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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Israel's Independence Day

May 9 is Independence Day in Israel. Festivities throughout the land will mark the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish State. For Christians in Israel, this is the Lord's Day, but for Jews and Arabs it is a secular holiday. There will be street dancing, sports events, and military parades in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and other places to add to the gay holiday atmosphere.

Since 1948 some 720,000 refugees have entered Israel from many parts of the earth. In the past eighteen months, however, the number of immigrants has dropped to less than 1,000 a month. The number of Jews coming to Israel has been almost balanced by the number of Jews departing. These Jews, having found life in the new State too austere, have left for far-off fields where the pasture looked greener. Altogether some 40,000 Jews have departed from Israel in these past six years. However, on arrival in far-off lands they have not always found the happiness they had expected to find, and in many cases they have wished they had never left the land of promise. Some of these, now living in Brazil, India, and North Africa, have asked permission to return to Israel once again; and the Israel Government has decided to allow them to return under certain conditions.

The total population of Israel at the end of November 1953 was 1,665,739. Of this number 1,480,413 were Jews. There was a net population increase of 33,647 in the year ending November 1953. The increase was due to the fact that births were five times more numerous than deaths. The Jews are facing many hardships in their new homeland, but they are proving equal to the tests. Undoubtedly the hand of God is still upon His ancient people, despite their sins. He is preserving the nation for His own glory, and His purposes for Israel will yet be realized.

Israel's Fruitfulness

The land of Israel, for many centuries a dry and barren waste in fulfillment of God's Word (Isaiah 5:6), has become once more a fruitful country as in days of old. In 1953 there were more than 100,000 acres planted with vines and fruit trees, yielding bananas, grapes, olives, figs, plums, apples, and citrus fruits. Last year over five million cases of oranges were exported to Europe.

Some 3,500 families in Israel moved from city to farm last year. Agricultural output rose to such an extent that vegetable surpluses have diverted to industry. In 1954 it is hoped to export a million dollars' worth of ground-nuts. Three sugar-extraction plants will be erected shortly to process locally grown beets. An addi-

tional 4,000 acres have been planted with citrus this year.

Present developments are but a foretaste of the fruitfulness that shall come to Israel when the Jewish people shall accept the Messiah and when God shall restore His full blessing to the land. "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. . . . And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field" (Ezekiel 36:8, 30).

Russian Jews Hopeful

It is reported that many Jews in Russia would like to emigrate to Israel but the Soviet Government has refused to permit them to do so. A ray of hope is seen in the news that fifteen Soviet Jews, all above forty years of age, have received permits to emigrate, and that other Jews who have asked for exit permits have been informed by the Russian authorities that their applications are under consideration.

Hebrew Language Year

The seventh year of Israel's independence will be proclaimed Hebrew Language Year. During the coming year a special effort will be made to teach everyone in Israel, age eighteen and over, elementary written and spoken Hebrew, with a basic vocabulary of 1,000 words. The Jews in Israel have been gathered out of many different lands, and many of them do not speak Hebrew. The task of teaching them all is too great for the Government to accomplish in a year or two, but an appeal will be made for every qualified citizen who knows Hebrew to teach someone who doesn't. The press and radio will help to promote the project.

Impetus for the project is found in Zephaniah 3:9—"For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent."

Progress in Israel

The Government of Israel reports that national income in 1953 was 13% greater than that of 1952. The increase in the current year is expected to be about half as great.

This increase in Israel's national income reflects the growth of agricultural and industrial production, as well as the 10% rise in electric energy generated, the re-institution of potash exploitation at the Dead Sea, and the growth of phosphates production, the Minister of Finance says. Export of phosphates began last January.

Exports rose from \$43,400,000 in 1952 to \$59,600,000 in 1953. Of this total, \$22,000,000 was in industrial products, \$12,000,000 was in diamonds, and the

remainder was mostly in agricultural products.

Only 17,680 people in Israel are unemployed and it is expected that agricultural expansion will absorb most of these in the next fiscal year.

Religious Fervor in Israel

Not long ago the police were called to the Bucharian Synagogue in Rehov Jaffa, Israel, to stop a brawl between worshipers. The fight arose over who should lead the congregation in prayer! One man was wounded and given first aid. Four men were arrested and released on bond.

Plans to Destroy Israel

Recently Abba Eban, Israel's ambassador to the U. S., told Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the monarch of Saudi Arabia had issued a statement, urging the Arab states to be prepared to sacrifice ten million men in order to destroy Israel.

The effort to destroy Israel has been tried before—many times; but, like a boomerang, all such efforts have turned upon the would-be destroyer to destroy him! See Jeremiah 30:16 and 31:35-37.

Tax Deductions May Be Raised

The House Ways and Means Committee at Washington has recommended that the amount an individual tax-payer is allowed to deduct for charitable contributions be increased from 20% of his net income to 30%. The extra 10% would be permitted only on contributions made to "a church, a convention or association of churches, or a religious order; a regularly established educational institution; or a hospital." If approved by Congress, the new rule will apply to the tax on 1954 income.

Rome and Television

The Roman Catholic Church is wide awake to the propaganda value of television. It is reported that the full ceremony of the canonization of Pope Pius X on May 29 will be televised from Rome. The elaborate ceremony undoubtedly will make a deep impression on many people who have eyes only for outward sights but whose understanding has never been opened to the invisible spiritual realities of the gospel of Christ.

Power of the Printed Word

An Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship worker in Japan reports on a recent survey of the religious life of Japanese students who profess to be Christians. Out of 1,622 students from 60 different Japanese colleges, 23½% professed conversion through reading and meditation, 20% were influenced through friends, 7% by pastors and only one-half of 1% by missionaries.

As far as the Japanese college students are concerned, "the unoffensive, persistent, unanswerable written page" seems to be the most effective way of leading them to Christ. It is possible, however, that the preaching of missionaries and Japanese ministers may have had more influence upon the students than the students will admit.

The First Christians Put Us to Shame!

The Early Church Had No Numerical Prestige, No Financial Prestige, No Social Prestige, No Educational Prestige—Yet They Emptied Jewish Synagogues and Won Multitudes for Christ—Even in Caesar's Household!

James A. Stewart

IN PERUSING OUR EVANGELICAL MAGAZINES one would be led to think that we were winning in the spiritual warfare; whereas the truth is that we are absolute failures. Lullabied to sleep as babies by our mothers singing the glorious hymns of Zion, cradled in the Sunday school, and nurtured in evangelical, fundamental churches, we are grossly ignorant of what exists outside the pale of our evangelical testimony. Smug and complacent in our own applause and commendation, we seem to have lost the vision of the actual world-wide gospel picture today.

The awful reality is that twenty million people are born into the world every year, but only one and one-half million pagan people are being evangelized each year. *It's a cold and sobering fact that not two per cent of the world's population are evangelical believers.* More than half of our fellowmen have never once heard the gospel of our peerless Redeemer.

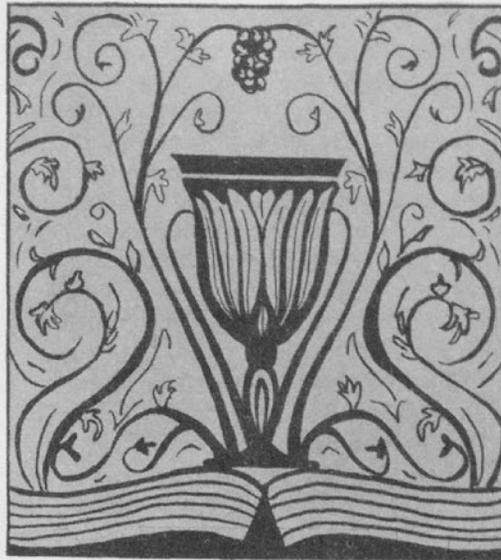
We may as well face the reality that, at the present rate of advance, not only will they never hear the gospel, but millions born each year will be added to this Christless multitude. The human family today consists of two billion, two hundred million. The population of India alone increases by fifty million in one decade. In other words, the birth rate of pagan people outnumbers our modern, global evangelism.

"A hundred thousand souls a day
Are passing one by one away,
In Christless guilt and gloom;
O Church of Christ, what wilt thou say,
When in the awful judgment day
They charge thee with their doom?"*

At the home bases Christendom has only about four new converts a year for over two hundred professed believers. How impossible then seems our task. It would take centuries for us to evangelize even a part of the great unevangelized areas of the world. Even in the outstanding evangelistic campaigns in America and the British Commonwealth, usually only five per cent of the fruit remains.

It is wrong for us to build fairy castles and live in a dream world of enthusiasm.

