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

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How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

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My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and

the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

-Psalm 84:1-4

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Spending Millions on Comics

Americans young and old spend more than \$100,000,000 a year on comics. This is more than the nation spends on its textbooks for all elementary and secondary schools, and four times as much as the book budgets of all public libraries, according to Publisher's Weekly.

Salvation Army Disavows Actress' Fund-Raising Idea

A young movie actress visiting Washington, D. C. last month offered to make a "blind date" with anyone who would give \$500 or more to the Christmas fund of the Salvation Army. Officials of the Salvation Army quickly disavowed the idea. They said they opposed such types of charity promotion and would reject any money thus donated, regardless of their need for funds.

Divorce Rate Now Lower

The divorce rate dropped slightly during the past year, according to the latest government figures. The ratio of divorces to new marriages is approximately one to four.

The marriage rate also dropped, due to the fact that fewer young people came to marriageable age. This reflects the low birth rate of depression years of the 1930's.

At the same time, the birth rate was the second highest in U. S. history. More than four million births were recorded in the United States in 1954, the first time this figure has been reached. While there was no increase in the number of first children, due to the lower marriage rate, there was an increase in the births of third, fourth, and fifth children in American families which made 1954 a record year for new babies. It's harvest time for the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday Schools!

Pork Sold in Israel

The sale of pork in Israel is causing quite a commotion. Municipalities have tried to halt it, but the Supreme Court of Israel made a ruling last month to the effect that municipal authorities have no right to ban the sale of pork by ordinance as long as there is no national law against its sale.

It is expected now that the question of selling pork will be raised in the Knesset (Parliament). Meanwhile, the Israeli government "bought out" a butcher selling pork near the Parliament building in Jerusalem.

Apostles of Communism

The Soviet government is training apostles to go out over Russia and its satellites preaching against religion. The idea is to snuff out a resurgence of religious faith that is gaining strength in this thirty-eighth year of Communist rule.

Strange New Weapon

It is reported in Intelligence Digest that the Russians have developed a new kind of weapon which destroys life by freezing. Planes flying over an area at a height of 2,000 feet eject a light spray which produces an intense, killing cold for a period of about half an hour. All vegetation is killed; trees become so brittle that they burst; the soil freezes hard. Animals used in actual tests of the new weapon were frozen to death. What disastrous effect such a weapon could have upon a city or a concentration of troops in the field!

No Protestant Weddings in Spain?

Leaders of Spain's Protestant communities have appealed to the Minister of Justice to make it possible for members of their congregations to contract marriage in accordance with the provisions of the civil law. The appeal was drawn up in Madrid at a meeting of clergymen representing all Protestant groups. It said that local authorities throughout Spain consistently refuse to issue permits for a civil wedding to Protestants. The grounds usually given, they said, are that one or both of the prospective participants in the ceremony is a convert to Protestantism, and having once been baptized a Roman Catholic is still a member of that faith in the eyes of the priests.

There are many misgivings as to the limitations that will be put upon thousands of American military personnel who soon will be going to Spain to build American air and naval bases in that country. It has been predicted that, under the agreement now being worked out between the U. S. military and the Spanish government, the Roman Catholic Church will have the right to sanction or forbid American marriages in certain cases where one of the parties involved is non-Catholic and one is considered to be Catholic.

Various Protestant groups, including the National Association of Evangelicals, have urged the U.S. government to sign no agreement with Spain that would bar servicemen stationed in that country from being married by a U. S. Military chaplain.

Oregon Schools and Religion

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton of Oregon has ruled that public schools in the state must excuse children to attend outside religious-instruction classes if they present a written request from a parent.

He said, however, that such instruction must not be for a longer period than two hours a week, and must not interfere with general school activities.

Schools Observe "Church Night"

The Board of Education in Council Bluffs, Iowa, has decreed that extra-curricular activities on Wednesday afternoons and evenings should be eliminated so that school children of all ages may engage in church activities that day. No youth events such as basketball games or social gatherings are scheduled for Wednesday nights. School teachers even co-operate by assigning less homework that night so that the students may attend the religious classes.

The plan is an experiment proposed by the local Ministerial Association. The Board of Education will review the policy at the end of the school year.

Compulsory Dancing Course Eliminated in High Schools

The Jefferson County Board of Education in Colorado has eliminated social dancing as a compulsory course in high schools. The action was taken by the suburban Denver body after some parents protested the requirement. School officials said they did not ask the parents why they objected but believed the protests stemmed from religious scruples against dancing.

Dancing will be taught only to students who bring written permission from their parents. The other students will have some different form of recreation instruction instead.

Presidential Breakfast at Capitol

The National Religious Broadcasters have accepted an invitation from the International Christian Leadership group to join them at their annual meeting in Washington, D. C., February 3 and 4. One highlight of the joint meeting will be the Presidental Breakfast at which President Eisenhower will give an address. Other speakers at the two-day meeting will be Senator Frank Carlson, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and Representative Walter H. Judd. The theme of the conference will be "The Need of a Spiritual Offensive."

The President of the National Religious Broadcasters, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals, is Thomas F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. He and several other evangelical ministers of the gospel will be among the speakers featured at the two-day meeting. When God's judgments are in the earth you will need a hiding place

Evangelist Charles H. E. Duncombe

here Will You Hide

I HAD BEEN IN SCOTLAND ONLY AN hour when the first bombs began to fall.

In my London home, which was afterwards bombed to rubble, we had an Anderson Shelter dug out at the bottom of the garden which afterwards saved my father's life. I had been traveling through London and the Southern Counties during the blitz. Evangelism had become a grim game of hide-and-seek with death. The loser was the one caught without a hiding place, and the penalty was death.

A stranger in a strange city, I suddenly found myself deserted and alone. The Scots dashed off in every direction to places designated as shelters. Although I had come unscathed through dozens of bombings I experienced a momentary feeling of utter helplessness and almost nakedness as I realized I was caught in a blitz without a place for shelter.

Amos the prophet foresaw the day when Christ-rejecting men would seek a hiding-place from an angry God. "Though they dig into hell, thence shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent and he shall bite them" (Amos 9:2-3). Deeper shelters than ever before are

Deeper shelters than ever before are being prepared as protection against atomic blasts, but God's hand will reach men there. They may seek escape in giant stratocruisers miles above an earth convulsed and shuddering from the shock of mighty earthquakes, but God's hand will bring them down. They may vainly seek escape in submarine craft in the ocean depths as storm howls to storm across a doomed and dying world, but there will be no place to hide.

The sixth chapter of Revelation describes events which will take place under the six seals of judgment. How can any honest reader of the Bible get the ridiculous idea that God is like a benign Santa Claus—that He is a doting, indulgent, over affectionate parent who would never exercise discipline? Why do so many people view Jehovah through rose-colored spectacles, and drool sentimentally about the ultimate reconciliation of all men, even to the extent of including the Devil? Why not heed the words of Paul: "Behold therefore, the goodness and severity of God" (Rom. 11:22).

I am old-fashioned enough to believe that the Bible means what it says, including the Book of Revelation. John says, "I saw a great sign in heaven"—a sign is a symbol. But where John does not mention a sign, he means us to understand that blood is blood, trees are trees, men are men. I believe with the eminent Dr. Seiss that a literal interpretation is intended unless otherwise indicated or stated. The earthquake, the crimson moon (Rev. 6:12), the disintegration of the heavens, and gigantic earth tremors that move every mountain and island, will literally take place.

How unutterably terrible to be without a hiding-place in the day of God's wrath, without a Saviour when the world is in the hands of an angry God. The graphic words of an old preacher describe the scene, "The burning world is cooling down. Thunders are suppressed into silence; fragments of planets interrupted in their final crash by some wrecked empire are heard sliding down the caverns of night, rumbling a doleful echo through the solitudes of oblivion. Then, a crumbling prop of creation gives way, the sides of the north fall in, and creation reels to her final fall."

Under the sixth seal, the heavens depart, "as a scroll when it is rolled together" (Rev. 6:14). Describing the same incident, Hebrews 1:11 says, "The heavens are the works of thy hands; they shall perish, but thou remainest, and as a vesture thou shalt fold them up." The folding up of the heavens as a vesture, shows us that God proceeds methodically to carry out His predetermined plans for judgment. When the disciples entered into the tomb of Jesus after His resurrection, John records "The napkin that was about His head, not lying with the linen clothes but wrapped together in a place by itself" (John 20:27). Before Jesus left the tomb He neatly and carefully folded up the napkin that had been around His head, and placed it by itself. No rush, no impatience, but measured, methodical, and orderly.

