sick (James 5:15). If you have already asked for healing from the Lord, or if others have asked it for you, you must, before you are conscious of any change, be able to say with faith, "On the authority of God's Word I have the assurance that He hears me and that I shall be healed."

To have faith means in your case to surrender your body absolutely into the Lord's hands, and to leave yourself entirely to Him. Faith receives healing as a spiritual grace which proceeds from the Lord even while there is no conscious change in the body. Faith can glorify God and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who healeth all my diseases" (Psalm 103:1-3). The Lord requires this faith that He may heal.

FAITH AND UNBELIEF

But how is such faith to be obtained? Tell your God the unbelief which you find in your heart, and count on Him for deliverance from it. Faith is not money by which your healing can be purchased from the Lord. It is He who desires to awaken and develop in you the necessary faith. "Help my unbelief," cried the father of the child. It was his ardent desire that his faith should not come short.

Confess to the Lord all the difficulty you have to believe Him on the ground of His Word. Tell Him you want to be rid of this unbelief, that you bring it to Him with a will to hearken only to His Word. Do not lose time in deploring your

unbelief, but look to Jesus. The light of His countenance will enable you to find the power to believe in Him (Psalm 44:3). He calls on you to trust in Him. Listen to Him; and by His grace, faith will triumph in you.

Say to Him, "Lord, I am still aware of the unbelief which is in me. I find it difficult to believe that I am sure of my healing even though I possess Him who works it. Nevertheless, I want to conquer this unbelief. Thou, Lord, wilt give me the victory. I desire to believe. I will believe. By Thy grace, I dare to say I can believe. Yes, Lord, I believe, for Thou comest to the help of my unbelief." It is when we are in intimate communion with the Lord and when our heart responds to His, that unbelief is overcome and conquered.

FAITH AND PRAISE

It is needful also to testify to the faith one has. Be resolved to believe that which the Lord says to you; and to believe, above all, that which He is. Lean wholly upon His promises. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26). Look to Jesus, who "bare our sickness" (Matt. 8:17), and who healed all who came to Him. Count on the Holy Spirit to manifest in your heart the presence of Jesus who is also now in heaven, and to work also in your body the power of His grace. Praise the Lord without waiting to feel better, or to have more faith. Praise Him, and say with David, "O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me" (Psalm 30:2).

Divine healing is a spiritual grace which can only be received spiritually and by faith, before feeling its effects on the body. Accept your healing, and give glory to God. You will notice that when the Lord Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the child, the evil spirit rent him sore, so that he was as one dead, inasmuch as many said, "He is dead." If, therefore, your sickness does not yield at once—if Satan and your own unbelief attempt to get the upper hand—do not heed them, but keep on praising Jesus your Healer, and He will surely heal you.

Cattle are yoked in order to serve. This requires a surrender on their part. Only by surrendering can they serve. It is the same with men and women. God has a service for each of us to do, and we must surrender to Christ's yoke in order to serve. Happy is he who finds God's plan for his life and fits into it with a surrendered will.

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A MIRACULOUS HEALING

Mrs. Douglas Minor Tells in Her Own Words How Christ Healed Her, After Doctors Had Pronounced Her Case as Hopeless

ABOUT FOUR months before my baby was born in 1949 I began to have trouble in my neck—a crick, as the doctor diagnosed it. Finally it hurt so much I could not sit up. I had to remain in bed. Upon the evidence of X rays, the doctor said the bones in the back of my neck were dislocated, but he did nothing about it, so a chiropractor manipulated my neck, with the result that the pain was eased and I was able to be up part of the time.

At this time I was unsaved and knew nothing of God's wonderful power. After the baby came, I improved a little, but in August 1949 I began to have headaches, which became worse, and my neck began hurting again. X rays failed to show anything wrong, but the doctor gave me a drug to ease the severe pain.

I was taken to the hospital in Corsicana, Texas, for a few days, but was discharged by the doctor with the assurance that I would be all right. But the severe pain continued and I was back in bed again to stay. Paralysis began, first in my left side, then in my right, and finally I could move only my mouth and eyelids. Breathing was difficult. Pin pricks produced no feeling anywhere in my body. I was returned to the hospital, where the doctors tapped my spine, but they found nothing.

The baffled doctors sent me from Corsicana to the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. Just before this a sister from the First Assembly of God in Corsicana came to see me. She prayed at my request and I was relieved of the terrible headache, so that I slept better that night than I had done for a long time.

This was the first time I had ever asked anyone to pray for me. The next day this sister returned with the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Bracy Greer. They prayed again, but it did not enter my mind that God still could heal as of old. After I went to Galveston, these good people kept holding on to God for me.

At first the doctors at John Sealy Hospital dismissed my case as hopeless. They told my people I might possibly live three days, and advised them to take me home. They said I would live only long enough to get back. Then they decided to try something different. They put me in traction on a specially made bed, with tongs, like ice hooks, held by holes bored in my skull, suspending 15-pound weights which held my head down. (X rays showed that three bones were missing in the back of my neck.)

I lay this way for four months, when I began to get some use of my muscles and feeling began to return to my body. I did not realize it then, but now I know



Mrs. Minor today

that God, in answer to the prayers of the Pentecostal people at home and at Galveston, was restoring my life again. Each month X rays were made and they revealed that the missing bones were growing back more and more. The doctors were surprised. I stayed eight months in Galveston. I regained the use of all my muscles, became stronger, and so they decided to send me home for three months on this special bed.

While home I was saved through the faithful ministry of ladies from the Assembly of God. When I returned to Galveston I took my Bible with me. I continued to gain weight and strength, much to the perplexity of the doctors. They finally decided to put my neck in a brace. I was then removed from the special bed. I read my Bible constantly to learn more about my wonderful Jesus. Some of the nurses made fun of me for reading it so much.

When the brace was put on I had to learn to walk all over again, for I had not put my feet on the floor for about twelve months. I learned to walk fairly well and they let me come home the second time. I began to attend church.

After I had been home about four months the terrible headaches returned. I could hardly sit up, and finally stayed in bed all the time. For the third time I was sent back to Galveston. More X rays prompted the doctors to put me back on the special bed, with the terrible weights, and tongs in my skull.