* Since Dr. Simpson wrote these lines it has become a hundred and twenty thousand souls a day.



The Hussite symbol of a Communion cup on an open Bible signifies the priesthood of all believers.

We must face sober realities and confess that, unless something revolutionary takes place in our midst at once, we shall have failed God, and we will be held responsible at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

As a babe in Christ I was simply astounded at the method of evangelism used by Christians in contrast to that of the Early Church as recorded in the Book of Acts.

THEY HAD A DYNAMIC EVANGELISM

As Dr. Graham Scroggie points out: "The period covered by the Acts is approximately 53 years (4 B.C.-A.D. 50) thus showing how intense were the activities of this first generation of Christians. Had the later generations of the Church followed the example of the first, the world would have been evangelized fifty times by now." They succeeded where we have failed. Surely the crying need of the present hour is to get back to apostolic evangelism. The Church in its first twenty-five years of existence accomplished more than at any other time in the history of Christianity. There were only 120 members in the first local church, and then in one day they had 3,000 additions, and in a few days more the converts numbered 5,000. Yet, from the human viewpoint, they were doomed

to fail in their mission; their very existence was a living miracle of the power of God. Who would believe the fantastic story that Jesus of Nazareth, that man who died such an ignoble death of shame as a criminal on a felon's gibbet, had risen from the dead, and that He was the Son of God?

Also, the Church lived in a hostile atmosphere. Her message was in direct opposition to the Jewish religion and to the world-wide conquest of Imperial Rome. For example, Paul was accused by Tertullus before Ananias the High Priest, that he was a "mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world," and profaned the religion of the Jews (Acts 24:5, 6). When he managed to escape to Berea from the riot in Thessalonica, they brought Jason, who had given him hospitality, to the Roman rulers of the city and accused him and Paul of preaching in opposition to the decrees of Caesar (Acts 17:7). How easy it is for us to preach the gospel in our so-called Christian lands today, because of the fact that being a Christian is in direct opposition to Communism, our greatest enemy. Our governors, senators, mayors, and civic and religious leaders all give recognition and a word of approval to our ministry because of this great fact, that Christianity is the only real challenge to Communism, our bitterest foe. But how different it was in the days of the early Church.

Again let us notice that the early Church had none of the elements which we would believe necessary for success in their world-wide conquest. They had no numerical prestige; they were a little flock. They had no financial prestige; they had a common treasury because they were so poor. Possibly Mrs. Mark had a little money. They had no social prestige. They had no educational prestige. Apart from Luke, the beloved physician, they were unlettered and untutored men—mostly fishermen of Galilee. They had no theological and ecclesiastical prestige. It was later that the conversion of Saul of Tarsus raised them to some higher heights. It is also striking to notice that they owned no church building. They preached the gospel in the synagogue of the Jews (enemy territory). They worshiped and met for communion in the homes of their



What IS a Family?

Doris Coffin Aldrich

HE LOOKED SO LITTLE TRUDGING UP over the brow of the hill, his hands thrust deep into his pockets as he hurried along. Running up the driveway and onto the porch, he flung open the back door.

"Why, Tad," exclaimed Mommie. "I thought you were on your way to kindergarten with Nancy! Why are you home?"

"I didn't want to go," he cried, flinging himself against her. "I came home."

Mommie ran her hand through his tousled hair and over his flushed cheeks. "But you started out with Nancy right after lunch, Tad. Why didn't you keep on going to school? You said you wanted to walk with her."

"But my family," he wailed, "my family . . . I didn't have my family with me." (Nancy lives across the road.)

What is it about a family that tugs at the heart? What makes a small boy feel so alone without any "family" with him?

The sense of belonging . . . that's part of it. The confidence that makes a small boy at night time feel quite free to go down the hall, his bare feet pat-patting along. Down the hall, and into bed with his Daddy, to snuggle down there, a contented curled-up ball. And the Daddy, because that boy belongs to him, reaches out and gathers him close, moving comfortably like an amiable walrus. It's his little boy and he belongs close by his Daddy.

The "togetherness" . . . that's also part of it. Just because the family car will be loaded to the full, no one hesitates about shoving in and yelling, "You're taking too much room. Move over!"

With elbows sticking out, and consciences of knees and feet, we go where we're going together. Working together, playing together as a family. And at the end of the day, gathered around the big old dining table, there is fellowship. The girls clear the table, the boys stir up the fire so that the logs blaze and crackle. Daddy takes down the Bible and we have a time of fellowship with the Lord. As a family we read the Word of God, and as a family we pray. The children mention their requests: the cows, Tiger the kitten, Daddy and Mother—all spoken in the same breath. And when there are material needs, these are held before the Lord . . . together.

For months a special need was mentioned until some were discouraged in the

praying. When the answer came the nine-year-old prayed, "Dear Lord, forgive us for forgetting to remember that You promised." (Promised "to supply all your need. . . .")

The sense of belonging, the togetherness and the resultant feeling of security are vital to a family. But the crowning thing, the part that makes belonging and togetherness meaningful, is the fellowship in the Lord. "God setteth the solitary in families" (Psa. 68:6). It was He who thought of families in the first place, and families who have place for Him are truly blessed.

"God so loved the world"—God the Father—"that He gave His only begotten Son." A Father and a Son willing to be separated because of love for a world. A world of sin-sick, needy people, a world of families that needed Him. The small children around the table of an evening; the bowed heads and folded hands; the Daddy praying and mentioning the needs . . . fellowship together. The children can understand what "Heavenly Father" means; they have a Daddy who loves them. They can understand what it means to belong to God's family through Jesus Christ because they know what it is "to belong."

And togetherness? To walk with Daddy, his big hand warm and folded over yours

various members. They possessed no theological nor educational institutions. How amazing then the phenomenal success!

Let us study carefully, with an unbiased attitude, endeavoring to discover the conquering features of this warrior Church.

THEY CHALLENGED THE POWERS OF HELL

Right at the very outset, on the birthday of the Church, Peter flings down the gauntlet, as it were, and challenges the enemy to spiritual warfare. By the mighty power of the Holy Ghost this transformed disciple courageously calls upon the Jewish nation to repent of its sin of crucifying its Messiah. Defying the whole nation of Israel, this warrior of the Cross commands them, in God's Name, to repent. Said the apostle, "God has reversed your decision and has raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set Him at His own right hand, an exalted Redeemer" (See Acts 2:32, 33). The fight is now on between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent. The early Church gives no quarter or compromise; it is war to the finish!

What a weak, anemic group of compromisers we are in contrast!

The Son of God was absolutely everything to them. No one can read the pages of the Acts of the Apostles and not feel the holy thrill of their testimony. The risen Saviour was their Redeemer, Friend, Shepherd, Lord, Prince, High Priest, and General. Their very lives glowed with their joy in the Lord!

The living Christ was in their midst. Had He not said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"? They did not worship or serve a historical Christ. They followed and fellowshipped with an exalted Lord, their lives and words giving a continual, glowing witness to this fact. Even

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as you skip along, makes you feel a very part of him. It isn't hard, then, to understand the Lord's promise, "Lo, I am with you always." The warmth and strength of a loving Hand holding yours.

Yes, the dear Lord lives at our home, too, and belonging and togetherness include Him. "We love Him, because He first loved us."

"God setteth the solitary in families"—and families are not complete without God.

The Testimony of a Praying Mother

I AM THE PRAYING MOTHER OF JACOB DeShazer, one of the Tokyo raiders who became a prisoner of Japan but who is now a missionary to Japan.

My story is not one of boastful pride, but of humble witness to the goodness of the God who always hears and answers the intercessory, pleading prayers of a Christian mother.

My son became a soldier of the United States, and was assigned to duty in the air corps. After basic training at various air fields, he was in 1942 assigned to secret duty in special training for one of the most dangerous missions on which American airmen ever flew.

I saw Jacob in Portland in March, 1942, little realizing what the future held for him and the family. From Portland he returned to a southern training base, and a few letters were received from him. Then one day the letter and packages I had sent him were returned, and we did not know where he had been transferred.

After Jacob had been gone several weeks, I awakened suddenly one night with a strange feeling, as if I were being dropped down, down, down through the air. Oh, the terrible burden that weighted my soul! I prayed and cried out to God in my distress. Suddenly the burden was gone, and I drifted off into an untroubled sleep—something unusual for me. (When we later compared the time here with the time in occupied China, we found it was just the time when Jacob had had to parachute from his falling plane. How I praise the Lord now; but at that time I didn't realize or know what was taking place so far away.)

When we heard in the news that our airmen had been over Tokyo dropping bombs, little did I realize that my own precious boy was in the crew of one of the planes.