Once, when still a lad, I challenged another boy to fight. He accepted the challenge, but first proceeded to remove his coat and neatly fold it up before turning to me! I have never forgotten that gesture. It was as though he said, "Let me tidy this out of the way, then I will attend to you." He meant business, as I discovered to my cost. Friend, how will you feel when God folds up the heavens, and begins to real with a wicked and Christ-rejecting world?

It is significant that the cry of terror from the lips of the ungodly is, "Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne." It is no longer the face of gentleness, tenderness and compassion. It is not the serene and lovely face, so popular with religious artists who take delight in portraying the Saviour as a shepherd, carrying the lamb in His bosom. It is not the face of a Saviour, it is the face of a judge. He does not carry a

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Brother Duncombe is from Bolton, Lancashire, England. He has preached in a number of American assemblies during recent months.

After the Baptism—What?

ONE OF THE TOPICS PROPOSED FOR consideration at the World Pentecostal Conference at Stockholm next June is "The Baptism in the Spirit—Goal or Gateway?"

If we have been seeking the Baptism as a goal, an end in itself, a climax of spiritual experience, and then the Lord graciously baptizes us, our first feeling in the flush of the rapture and ecstasy will surely be, "I have reached the ultimate goal! What more can there possibly be this side of heaven that I have not already received?" Perhaps later on we will learn that there is still very much land to be possessed, but not always at the first.

But if we rightly understand what the Baptism is, and what is its purpose, we shall not make this mistake. We shall realize that it is not a goal at all, but a gateway. Our Lord Himself promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." The Baptism is not an experience to enjoy, but an enduement to employ-it is an equipment for service. So long as our eyes are turned inward upon what we have received we shall get no further; but when we turn our eyes upon the field in which God has placed us we shall find that there is a power and an effectiveness that before were lacking.

The Baptism is indeed a gateway, but a gateway into what?

We sometimes pass through a gateway and find ourselves, perhaps, in an open field, unconfined, with prospects on every side, where we can wander at will. The Baptism it something like that; it brings us into the realm of the Infinite. A new world is opened up to us when we become Pentecostal in experience, and we can begin to possess it.

If the first wonderful rapture should fade, we are not to conclude that we have lost the Baptism. The gift of God is without repentance, and so long as we are living and walking with Him the fruit will remain: fruit towards God, fruit towards man, and fruit in ourselves. You will remember that when our Lord spoke about the coming of the Comforter He also spoke about fruit-bearing, fruit that should remain.

First, let us consider fruit toward God. What results might we expect to flow from the Baptism? Let the Lord Jesus tell us in His own words. First and foremost He said of the Comforter, "He shall glorify me." The Spirit's chief work is to glorify the Lord Jesus. God said, "whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." If there is one thing above all others that marks a Pentecostal assembly, it is the fact that the people praise God. This was the very first impression I ever had of a Pentecostal meeting. When I began to seek the Baptism (though I did not then know what to call it), and was asked why I was seeking, my reply was, "That I might be able to praise God as these people do." What convinced Peter in the house of Cornelius was not merely that he "heard them speak with tongues," but that he "heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

Then there is the operation of the Spirit upon the Word. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." We may have known something of this before, but we experience it in much fuller measure when the Spirit comes upon us. The Spirit gives life to the Word. And that Word, hidden in our hearts, He can bring to our remembrance, often in ways most un-



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expected and at times when we were not looking for it. He can apply that Word to our present situation, either for our own comfort and guidance or to answer the need of another. As we ponder over the Word He will illuminate it to us. He will guide us into all truth, and things difficult to understand He will explain to us, even though we may not always recognize that it is the Spirit who is doing these things.

There is fruit toward the world. "Ye shall receive power ... : and ye shall be witnesses"; and as we witness (for the context seems to imply that this is His way of operating) the Spirit "will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The witness may be that of the life, which is often the most effective, or by the spoken word. Those whom the Lord uses especially to produce conviction in others, are not necessarily better preachers than others; but there is an answer of the Spirit to the words they utter, and the results follow-especially with those who have learned to trust the Spirit to work, and are humble enough to give all the glory to Him. How else are we to explain the results that flow from the preaching of many present-day Pentecostal ministers? Of course, we cannot all be flaming evangelists, but God can use us all if we will put ourselves in His hand and trust Him. This witness need not always be by preaching (we are not all called to be preachers)—our testimony can be equally effective in a quiet word spoken in season from one to another.

We must have fruit in ourselves. "Herein is my Father glorified," said Jesus, "that ye bear much fruit." What is this fruit? The apostle Paul tells us, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." It is becoming like Christ. It is learning to walk with Him in the path He trod. Herein lies the key to a life of victory.

We close with some words of Charles G. Finney:

"I did not suppose then, nor do I now, that the Baptism was simply the power to work miracles. The power to work miracles and the gift of tongues were given as signs to attest the reality of their Divine commission. But the Baptism itself was a divine purifying; an anointing bestowing on them a divine illumination, filling them with faith and love, with peace and power, so that their words were made sharp in the heart of God's enemies; quick and powerful like a two-edged sword. This is an indispensable qualification of a successful ministry; and I have often been surprised and pained that to this day so little stress is laid upon this qualification for preaching Christ to a sinful world."

-E. J. G. Titterington

"Bread to a Hungry Soul"

Many Are Being Blessed by Correspondence Courses

"Bread to a hungry soul-

Water to thirsty, parched lips-Peace amid turmoil and confusion-

Rest in the storm—

The unveiling day by day of the wonderful vision of Jesus to my heart-"

So writes Mrs. Stowell of New Salem, Mass. concerning the Bible correspondence courses which she has pursued.

Each year the Correspondence School at Springfield is enlarging its field of ministry and service as more and more enroll for one or more of the eleven Bible courses that are offered. Young men and women are training for the ministry. Sunday School workers are increasing their knowledge of the Word for more effective teaching. Others are enriching their lives and drawing nearer to God through their Bible study course. Bible study among prisoners is spreading and the Word of God is bearing fruit in lives that were marred by sin and disobedience.

Just how effective and fruitful the courses are becoming is revealed in the testimonies which are voluntarily sent in. Typical of the many are the few that follow:

Mrs. Stant, a housewife in Maryland, writes: "I certainly have enjoyed every minute spent in studying the Bible through your Correspondence School. I feel that my knowledge and understanding of the Bible have increased greatly and I have grown stronger spiritually. I am deeply grateful to all of those who have made it possible to study God's Word through the mail."

A new convert finds encouragement and blessing from the two courses he has studied. He says: "When I read in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL that the Bible could be studied at home, the desire became so great that I had no peace until I enrolled for a course." This was Mr. Gebhard's first impression and he has not been disappointed.

"I have the last textbook and final four exams to complete, and expect to send one lesson this week. This course meant very much to me during my stay in the Navy. It has been of untold help to my understanding of the Word." Thus Weldon Davis expresses what he feels a consistent study of the Scriptures has done for him.

Another serviceman, A/2c Richard O. Ekstrand, writes: "This course has enlightened me on the subject matter of the Old Testament. Without this course it might have been some time before I had even the smallest conception of what these books contain."

Evangelist W. V. Grant, who has been continuously enrolled in one or more, courses for several years, expresses his appreciation: "I have an increasing appreciation of the much-needed work you are doing for the Full Gospel people. More and more I see a need of it. Continually, all over the nation, I see the correspondence students who are complimenting the work and telling others about it."

Daily such testimonies come to the Correspondence School office, confirming the scripture, "My word ... shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." Thank God for the privilege of studying the Bible and teaching it to others. There are adversaries, of course, against that which is good and worthwhile. So Mrs. Dean of Canon City, Colo. discovered in her Pauline Epistles course: "I have never had such opposition from the powers of darkness as I have had in taking this course. I believe the reason is that God's blessing is so real as I prepare these lessons and study His Word. I have enjoyed them greatly." Every obstacle overcome, every victory gained, makes us stronger for the next conflict.

Visit in your mind's eye the varied classroom. Some of the students are housewives, businessmen, mechanics, ministers. Others are teen-agers, nurses, farmers, servicemen, prisoners, clerks, factory workers, secretaries. Their occupations are so different, yet they meet on common ground for the study of God's Word. Though the students do not know each other, they all enjoy the personal touch of Frank M. Boyd, Director of the Correspondence School, as he makes corrections on their papers, adds a word of encouragement, or answers by correspondence the various problems and questions of students who ask for counsel.