They decided to operate upon my neck (to find out, I suppose, what was wrong there). They told my family I might not come off the operating table alive. But God took all fear out of my heart. I knew it was all up to Him anyway. The operation disclosed cancer of the bone in the worst stage, so the doctors sewed me up. Then followed a series of twelve or fourteen X-ray treatments, after each one of which I became deathly sick and had to have a shot. I was convinced that unless God healed me I would die.



Mrs. Minor on the specially-built bed with weights holding her head down. The 15-lb. weights are in the sack at the end of the bed, attached to her head by tongs.

They talked about sending me to a hospital in Tennessee. I prayed and the church at Galveston prayed that I might be spared this expense and separation from my family. So instead the doctors sent me home with sixty days to live, and with instructions for my family to make me as comfortable as possible. They informed my people that I would go into convulsions and would die in one of them.

One day a convulsion came. Unconscious, they rushed me to the hospital, but the doctor told them there was nothing he could do. They brought me home, but for several days I was not clearly conscious of what was going on. The next day another convulsion occurred. The new pastor in Corsicana, G. L. Johnson, had been out of town at the time of the first convulsion. When the second one came, Brother Johnson was called. He prayed for me and the Lord undertook in a marvelous way. This was the last convulsion.

The devil kept pestering me with the thought that the convulsions would return, but every time a test came the pastor and the people would get the victory through prayer and pleading the power of the Blood. As they prayed one day the Spirit gave us the assurance of final victory. God had delivered me. Praise His name.

Faith increased and I decided to have those awful tongs removed. Several of the saints came in to pray. When my husband prepared to remove the tongs, I was really frightened, for the first time the doctor removed them it took thirty minutes and he feared he might have to cut them out. But this time God was doing the work. When I asked my husband when he was going to take the tongs out, he said, "They are already out." I felt no hurt. God's hands were on my husband's hands; otherwise the task would have been difficult.

I had been taking sleeping pills all this time. Now I decided I would trust the Lord for normal sleep. In a night or two I was sleeping as well as anyone. One day the doctor called. He had heard I had been going to church, and he asked if I could come to the hospital for a check-up. I went. Several X rays revealed no trouble. He said, "Mrs. Minor, when you had those spells the good Lord must have started making you over." I told him that all the glory belonged to the Lord. He replied, "Yes, it does."

My weight increased from 88½ pounds at that time to 100½ when the surprised doctor looked me over again. I now weigh 110 pounds.

No man ever could have done what God has done for me. Both my husband and I are saved and filled with the precious Holy Spirit. If this painful experience was God's way of accomplishing this for us, it was worth it all.

My healing occurred over a year ago. I feel fine, go to church, and can do most anything I want to do. To our Lord Jesus be all the praise!

(Mrs. Douglas Minor Jr. lives at 507 S. Thirteenth St., Corsicana, Texas. She was attended by Dr. William Shell, Jr. of the Corsicana Clinic. She and her husband are now engaging in full-time evangelistic ministry.)

"Daddy's Prayers Sure Are Good Medicine"

by Louis Blackburn

(Staff Writer, Houston "Press")

"Please, God, let my little girl live."

Lawrence Orell Brumley repeated that urgent petition hundreds of times as his 11-year-old daughter, Jaquelyn, lay at the point of death in Memorial Hospital.

There was nothing left to do but pray, and the La Porte construction worker prayed his heart out.

Mr. Brumley called his parents and grandparents at La Porte, where the Assembly of God Church was holding a revival, and the entire congregation prayed to God that Jaquelyn's life be spared.

Jaquelyn's doctor came to the hospital and spent most of the night with the child, who had suffered five years from a disease that drained the strength from her body. Then measles came along.

The doctor looked at the frail body of the unconscious girl, shook her head sadly and warned the parents: "If she's alive 24 hours from now, it will be a miracle.

"She's as near death as she could be. Any change would have to be for the better."

Two ministers came to Jaquelyn's room and prayed for her.



Jaquelyn Brumley after her healing

Chaplain Joe Luck heard of the child's condition, and went to the room, too. He and the two ministers all prayed together.

"I thought about what the doctor said about her being lucky if she was alive 24 hours from then," said Mr. Brumley. "The thought kept going through my head—24 hours for my little girl to live.

"I did everything I could for her, and I prayed every hour of the 24. As the hours passed and she was still in a coma, I watched the clock and prayed harder.

"Then, just 24 hours after the doctor said that, Jacquelyn opened her eyes and smiled at me. Then I knew the Lord had answered our prayers."

From that moment on, her father said, Jacquelyn improved as if by magic. She not only whipped the measles, but her original condition was improved remarkably. She's stronger than she has been for years.

Yesterday she got out of bed and walked over to the mirror and combed her hair for the photographer.

"That's the first time I've been on my feet for a long, long time," she said gaily. "It's wonderful. Daddy's prayers sure are good medicine."

Jaquelyn's attendants at the hospital, and the chaplain, all marvel at the story.

"We all thought she was gone," said the chaplain. "It was up to God."

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ON THE COVER PAGE

The Assembly of God in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, recently took a long stride forward by purchasing a large downtown church in this city of 30,000.

The congregation is only ten years old, having its origin in a vacant drug store that was rented and used for the first meetings. The preacher was R. A. Rieben, then serving as District Evangelist.

The church was organized in 1945. Under the faithful leadership of Pastors Carl Cline and E. F. Erdman the work was established, a new house of worship built, and a parsonage purchased—both fully paid for.

Now the congregation has sold its former property to the Salvation Army, and has purchased a larger church (formerly the Evangelical-United Brethren church) next to the City Hall. There is a parsonage adjacent to the church. This fine church seats over 400 and also provides ample Sunday School room. It is equipped with pipe organ, carpeting, pews, a piano for each Sunday School Department, etc. It has loud-speaking equipment throughout, including the belfry. The purchase price was \$50,000.

Brother and Sister O. W. Apple resigned their pastorship in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, to accept a call to the Fond du Lac pulpit, in December. They served the Rice Lake assembly for more than ten years, and had the joy of seeing the Sunday School attendance grow from about 50 to well over 200. They have a weekly broadcast over the local radio station.

—J. P. Grahl, Church Secretary

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Fundamentalists to Translate Bible

The Independent Fundamental Churches of America, not satisfied with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, are going to produce a Bible translation of their own. The disclosure was made by a member of the executive committee during a regional conference of the Independent Fundamental Churches at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bibleless Homes of America

There are more than 7,500,000 homes in the U.S.A. without a copy of the Word of God, reports the American Home Bible League. "We will never have a God-given, old-fashioned revival without the God-given, old-fashioned Book," says Wm. Ackerman, Director of the organization which has already visited two million American homes with the offer of a free Bible.