Then one day some *Portland Journal*

newsmen called on us to get a picture and some information about our boy. From them we learned that he was one of the men taking part in the Doolittle raid over Tokyo. No one can realize the agony, pain, and sorrow we suffered when we heard that the Japanese were holding him as prisoner, for the stories of the barbarous cruelty of the captors had been told again and again.

One day when I was at home alone, I began offering thanks for my little lunch, when suddenly a terrible burden gripped me. I walked the floor praying, and then knelt beside a chair and cried out to the Lord, "O God, my heart just can't stand this any longer. Oh, give me something as a witness or comfort. Oh, if Jacob were only saved and ready for heaven!"

Then in a most wonderful way I heard God speak, "I took care of him in this country; I can take care of him wherever he is."

I said, "Yes, Lord, I know You can do it." And then, praise the Lord, the burden was lifted, and I was sure all the Japanese in the Far East could not kill him if God wanted him to live. Oh, wonderful, wonderful Saviour! We have a God who hears and answers prayers—a present, living, eternal, heavenly Father.

But a little later there came the renewal of another burden—the burden for Jacob's soul. If I could only know that he was saved, I could give him up if it should be God's will that I should never see him again. Then another promise came from God: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). (It was about this time that God spoke to Jacob in his prison cell in Japan, and Jacob surrendered his life to Christ.)

Another burden concerned Jacob's daily food. We did not know whether he was being starved; the reports of the cruelty of the Japanese military indicated that no prisoner was ever given more food than enough to maintain life in his body. Perhaps our boy was getting less. At times when we would sit down to eat, someone would remark, "I wonder if Jakie has any thing to eat," and we would leave the table with our food untouched.

One day there came some awful news—all the prisoners were to be executed. I cried again to the Lord, and once more He spoke to me, "His angels are watching over him." Well, I thought, what better company could he have? (How God protected him is told in part by Ted Lawson in *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo*: "The Japanese captured two of our crews. Later, when they bragged about it over the air, and said they had convicted our fellows of 'inhuman acts,' they mentioned only four men. . . . They said at first that these men would be put to death if Japan were bombed again." Three were exe-



My Mother's Bible

The dearest treasure that I own,
Of greater value than a home,
My Mother's Bible!

My staff, my rod, my jewel so rare,
No other gem could e'er compare,
My Mother's Bible!

My comfort in the hour of need,
My hiding place, my friend indeed!
My Mother's Bible!

In sickness, loss, bereavement, grief,
It always, quickly brings relief,
My Mother's Bible!

My guide to lead thru life's short day,
A light to brighten up the way,
My Mother's Bible!

In life, in death, I'll need this friend,
I'll trust its pages to the end,
My Mother's Bible!

—Esther Kerr Rusthoi

cuted by a firing squad, but Jacob DeShazer was spared through a miracle of God.)

Finally in August, 1945, the news flashed over the air that some of the Doolittle men had been found alive and that our boy was one of them. Oh, the boundless joy of our hearts when we heard that!

When Jacob was returned to the United States, very thin and weak, I learned that God had not only spared his life, but had also saved his soul in the prison cell and then had called him to preach the everlasting, glorious gospel of redeeming love to the people of Japan. How happy I was, for God had heard and answered my every prayer! Glorious, wonderful, living God—He is the ever redeemable trust for the heart of a praying mother.

In conclusion, I plead with you parents—pray, pray, pray for your children. Hold them up daily at the throne of God. He will not fail you if you have first given yourself wholly over to Him.—Mrs. H. M. Andrus, in *The Bible Meditation League*.

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."—Lincoln.



ECCLESIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

THE NEW HOME FOR THE ECCLESIA Bible Institute was formally dedicated to the Lord on March 27, 1954. About 500 people from many churches attended the services. Following the services many useful gifts were donated by friends besides the cash sum of \$400.00 Hong Kong currency.

The new Ecclesia Bible Institute is located at Shatin, a village situated about ten miles from Hong Kong in a district known as New Territories stretching about twenty miles along the coast of the Chinese mainland. The school at present is accommodating 64 resident students besides faculty members. In addition to the Institute building there is a missionary home for three families, a large fruit garden and sufficient grounds for the erection of other buildings at a later date. The entire project, including the land, cost the sum of \$300,000 Hong Kong currency, which is approximately \$60,000 U. S. money.

Many sacrifices were made by the Christians of Hong Kong and vicinity. Over \$6,000 U. S. money was given by friends in Hong Kong. Other gifts came from Alaska, Singapore, Canton, New York and Montreal. A generous brother from Pastor T. M. Sung's independent Pentecostal Church in Hong Kong was contractor

for the entire project. This man was to receive \$5,000 for his services but very generously returned the cash to the school to apply on other costs. He made this gesture as unto the Lord without compensation of any kind from the Bible School. There is at present less than \$2,000 U. S. currency owing on the property.

Ecclesia Bible Institute, under that name, was established in the fall of 1947 in the village of I Lok Tsuen on the outskirts of Canton, in Kwangtung province, South China. With the invasion of the Communist forces from the north the school was moved to the resort island of Cheung Chau which lies close off the coast of Hong Kong. Many contributing factors made it imperative that the Assemblies of God own their own school building on the mainland, the most important of these being the exorbitant rent required for the temporary and inadequate school buildings.

The acquiring of property at Shatin, the co-operation of the Canadian and American home boards, the wise planning of the missionaries and sacrificing of the people made possible the erection of this beautiful structure. The Assemblies of God may well be proud of such a building which stands as a training center for China's young Pentecostal Christians.



Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGrew
Indonesia

MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGrew and family sailed on April 6 for Malaya, hoping to enter Indonesia at a later date.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hymes of Japan announce the birth of David Charles on April 1. Congratulations!

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pettenger wish to announce a change in their address. Their present address is: P. O. Box 195, Vanderbijlpark, Tvl., South Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Loren O. Triplett and family left New Orleans, La. on April 10 for Costa Rica where they will be studying the language. Later they will proceed to Nicaragua, Central America, where they will be doing missionary work.

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John F. Gottschalk and family sailed for Ceylon on April 15. Brother and Sister Gottschalk are new missionaries and will be taking over the work at Galle, Ceylon.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Good returned to South India on April 15 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil M. Good
South India

Mother Beyer's Last Gift

Christians who think they are living for Christ should read this account



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ruth and family
Venezuela



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gottschalk and son
Galle, Ceylon



Mr. and Mrs. Loren Triplett and family
Nicaragua

Jay Ruth and family left New York on March 18 for their new field of labor—Caracas, Venezuela.

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Steven Arthur Merian was born on March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merian of Bihar, India. Congratulations!

ALTHOUGH THE HOUSTON NEWSPAPERS ran no blazing headlines, many Christians were satisfied that the passing of a selfless saint made the headlines in heaven.

An elderly lady known as "Mother" Beyer passed to her eternal reward on March 4, 1954 and was buried from the First Assembly of God church in Houston, Texas.

The account of her funeral would never reach the history books but the church knew a reason why heaven would have an account of this faithful woman's life in detail: "Mother" Beyer had been the epitome of self-sacrifice and Christian charity. She had learned the secret divulged long ago by the lips of the Prophet of Nazareth, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This principle sums up her entire life work since the year 1906 when she became a member of the First Assembly in Houston.

At a quarter of an hour before midnight the phone rang in Pastor Hagee's parsonage and a soft earnest voice said, "Pastor Hagee, will you please come quickly? I think 'Mother' Beyer is dying."

Just as Pastor Hagee arrived at the apartment the clock in a nearby church tower began striking the midnight hour as though to usher another soul from this earth through the gates of heaven. "Mother" Beyer had already stepped into the Jordan for the journey that knows no return.

There were others in the room, and for a brief moment the pastor's eyes swept across the many details of the one-room apartment. It appeared so much like a prophet's chamber; there was a bed, a table, a small radio, one chair with a Bible upon it that lay open, indicating that someone had been reading it. The pastor's attention was focused on the Bible and he walked toward it. Picking it up carefully he thumbed reverently through the well-marked pages. There were such passages as "Sow beside all waters," "Cast thy bread upon the water," "It is more blessed to give than to receive," "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." All these and many other scriptures were underlined. He read these challenging words of Christ to himself quietly at first and then audibly, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." It seemed that for the first time in his life he grasped the full meaning of self-denial. "Mother" Beyer could have had fine furniture, the best of clothes, every earthly comfort, but she chose rather to deny herself that the gospel of Christ might be preached unto the ends of the earth.

There was little that Pastor Hagee could do for her; she was dying and would soon

be in the arms of Jesus, and he knew it. So he stood there in an attitude of prayer. It was not long until the end. The pastor remained a short while, thinking and remembering some of the words "Mother" Beyer had said to him a few hours before.