Here are five reasons why you may benefit by enrolling in the Correspondence School:

1. Bible study is vital in every Christian's life if he is to be kept from sin and false doctrine—"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

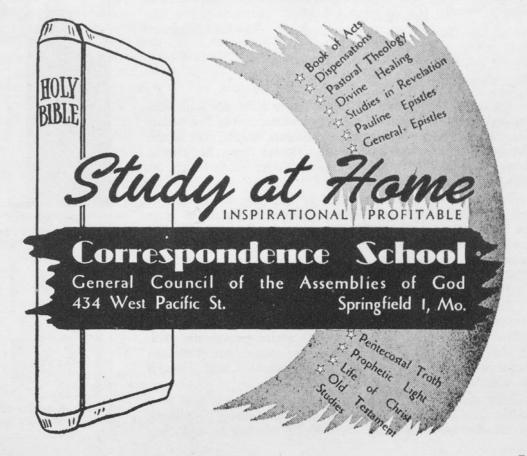
2. Correspondence study will develop the habit of systematic Bible study and preclude haphazard preparation for preaching, teaching, soul-winning.

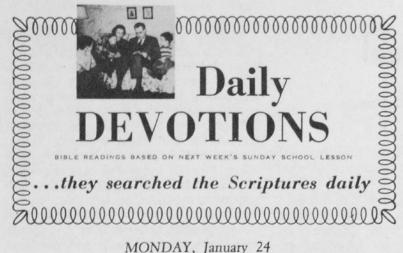
3. Bible study is fundamental for Christian growth and spiritual development.

4. Correspondence Bible study will help you to be "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is in you."

5. It is a fine preparation for an enlarged and more effective ministry.

You are invited to join the growing class of students. Write to the Correspondence School for free information.





MONDAI, January 24

JESUS FORGIVES A SINNER-Luke 7:40-50

In this experience Jesus sets forth the principles of true, acceptable service. Two people, far removed from each other socially, become the characters in this dramatic incident. Both were seeking to recognize and to serve the Lord Jesus.

The Pharisee had invited Jesus home with him, along with other friends (v. 49). They were all at the table eating when a certain woman, who is described only as being a sinner, came in. (Were we not all sinners when we came to Jesus?)

It was obvious to this woman that one of the common courtesies of that day (water to wash His dusty feet) had not been provided for the Lord; so she began to wash His feet with her tears, drying them with her hair, and then anointing them with very precious ointment from her alabaster box.

The Pharisee resented this; and while he did not express his feelings, the Lord sensed them. Jesus rebuked the Pharisee kindly, and proceeded to teach him (and us) the meaning of true service. The Pharisee's acts were those of cold and formal courtesy; the woman's were born of a deep love. To the Pharisee He was "Master." To the woman He was Saviour (v. 48).

Millions today serve the Lord as did the Pharisee; but Jesus desires worship that is from the heart.

-J. O. HARRELL

TUESDAY, January 25

THE FRIEND OF SINNERS-Luke 7:36-39

A glimpse of Christ causes the sinner to abhor his sin. Without being urged to repent, the sinful woman broke the beautiful vial and poured its expensive contents on the feet of the Saviour. As the tears of repentance flowed down her cheeks, Jesus said to the critical onlookers, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven" (Luke 7:47).

Today many methods are used in trying to get sinners to repent. It is commendable that God's people should be eager to win souls to Christ; however, the methods used often lead to disappointing results. It is impossible by mere human efforts to convince a lost soul that he needs to be saved. No unsaved person can be expected to want to be saved until first he knows he is lost.

Then how is a person made to realize he, is lost? Simply by having a glimpse of Christ revealed to him through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Here is where prayer, and faith in the Spirit's power, are needed; but prayer and faith can never supplant our responsibility to present Christ Himself to a wicked world.

Jesus and sin are incompatible. No sinner can linger long in the presence of our holy Lord without realizing the horror of his own unholiness. He must decide whether he will cling to his sin or turn to the Saviour, and the Saviour's love constrains him to want to be saved. Therefore let all God's people continually present the living Christ to the dying world, trusting the blessed Holy Spirit to make Him real to the consciousness of sinful men and women.

-WAYNE FACERSTROM

WEDNESDAY, January 26

SUFFERING FOR SINNERS-Isaiah 53:6-12

In one chapter Christ is both the least and the greatest. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (v. 7). By this word of prophetic utterance He is the least, meekest, and most helpless of all creatures—a lamb. He is without defense and without voice in His role of Redeemer.

Yet in the final verse of this same chapter it is stated, "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Someday this "lamb" will sit in judgment over all the nations of the earth. Every knee shall bow to Him, the King of kings.

How different this process from that of earthly kings! They are always born to greatness. They exercise a strong voice and will while they live. Their tongue is trained to give commands. Then within a few brief years they fade away as the grass into oblivion. But not our Christ! His greatness will fill the universe. His voice will order the deeds of men and angels forever.

-DICK FULMER

THURSDAY, January 27

DYING FOR SINNERS-Romans 5:6-10

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God

THE JUDGE BECOMES THE JUSTIFIER



by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (v. 10).

Salvation is progressive. It began in Eden; it will end in eternity. It began when I came to Calvary; it will be consummated when I stand before the throne of His glory.

Sin brings condemnation and judgment, but Jesus took my place. Sin defiles, but His blood cleanses. Sin separates from God, but I am reconciled through the death of His Son. I was dead in sin, but now I am alive in Christ. All this became real in a moment when I confessed my sin and put my trust in the Saviour.

But there is more. Sin distorted and defaced the image and likeness of the Creator in the human race. God through grace has undertaken to tear down everything which sin has built up in the life of man, and to restore everything which sin has destroyed.

Salvation is a rank and fetid swamp transfromed into a lovely arboretum. Salvation is a neglected field, choked with weeds and briars, transformed into a fruitful orchard. All this is becoming real as I walk in fellowship with the living Christ and am made a partaker of His divine nature. One day I shall be satisfied when I awake with His likeness. —DONALD G. FOOTE

FRIDAY, January 28

CLEANSING FROM SIN-1 John 1:5-10

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Sin soils, stains, and scars the human heart. Sin should be hated, for it destroys men's souls. Thanks be to God, there is cleansing and freedom from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

To be clean is to be happy. There is no joy like the joy of knowing your sins are forgiven and forgotten. There is no rest for the wicked. Their guilty conscience drives them to fear and anxiety. No wonder men love darkness when their deeds are evil. They are afraid to face the situation. But when Christ cleanses the heart from sin there is peace; and he whom the Son makes free is free indeed.

To be clean is to be healthy. Few adequately realize the close relationship between sin and sickness. Many an illness is due to past sin in the life of the sick person or the life of another. Christ brings a double cure—He pardons our sins and heals our sicknesses. There is health for us through the cleansing power of Christ's blood and the life-giving power of God's Spirit. By His stripes we are healed.

To be clean is to be hopeful. Only those who keep clean are ready for the Second Coming of Christ. He that has this Blessed Hope purifies himself even as He is pure. Praise God, the promise is not in the past tense; it is in the present—the blood of Jesus CLEANS-ETH us from all sin; and so with grateful, exuberant hearts we can sing, "Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow."

-J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

SATURDAY, January 29

REMOVING SIN-Psalm 103:8-18

"For He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (v. 14). God is not like man, whose memory fails him. The marvel of it all is that God remembers every word, every thought.

However, an even greater marvel is the fact that God can forget. He says, "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:34). Man through God's grace can forgive, but seldom does he forget. Contrast this with what the Bible says about the pardoned sinner: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he [God] removed our transgressions from us" (Psa. 103:12).

The pardoned sinner is a child of God. As a child he has to learn to walk with the Lord. The human baby is the most helpless of all creatures, for he cannot even walk until he is many months old. The parent encourages his child to walk when he believes it is time. Patiently he coaches him.

Is our Heavenly Father less considerate of the new-born spiritual babe? No. "For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." God does not want His child to be weak, and so He patiently deals with him until he acquires strength through the Word and the Spirit. We must go on to perfection [maturity] "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect [mature] man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Nothing less is a worthy goal for the Christian.

-H. C. BALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON for January 30, 1955—"Jesus Forgives a Sinner" (Luke 7:40-50). Lesson outlines furnished by National Sunday School Association.

IN CHRIST WE HAVE-

A love that can never be fathomed A life that can never die A righteousness that can never be tarnished A peace that can never be understood rest that can never be disturbed A joy that can never be diminished A hope that can never be disappointed glory that can never be clouded A A light that can never be darkened A purity that can never be defiled A beauty that can never be marred A wisdom that can never be baffled Resources that can never be exhausted. -Selected

This Week's Cover

First Assembly at Fort Smith, Arkansas, is thirty-four years old—and it has had only two pastors in all that time.