To Teach Retarded Children

An interdenominational Sunday School for mentally retarded children has been opened at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn. It is said to be the first Sunday School to be organized in Minnesota for such children. There are at least 800 mentally retarded boys and girls in St. Paul who have no other opportunity for special religious instruction.

A Condensed History

Someone has given the following as a condensed history of all great nations: "From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to apathy; from apathy back to bondage once more." It is not difficult to locate our own great nation on this historical circle.

Saints for Sale

Daily newspapers now advertise "Your Patron Saint in 14-karat Gold." A reputable New York jeweler displays "from our large selection" more than eight medals of saints ranging from St. Gerard, Patron of Expectant Mothers, to St. Lucy, Patron of Eyesight and Eye Ailments.

Comments *The Prophetic Word*: "Is this the America to which the Pilgrims fled and upon which God relies to send the pure gospel to all the world?"

Korean Army Converts

Another sign of the great spiritual work going on in Korea is given by the Chaplains of the Army of the Republic of Korea. They reported in early November that 44,330 ROK soldiers had been converted to Christianity through their efforts since the Chaplaincy was established in February 1951.

Champion Acknowledges God's Help

Godfrey Bowen, who recently became the world's champion sheep sheerer, said in Wellington, New Zealand, that God had helped him set the new record. Bowen sheared 456 sheep in nine hours to top the previous record of 409 sheep set in 1943. The champion said he finished the last half hour in a trance. "I am a humble Christian in my daily life," he said, "and yesterday I set out to prove a man can be a Christian and a man, too. I prayed to God before I started the day, and never before has a day been blessed more by God. I was helped by a greater power than we have anywhere on this earth."

The admission fees paid by those who watched Bowen's record-breaking performance were given to a church.

The President at Prayer

Millions of believers must have been deeply moved during the inauguration when Dwight D. Eisenhower chose to pray for divine guidance as his first official act as President of these United States. He prayed as follows:

"As we stand here, at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the government join me in beseeching that Thou wilt make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow-citizens everywhere.

"Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong, and allow all our work and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

"Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling. May co-operation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. Amen."

There was no mention of Christ in his prayer, nor even of the Bible; and yet each one who heard the President pray must have felt like the Congressman who said, "I could not help thinking that whatever he does or does not do, his regime will be marked by the sincerity of a deeply religious man."

It is reported that the head of the Freethinkers of America, an organization of atheists, agnostics, and rationalists, issued a statement complaining that President Eisenhower's inauguration prayer was "wholly uncalled for," "a vulgar display," and "an undignified performance." Few Americans will agree with this criticism. God has promised, "Them that honor me I will honor," and we believe

the President did well to thus honor God publicly.

On February 5 the President accepted the invitation of Abraham Verheide to have breakfast with the International Committee for Christian Leadership, which sponsors a weekly "prayer breakfast" in the Senate dining room, attended by scores of Congressmen each week. It is reported that the President gave a good testimony to his faith at that gathering in the presence of some five hundred men, including members of the Supreme Court, Senate and House.

Let us pray continually for the President and all national leaders, remembering the Scriptural admonition that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings [rulers] and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2).

A Chapel for Capitol Hill

The Methodists plan to provide a place of worship on Capitol Hill for legislators and government workers of all denominations. They report that at the present time there is no chapel throughout the whole Capitol Hill area in Washington, D. C. The Methodist Board of Temperance owns a building on Capitol Plaza, across the street from the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Supreme Court building, and it is going to convert the auditorium of that building into a chapel for the use of any and all who wish to make it a place of prayer.

There are reports of a new Capitol Hill Club being established by Congressmen and other government leaders across the street from the House office building, which is said to include a large bar and cocktail lounge with adjoining conference rooms. It will be much better for our nation if our government leaders will go to a house of prayer, rather than to a cocktail lounge, before engaging in important conferences.

Some Vital Statistics

There were 3,875,000 babies born in the U. S. A. in 1952, an all-time high. There were 1,505,000 marriages and 393,000 divorces (nearly four to one), compared to 1,595,000 marriages and 371,000 divorces in 1951, according to the latest Government estimates. The downward trend in marriages since 1946, when there were 2,290,000, is explained by the low birth rate during the depression years. The upward trend in divorces is explained by the low regard for God's commandments that prevails in so many lives!

The President Joins a Church

President and Mrs. Eisenhower were received into membership of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., in a private ceremony. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, the church's pastor, said he believed it to be "the first time a President of the United States has joined a church while he was President."

Revival in El Salvador

An Eye-Witness Account by Mrs. Ruth Steelberg

FOR MANY YEARS our faithful missionaries have been working untiringly in El Salvador, Central America, to establish an indigenous church; that is, one in which the national workers themselves take the responsibility for establishing, pastoring, and maintaining their own churches, even to the extent of supervising the work and filling executive positions.

God has wonderfully helped our missionaries to train and inspire a fine group of nationals. Hence the Assemblies of God in this small country have grown to be one of the largest Protestant groups.

The pastors and missionaries have been praying for years for a real outpouring of the Spirit and a manifestation of the power of God. About the middle of January, 1953, Evangelist T. L. Osborn came to Santa Ana, El Salvador, to conduct a revival campaign. Our Bible School and national headquarters are located here. Permission was given to hold the services on the "Campo Marte," a piece of ground owned by the government and

near the barracks where the soldiers are housed. Securing the consent of the authorities was, in itself, a miracle.

A platform was erected at one end and about fifty hundred-watt lights were strung around the lot. There were no seats. Several thousand handbills were distributed throughout the city and in the market places, announcing the services. The handbills showed pictures of great campaigns held in other countries and told of Christ the Healer who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We expected that perhaps several hundred would come, but as we approached the place where the meetings were to be held it seemed as though the whole town was moving in that direction. We later learned that some had been there since early morning and had waited all day in the shade of the platform.

When we mounted the platform that night to begin the services, what a sea of eager, upturned brown faces greeted us! Standing as closely as they could pack together were thousands of hungry, needy

souls. Babies were lifted to shoulders to keep them from suffocating. Occasionally someone fainted, but there was no commotion, only rapt attention as the service proceeded.