Many people had pitied "Mother" Beyer because of the material things that she might have had. "Mother" Beyer never worried about such things; she was satisfied to wear one plain dress over the years so that she might give more for others.

She owned two large apartment houses, and had several apartments to rent. Each time one of these apartments became vacant she would ask Pastor Hagee to pray that God would send a tenant so that she could have more money to give for foreign missions. She was never known to make a request for her own self because years ago she had heard the voice of her Lord saying, "If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself," and she had made the complete consecration. The pastor remembered her last request. He had known what it would be—it could only be for others.

"Please, pastor," she had said, "no one must send flowers, but let them give the money that would have been spent on flowers as an offering for missions."

The pastor left that small "prophet's chamber" an inspired man. It was difficult for him to put into words the effect of "Mother" Beyer's last request. He arrived at the parsonage fully resolved to fulfill her desires. On Sunday morning with little appeal and deep emotion a memorial offering was received for foreign missions in memory of "Mother" Beyer. And none of the congregation present that morning doubted that this dear soldier of the cross would receive much treasure in heaven for her many years of sacrificial service for Foreign Missions.

GOD CALLS WORKERS

When God wants a man to do important work for His Kingdom, He does not call the idle, but He calls those who are already busily engaged in useful service.

Amos was busy with his herds when God called him. Elisha was plowing in the field. Joseph was on a mission for his father. Moses was keeping the flock in the desert. Saul was hunting his father's lost asses. Daniel was serving the king. Peter and James and John were fishing. Matthew was collecting taxes.

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE NIGHT OF THE PASSOVER

Lesson for May 16

Exodus 12:3-14

Before the Lord instructed the children of Israel how to observe the Passover, He said, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months." The Jewish civil year had begun with September, believed by the Jews to be the month when God created the heavens and the earth. God now wanted them to observe an ecclesiastical month, commemorating the time of their deliverance from Egypt.

The apostle Paul applies the Passover to us, showing that Christ is the great pascal Lamb, of whom the lamb offered in Egypt was a type. "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7). When a person comes to Christ for salvation, he enters into a new life. The past is all forgiven and blotted out, and he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. If this truth were properly recognized, it would solve some heartbreaking experiences which God's children have to suffer at the hands of their brethren.

1. THE LAMB SLAIN

a. *Preparation of the lamb.* The lamb to be used as a sacrifice was separated from the rest of the flock from the tenth day of this month until the fourteenth, so that they might be sure that the lamb had no blemish. This preparation typifies the life of our Lord Jesus before He was crucified. He had to be proved as the One "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners," in order to become our sacrifice.

b. *Death of the Lamb.* The fact that "the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel" was to participate in the Passover, indicates that the benefit to be derived from the Passover was not dependent upon having a priest to officiate. And in this age, "whosoever will" may come—no priest is necessary. Everyone may receive the benefit of the atoning work of the Lamb of God. It shows also that each of us is sinful and needs a Sacrifice, for "the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

c. *Time of the Slaying.* The lamb was to be killed "in the evening," or any time between noon and sunset. Our beloved Saviour was hanged on the cross at the third hour in the forenoon, nine o'clock (Mark 15:25), the time when the morning sacrifice was offered (Exodus 29:39). His death took place about the ninth hour three o'clock (Matt. 27:46-50), the time of the evening sacrifice (Ex. 29:41).

2. THE SACRIFICE EATEN

a. *The Whole Lamb.* The instructions concerning the Passover indicate that the Israelites were to eat all of the lamb, including the entrails. We do no violence to the type if we learn from this that the Christian is to take to himself all the life of Christ and all that obedience to Him may bring—the inward sorrows as well as the outward joys, obedience to duty as well as outward profession. It indicates also that from Christ we may draw fellowship, understanding of all our needs, and a constant supply of strength.

b. *The Unleavened Bread.* The Passover included the eating of unleavened bread. This sets forth the holiness of Christ. It also teaches that the old life is to pass away when we come to Christ. We are to eat, "not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness" (1 Cor. 5:8). Some allow such things to come into their hearts after they are saved. Thus, they are not in proper spiritual state of oneness with Christ, their Passover. We must harbor no evil in our hearts, if we are to be partakers of Him. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump." (1 Cor. 5:7).

c. *The Bitter Herbs.* The bitter herbs may have reflected the burdens and sorrows which the Jews had suffered in Egypt. We may well remember the sorrows of sin that Christ has saved us from. Let us also consider that when we eat of the table of the Lord we ought to be dedicated to follow Him, even though our life may bring with it burdens and sorrows. Are we willing to drink of the cup that He drank of? (Matt. 20:22). Little have we learned of Christian life and character until we have learned to "suffer with Him."

d. *A Lamb for a House.* The Passover was not for individuals only; it was a community service. Neither may individuals withdraw themselves and eat the Lord's Supper alone, because Christ gave Himself for the Church. We are all members of His body. In our Communion we testify of our faith in Christ and of our fidelity to others who believe in Him. And when we accept this Lamb, we have a right to claim the protection of God for our household. Each family was to have its lamb. Of course, children cannot be saved through the merits of their parents, but parents may plead the merit of the Blood when looking to God in behalf of their own, and God will cause the children to believe in

Christ and in this way to be saved.

3. THE PEOPLE REDEEMED

a. *Application of the Blood.* It was not enough that the lamb be slain, nor that the people eat the Passover. The most important aspect of the Passover was the application of the blood, for "without shedding of blood is no remission." The blood was to be put on the side posts and the upper door post of the houses. It was the applied blood that must be seen by the death angel.

Many believe that Jesus died to save them, but they have never asked Him to apply the Blood to the door posts of their hearts. Unless we have accepted the atonement which Christ has made, applying it by faith to our own hearts, we are as subject to death as those who rejected the Atonement.

b. *No Blood for the Threshold.* The blood was to be applied only on the side posts and upper door posts—none was to be applied where it would be tramped upon. God warns that those today who tramp upon the Blood and count it "an unholy thing," will receive severe punishment (Heb. 10:29).

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Moses and the Magicians (lesson for Sunday, May 9). Lesson text: Exodus 7:8-18.

Remember that we have no more faith at any time than we have in the hour of trial. All that will not bear to be tested is mere carnal confidence. Fair weather faith is no faith.

—C. H. Spurgeon

NO SAFETY OUTSIDE



The WHY of Christian Education

Chas. W. H. Scott

ANOTHER "SPECIAL DAY" HAS BEEN added to the calendar of special events in our Fellowship. Sunday, May 16, has been designated by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God as "Christian Education Day." The purpose is to emphasize the importance of Education in a Christian atmosphere, and to give recognition to the work now being done by our Bible schools and Bible colleges.

Christian education has contributed much to the history of our nation. The foundation stones of our democracy were the church related schools that provided instruction for the American youth of past generations. Until the last century most programs of higher education were sponsored by the church, which

has been the great advocate of universal education. Without this influence democracy could not have existed. The American Republic has demonstrated that people can rule themselves if they are educated to democracy. Our forefathers who founded this system of government were not only highly intelligent, but also extremely religious. Their idea of a system of education was one founded upon religious beliefs and moral principles. So long as the educational system of our nation was Bible-centered and greatly influenced by a church which maintained her spiritual standards of truth and righteousness, America was truly a Christian nation. Thus, the young Republic was built upon the premise, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." The Scriptural influences and the religious teachings of the past have definitely contributed to the establishing of these United States as a great nation under God.

Forty years ago the Assemblies of God was organized to meet the need of a closer bond of fellowship among the participants in this great Pentecostal revival, and to devise ways of promoting the work of the Lord. The early leaders of our Movement recognized the importance of obeying the injunction, "Study to show

thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and they planned six-week Bible schools for the training of workers. These proved to be very helpful to the young men and women who attended. From this small beginning have emerged our Bible Institutes, and more recently our Bible Colleges.

These schools, eleven in number, are strategically located across the nation. Approximately 2500 of our young people make their way into their classrooms each year to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry and to complete their education. A recent survey made by our Education Department disclosed that, of the six hundred who were graduating from our schools that year, sixty-nine per cent planned to engage in the work of the ministry as pastors, evangelists, home and foreign missionaries, chaplains, etc. Seventeen per cent said that they would become church workers such as children's evangelists or directors of music and Christian education. The other fourteen per cent planned to engage in general Christian service in the local churches. During the past four years sixty per cent of all ministers ordained and ninety-three per cent of all missionaries receiving appointment have been students in our Bible Schools. A grand total of 13,332 men and women have graduated from our schools.