The church was founded by one of our esteemed pioneer leaders, C. A. Lasater. He shepherded the flock for twenty-seven years, and during that period the congregation erected a house of worship at South 12th and Dodson Avenue.

One month after the death of Brother Lasater, the church called B. Owen Oslin to be its pastor. During the seven years



B. Owen Oslin

that have passed since that time, the congregation has grown steadily and the church has had to enlarge its facilities three different times. The average Sunday School attendance at the present time is 610.

The Lord has given First Assembly an auditorium 70 by 120 feet

in size, with seating for 1400 persons, and an Educational Building that houses six separate Sunday School departments, including assembly auditoriums and classrooms for approximately 750 pupils. There are 31,000 square feet of floor space in the buildings.

Best of all, the church has enjoyed a gracious moving of God's Spirit from week to week. Brother Oslin and his coworkers have had the joy of seeing men and women accept Christ as their personal Saviour every week-end (with just a single exception) since the new church was opened three years ago.

Last month the church had a very profitable revival campaign which lasted for six weeks. The Brewster-Tee evangelistic team from Great Britain preached the first two weeks. The pastor was the evangelist for the next two weeks, and Evangelist George Hayes preached the last two weeks. A large number of men and women were saved and filled with the Spirit during these meetings.

First Assembly has an extensive daily radio ministry by which it is reaching many thousands of people of all faiths.

Bishop Taylor Smith referred to Ezekiel 1:10, where the "four living creatures" are described as having the face of a man, the face of a lion, the face of an ox, and the face of an eagle; and he made this comment:

ment: "As Christians such must be our characteristics: 1. We must have the **sym pathy** of a man—of Him who was called "Son of man"—and His love for our fellows. 2. We must have the boldness of a lion the Lion of the tribe of Judah. 3. We must have the patience, forbearance and suffering of the ox. 4. We must be like the eagle, ever soaring heavenward, aspiring higher and ever coming nearer the Sun of Righteousness."

MEDITACIONES MATUTINAS

(Morning Meditations)

Hugh Jeter, Tangier

"MORNING MEDITATIONS" WENT OUT on the air over the powerful 50,000-watt transmitters of Radio International, Tangier.

This fifteen-minute broadcast is heard each Wednesday and Friday at 7:45 a.m. Spanish time (6:45 a.m. G.M.T.). Although it is very doubtful whether radios could pick it up in America, the wave length is 6110 kilocycles on the short wave, forty-nine meter band, and 1232 kilocycles long wave.

We have not been broadcasting very long and have offered no gift or induce-

ment as yet, but the

response so far is

have heard from

northern Spain, cen-

tral Spain, southern

Spain, and eastern

Spain, as well as the

Balaeric Islands

(Palma de Mallo-

roa). This assures us

that we are covering

practically the whole

nation!

encouraging.

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Hugh Jeter

Pastors in Spain have written to tell of groups listening in different places and are enthusiastic about the broadcast. Several have written asking for more announcements of the program for distribution. Brother Parli's Spanish broadcast (directed by Brother Stig Almstrom of Sweden) is on this same station on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. Spanish time. We announce his broadcast also. This means that each week there are three Full Gospel broadcasts from this station.

Our little group here in Tangier has outgrown our meeting place (a room in a fourth-floor apartment) and we are now looking for a hall. Pray that the Lord will help us find the building He wants us to have.

Please pray also that the Lord will bless our radio broadcast in a special way so that many souls may be saved and a Pentecostal revival kindled wherever people hear our message. Ask the Lord to keep us physically fit, mentally alert, and spiritually "on fire" until we finish the work that He has given us to do in Tangier.



The North India Convention was held at Childer's Lodge, Landour, Mussoorie

ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD IN LANDOUR

Verena M. Rich, North India

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERence of the North India District Council was held in Landour, Mussoorie, U. P., recently. It was a time of real blessing when fifty-seven of our workers met together in worship, praise and fellowship. The speakers for the convention were Carl Graves from Ceylon and Robert Cummings from America. Brother Graves brought an inspiring message from God's Word on the "Glory," and Brother Cummings ministered to us in the evening services on "The Anointing." Our hearts were melted before the Lord and our spirits were refreshed with "Rain from heaven."

We also enjoyed fellowship with our guests, a number of other missionaries and nationals. Among them was Carl Holleman, District Superintendent of the South India District Council. He also brought us rich messages from God's Word. The morning prayer services and afternoon services were conducted by various missionaries.

During conference days we gazed on the lofty, snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas (I have never seen them more beautiful) and again and again we were reminded of the majesty, power, and steadfast love of our God.

The conference over, we left the hills and returned to our stations to resume

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to NOEL PERKIN, SECRETARY FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. the work that the Master has given us to do. It was with greater faith that we believed to see the glory of God manifested in our midst during 1955.

MISSIONARIES ECONOMIZING TO HELP MEET FINANCIAL CRISIS

No one is more aware of the financial crisis in the Foreign Missions Department than the missionaries themselves, and no one is facing the crisis with a nobler spirit than they.

A study of the minutes of the North India District conference and the minutes of the meeting of the District Committee show that it is co-operating to the full in the matter of economizing. Not only is it lengthening the terms of the various missionaries. It is also seeking to curtail expenses and reduce budgets all along the line. It is making progress toward the goal of self-support; the brethren are endeavoring to rely on their own financial resources to supply the needs for the work which arise in addition to the present budget.

Our EVANGEL readers may be sure that our missionaries are sacrificing to the limit in order to strengthen the financial position of our foreign missions program.

GO FORWARD With steadfast heart and true Go forward on your way; God give you strength to do The duties of each day. So daily may this thought Your heart with courage fill— "I can, because I ought, And, by God's help, I will." —A. R. G.

Training Pentecostal Youth In Guatemala

Miriam Haydus

REAL REVIVAL IS BURSTING OUT ALL over Guatemala. Sixty people were saved in the Tiquisate area during the month of October. Other churches report varying sums: fifty-one, thirty-five, fifteen, and so on. Another church has raised \$1200 from among its own people to



The second-year students and faculty, 1954.



Brother and Sister Haydus and Bible students.

build a place of worship.

God is pouring out His Spirit upon our Bible School also. Last year we had something less than thirty students; this year there are fifty-two enrolled at the school. Since the institution is only a few years old we are encouraged by its progress and steady growth each year.

The students go to no less than forty outstations each week, and recently they reported sixty conversions during one weekend alone. These young people evangelize the cities and towns, reaching hundreds of people every week-end, not only with the spoken Word but by the gospel literature which each one carries with him.

On December 10 the students carried the gospel throughout the entire republic. Practically all to a man are willingly leaving their homes and loved ones to start out in the gospel ministry. What a thrill it is to work with such sacrificing and consecrated workers.

If ever a mission field was worthy of financial investment in a Bible School project, it is Guatemala. All of its seventyone churches are indigenous. We had thirty-two churches three years ago; now we have seventy-one. In something short of two years ago we had one church in Guatemala City—now we have ten. During the last two weeks two new churches have been opened up. In one of these, six people have already been converted.

We could enroll 200 students if we only had buildings to house them. We need \$4000 to erect the second floor of the Bible School annex. We have been praying also for the money to finish the second floor of the Bible School. For some reason God has not answered prayer as yet. Perhaps there are people in the homeland who are not listening to His voice. Friends, if only you knew how necessary it is to enlarge our school building, I'm sure you would send an offering. We are praying that God will move upon your heart to meet this need very soon.

(Those wishing to contribute to the Bible School building in Guatemala should send their contributions marked "Guatemala Bible School Building," % Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

Calcutta Church Is Self-Supporting

by Stanley Shaw, South India

DURING MY STAY IN CALCUTTA IT WAS my happy privilege to live and work very close to Brother and Sister Daniel Marocco. The Maroccos are doing an excellent work in Calcutta.

Ever since the Cantelon campaign a year ago they have been conducting services every night without letup. The Lord is richly blessing the work and it is growing at a good rate. Brother Marocco has a reliable church board that works in co-operation with him in the gospel ministry. It is most heartening to see the work being backed and largely financed by the Indian people, although it still has a missionary pastor. Each night the ushers take up the offering, count it, and at the end of the meeting turn it over to a board member who acts as treasurer.

This church, as well as the missionaries in charge, is to be highly commended for the work that it is doing in the great city of Calcutta, India.



Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sjoberg announce the arrival of Paul Mark on December 4 in Angeles, Philippines. Congratulations!