A few choruses exalting Christ were sung. The evangelist was then introduced. The leader explained to the people that Brother Osborn claimed no gift but had come to minister the Word. For over an hour our brother spoke—a simple straightforward message. He emphasized the necessity of putting one's faith in Christ alone. He stressed the importance of receiving Christ as Saviour. When he gave the invitation, hundreds of hands were raised in response. Fearing lest they had not understood, the evangelist told them to put their hands down. He then carefully explained three times that only those who had never accepted Christ before but were willing to be known as a "creyente" (believer) or an "Evangelico" and were willing to forsake their sins should raise their hands. Each time as many hands were raised as before, so since it would have been impossible to do otherwise, they were led in a prayer of repentance and a plea for forgiveness, then told to put their hands down.

Again he asked how many felt peace in their hearts and really believed that God had saved them from their old lives of sin. Once more hundreds of hands were lifted high. What an impressive sight!

That night the evangelist felt led to pray for the deaf first. He told all the deaf in the audience to put their fingers in their ears while he prayed a simple prayer for all of them. He then asked how many had received healing. Dozens of people began frantically to wave their hands testifying to the fact that they could hear. One man who had been deaf for 43 years could now hear perfectly.

The other sick were then prayed for "en masse." The evangelist told them to act their faith. If they had crutches or canes they were instructed to hold them above their heads and start walking. Immediately all over that vast audience canes and crutches were raised high and people began moving. Those that were sure they had received their healing were invited to come to the platform to testify. Eagerly they began to work their way through the crowd. There was great excitement as people saw those around them being healed. "Why, I know them; look at them!" they cried. "What a miracle!"

Some cripples who had been healed but were unable to get to the platform because of the crowd, walked away, a flock of spectators following after. They were exhorted to believe in Christ who alone is the Healer. No man had touched them; their faith in Christ had made them whole.

The forces of evil were stirred also. That same night a man brought his wife who was very ill. He brought her because there was no room in the hospital. They took refuge under the platform and there his wife died. The papers published the

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A scene in the middle-class residential section of San Salvador, the capital of the republic of El Salvador. It is the greatest city of the republic, having about 124,000 population. (San Salvador means, in Spanish, "Holy Saviour.") Photo by Three Lions.



Bethel Temple in Santa Ana where recent revival meetings were held. Santa Ana is the second largest city in El Salvador. Our Bible School and national headquarters are also located here.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDermid announce the birth of a son, Richard Caldwell, January 7, 1953, in North India.

Morris Devin and Joyce Munger were united in marriage February 14, in Tomohon, Indonesia.

Glenn Dunn of Manila, Philippines, writes: "There are 75 consecrated Filipino young people in training for the Lord's service in Bethel Bible Institute. They teach Sunday School in the Manila Revival Center and are engaged in out-station work also. Recent tests show that three of these students have light cases of T. B. We covet your prayers for their complete healing. Already 42 young folk have graduated from the Bible School and most of them are working in new fields."

Nellie Meloon of Betongwe, Belgian Congo, sends the following news item: "We held a baptismal service the early part of January in the Government leper colony six miles from here. Three very pitiful lepers were baptized. One had to be carried as he could only crawl on hands and knees. The people gave us their undivided attention and we had a blessed meeting. This is the first baptismal service we have ever had at the leper colony but these particular patients were too ill to be taken elsewhere."

Lillian Trasher in Egypt writes: "The last baby we took into the orphanage was in a very pitiful condition. While the papers were being drawn up one of the older girls bathed the little one. After she had been washed and cleaned she was so changed that when I showed her to the parents they did not recognize her.

They looked at me and then at the baby. 'Who is she?' the woman asked. 'Don't you know her?' I inquired. 'She is the baby you just gave us.' They really had no idea who the child was!"

Robert L. Cobb of Nigeria, West Africa, sends the following interesting report: "We have concluded one of the best years that the Nigerian Bible Institute has ever had. On December 23 we had our commencement exercises and 17 young men received their diplomas for completing the three-year course. This past semester we had 71 enrolled. Our school has increased so fast that we do not have adequate housing accommodations."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkes and family sailed for home February 9. They have been stationed in East Pakistan.

Evangelistic Center

Needed for Jamaica

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard G. Griffin expect to open an evangelistic center in Montego Bay, Jamaica, British West Indies. It is one of the key cities of the Caribbean.

According to a recent survey by Glen Horst, Montego Bay is ripe for the establishment of a large Assemblies of God work in that area. We already have a number of believers there and many are strongly convinced that the time to open a center is NOW.

A building has been found that would be ideal for this purpose. It is strategically located on the main thoroughfare only three blocks from the heart of the city. The property can be purchased for \$20,000 and Brother and Sister Griffin are endeavoring to raise the money for this important project. Any offerings toward the purchasing of this building should be sent to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

January, 1953

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 1,517.67	New Jersey	4,285.13
Arizona	1,109.82	New Mexico	865.92
Arkansas	3,540.20	New York	7,992.06
California	33,406.98	North Carolina	809.59
Colorado	4,096.98	North Dakota	2,770.68
Colorado	658.60	Ohio	9,775.21
Delaware	609.60	Oklahoma	9,736.90
Florida	8,321.60	Oregon	7,876.03
Georgia	1,470.77	Pennsylvania	12,010.35
German Br.	1,294.78	Polish Br.	51.25
Hungarian Br.	278.83	Rhode Island	178.58
Idaho	1,824.38	Russian Br.	185.66
Illinois	9,535.62	South Carolina	1,277.92
Indiana	3,591.90	South Dakota	1,445.74
Iowa	3,030.02	Tennessee	1,052.07
Italian Br.	50.00	Texas	20,086.24
Kansas	6,425.57	Ukrainian Br.	523.01
Kentucky	738.32	Utah	39.37
Lat. Amer. Br.	200.00	Vermont	32.00
Louisiana	1,329.86	Virginia	2,760.78
Maine	355.50	Washington	23,401.93
Maryland	2,184.53	West Virginia	436.61
Massachusetts	974.48	Wisconsin	4,940.31
Michigan	12,518.44	Wyoming	367.96
Minnesota	6,576.23	Alaska	303.79
Mississippi	752.40	Canada	749.56
Missouri	8,025.03	Foreign	160.56
Montana	2,709.97	Spanish Liter.	4,346.88
Nebraska	2,771.62	Legacies	1,001.72
Nevada	286.35	Miscellaneous	5,640.26
N. H.	71.15		
Total Amount Reported			\$246,000.18
District Fund		\$11,121.11	
National Home Missions		2,243.01	
Office Expense Fund		7,961.71	
Literature Expense Fund		91.86	
Given Direct to Missionaries		31,746.85	\$53,164.54