When we consider these facts, it is easy for us to see that this throng of graduates have contributed much to the growth of the Assemblies of God. The number of new churches and the growth in membership have compelled the attention of secular magazines such as *Time*, which reported in its issue of April 2, 1951, that this denomination had had a higher percentage of increase (474%) than any other white denomination in the preceding twenty-three years.

It is obvious that one of the secrets of this phenomenal growth is the power and presence of the Holy Spirit moving in our churches and upon our people. Another reason for this advance is the vision and spirit of our graduates as they have obeyed the call of God to pioneer new assemblies, pastor our churches, do the work of evangelists, and carry the gospel message to the far-flung mission fields of the world.

As we face the closing days of man's age with its materialistic attitude and godless philosophies, our Movement still has a re-

sponsibility to the youth of our fellowship; namely, the establishing of a college program whereby they may secure a higher education in a Pentecostal environment. The young people who attend our Bible schools are receiving their training in such an atmosphere. So far, little has been done to provide the same environment for those who have no call to the ministry but are eager to prepare themselves for other vocations in which they may witness for Christ.

Unfortunately, in many instances, the only schools open to these young people have been institutions of higher learning where the Lord Jesus Christ is unknown and where the teachings of Christianity are studiously avoided. While the laws of nature are taught, the moral and spiritual laws are ignored. Vital subjects like sin, repentance, and redemption through the Blood have no place in their philosophies. Agnosticism has taken the place of certainty in doctrine, thus undermining the very truths which gave life to our nation in its early years. Such hypotheses can be the break in the dike that will jeopardize the future of our nation by the spiritual decay within and the moral decline without.

Besides losing sight of the spiritual values, these institutions have desecrated moral standards, abandoned the principles laid down in the Ten Commandments, and completely ignored the greatest Book of all, the Bible. Religion is made only a subject for debate or ridicule. These conditions are found on many college campuses today; they constitute a threat not only to our democracy, but also to the Christianity of our children and grandchildren.

We rejoice in the knowledge that plans are under way for the carrying out of the desire, expressed by the General Council in Milwaukee last year, that a Senior College program be launched for the benefit of our young people who are looking forward to college work. That such a plan is desirable and long overdue goes without saying. It is our responsibility to provide colleges where the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is manifested, so that our young people may study the arts and sciences in a Pentecostal atmosphere.

As members of this great Pentecostal fellowship, let us all maintain the old landmarks of righteousness in our lives. Let us keep our hearts open to the moving and melting presence of the Holy Spirit in our churches, so that revival fires may ever be kept burning among us. Let us keep the vision of the whitened harvest field always before us. If we will be faithful in these matters, then our educational program, whether it pertains to Bible schools or senior colleges, will continue to contribute to the evangelization of the world and the growth of the Movement until Jesus comes.



C. W. H. Scott

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Plans Drawn for W. I. Evans Hall

**New Administration Building, to Be Named After W. I. Evans,
Is Urgently Needed at Central Bible Institute**

PLANS FOR A NEW ADMINISTRATION Building to house the classrooms, library, and offices of Central Bible Institute, have been approved, and construction is scheduled to begin in the very near future.

The growth of Central Bible Institute has kept pace with the growth of the Assemblies of God. Over a period of thirty-two years this General Council school, dedicated to the training of Christian ministers and missionaries, has steadily expanded. Its graduates have played a vital part in the spreading of the gospel in America and in scores of foreign lands the world around.

Unfortunately the expansion in enrollment, faculty, etc., has not been matched with an adequate expansion of buildings. Not since 1936 has a major building been erected on the campus. For eighteen years the school has kept growing by more or less temporary measures. First a large frame tabernacle was pressed into use for chapel and other purposes. Then barracks-type buildings (government surplus material) were put into use for classrooms, bookstore, etc. Offices were placed in any space that was available. Dormitory quarters became crowded due to claims for classroom and office space.

The time to remedy the situation by erecting a new Administration Building is long past due.

Central Bible Institute was founded in 1922 by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. It began in a church basement, with fifty students enrolled. Citizens of the city of Springfield, Missouri, purchased a beautiful fifteen-acre tract of land on the outskirts of the city many years ago and presented this to the

Assemblies of God as a site for the new school. Members and friends of the Assemblies all over the United States and Canada rallied to the cause, and through their offerings a fine two-story building was erected. By the spring of 1924 the building was two-thirds finished when the funds ran out, and a special session of the General Presbyters and District Chairmen was called in May 1924 to deal with the emergency. These brethren surveyed the situation and familiarized themselves with the financial needs of the school; then they issued an appeal to the entire Assemblies of God fellowship for \$30,000 with which to complete and furnish the Institute.

There was a hearty response from all parts of the land. As a result, the building was completed and made ready for occupancy that Fall. The Executive Presbytery is hoping that there will be a similar response from all parts of the fellowship to meet the cost of this new Administration Building.

Central Bible Institute bears a unique relationship to the Assemblies of God fellowship. It is the only Bible School ever to be under the full control of the General Council. Its Board of Directors is the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, the official representatives of the entire nation-wide constituency, and its record of training young people for gospel ministry down through the years is a credit to the entire constituency.

The school was conducted in a single building until 1934. The one building served as Administration Building and Dormitory, housing practically all the school activities. Then in 1934 J. W. Welch, President of Central Bible In-

stitute, spearheaded an expansion program which added one story and a center wing to the original building. The following year a second large building was erected for a Men's Dormitory. In tribute to "Daddy" Welch the Men's Dormitory is now called "John Welch Hall."

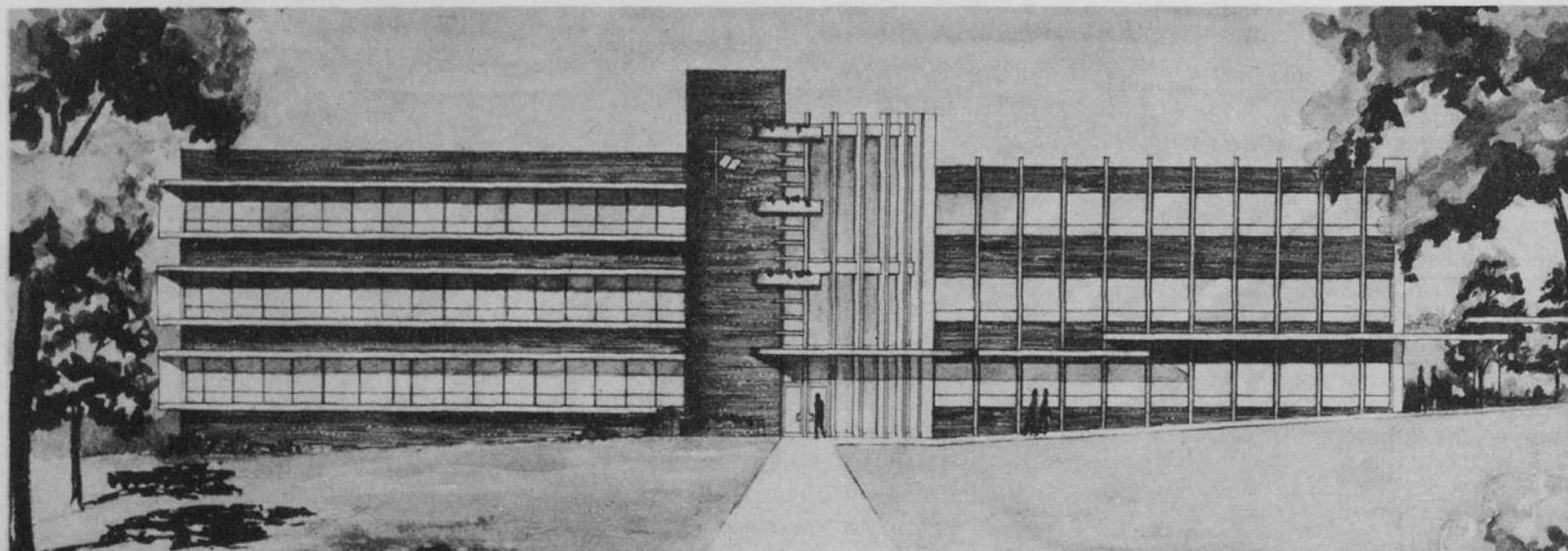
Enrollment kept mounting and it became necessary to find a new chapel and additional classrooms. A large frame tabernacle, erected on the campus in 1939 to house the General Council sessions and the Interstate Camp meeting, was pressed into use as chapel.