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson of Gold Coast, Africa, announce the birth of Kimball Stephen on November 30. Congratulations!

Margaret Anderson and Hilda Olson arrived from South Africa on December 14. Miss Anderson is staying at her home at 300 Barbara Drive, Point Pleasant, N. J. and Miss Olson's address is: 7105 Narrows Ave., Brooklyn 9, New York.

Virginia Watts returned from North India on December 14. Her present address is: 176 Washington St., North Easton, Massachusetts.

Samuel Beckdahl returned from North India on December 15. He joined his family at Mission Village in Springfield, Missouri.

Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Byrd of Faith Memorial Assembly, Atlanta, Georgia, left the United States January 3 for the Philippines where Brother Byrd will be conducting a revival campaign in Bethel Temple, Manila, commencing January 9.

From Manila the Byrds will go to San Fernando where Brother Shields is pastor. From San Fernando they will visit Iloilo in the southern islands where Brother G. Olson is pastor. Following meetings in Iloilo they will visit the Dentons in Antique for services. The next stop will be Cebu where Brother and Sister E. Brengle are working. From there they will go to Negros for meetings with Brother Zeissler, pastor of the work at Bocolod; then to Baguio City to be with Sister Vanderbout, and finally to Angeles for special meetings with the Sjobergs.

Sister Mayme Williams and Brother Esperanza, General Superintendent of the Assemblies in the Philippines, will assist in the services.



OPERATION: CANNED GOODS

THE STORY BEGAN LAST APRIL AT THE National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, where Pastor and Mrs. G. C. Sturgeon of Auburn, California, first met "Mother" and "Daddy" Kvistad, Supervisors of our National Children's Home.

When Brother and Sister Sturgeon asked the Kvistads about the needs of the Home, they found that food is always the most pressing need. There is plenty of food in California, but it's a long way from California to Arkansas. Food canned in glass is fragile, and freight rates are high. But the Sturgeons decided that if truck transportation could be arranged, possibly a plan could be found to gather the food. "Mother" Kvistad closed the bargain: "You get the food and we'll get the truck," she said.

Mrs. Goldia Anderson, WMC President of the Northern California-Nevada District, was in St. Louis with the Sturgeons, and after hearing about the needs of the Home was anxious to do something to help. The Sturgeons related to her their conversation with the Kvistads. She immediately caught their enthusiasm. Here was an idea that the WMC's could help carry out!

Each housewife, when she canned for her family, could set aside one jar out of ten for the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. When the idea was presented at WMC rallies throughout the District, the ladies received it joyfully, and purposed to put it into operation in their local Assemblies.

Final plans were outlined at a workshop at Camp Meeting. Through the WMC Directors, strategic points were chosen as collection centers in the various Sections. Some ladies canned at home; others joined together in groups to can in quantity. In places where very little home canning is done, the ladies sponsored grocery showers. Early in November they began to bring their boxes of cans and jars to the sectional collection points. When pick-up truck loads of food began to arrive at First Church in Oakland—the main depot—everyone was convinced that the plan had really worked!

And with the help of the National Department of Benevolences, "Mother" Kvistad got the truck. The driver, Mr. Clyde McGinnis of Springfield, Missouri, was almost dumbfounded when he saw what appeared to be "a mountain of food" waiting for him in Oakland. He had come with orders to pick up five tons. Instead, he loaded 6³/₄ tons—all that his truck could possibly haul—and there were still nearly two tons left!

Since the bulk of his load was made up of beautiful California produce, canned in glass, you may be sure that Mr. Mc-Ginnis drove with extra care and sought out the smoothest highways leading to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Folk at both ends of the road were praying that all would be well with the driver and his load. That the Lord answered prayer was apparent when Mr. McGinnis reported that just before he reached the first mountain pass, his brakes went completely out. Providentially, he was still on level ground, so was able to stop without mishap to have the brakes repaired before starting over the Rockies. He had perfect weather all the way.

Brother Kvistad reports that along with over 3,000 quarts of canned fruit, vegetables, meat, pickles, and jellies, there were almost 500 pounds of dried fruit, staple groceries and nuts.

The Department of Benevolences joins "Mother" and "Daddy" Kvistad and their fellow-workers to thank Brother and Sister Sturgeon, Sister Anderson, and all who helped in this very practical project of feeding our family of seventy-three at the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

From WMC members and groups all over Northern California and Nevada came these food supplies for the National Children's Home. Here they are being piled at the First Church in Oakland, Calif., prior to shipment east. Mrs. G. C. Sturgeon headed the project and Mrs. Goldia Anderson, WMC president, promoted it throughout the District. Shown in the picture are (left to right): Derrill Sturgeon; Pastor F. A. Sturgeon of Oakland; Pastor G. C. Sturgeon of Auburn; Mrs. Goldia Anderson; and Mrs. G. C. Sturgeon. Over eight tons of food was given.

When the truck reached the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Ark., eager hands quickly unloaded it and stacked the hundreds of jars and cans safely in storage for use this winter. Shown here (left to right) are: Mrs. E. Conrad, Mr. E. Conrad, Robert Sjelin, Carol Dyer, Recka McKee, Edna Campbell, Betty Lou Husher, Mrs. Paul Pyland, Mrs. C. McGinnis, Mrs. Kvistad, Mr. Kvistad (supervisor of the Home), and Mr. C. McGinnis (truck driver). The preschool kiddies are: Lonnie, Linda Sue, Joey, Donna, Josie, and Mary Beth.



No Death?

The Reader's Digest recently featured an article by Norman Vincent Peale, "There Is No Death," condensed from his book, The Power of Positive Thinking. Reprints have been made of this for wider distribution. Most of the article is filled with illustrations of what he calls "mystical appearances which some of us today experience," which are the accounts of loved ones coming near after death. In the light of the Bible, these are reports of spiritism [which God forbids—Deut. 18:11].

Dr. Peale states, "In other words, our loved ones who have died in this faith are also nearby, and occasionally draw near to comfort us." This is contrary to the Scriptures. The apostle Paul teaches that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. The souls of believers at death go immediately to be with the Lord. The spirit of a believer, leaving the body, goes to where Jesus is at the right hand of the Throne of God. He does not roam around the world, visit his loved ones, or speak to them in some spiritual trance.

Dr. Peale seems to be completely oblivious to all that the Bible teaches concerning the world of darkness, demons, spirits, their peepings and their mutterings. There is not one word in his story in the Reader's Digest, "There Is No Death," pointing to the fact that Jesus Christ is the victor over the grave, in that He bodily arose from the tomb and left it empty.

Dr. Peale tells the story of going to visit his mother's grave and reports a message which he received from her: "The message was clear and distinct. It was stated in her beloved old-time tone: 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? I am not here. I am with you and my loved ones always.'" This type of appeal is not the Christian appeal. Basically, fundamentally, it is humanistic and pagan. It is much better to remember and to consider our loved ones, as in truth and indeed they are, as being with the Lord and not in some spirit form contacting us or following us.

How much more precious are the accounts of the visible, bodily appearance of Jesus Christ as recorded in the New Testament, than these haunting thoughts of loved ones apt to appear to us! After they have been taken to be with Christ we are not to look for them. They are in the everlasting conscious presence of the Redeemer. We have work to do down here in winning others to Christ and living for His glory.

But just as serious is Dr. Peale's general conclusion that there is to be a continua-

tion of life after death, with no distinction as to whether there shall be a life with Christ or a life without Christ, a Heaven or a hell. There is a second death, according to the Scriptures, for those who go to hell; not merely a first, physical death. For a preacher of the Gospel to deal with this subject and not, in any way, sound a warning as to the judgment that comes for the ungodly after death, nor call men to receive by faith the gift of everlasting life, is certainly inexcusable. However, the line that Norman Vincent Peale here follows is the general, modernist, humanist line of the day, for he says, "We merely change the form of the experience called life-and that change, I am persuaded, is for the better." But it is for worse for all who reject Jesus Christ as the only Redeemer whom God sent as the propitiation for the sins of mcn.

-Christian Beacon

WINNING SOULS IN SPAIN

Under the auspices of Youth for Christ, a united evangelistic effort was made in Barcelona, Spain, in October. Each day began with a two-hour prayer meeting, starting at 6 a.m. An evangelistic meeting was held each evening. To accommodate the crowds it was often necessary to hold two or three simultaneous services. In some places, street traffic was jammed and policemen intervened, threatening to stop the meetings if the people did not refrain from attending.

According to Spaingrams, some churches with a seating capacity of four and five hundred had twelve and fourteen hundred crowding in. There were 100 decisions for Christ in the ten-day campaign.