Received for Council Foreign Missions	\$192,835.64
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions	3,482.40
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	75,105.48
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	\$271,423.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Basutoland	\$ 430.00	Brazil	10,106.87
Belgian Congo	3,289.71	Chile	4,664.64
Gold Coast	6,412.08	Colombia	406.00
Liberia	7,845.72	Paraguay	330.00
Nigeria	7,370.22	Peru	3,678.04
Nyasaland	1,676.15	Uruguay	1,502.00
Sierra Leone	1,489.21	Venezuela	1,736.49
Tanganyika	65.00	West Indies	14,640.70
Togo-Dahomey	12,132.34	Children's Educ. in U.S.	704.79
Union of S. Af.	13,739.63	Entertainment of Missionaries	3,216.05
Upper Volta	8,726.84	BGMC Mtl. & Ship. Exp.	1,571.36
China	2,318.10	Convention Expense	8.63
Fiji	1,014.74	Deputational Exp.	1,417.24
Formosa	4,366.90	Fld. Secretaries	2,278.75
Hawaii	3,255.26	Literature	171.00
Indonesia	2,657.37	Mission Cars	48.85
Japan	6,233.68	N. Y. Office Public Relations	860.00
Korea	1,078.34	Refunds and transfers to Other Depts	3,513.76
Malaya	1,991.78	Spanish Lit.	5,170.76
Philippines	6,319.85	Speed-the-Light, C. A. Dept.	9,400.57
Samoa, Amer.	305.61	Miscellaneous	884.87
Burma	587.39	Retired Missionaries	2,327.50
Ceylon	3,139.00		
India	39,730.69		
Egypt	8,605.49		
Europe	8,398.65		
Iran	155.00		
Israel	3,082.55		
Syria	113.00		
Cen. Amer.	8,615.12		
Latin Amer. Work in U.S.	524.93		
Mexico	3,709.55		
Argentina	1,633.62		
Bolivia	6,148.72		

Total Distr. To Council Foreign Missions	\$245,800.54
Non-Council Missionaries	4,592.96

Total Disbursements	\$250,393.50
Credited to Designated Accounts	21,030.02

Total Receipts	\$271,423.52
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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

Lesson for March 15

Matthew 19: 1-6, 13-15

When the Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" they thought they had trapped Him. They felt certain of subjecting Him to censure whatever answer He might give. An important truth resulted from their question, but it was not truth they were seeking; they were seeking to ensnare the Lord.

Adam Clarke says: "At this time there were two famous divinity and philosophical schools among the Jews, that of Shammai and that of Hillel. Shammai maintained that a man could legally put away his wife only for whoredom. The school of Hillel taught that a man might put away his wife for a multitude of causes." For Jesus to favor either the teaching of Shammai or that of Hillel would bring Him criticism. What divine wisdom He showed when He quoted the writings of Moses in Genesis for His answer! The people of God need wisdom, for they live in a world of critics. Where can they find better answers than in the Scriptures as the Holy Spirit brings the Word of God to their remembrance?

1. THE SACREDNESS OF MARRIAGE (vv. 1-6)

In Jesus' day great looseness had developed in the relationship of marriage, much the same as today. It was important therefore that the people know the thought of God concerning marriage, and Jesus took advantage of the occasion to set the divine standard before them. Divorce and remarriage is so prevalent in our day that those who have entered into the marriage contract, and taken a vow that "naught but death shall us part," think little of divorcing each other over trivial matters. However, marriage is a divine institution, ordained for the good of man and of the race. As sin has corrupted all other things, it has corrupted marriage also. When God created man, He said, "It is not good for the man to be alone: I will make him an help meet [fit] for him" (Gen. 2:18).

When God had given him a companion, Adam recognized his wife as "now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh" (v. 23). A man should show the same consideration toward his wife as he shows toward himself—"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies . . . for no man ever yet hated his own flesh: but nourisheth and cherisheth it" (Eph. 5:28, 29). If man would follow this example, "giving honor unto the wife, as unto the

weaker vessel," there probably would be far fewer divorces (1 Peter 3:7).

When God instituted marriage there were no parents to come between Adam and Eve, but God saw that, as families developed, there would be danger of disrupting marriages by ill-advised family meddling. He therefore gave the admonition, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). It is better for young people, as a rule, to leave the parental roof and to establish a home for themselves; and it is imperative that parents permit them to plan their own lives. Many a home has been made unhappy and more than one marriage dissolved because parents-in-law have meddled in the affairs of the bride and groom, or have taken an attitude of criticism toward one of the newlyweds. It is the duty of the husband to give his wife his first affection, and the duty of the wife that she refuse to permit her relatives to come between her and her husband. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

With marriage comes the family, and with the family comes parental responsibility. Every child is worthy of the love and care of both parents. The evil effects of broken homes is everywhere manifested. A few years ago I read an article which showed that in school and university the children of broken homes were far behind other children in their studies. But merely to avoid divorce is not enough. Families ought to avoid all quarreling. Think of the effect on the children when parents are at cross purposes. In Ecclesiastes is an exhortation that may be fitting here—"Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of thy life" (Eccl. 9:8, 9).

Christian parents especially should feel the responsibility of marriage and of having a family. One of the terrific rebukes of the Jews through the prophet Malachi had to do with the home—"The Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant." Then comes a question and the answer. The question is, "And did not He make [them] one? . . . And wherefore one?" Then the answer: "That He might seek a godly seed" (Mal. 2:14, 15). Marriage and the home

are meant to be the means of raising up and perpetuating those whose lives will glorify God. If you are a parent, what is the effect of your life on your home and children?

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDHOOD (vv. 13-15)

After Jesus had answered the Pharisees, little children were brought to Him "that He should put His hands upon them, and pray." Whether this immediately followed His instruction concerning marriage or not is unimportant. What matters is the attitude shown by Jesus when the children were brought.