Then with the end of World War II there came a great influx of young men. A number of Army buildings, declared surplus by the Government, were moved to Central Bible Institute to provide additional housing for these young war veterans. A number of the barracks-type buildings were put into use as classrooms. In this way the school was able to cope with the emergency without a great outlay of funds.

But this method of expansion was only an emergency measure—the additional buildings were only temporary structures. The Board of Directors, Administration, Faculty, and all connected with Central Bible Institute felt the urgent need of providing better and more lasting facilities for the classrooms, library, and offices. They began praying for a new Administration Building. Seven years ago some of the Alumni and friends of the school began to contribute toward a building fund. The brethren decided in 1953 that the matter should be deferred no longer, and the General Council in session at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, authorized the erection of the new building which is so sorely needed.

Out of love and respect for the Dean, W. I. Evans, who has been a God-given leader of Central Bible Institute from 1929 down to the present time, the new building will be called "W. I. Evans Hall." Brother Evans has been in poor health since January when he suf-

Architect's sketch of W. I. Evans Hall to be erected at Central Bible Institute



ferred a partial stroke. He is not meeting his classes at present but he attends the chapel service each morning and assists the President, Bartlett Peterson, as much as possible. Let us pray that God will restore Brother Evans to full strength very soon. We are glad to say that, although Brother Evans is not teaching this semester, Brother E. S. Williams has joined the faculty once again.

At the present time the classrooms are scattered among the various buildings on the campus and a great deal of time is lost by the students in walking from one place to another. The classrooms leave much to be desired in the way of acoustics, ventilation, and lighting. The barracks-type buildings in which some of the classes meet are deteriorating rapidly and it is imperative that better facilities be provided at once. The school library needs to be enlarged in keeping with a growing student body. The offices are divided between two buildings, making intercommunication slow and sometimes difficult. The new Administration Building will remedy these conditions.

When the classrooms, offices, and library are moved out of the dormitory buildings there will be room to accommodate more students.

Central Bible Institute has no funds with which to erect this new building. It must depend on the contributions of its friends in the Assemblies all over the nation. The school merits the support of all the fellowship since it belongs to the entire General Council constituency. It is ours to enjoy, ours to use in the training of our young people, and ours to support with our prayers and gifts. Thousands of prayer partners and contributors are needed. Let us rally to the cause, as in days gone by, and erect W. I. Evans Hall so that Central Bible Institute may continue its important function of training young men and young women for gospel ministry.

Contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

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the enemy reluctantly took knowledge of their vital witness, because they had been in company with Jesus (see Acts 4:12). How amazing! The crucified Redeemer, marred beyond recognition on the Cross, was not only seated at the Father's right hand, but also living amongst His people. The unsaved were convicted of their sin because of the presence of the living Christ in the Church.

How strange it would seem to the average evangelical church today if a believer

solemnly announced, "Beloved saints, the living Christ is actually in our midst this morning."

THEY WERE SEPARATED UNTO THE LORD

Their power was their holiness. Sanctification means practical separation. As the Sabbath is a sanctified day, and the sanctuary is a sanctified place, so a saint is a sanctified person. One of our great weaknesses is our mixture with the world. We are flattered when worldlings of high position testify to our gospel, even though they still live in the camp of the enemy! We sadly weaken the spiritual power of a holy church when we compromise on the issues of a holy life. Second Corinthians 5:17 is the acid test of the new birth. To be in Christ means to be a new creature, and to be a new creature means to experience the thrill of longing for a life of holiness and separation unto God.

As A. J. Gordon has said, "If perchance the Church shall attract men, without at the same time transforming them; if she shall attach them to her membership without assimilating them to her life, she has only weakened herself by her increase, and diminished herself by her additions."

This Week's Cover

The beautiful new building pictured on the cover is the Free Gospel Church in Flushing, New York. It was dedicated on September 10, 1951, and Thomas R. Brubaker, District Superintendent, had charge of the dedication service.

The interior of this brick structure is of finished block, and the ceiling of the auditorium is open to the peak of the roof. Indirect lighting and large brass chandeliers give a pleasing effect. The building is 40 by 87 feet in size and can seat 340 comfortably. A full basement offers facilities for Sunday School classes, mid-week meetings, and C. A. services.

The Assembly had its beginning in 1896, when a group of people began holding meetings in a rented hall in Long Island City. About 1907 the mission was moved to Corona because of the heavy industrialization of Long Island City. The church was incorporated as the "Free Gospel Church" in 1910. Six years later it affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

The late William K. Bouton was the devoted pastor of this church for the greater part of its history (1907-45). Others who have served as pastor are Stanley Payne (1923-24) and Lawrence W. Pearce (1945-48).

In October 1948 Charles R. Shuss was elected pastor and he has served in that capacity until the present time. Under his leadership the church has acquired a parsonage and erected its fine new house of worship on Sanford Avenue at 57th Street in Flushing, N. Y.

"He that is not with me is against me," said our Lord. Our Lord did not say it was *difficult* to serve two masters; He said it was *impossible!*

As one carefully reads the history of the Church in its early beginnings, one is struck by the fact that it was daily persecuted and only had an occasional rest from the onslaughts of the enemy. Acts 9:31 is an illuminating verse, because here we have a picture of the Church free from persecution. It is a unique situation. In the early days of the Church men were converted and afterwards put in prison; today, the only prison experiences are before conversion.

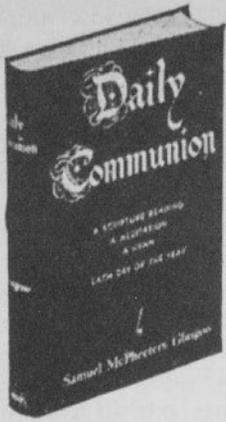
The Upper Room was the Spirit's baptistry. They were all filled with Him. They lived, testified, and prayed in the power of an ungrieved Spirit. Acts 9:31, which we just noted, is a key verse of this blessed Book. They walked "in the comfort of the Holy Ghost." Yes, they walked in *all* the blessed ministries of the Third Person of the Trinity; hence their supernatural power.

PRAYER WAS THEIR VITAL ATMOSPHERE

They seemed to live on their knees. Prayer and prayer meetings were the order of the day. Before and after great times of persecution and witness, they retired to the Throne of Grace. Today our prayer meetings are deserted and very few know anything about intercession. Hence we have lost the supernatural presence of the Lord in the Church. The difference between revival and ordinary days of the Church is a real consciousness of the mighty operations of the Holy Spirit in supernatural manifestations.

They believed with all their heart that Christ was the answer to the world's needs. They believed they were commissioned by the living Christ to spread this message to every creature. They lived for this one thing alone. This conviction led them to a holy crusade. Day and night, in season and out of season, they fearlessly and sacrificially crusaded into the enemy's territory with the message of the great Evangel. This burning passion crowded all secular things out of their lives. Social prestige and money held no charms for them unless such could be used for the spread of the message. They not only lived for Christ, but went to prison and even died for Him. What a contrast to ourselves! We say we believe the same as the early Church, but our lives deny this fact. We have many ambitions and many pursuits and pleasures which take first place in our hearts' affections, and our intellectual exercises. The gospel comes second. What a transformation would come to the Church today if we really put first things first and dedicated all that we possess to world-wide evangelization.

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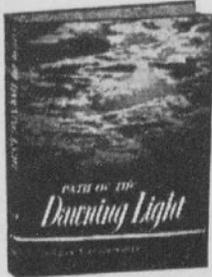
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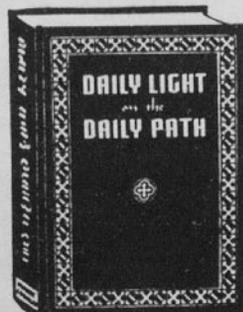
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George
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THE CASHIER AT THE CORNER GROCERY store asked me a question one day that may be burdening many hearts.

"Seeing that you are a minister," she said, "you should be able to answer this question: Why is it that people are afraid to die?"

I replied: "I suppose that people are afraid to die because they dread what lies beyond. But you know that Paul never expressed any dread of death, even when he was on his way to Rome and to martyrdom. Paul said that for him to live was Christ, and to die was gain; and also he wrote that to depart and to be with Christ was far better than this life. So you see that if our faith is in Christ we need not fear death."

"Yes, but you don't know whether you will escape judgment and go to be with Christ, until after you die," the cashier

countered. "No one can know that."

"But you can know with full assurance that Christ will receive you when you die," I replied. "'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life,' That 'hath' indicates present possession. You see, Jesus, on Calvary's Cross, provided the way of salvation for everyone. He bridged the gulf that separated us from God. You will remember that His second-to-last statement on the Cross was: 'It is finished,' and there is nothing else we can do but accept that atoning work which Jesus completed for us there. We are accepted on the merits of His work, not ours."