REVIVAL AMONG GIPSIES IN FRANCE

There is a Pentecostal revival among the gipsy people in France and it is rapidly gaining momentum. Donald Gee, in the latest issue of *Pentecost*, reports that since the revival began two years ago, about 1,000 have been converted and scores of the gipsies have been baptized, many in the sea. Many young people are being saved, too, and are manifesting great joy and transformed lives.

"The Lord continues to heal in answer to prayer. For instance, a gipsy who had been blind from birth received sight after hands were laid on him and prayer was offered; and then the miracle was used to confirm the authority of a believer who preached the gospel in the gipsy caravans afterwards."

FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL WMC DAY FEBRUARY 13 THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL SERVES OUR MISSIONARIES

through intercessory prayer and practical work AND ASSISTS IN EVERY ENDEAVOR OF THE CHURCH

Nation-wide the Assemblies of God will observe the special day of the Women's Missionary Council, honoring the consecrated women for their faithful ministry. Special program material has been prepared by the National WMC Department and mailed to each pastor.

Order attractive badges (10 for 10c in coin) from the National WMC Department.

The Annual WMC Day objective is to-

- FOCUS attention of the church on WMC—its work, purpose and value
- ENLIST new members for WMC
- EMPHASIZE the place of WMC in World Missions
- ENCOURAGE a ministry of soul winning and intercession
- RECEIVE an offering for the work of our National WMC Office For missionary credit, send the offering to

National WMC Department (Edith Whipple, Secretary) 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING Keeps Revivaltime on the Air

PLEDGE JUMPS

Girard, Ohio

I signed a pledge of \$5.00 a month for the remainder of this year, but I have been looking over the blessings God has given me and I want to help keep His broadcast on the air. Therefore, from Jan. 1 until Jesus comes and takes me away, I will send \$20.00 a month for the support of REVIVALTIME.

A LISTENER

WIDOW SACRIFICES

Fort Collins, Colo. I am sending you a check for \$60.00 for the REVIVALTIME broadcast. I sold my husband's rifle and I told the Lord I would send it all to the broadcast to help reach souls for Him.

A few days ago, I sent you the \$25.00 I had planned to use to buy a new winter coat; I told the Lord I could get along without one, so I sent the money to REVIVALTIME.

> A FRIEND IN CHRIST * *

OFFERINGS PLACED ON ALTAR Dickinson, N. Dak.

Good News! Praise God! Monday night at the Fellowship meeting in Dickinson, God wonderfully helped us. We presented the crises of Foreign Missions and "Revivaltime."

Then things began to move. We felt led to offer our love offering from Sunday night (about \$50.00). Then another man matched it with \$50.00. The Pastor we are with, Dean Rohner, also equaled it. Another couple gave \$50.00, a working girl gave \$25.00, and as they came to the altar to lay their gifts in "Revivaltime" envelopes we counted it and the amount came to \$427.00. All glory to our precious Lord!

It's amazing how much money people have left after they give. This all happened after the afternoon, C. A. and evening offerings had been taken.

evening offerings had been taken. God bless every effort to keep "Revivaltime" on the ABC network.

Evangelist Paul Hild

SOWING SEED FOR SOULS

Thedford, Nebraska I am enclosing \$200.00 for REVIVAL-TIME. This money was supposed to be used to buy myself a new electric sewing machine for my birthday, but God asked me for it for REVIVALTIME.

God has done so many wonderful things for me. He saved my soul, and

healed me of cancer and several other serious ailments.

I do not know why God wanted my sewing machine money, but I don't care or question it. My old machine is a wreck. I've been waiting for several years for the R. E. A. (Rural Electrification Administration) line to get to us. The new machine has always been at the head of my list of most desired electrical equipment. I believe that God will provide another machine for me, or keep my old one running as long as I need it.

God bless you and the REVIVAL-TIME message.

God's Humble Servant * * *

DOUBLES PLEDGE

Oaklyn, New Jersey I am a regular listener and supporter of REVIVALTIME and was recently in your meeting at Camden, New Jersey. As you spoke about pledges (until then I was vehemently against them) I said to myself, "No matter what he says, I can't afford any more than \$25.00 at the most." How long have I been bottling up my faith? Praise God, I feel that God wants me to double that and give \$50.00!

Yesterday a check came in the mail and I knew it was from the Lord, so I'm sending it on to you as part of my pledge. Oh, I love being a channel through which God can work. Glory to His name, forever! My soul is just bubbling over with joy.

A LISTENER

The sacrificial giving of these friends and many, many others just like them is making it possible to continue to broadcast REVIVALTIME in millions of homes around the world each week. Such giving, we believe, will bring the blessing of God not only upon the donor, but also upon the cause to which it is given. The many sacrifices made by God's people in the interest of REVIVALTIME strengthen our conviction that this is God's work, and He will continue to bless and provide a means to carry it on.



P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Mo.



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.

CANCER

I want to praise God for healing a very painful, bleeding cancer in my breast. It bled profusely and was so painful. God gave me a scripture and told me that when I obeyed, He would heal me. God means exactly what He says. Without obedience there can be no faith, and without faith it is impossible to please Him (Heb. 11:6).

I obeyed that scripture; then I called for Brother and Sister Evans, my pastor and his wife. They anointed me with oil according to James 5:14, 15, and prayed the prayer of faith. I was immediately healed. All pain and bleeding stopped.

Oh, glory to God! Words are so inadequate to tell of His mercy to the children of men; so inadequate to tell how God yearns to manifest His marvelous love in healing our bodies and wiping away all pain. It was on May 11, 1954, that I was healed, and I am still healed today.—Mrs. Elizabeth Scramlin, 512 W. Jefferson, Petoskey, Mich.)

(Endorsed by Pastor J. H. Evans, **P**etoskey, Mich.)

TUMOR AND WHOOPING COUGH

Three years ago, the doctor informed me that I had a tumor. Surgery could not be performed because I once had tuberculosis and had lost one lung. At the time I had tuberculosis I was a Christian, but I did not know anything about divine healing. Since then I have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, and a greater revelation of God.

In April, 1952, I attended Evangelist A. A. Allen's meeting in Louisville, Ky. and entered the healing line for prayer. As the evangelist prayed for another person, the power of God struck me, and I felt a burning sensation in my abdomen. As he came to lay hands on me and pray, he said, "You are already healed, sister!" And I was able to answer, "I know it!" During that evening and the next morning, I passed several pieces of the tumor. In one day my abdomen measured three inches less, and in three days seven inches less. The tumor has never returned. To God be the praise!

A year ago my grandchildren had

whooping cough. I began to have severe coughing spells, especially at night. The doctor gave me a shot to ascertain whether I had whooping cough. The reaction showed that I did.

I am a nurse, and I knew that this would weaken the remaining lung and cause serious complications. As a child of God I felt privileged to ask for deliverance. Sister Loomis, my pastor, prayed for me, and instant deliverance came.

On another occasion, Sister Loomis prayed for me when my blood pressure had gone down to 80. Two weeks later it registered 140.

I was losing my sight in one eye, and through prayer it was restored. What a loving, compassionate God we serve!— Mrs. Beulah M. Farmer, 818 E. Main St., Corbin, Ky.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Marjorie Loomis, Pastor of the Assembly of God, Corbin, Ky.)

POLIOMYELITIS

In August 1952 we went to visit relatives in Creston, B. C., Canada. While my husband was praying one day, the Lord spoke to him, "LeRoy is going to have polio." My husband came out of the bedroom where he had been praying and told me we must go home.

Four days after we arrived home LeRoy began to complain of a headache. I prayed for him and told him to lie down. On Thursday he was very ill, running a high fever; he had a terrible headache and a stiffness in the spine.

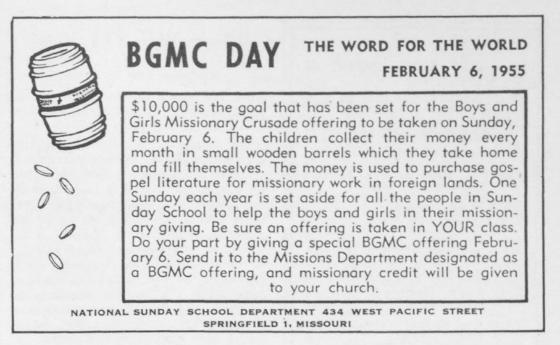
I called the doctor. When he got there he said, "It looks bad, but we'll wait until tomorrow morning. If he still has a fever and pain, I'll send up another doctor."