His disciples must have felt it was beneath His dignity that He should be bothered with the children—or else they felt His life was too busy with ministry to adults to allow Him time for the children. Jesus saw the situation in an altogether different light. He laid His hands upon the children and blessed them. Not only that, but He said, "Suffer [allow] little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

These words of Jesus give assurance that little children are not lost, but have the blessing of the Redeemed. Being yet in their innocence, there is no law that can witness against them. "Where no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15). This story of bringing the children to Jesus for His blessing is a beautiful lesson favorable to the dedicating of children. It must be remembered, however, that Jewish children were dedicated to God in their infancy. Jesus, for example, was circumcised when eight days

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old (Luke 2:21), and when He was forty days old "the mother brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord" (v. 22).

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Keys of the Kingdom (lesson for March 8). Lesson text: Matthew 16:13-21.

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

INFECTED KIDNEYS

In December, 1951, the doctors at the hospital gave me only a year to live as I had two infected kidneys. I weighed around 56 pounds, and I was very discouraged.

In June, 1952, I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then in July I went to work, but I got so sick I had to come home. In desperation I went to a doctor. He told me that unless I went to the hospital for an operation he could not help me.

I called Brother and Sister Thompson, my pastors, to pray for me. I received immediate relief at the time, but after two weeks I still had quite a bit of pain.

I prayed to the Lord for healing, telling Him I would be willing to do anything, if He would just heal me. The Lord heard my prayer and healed me. Since then I have steadily gained in weight. I weigh 99 pounds now. I am able to do all my work and I attend church regularly without getting exhausted. After spending so much money on doctors trying to get well, it is wonderful to be healed; and all I had to do was to give my whole life to the Lord.

—Mrs. Betty Hooper, Weatherford, Okla.
(Endorsed by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Pastors, Assembly of God, Weatherford, Okla.)

GALLSTONES

On September 2, 1952, while sitting in a tent meeting conducted by Evangelist Gayle Jackson, I suffered an attack, which I later found out was from my gallbladder. Two nights later I had a second attack, and when the doctor came he said it must be my gallbladder. After the third attack, I had X rays taken which showed a handful of large stones. Medical science has never found an exit for the stones except by an operation. The doctor said he must operate soon, or cancer or something else would be formed by the stones.

I told him I would let him know. My pastor and Brother Jackson prayed for me. My baby was only two weeks old at the time and I needed my health more than



SACRAMENTO CHURCH LAUNCHES "REVIVALTIME" IN AFRICA

Revivaltime, the worldwide Assemblies of God radio broadcast, is now being heard in South Africa over the powerful Lourenco Marques station, which is located in Portuguese Mozambique, just across the border from the Union of South Africa. This great station, called "LM" by the people of South Africa, is the dominant radio voice of the area and is listened to by over 300,000 families daily, according to radio surveys. It serves the entire southern tip of Africa where some five million English-speaking people are living.



Clyde Henson

For a long time the Radio Department of the General Council has wished to place Revivaltime on LM, but shortage of funds has not permitted this step. Missionaries in Africa have urged the Department to broadcast over LM, for they feel our program will be well received in South Africa since religious broadcasting in the Union of South Africa is limited to the established church, all radio being controlled by the government. One cannot "buy time" on the

radio there. But across the border, in Mozambique, it is possible to purchase radio time and send out the message.

In October, the challenge of this great part of the world was placed before the pastor and people of Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California. Their hearts were immediately responsive, and Pastor Clyde W. Henson declared: "We will receive a special radio offering as a memorial to our former Pastor, our late brother Wesley R. Steelberg, and devote it to the project of placing Revivaltime on LM for at least one month. And we want the very first month, too."

And that is exactly what Bethel Temple in Sacramento did. The offering was received—more than enough to pay for one month of programs on Lourenco Marques. And thus Revivaltime was broadcast for the first time in the South African area.

We thank God for a church which will catch the vision of broadcasting the gospel by the radio, and which will make a financial sacrifice to undertake a definite project such as the LM broadcasts. In a very special way, they are fulfilling the command of the Master in "going" to the uttermost part of the earth with the message of salvation and the full gospel.

ever. We left it all in Jesus' hands and waited in faith, believing God would heal me.

I had eleven attacks within three weeks. The eleventh was the worst for it lasted three days and nights. But the darkest hour is just before the dawn. I think we all felt the healing touch when it came, for so many had been praying for me. The stones left my body, and my healing is still good after three months.—Mrs. James O. Pratt, 6122 Evangeline St., Baton Rouge, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lloyd R. Logan, Baton Rouge, La.)

INSOMNIA AND MENTAL TROUBLE

God healed me of a psychosomatic condition of sleeplessness. Doctors advised expensive treatment by psychiatrists, without too much encouragement of being helped.

I was fighting a spiritual battle at the

same time. God mercifully revealed to me the shallowness of my spiritual life and many things that I was doing that were very displeasing to Him. I honestly felt that I was a Christian, but I had many habits that were worldly. During the many long nights and days of prayer, God revealed to me through the fires of affliction that I must separate myself from worldliness.

When I confessed to God that I was perverse and full of sin, and prayed for His forgiveness, He lifted the burden. At this time a revival was being conducted at Children's Home Church by Brother and Sister Neal Pitts. They anointed me with oil and prayed for me. That night I slept better than I had in a month.

I began to trust God for sleep without taking the powerful dope to which I was becoming addicted. I knew many Christian friends were praying for me. By the help of God I left off the dope and slept enough to keep my blood strong, although I lost much weight. My faith was small

but I prayed constantly. He blessed me, strengthened me, and healed me.

The dope and loss of natural sleep had caused mental depression. I prayed to God to take my thoughts and arrange them, because I knew that He is a God of peace and sound mind, and not a God of confusion. He took my mind and restored it. I feel that He brought me back from the brink of insanity. I cannot praise God enough for His blessings. I thank God too for the prayers of the Christian people that upheld me.—Mrs. A. J. Vaitis, Route 2, Box 36, Defuniak Springs, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Neil Pitts, Bonifay, Fla.)

STUNNED BY A FALL

On December 7, 1952, I witnessed a marvelous miracle of healing.



Donald Henderson

My pastor and family came to have dinner with us, at my invitation, and while the food was being placed on the table there was an accident outdoors. The pastor's six-year-old son, Donald Henderson, tried to jump for the clothes-line post as the older boys were doing, but he missed and fell flat on his back on a cement sidewalk. When Brother and Sister Henderson reached him he was black. He could not move nor get his breath.