I paused to see if the cashier had any further question; but she only looked at me inquiringly. So I continued:

This matter of one's salvation is not a matter of our feelings, nor is it a matter of

our work; but it is a matter of faith in Jesus Christ. God promises life through His Name. To doubt God's Word is to make God a liar."

Just then another customer came along and had to be looked after; so I left the store, praying that God might, by His Spirit, lead her into the Way of Life through His Son; and trusting that I shall have another opportunity to leave more of God's Word for her to consider.

Do you fear death? Is it not because you have never accepted the gift of life that God so freely offers you? Will you not believe God's infallible Word regarding the provision He has made through Jesus' atoning work on Calvary's Cross? The following are Scripture references that substantiate what I told the cashier, and may be of help to you (John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 6:37; 19:30; 1 John 5:10, 12, 13).

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THEY BELIEVED THAT IT WAS THE SUPREME BUSINESS OF ALL TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

If every creature is going to hear the gospel, then every believer must preach the Gospel. The word *witness* comes from our English word *martyr*—meaning one who bears witness by his death; it denotes one who testifies of what he has seen, or heard, or knows. Surely this is a striking illustration of the *simplicity* of New Testament evangelism. The word *preach*, which occurs more than one hundred times in our New Testament, means "to proclaim." It is the accepted equivalent for six different Greek verbs; three of these are from a common root which means "to bear a message, or bring tidings," and this statement covers about sixty cases. As to the other three Greek words, one is used over fifty times and means "to publish or proclaim"; another six times, and means "to say, speak, or talk about." The other, which means "to dispute or reason," is the only one of the six which suggest a formal discourse or argument, and this is only used twice. The word used in Acts 11:19, 20 is very impressive; it is suggestive of "gossiping the gospel," such as the ordinary, every-day witnessing in casual conversation, or the first attempts of a child to speak.

Search the pages of the New Testament, and you will find that to be a herald of the Glad Tidings was not the exclusive prerogative of a special class of paid clergymen. In the New Testament there is no distinction between clergy and laity. This distinction is a relic brought over from Romanism. John Huss fought and died in Czechoslovakia for the doctrine of the priesthood for all believers, and the Huss-

ite symbol to this present day is the communion cup standing upon the open Bible. It was this truth of a royal priesthood and of every believer being a witness that was the dynamic force in the early Church. Without the aid of any modern equipment, or transportation, or translation and publication of the printed Word, the gospel of God's grace shook the whole Empire until there were saints even in Caesar's household. God is calling us back to primitive Christianity.

What we need in the Church is a crusading fellowship to undertake anew the conquest of the world for Christ.

(This is the first of three articles by James A. Stewart which we are reprinting—by permission—from his excellent new booklet, "New Testament Evangelism." Copies of the booklet may be obtained from The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield 1, Missouri, for 30 cents each. Kindly mention both the title, "New Testament Evangelism," and Number 3-EV-3539 when ordering.)

Raised From Death Bed in Answer to Prayer

In June, 1953, as I walked across the oats field on our farm, somehow I contracted a poison which covered 70 percent of my body. My arms and legs broke out with ugly blisters, many of them as large as a hen egg. Wherever I went about my home, doing my household duties, I left a wet trail, as those water-filled blisters would break. They itched day and night, and it was almost unbearable.

At last I went to the home of our pas-

tor, O. B. Hunnicutt, for prayer. He and his wife and some of the saints offered prayer for me. I had no more pain after that, but my body began to swell until I could scarcely put on my shoes. My entire body kept swelling and breaking out. Finally my legs got black and I was unable to walk.

On July 8, on my doctor's order, I was taken in an ambulance to the hospital in Nowata. The following Saturday evening I suddenly became very, very dizzy. When my doctor saw the seriousness of my condition, she called my pastor by long-distance. She told him that I had taken a turn for the worse, and that from all indications a blood clot had formed on my brain. If it went to my heart, the doctor said, it would prove fatal. Immediately Brother and Sister Hunnicutt began to pray earnestly for me.

Then the doctor called my husband by long-distance, telling him to come at once. When he arrived at the hospital, he was informed that if I had any relatives he ought to call them. This he did.

I was unconscious from Saturday night until Monday morning (though I had no pain after I was first prayed for). The blisters broke and my entire legs were like raw beef steak. But all day Sunday much prayer was being offered in my behalf. When Monday morning came I began to rally, and I improved steadily after that. The nurses marvelled. As my limbs began to heal, the blisters dried up, and I had to brush the scales off my bed several times, night and day. I do praise God for the healing power in the name of Jesus.—Mrs. B. F. Ford, Rt. 3, Box 593, Claremore, Okla.

(Endorsed by O. B. Hunnicutt, Pastor, Assembly of God, Chelsea, Okla.)

COMING ON JUNE 6

Special "Revival" Issue for General Distribution in Summer-Time Soul-Winning Campaigns

The June 6th issue of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL will be a special "Revival" Issue. Its sixteen pages will carry outstanding gospel articles and personal testimonies concerning God's power to save, to heal, and to baptize with the Holy Spirit. This will be just the thing for promoting your soul-winning work this summer. Current material, such as the announcements of coming meetings, will be omitted so that the paper will not become out of date.

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Shipment of orders for this Special "Revival" Issue will begin about June 1st. Place your order early to insure prompt delivery.

HOMECOMING AND GRADUATION TO BE COMBINED AT C.B.I.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The annual Alumni Homecoming at Central Bible Institute, usually held in October, will be combined with the annual Graduation Exercises this year. The dates will be May 25-27. The program announced for the week is as follows:

Monday: Class Day with musical and other presentations in the evening service.

Tuesday: Alumni Homecoming, beginning with special chapel service in the morning, at which time Ernest S. William, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God for twenty years, will speak. Other alumni events during the day will include the annual Alumni Supper. An outdoor rally, at which Brother Williams will be heard again, will climax the day.

Wednesday: Baccalaureate address, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Commencement exercises, 7 p.m., marking the end of another school year.

It is hoped that a record number of former students, parents of students, and friends of the school will come to Springfield for these special events.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

POCATELLO, IDAHO—The Southern Idaho District Council was held here March 22 through 25. Glenn Horst, Springfield, Mo., was guest speaker.

The following officers were elected on the first ballot: C. A. Slaughter, Superintendent; J. E. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent (also appointed Treasurer); H. B. Walkup, Secretary; R. E. Cull and H. B. Walkup, General Presbyters; Olive Shakelee, W.M.C. President; and W. N. Paris, Sunday School Director. O. W. Fish was elected as District C. A. President.

Reports showed that a parsonage and a number of additions to churches have been built, and several new churches are under construction.

A missionary service was held Thursday afternoon, March 25. Brother Horst spoke, as well as two Idaho missionaries—Gail Winters from Africa, and Margaret Carlow from Japan. A liberal World Missions offering was received, and then communion was served by the Presbytery with Brother Horst officiating.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

SHINNSTON, W. VA.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist S. A. Dunham of Fairmont, W. Va. Several were saved and others reclaimed. A number testified to definite healing.—C. F. Sawyer, Pastor.

NOWATA, OKLA.—We had a Workers' Training Course in February with W. A. Rainford of Pryor, Okla. as instructor. The attendance was very good, and a total of 43 certificates were given out. Three were saved during the meeting.—J. W. Henegar, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y.—Evangelist J. B. Woolums of Carlisle, Pa. was with us for two weeks. A number came forward for salvation and healing. Most of Brother Woolums' messages were directed to the Christians, and many were helped.—Homer C. Cooper, Pastor, The Christian Tabernacle.

PALMETTO, FLA.—Evangelist Everett Brown of Durant, Fla. was with us for a meeting. Forty-one were gloriously saved, and 11 filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was benefited by this meeting. The Sunday School attendance showed an increase.—C. P. Jackson, 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.

WINSLOW, ARIZ.—Assembly of God, May 9—30; Evangelist R. E. Henke, Chowchilla, Calif.—by James D. Bell, Pastor.

THREE RIVERS, MICH.—Full Gospel Assembly, Maple at Wheeler Sts., May 5—18 or longer, Evangelist A. R. Vanderploeg.—by L. W. Malone, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Bethel Tabernacle, May 5—16; Evangelist Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif.—by H. A. Ulrich and R. L. Scharnick, Pastors.



TELEPHONE EVANGELISM

The Assembly of God in Graceville, Florida (J. H. Sandifer, Pastor) has launched a telephone evangelism crusade. The WMC has charge of the project. The plan is to call everyone listed in the local telephone directory and invite them to listen to REVIVALTIME. The workers will do this as much as possible on Sunday afternoon. The following week they plan to call back and ask the people whether they heard REVIVALTIME. Each person calling will identify himself or herself as a representative of the Assembly of God in Graceville.