The boy spent a very restless night, crying out and moaning. He still had a high fever in the morning, so I called the doctor. By the time he arrived, LeRoy couldn't swallow or bend his neck. The doctor called the hospital to have an isolation room ready. After he had gone I called the deacons and sent word to Brother Dalton, our new pastor, and to Brother John A. Westman, the pastor who was just leaving our church.

They all prayed. By the time we got LeRoy to the hospital he could swallow. The doctor called me twice from the hospital to say that tests showed polio, but that the spasms in his back and spine were subsiding. Then Brother Dalton telephoned and assured us that Le-Roy was going to be all right; he said that they had prayed through for him.

On Saturday the doctor called to tell us LeRoy was all right and that we should come to get him. With great rejoicing we went to the hospital. How I praise God for His wonderful healing power.

LeRoy is our second child to be healed



of this awful disease. Our daughter, now 19, was completely paralyzed at the age of two from polio, but Jesus wonderfully and instantly healed her. Truly He is a wonderful Saviour and Healer, worthy of all praise!—Mrs. Arthur Holmes, 241 21st St., Bellingham, Wash.

(Endorsed by Fred A. Dalton, Pastor, Assembly of God, Bellingham, Wash.)

DRAINAGE FROM EAR AND DEAFNESS

In June 1954 my five-year-old son Roger had a drainage coming from his left ear. As he had always been bothered with abscesses in his ears, I did not give it much thought. As time went on he became worse, and on June 23 I took him to an ear specialist. He told me that Roger had a chronic disease-an internal drainage from the middle ear. He also said he would be deaf the rest of his life as there was a hole in his ear drum the size of a pencil. He gave me a prescription for some medicine, but said he had no hope at all for recovery of his hearing. I was to bring him back in a week for a checkup.

As I left the doctor's office, my hopes were very low. I went home and began to give Roger his medicine, but each time he vomited most of it up.

After much encouragement from my mother, I took Roger to church and asked the pastor and the church folk to pray for him. That night a miracle was performed! By morning there was no drainage and Roger began to complain of the noise hurting his ears.

I took Roger back to the doctor for his scheduled checkup. The doctor was amazed as the hole in his ear was healed over completely and there were no scars or drainage. He said the medicine he had given me could not have done this, and asked if I had done anything more than he had prescribed. He said a miracle had been performed. I told him I had done nothing but to take him to church and have the pastor and the people pray for him.

I thank God for this gracious miracle. My son now has perfect hearing.—Mrs. B. G. Scarborough, Route 3, Monroe, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. H. Reed, Monroe, La.)

CHILD'S CRUSHED HEAD

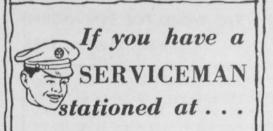
On September 1, 1954, we went to the country to visit some friends. Our $2\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old son Stephen was playing in the hayloft of their barn with his two older brothers. Suddenly he fell through the hay to the ground about 15 feet below, striking his head on a big rock. When we saw him he looked as if someone had beaten his little head with a hammer. His face was skinned, and his head was crushed on the left side.

We rushed the boy to the hospital in McMinnville, and X rays were made immediately. The doctor told me that Steve had a terrible skull fracture, as well as a cerebral hemorrhage behind the nose. There was absolutely no hope for his recovery, he said.

I called Sister Slape, our pastor's wife, and she said Brother Slape would come to the hospital as soon as he got home. I knew that only God could heal little Stevie's crushed head. Sister Slape said she would be praying in the meantime.

By the time Brother Slape got to the hospital one of Steve's eyes was swollen shut and had turned black, and the other was glassy and set. Blood was running out of his mouth. Brother Slape prayed for him; then he called the church (it was prayer meeting night) told the people how badly Stevie was hurt, and asked them to pray that God would heal him. Steve was sent to a larger hospital

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in Portland that night. The specialists there examined him, and they, too, said that there was no hope for him. But God's children were praying, and a short while later he had improved so much that he was responding to sound. When we left him he was sleeping quietly. The next afternoon I went to see my boy again; he recognized me immediately and called, "Mama."

Just one week after Stevie was hurt I brought him home, a perfectly well boy. His mind was just as clear as ever, with absolutely no ill effects from the injury. Today (Nov. 1st) Steve is perfectly healed and completely normal. He can run and ride his tricycle like any other boy his age. I can never praise the Lord enough for healing our baby.--Mrs. John Stellflug, P. O. Box 473, Dayton, Oregon.

(Endorsed by Eugene G. Slape, Pastor, Assembly of God, Dayton, Oregon).

Where Will You Hide?

(Continued from page three)

lamb, He bears a sword. The Shepherd's crook has been exchanged for the iron rod of correction.

I remember seeing a French gendarme once at Le Havre. He was stationed at the door of the customs shed, and it was his duty to examine all the passengers for contraband, or tax-evasion articles. I have never seen a pair of eyes so coldly impersonal and penetrating. Although it was a cold day, one passenger began to sweat as the gendarme looked him over. Those eagle eyes did not miss those beads of perspiration. The man was detained and searched, and found to be smuggling diamonds. It was the eyes that did it, and I have never forgotten them.

The face of an outraged deity will be terrible to the sinner. The exposure of sin will be pitiless. The white light will sear through every sinner's soul. Often during the Battle of Britain, we watched the bombers caught in the searchlight's glare, trying to escape by twisting, turning, banking, diving, climbing, seeking the safety of a friendly cloud, but still the searching white fingers followed them and held them in the blinding glare. How clear are the words of Job, who said, "There is no darkness nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves" (Job 34:22).

Blood-guiltiness is on the sinner's hands, and like Pilate he will wash his hands in vain. Blood is on the sinner's feet and garments; he has trodden underfoot the blood of the Son of God. When the blood was sprinkled on the doors of the Israelites' homes, God said, "Ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood." Mark the significant omission-there was to be no blood on the threshold. No type would ever suggest that a human foot would be placed upon sacrificial blood.

Friend, have you counted the blood of Jesus an unholy thing, and trampled it profanely? Will you appear in the presence of an angry God with blood upon your hands and feet? Get out of those thunder roads; get out of the path of the storm. Heaven's lightning never strikes so fiercely as when it flashes against those with blood-guiltiness on hands and feet.

There is a hiding place. There is an ancient Ark, whose sturdy timbers will withstand the lashing tempest and the roaring flood. There is a city of Refuge where you may find sanctuary from the wrath of the avenger. There is a cleft in the Rock of Ages, where you may find a refuge until the indignation be overpast. Will you kneel before Christ today as a suppliant, or stand before Him tomorrow on trial, and hear the dread words, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

Why not join in the song of the redeemed and sing with us, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power."

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

KELLERTON, IOWA-Evangelist Billy Wolfe Two came to the altar for salvation, and the church was blessed. Brother Wolfe's anointed ministry stirred our people. The Sunday School reached a new high in attendance.—D. J. Henderson, Pastor.

LAUREL, MISS .- The first two weeks of November we enjoyed a good meeting with Evan-gelist Marvin L. Smith of Coral Gables, Fla. The services were well attended, and several came to the altar for salvation. With no extra drive, the Sunday School averaged 32 more than for the previous month.—A. J. Pope, Pastor, Kingston Assembly of God.

CARBONDALE, PA .- We have just closed a wonderful Thanksgiving week-end meeting with Helen Stewart and Myrtle Eason, former Bible School instructors and pastors. They gave a series of Bible studies on Typology. The blessing of God rested on all the services.—Arthur R. Hontz, Partor Pastor.

ELKTON, KY.—We had an excellent meeting with Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denney from Shawnee, Okla. Ten were saved, and 13 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. These ladies preach old-time Bible holiness. We have invited them to come back in the summer for an outdoor meeting.—O. L. Blackwell, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO-We thank God for the recent meeting with Sister Hattie Hammond of Hagers-town, Md. The presence of the Lord was with us from the very beginning. Saints from many surrounding churches came to share with us the rich teaching of the deeper truths of the Word, which Sister Hammond brought to us under the anointing of the Spirit. We feel that a good foundation of truth was laid by Sister Hammond's ministry, and since the meeting closed there has been a steadily rising tide of blessing among us.

been a steadily rising tide of blessing among us. We expect to move into our new church home soon; this will triple our facilities. The church is located on a strategic site in the city of Akron. Our people have responded in a marvelous way as we have taken this step forward, and money is coming in to meet every need. Pray with us that we will be faithful to meet the challenge of this larger field of ministry that the Lord has opened to our church.—Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

CLARKSVILLE, MO.-We had a seven-week meeting with Evangelist Allene Black of Guthrie, meeting with Evangelist Allene Black of Guthrie, Okla. One was saved, one reclaimed, and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One man was instantly delivered from the tobacco habit which he had had for many years. Eleven received definite healings. Sister Black preaches the full gospel message with power. A Holiness lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and sang in tongues. Now she is so happy that she is telling everyone that the Acts 2:4 experience is real. Her husband is also seek-

2:4 experience is real. Her husband is also seek-ing the Baptism.