Then Brother Henderson prayed the prayer of faith, and the boy began to look at his Daddy. Still his eyes were glassy and his body was lifeless. Brother Henderson prayed again, rebuking the power of Satan in the name of Jesus. Donald then began to move. Color began to return to his face. Within an hour Donald was recovered fully from the accident and was out playing again. That night one could not tell that he even had a fall.

Words cannot describe how grateful we felt toward our Lord, and what a blessing came to our hearts through that miraculous answer to pray. Donald is still well and today (January 25, 1953) he has no injuries or impairments whatever as a result of the fall.—Mrs. Dorothy Emmett Holland, Box 307, Alabama City, Ala.

(Endorsed by George J. Henderson, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Alabama City, Ala.)

LARGE TUMOR

For about a year I suffered with a large tumor in my body. I was trusting God with implicit faith that some day He would completely heal me. I gave myself over to the greatest physician in the world, my lovely Jesus. It was not easy to take my eyes off the terrible symptoms and look only to Jesus, but I had to do just that.

Many times Satan would whisper, "You had better go to the doctor. The tumor might turn to cancer. You might die trying to trust God." For every doubt Satan brought, God had the answer. When the devil told me I might have cancer, God told me He was able to heal that as quick-

ly as a toothache. For with God nothing is impossible if we believe. When the fear of death came over me so that I could hardly pray or praise, the answer was the verse in Psalms 118:17: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." I was not afraid to die. I knew there was nothing between my soul and the Saviour, but I wanted my life spared to continue giving my children the right foundation in Christ Jesus.

I took God at His Word, and faith sprang up in my heart. A sister anointed me with oil and prayed for me. Hallelujah, the tumor was gone that every night. Oh, what a Saviour is mine!

After that wonderful healing, the devil still came with the question, "What if it comes back?" God gave me the answer in Nahum 1:9b: "Affliction shall not rise up the second time." I am glad God spared me to glorify Him and declare His wondrous works.—A. Myra Blackie, 618 Knob Hill Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Blackie's son, R. Clifford Bright, who is a student at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.)

DOUBLE HERNIA

I had a large double hernia and had worn a truss for many years. I could not lift anything heavy. I had to leave the farm as I was unable to do the work.

In September, 1951, Evangelist Stanley MacPherson conducted a meeting in Ashtabula, Ohio, and I went forward for prayer. After I arrived home that night, I was definitely healed. I took off my truss and I have not worn it since. The next day after I was healed I lifted a third part of a garage roof. I now can lift a fifteen-gallon can of water, a hundred-pound sack of feed, or a bale of hay.

I give the Lord all the praise and glory for my healing. If you are in need of healing, go to the Lord for He can heal you.—Charles J. Lockwood, Foreman Rd., Austinburg, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Evangelist R. J. Ferguson, Canton, Ohio, former pastor in Ashtabula, Ohio.)

"Tarry at a Bible promise until God meets you there."



Five Assemblies of God ministers: Chaplain W. E. Rowland, Pastor D. G. Scott, Chaplain Jack J. Carmichael, Chaplain Frank Smith, and Chaplain Clarence P. Smales.

OUR MINISTERS IN UNIFORM

Fifteen of our Assemblies of God ministers are chaplains in the armed services. Douglas G. Scott, pastor of Calvary Gospel Church in Washington, D. C., is chairman of the Commission on Chaplains for the National Association of Evangelicals, and when he visited Parks Air Force Base in California in December he met these four fellow-ministers who are shown with him in the picture.

Brother Scott is calling on all our people to pray for the chaplains. He writes:

"There is a mistaken idea that a chaplain belongs to the military when he puts on a uniform, but this is not so. A chaplain is only loaned to the military as a minister of a particular denomination, and must maintain the spiritual convictions

and standards of his denomination. This is the reason we should pray for our chaplains as much as our missionaries. They have a challenge second to none.

"On every base I visited, the commanding officers (from one- to three-star Generals) were calling for chaplains who have spiritual convictions and religious standards to instruct our boys. We as a great body known as the Assemblies of God cannot let these officers, as well as the boys, down. We must prepare for our part in this program for, if Jesus carries, our boys nine, ten, and eleven years of age will see military training. Let us do our part in this great spiritual need of the armed forces."

Revival in El Salvador

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incident, including pictures of the dead woman and her husband, but completely ignored the miraculous healings which were daily taking place.

The next night a greater crowd than ever stood before the platform and again wonderful miracles took place. Blind eyes were opened, cripples carried their crutches. Others testified to being healed of cancer. There was deliverance for the T. B. cases and hundreds testified that God had healed them of one malady or another. One little boy whose feet were badly deformed was made normal. Other hundreds accepted Christ as their Saviour.

An afternoon service was announced. Multitudes stood in the tropical sun to hear the gospel. We could not even estimate the number that were saved—it was almost unbelievable to see the cloud of hands raised in each service.

On Thursday the colonel who had granted permission to hold the services told us we could have the "Campo Marte" only until Sunday. "Don't ask me why," said he and off he went!

That same night the Baptist pastor's mother who had come from Nicaragua gave a wonderful testimony of healing from cancer. Before the close of the meeting a man came with a summons for the evangelist to appear before the immigration officials. He had a wonderful opportunity to witness to them and later the Secretary of the Interior listened to the gospel for an hour. The papers of the evangelistic party were examined and found to be in order. But they were told that although there was no legal reason why the meetings must stop, yet great pressure was being brought to bear by doctors and a certain religious group. The authorities feared political disturbance if the meetings were allowed to continue.

The crowds had grown until they covered more than two city blocks, standing closely packed. Crowded buses were coming from all over the republic and even from neighboring countries. People carried the sick on their backs. Indeed they arrived in every kind of conveyance, from oxcarts to cars of the latest model. The city was filled with people, some bringing food for several days and sleeping on the ground at night.

About noon on Saturday orders came that the meetings were to be closed. Police tried to disperse the crowds. Buses were turned back. Officials went through the streets with loud speakers telling the people to go home for the meetings were finished.

But crowds gathered around "Templo Bethel," our Assemblies of God church, hoping for a service. However, the tension was high and for this reason many were sent away—even stretcher cases. Finally about eight o'clock it was decided to hold a service in the church. Every

"I'm Proud of the Assemblies of God!"