LATEST STATISTICS

REVIVALTIME received 7,092 pieces of mail during March.

There are now 1,000 churches displaying the black-and-gold REVIVALTIME sponsor's sign.

The REVIVALTIME team urgently needs 1,150 additional churches within the next sixty days.

CONVENTION ECHOES

Sixty-two District officers attended the REVIVALTIME luncheon in St. Louis during the National Sunday School Convention. Wilfred A. Brown, Executive Administrator of Radio, spoke briefly on "Consolidating Our Gains." E. M. Clark, Radio Director, offered some ideas on "Tying on to Our National Radio Program." C. M. Ward, Radio Evangelist, spoke on "The Great Underlying Purpose for an Assemblies of God Broadcast."

Two thousand live tropical foliage

plants (Philodendron) were given away at the REVIVALTIME booth during the Convention. The Radio Department staff is hoping that each one of those plants will be a daily reminder to support and pray for REVIVALTIME.

NEW STATIONS

REVIVALTIME is now being heard over KCBQ, San Diego. Station KCMO, Kansas City, is carrying REVIVALTIME at 10:30 each Sunday night as a delayed broadcast. Station WFBR, Baltimore, is moving REVIVALTIME to 2 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

The following stations are sorely needed: WABB, Mobile . . . WBAP, Fort Worth . . . KUTA, Salt Lake City. Please pray.

NEWS

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED AT LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

BATON ROUGE, LA.—The 18th annual Council of the Louisiana District, held here on March 15-18, was mightily blessed of the Lord. J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, ministered during the Council. C. M. Ward, speaker for REVIVALTIME, was present for one service.

The reports showed that all departments had a successful year and that substantial progress was made. Several were ordained to the ministry.

The following were re-elected to office: L. C. Ashbrook, District Superintendent; E. L. Tanner, Assistant Superintendent; L. D. Wells, Jr., and F. C. Chamberlain, General Presbyters.

The offices of District Secretary-Treasurer and Sunday School Director were combined, and Vincent Roccaforte was elected as full-time District official to serve in this capacity.

M. C. Allen, J. E. Barton, D. J. McKinney, J. F. Upton, T. H. Clark, and R. W. Wimberly were chosen by their respective sections to serve as Presbyters and were ratified by the Council. Mrs. J. E. Allen was re-elected as President of the Women's Missionary Council, and Mrs. L. D. Wells, Jr. as secretary.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Assembly of God, May 2—30; Evangelist B. D. Bennett and Party, Rosemead, Calif. (Guy M. Heath is Pastor.)

WOODVILLE, TEX.—Assembly of God, May 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Ft. Worth, Tex. (Joe DuBose is Pastor.)

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Linda Vista Assembly of God, May 4—; Evangelist John C. Poteet.—by Charles Shapter and Larry Hudlow, Pastors.

HANNA, OKLA.—May 2—16; Evangelist N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla. (L. H. Finney is Pastor.)

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—Assembly of God, May 11—30; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala. (Raymond Thompson is Pastor.)

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Washington Park Assembly of God, May 9—23; Evangelist A. F. DiMusto, Detroit, Mich.—by Louis Mattea, Pastor.

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.—Assemblies of God Tabernacle, May 4—16; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—by Robert Abbott, Pastor.

WEST TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Assembly of God, 708 National Ave., May 2—; Evangelist Fletcher Duncan.—by Archie Brown, Pastor.

GENEVA, N. Y.—Assembly of God, May 16—30 or longer; Evangelists Merrill and Ruby Rayner, Lonaconing, Md. (George Hubbard is Pastor.)

ARITON, ALA.—Bethel Assembly of God, May 4—; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer of Florida. (Douglas Stone is Pastor.)

PLEASE NOTICE

There will be no announcements of coming meetings in the **EVANGEL** of June 6, since that will be a special "Revival Issue" for general distribution throughout the summer. Announcements of meetings beginning before June 13 should reach the Editors not later than Tuesday, May 11, in order to be published in the **EVANGEL** of May 30.

DALLAS, TEX.—Maplewood Assembly of God, 4502 Lake Ave., May 20—June 7; Evangelist Bruce Thum and Sunshine Party, Covington, Ky. (Ray R. Soper is Pastor.)

CHELSEA, MASS.—First Pentecostal Church, 113 Hawthorne St., May 16—30; Evangelist Laurie Price, Bellville, Ont., Canada.—by Ernest V. Berquist, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—Pentecostal Churches of the Atlanta area are sponsoring simultaneous revivals May 23—June 6, climaxing on Pentecost Sunday, June 6, in afternoon rally at Atlanta Crackers Ball Park with Evangelist Gayle Jackson speaking.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—South Side Assembly of God, Broadway and Elm, May 18—; Evangelists Erla McKinley and Lolita Thompson. Radio program, "Echoes from Calvary," Station KWTO, Sundays at 5:30 p. m.—by Jack West, pastor.

OHIO STATE YOUTH RALLY—High School Auditorium (1,000 seats), Tipp City, Ohio, May 15, 7:30 p. m. George Gould, Greenville, S. C., speaker; Lil Sundberg, Springfield, Mo., soloist. Sponsored by Assemblies of God, Bible Church of God, Church of God, Open Bible Churches, and independent churches.—by Evangelist Byron Lee Wright, Rally Director.

MORLAND, KANS.—Assembly of God, May 4—; Evangelist F. L. Sobotka, Springfield, Mo.—by Carl W. Johnston, Pastor.

FORDYCE, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 25—May 16; Evangelist Clyde Gunter, St. Louis, Mo.—by Roba Harrison, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts., May 9—; Evangelist Carl Alcorn, Fort Worth, Tex.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—May 11—23; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by A. T. Hickman, Pastor.

EAST MOLINE, ILL.—Full Gospel Assembly of God, May 9—30; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle. (Kenneth Nyberg is Pastor.)

PRICHARD, ALA.—First Assembly of God, May 11—23; Evangelists Dave and Gwen Wilkerson, Pittsburgh, Pa. (J. D. Stevens is Pastor.)

YANKTON, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Apr. 25—; Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Griffin, Las Animas, Colo. (Wilbur Tiaht is Pastor.)

HOGANSVILLE, GA.—Tent meeting, located on Highway 100, May 16—; Evangelist Thurmon Fountain, Columbus, Ga.—by James H. Cannon, Pastor.

VANCOUVER, WASH.—Glad Tidings Church, May 9—; Evangelist Ted Silva and the Musical Silvatones. (J. S. Manchester is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Brightmoor Tabernacle, 22420 Fenkell Ave., May 9—23; Ernie Eskelin Evangelistic Party.—by Bond P. Bowman, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Magnolia Park Assembly, 79th St. and Baltimore Ave., May 12—30; Evangelist Gene Nicely, Sherburn, Minn.—by E. M. Yeats, Pastor.

NEWARK, DEL.—Gospel Tabernacle, Lovett, Ave. and Benny St., May 11—30; Evangelist Joseph DeGrado, Los Angeles, Calif.—by Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

EDNA, TEX.—First Assembly of God, tent meeting, May 9—; Evangelist Kenneth Berry and party, Houston, Tex. (R. M. Elswick is Pastor.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Riverside Gospel Tabernacle, McDuff and Downing Sts., May 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (Roy A. Harthern is Pastor.)

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Full Gospel Church, May 9—23 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Dallas, Tex.—by Hubert L. Tomlinson, Pastor.

DAVENPORT, WASH.—The Gospel Tabernacle, May 1—16; youth meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr., Seattle, Wash.—by F. R. Schneider, Pastor.

JAY, FLA.—Assembly of God, Homecoming Sunday, May 30. Friends and former pastors invited.—J. A. Barnes, Pastor, 202 N. Ave., Milton, Fla.

INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Assembly of God, 315 National Rd. W., Richmond, Ind., May 10—12; C. Morse Ward, guest speaker. For reservations write host pastor, Harold Duncan, Box 5395, Indianapolis 5, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—We are starting a new church in Louisville, Ky. known as the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. If you have friends in this area and would like us to contact them, please send us their names and addresses.—Floyd and Lenora Britton, 304 W. Breckinridge, Louisville, Ky.

NOTICE—We have started a new work in Murfreesboro, Tenn. If you have friends living in this vicinity or at Sewart Air Base at Smyrna, Tenn., we would be glad to contact them.—L. M. Hadler, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly, 226 N. Front St., Murfreesboro, Tenn.



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