A man was reclaimed, filled with the Spirit, and healed of a chronic nosebleed. His wife had prayed for 59 years for him to receive the Holy Spirit.

Spint. We started here two years ago with three in Sunday School. Now we have an average of 29. We have a building fund started, and a man donated \$900 worth of lumber for the building. Praise God, Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.—Albert M. Oliver, Pastor.

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PENSACOLA, FLA.-Jan. 30-; McColl-Gerard Trio of Canada. (Wilbur J. Cox is Pastor.)

NANAIMO, B. C., CANADA—Jan. 23—30; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (Einar Domeij is Pastor.)

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 16—; Evangelist Frank and Gladys Lummer, Davenport, Iowa. (L. H. Bottroff is Pastor.)

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Assembly of God, 3rd and E. Broadway, Jan. 28; Sven Bjork, Swed-ish Gospel Singer.—by Neale Sheneman, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, 701 E. Channel St., Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Leonard H. Rogers is Pastor.)

ESSEX, ONT., CANADA—Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif.—by W. H. Moody, Pastor.

DEL RIO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 30—Feb. 18; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Willis Stafford is Pastor.)

LYONS, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3 Feb. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colb Houston, Tex.—by Jewell E. Tucker, Pastor. 30-Colburn,

DALLAS, TEX.—Pleasant Grove First Assem-bly, 1143 Carbona Dr., Jan. 23—; Evangelist Quentin Edwards, Garland, Tex.—by Paul Spinden, Pastor.

SHERIDAN, ARK.—Assembly of God, Jan. 30—; Evangelist Gene Thompson, Camden, Ark. —by Harold Thompson, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Harlem Assembly of God, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelists Paul and Leona Dougherty, Carthage, Mo.—by Norris N. Wright, Pastor.

CRESTVIEW, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 25—Feb. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen (The Musical Petersens) of Texas.—by S. L. Breland, Pastor.

STAPLETON, NEBR.—Jan. 23—Feb. 6 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Gaddis. (E. L. McNaughton is Pastor.)

LEBANON, IND.—Feb. 1—, for two weeks, Evangelist R. T. Havener, Laurel, Miss.—by John M. Washler, Pastor.

GARDEN CITY, KANS.—Faith Tabernacle, 8th and Kansas, Feb. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen.—by F. Rudolph McAdams, Pastor.

CEDAR BLUFF, VA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 18—30; Evangelists Merrill and Ruby Rayner, Lonaconing, Md. (Troy Cave is Pastor.)

LAMAR, COLO.—Jan. 16—30; Gene Arnold, youth evangelist, Fowler, Colo. (J. A. Stapleton is Pastor.)

PONTIAC, MICH.—First Assembly of God, 210 N. Perry St., Jan. 30—Feb. 13; Evangelist Vernon Wells, Lima, Ohio.—by Wesley Wibley, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVEN-TION, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., Feb. 1-3. Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute, main speaker. C. A. Rally Monday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. Convention proper begins Tuesday, 9 a.m. R. G. Fulford, District Superin-tendent, in charge.—by William W. Brandt, District Secretary-Treasurer.

DUNKIRK, OHIO—Assembly of God, N. Main St., Jan. 23—Feb. 6 or longer; Evangelist June Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio.—by J. A. Silva, Pastor.

GLENROCK, WYO.—Assembly of God, Jan. 16—; Evangelist Ruby Henry, Fruita, Colo.—by J. E. Overstreet, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Full Gospel Church, Jan. 23—30; Evangelist Florence Scott, St. Peters-burg, Fla.—by Harry W. Snyder, Pastor.

MT. UNION, PA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 23—Feb. 13; Evangelist Albert D. Skymer, Haddon Heights, N. J.—by Oran Catterson, Pastor.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 16—30; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo. (D. D. Underwood is Pastor.)

WILKES BARRE, PA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 25—; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (Albert Lazar is Pastor.)

FLORENCE, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 19—Feb. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe, London, England.—by Roy Nylin, Pastor.

GLENDIVE, MONT.-Assembly of God, Jan. 5-; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (Dean Rohner is Pastor.)

DEFIANCE, OHIO-Assemblies of God Church, Feb. 1-13; Evangelist and Mrs. Don R. Tanner, Willmar, Minn.-by A. W. Lawrence, Pastor.

SKELLYTOWN, TEX.—Feb. 1—13; Evan-gelist and Mrs. William R. Eccles, Mansfield, Ohio. (L. A. Harper is Pastor.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Pentecostal Gospel Church, 4635 N. 16th St., Feb. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Marc Conley. (Benjamin H. Cox is Pastor.)

OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA-Bethel Pente-costal Tabernacle, 379 Waverly St., Feb. 1-13; Evangelist Evelyn M. Olsen, New York, N. Y. -by E. Howard Kerr, Pastor.

SAVANNAH, GA.—First Assembly of God, Whittaker and 43rd St., Jan. 23—Feb. 13; Evan-gelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick. (Elmer L. Green is Pastor.)

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, 810 E. 21st Ave., Jan. 26—, for three weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. VanderPloeg.—by R. A. McClure, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH .- Fellowship Meeting and dedication of new addition to Glad Tidings As-sembly of God, 5025 N. Pearl St., Jan. 24. Services at 3 and 7:30 p.m. District officers will be speaking.—by A. R. Mattson, Pastor.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT MINISTERS' IN Superintendent.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MINISTERS' WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MINISTERS INSTITUTE—First Pentecostal Church of God, 773 Church St., Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 1—3; A. H. Graves, guest speaker. Other speakers in-clude B. B. Compton, G. A. Renick, R. A. Mc-Clure, and C. A. Parker.—by T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent. (William B. Friend is Hoct Parter.) Host Pastor.)

SOUTH TEXAS MINISTERS' INSTITUTE —Alice, Tex., First Assembly, Jan. 31—Feb. 2; Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. Houston, Magnolia Park Assembly, Feb. 8—11; A. N. Trotter, Minneapolis, Minn., speak-er. Orange, Tex., First Assembly, Feb. 14—16; A. N. Trotter, speaker. Opening service at 2 p.m. at Alice; the others begin at 10 a.m. Day services for ministers and their wives; night services open to public.—by Kermit Reneau, District Superin-tendent. tendent.

RADIO PROGRAMS

DELTA, COLO.—"Moments with the Master," station KDTA, 1400 kc., Monday through Fri-day 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. This new program began January 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pilot, Directors.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Station KGGM, 610 kc., Sunday 8:15 a.m. during January; begin-ning February, 8:45 a.m. on Sundays.—O. W. Keyes, Pastor, Highland Assembly of God.

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Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—We have started a new church in Williams, Calif. If you have friends living here, please send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—W. W. Wedgeworth, General Delivery, Williams, Calif.

WITH CHRIST

LOYD E. BERSINGER, 67, Campbell, Calif. went to his heavenly reward November 1, 1954. Brother Bersinger was ordained in 1927, and pastored the church in Los Gatos, Calif. for a number of years. He was superannuated.

JOSHUA F. MILLER, 68, Oklahoma City, Okla. went to be with the Lord December 8, 1954. Brother Miller was ordained in 1927 and pastored a number of churches in Oklahoma. He

pastored a number of churches in Oklahoma. He too was one of our superannuated ministers. J. B. SMITH, 83, Teague, Texas went to be forever with the Lord December 4, 1954. "Dad" Smith, as he was affectionately known to many people all over Texas, was one of our pioneer ministers, having been ordained in 1913. He spent most of his time in evangelistic work. He preached the gospel for fifty years, and was actively engaged in meetings until four months before his death.

DOMINICK LISCIANDRELLO, 58, San Jose, Calif. went to be with Jesus December 28, 1954. Brother Lisciandrello was ordained in 1935, and served for a time as Secretary of the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God.

MARY B. RAYMOND (Mrs. J. E.), 53, Montrose, Colo. went home to glory October 31, 1954. Sister Raymond was ordained in 1936. During most of her ministry she was associated with her husband as co-pastor in Colorado.

WILMA BOLTON, 36, Granite City, Ill., yent home to be with the Lord December 18, ated from North Central Bible Institute in 1940 and was ordained in 1944.