That's what one serviceman wrote to the Servicemen's Division recently. He, like many others, was expressing his deep gratitude at being remembered by his church, now that he was in service. The reason he was proud, he said, was because our fellowship is "out in front" of other denominations in its program of ministry to our servicemen.

The vision the Assemblies of God have of their responsibility is indeed unique. Look at this record:

- ☆ Over 10,000 servicemen on the mailing list receiving regular correspondence, encouragement, and counsel.
- ☆ Over 1,000 military chaplains of all denominations (including 15 Assemblies of God Chaplains) regularly supplied with our gospel literature.
- ☆ Over two million copies of REV-EILLE and servicemen's tracts distributed all over the world since the outbreak of war in Korea—fifteen million since 1941.
- ☆ About 90 contact pastors ministering to men at V.A. hospitals and military posts in the United States.
- ☆ General Council Bible study courses offered to servicemen.

We know you feel like the serviceman mentioned above. You, too, feel proud that the Assemblies of God are "out in front" in doing something for the spiritual needs of our boys.

But we wish we could do more.

inch of standing room was taken. The national pastor spoke, the missionary prayed and the same results that we had seen in the open-air services followed. The next Sunday, in the three services, 500 accepted Christ as their Saviour. The revival continues, with two meetings each day. At least 100 profess salvation in every service. Miracles of healing are a daily occurrence. It doesn't seem to matter who preaches; the results are the same.

From all over the republic come reports of people who have been miraculously healed. They have returned to their own towns and as a result of their testimonies revival fires have spread to these areas also. Thank God that we have national pastors who can give the gospel to these hungry hearts.

We feel that we have been living in New Testament days. Yesterday some of the party were able to interview the President and witness to him. We have seen some of Paul's experiences re-enacted, the multitudes hearing the gospel and the words of Jesus in Mark 13:9-13 literally fulfilled.



Frankly, however, the Servicemen's Division is having serious financial difficulty in maintaining its present program. Income from offerings has fallen far below expenditures. Continually we are haunted by a spectre—the possibility that this ministry may have to be cut off just at this time when it is so vitally needed.

We know you want to see the Servicemen's Division continue to help our boys. That is why we are depending upon your continued support.

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR THIRD REGIONAL S.S. CONVENTION

PORTLAND, OREGON—A number of special features are being planned for the Regional Convention to be held here March 17 to 19.

Northwest Sunday School leaders, concerned over the advancement of adult work in this area, requested that a morning session be given to adult work. Victor Trimmer, Assistant Director of the National Sunday School Department, will conduct this special session on Thursday morning, March 19. Other morning speakers will be Harold W. Jeffries, pastor of the Foursquare Church in Portland, and Billie Davis, Associate Editor of *Our Sunday School Councillor*.



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Robert Pirtle

J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will speak on Wednesday night. Brother Savell has been interested in Sunday School work since his youth. At fourteen he was superintendent of the largest rural Sunday School in Neshoba County, Mississippi. The school had an attendance of over two hundred. At all six of the Regional Sunday School Conventions Brother Savell is emphasizing advancement in Sunday School evangelism.

Wm. E. Kirschke, pastor of the Assembly of God, 12th and G Streets, Tacoma, Washington, will deliver the final address of the Northwest convention. Brother Kirschke, former Executive Secretary of the National Sunday School Association (branch of the N.A.E.) will speak on the subject, "Sunday Schools—Advance in Growth."

The convention will open Tuesday night, when the speaker will be Paul Copeland, Director of the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God. A member of the executive board of the National Sunday School Association, he is active in interdenominational circles. On Saturday night prior to the Northwest convention he will speak at the Portland Youth for Christ Rally.

Though convalescing from a recent accident which occurred while working on the construction of his new church in Portland, N. D. Davidson, City Chairman of the Northwest Regional Sunday School Convention, is continuing to partially direct pre-convention activities. Robert Pirtle, Regional Chairman, has stepped in to lighten some of Brother Davidson's tasks. N. C. Ballew is heading up the local convention publicity.

COMING MEETINGS

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 20 days before that date.

BEMIDJI, MINN.—Mar. 3—15 or longer; Evangelist Ivar H. Hugh.—by Arnold C. Mack, Pastor.

HOWE, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Mar. 8—22 or longer; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Earl McKim, Pastor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Central Assembly, Mar. 11-22; Evangelist William F. Voodre, Durant, Fla.—by B. H. Conant, Pastor.

WAYNESBORO, MISS.—Mar. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Lovick, Norfolk, Va. (Virgil Sumrall is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Denver Assembly, Mar. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Evans, San Antonio, Tex. (W. L. Suter is Pastor.)

COALINGA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 8-22; Evangelist Charles O. Lee, McMinnville, Tenn.—by A. H. Drake, Pastor.

AINSWORTH, NEBR.—Mar. 15—Apr. 5; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—by J. M. Peck, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Revival Tabernacle, Mar. 9-29; Evangelist Kenneth Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by T. A. McDonough, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, Mar. 1-15 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. O. Stephens, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Dave E. Laughlin, Pastor.

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DETROIT, MICH.—Workers' Training Institute, Berea Tabernacle, 4th and Forest, Mar. 16-21; James Montgomery, National S. S. Director of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, instructor. Using book, "Ye Shall be Witnesses." For information write Michigan District Council, 7041 Schaefer Rd., Dearborn 1, Mich.

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STRASBURG, COLO.—Assembly of God, month of March; Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Bothwell. (Harold Allen is Pastor.)

TONKAWA, OKLA.—Mar. 1-15; Evangelist N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla. (John Beck is Pastor.)

MESA, ARIZ.—Mar. 10-15; Children's revival, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif. (Winston R. Miller is Pastor.)

LEWISTON, IDAHO—First Assembly of God, Feb. 22—; Evangelist Gladys Pearson.—by Norman L. Gardner, Pastor.

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WMC CONFERENCE

Special meetings are being planned for all women attending the Regional Sunday School Convention at Portland, Oregon. The women's meetings will be held at the First Assembly of God Church, Southeast 20th and Madison, Portland, Tuesday, March 17, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All women interested in the work of the Women's Missionary Council are invited to attend.

The National WMC Secretary, Edith Whipple, will be present, and other speakers will also be featured.

No WMC meeting will be held while the Sunday School Convention services are in progress.

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