

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

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# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Forty Million Scriptures

The American Bible Society, during the last 138 years, has distributed 40,000,000 volumes of Scriptures to men and women of the armed forces.

## Murdered in Mexico

According to *Herald of Holiness* (April 13), the assistant pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Acapetahu, Chiapas, named Eusebio Paz, has been villainously assassinated.

## Annulment Law Tightened

The Law concerning annulment of marriages in New York State will be tightened Sept. 1, due to a bill signed by Governor Averell Harriman last month. The bill requires that a person attempting to annul his marriage on the grounds of fraud must start the action within three years after the alleged fraud is discovered. Under present law there is no restriction on the time. Some have attempted to annul marriages on the basis of frauds discovered twenty or twenty-five years earlier!

## "If God Wearied of Mankind"

A highlight of Sir Winston Churchill's last weeks in the Prime Minister's office, before his retirement, was the speech he made in the House of Commons on March 1 on the subject of National Defense. A quotation from his speech bears repeating:

"There is no absolute defense," he said, "against the hydrogen bomb. Imagination stands appalled at its power." He stated that the U.S.A. has three years' lead in hydrogen weapons, while Russia has an enormous lead in conventional weapons. So, for three years, the U.S.A. holds the hydrogen bomb in readiness for instant use should Russia attack with conventional or nuclear weapons. Even this policy is not a sure defense, he pointed out, for there is the possibility of the action of a lunatic or a dictator in the mood of Hitler in his final dugout.

As Parliament listened in silence, the astute old Prime Minister added: "I find it poignant to look at youth in all its activity and ardor and most of all to watch children playing their merry games. I wonder what would lie before them if God wearied of mankind."

The solemn fact is that God can grow weary with mankind's hypocrisy and disobedience. He said to Judah: "Thou hast forsaken me... therefore will I destroy thee; I am weary with repenting" (Jer. 15:6).

## No Atheists Found Among U. S. Nuclear Scientists

Col. John D. Craig says that "there are no atheists among the nuclear scientists—not a single one." The Colonel, a former Army man, was commissioned by the government to photograph the atomic explosions at the original Bikini and Eniwetok tests, and the photographs he displays of nuclear and thermonuclear devastation are terrifying.

"When they succeeded in splitting the atom," he said, "they realized that for the first time man had stepped into the realm of creation, that it was Divine Sovereignty speaking to him, and that man had better listen to what his Creator was saying to him. For now two destinies were offered to man. The very power that was active in creation had been placed at his disposal, and he could use it either for untold blessings or for his own undoing. Once more he had been confronted with the age-old alternative of choosing between life and death."

What will the choice be?

## Large Attendance Expected At World Pentecostal Conference

According to correspondents in Sweden, the outlook for a large attendance at the Fourth World Pentecostal Conference to be held in Stockholm next month is very bright. The usual Bible Week at Nyhem, Sweden, is being cancelled this summer in favor of the Stockholm Conference, and the thousands of Swedish Pentecostals who customarily attend the annual meetings at Nyhem are expected to come to Stockholm instead.

In addition to the throngs from the Scandinavian lands, hundreds of delegates from other countries are expected to attend the World Conference. Walter E. McAlister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, is already in Great Britain visiting some of the Pentecostal churches there prior to attending the Conference. J. A. Synan, senior bishop of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is also overseas making a preliminary tour. Fred Vogler, formerly an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. (now

retired), is visiting the churches in Italy and other lands en route to Stockholm.

Quite a number of other Assemblies of God ministers will be going to Stockholm, including three Executive Presbyters and their wives: R. M. Riggs, J. R. Flower, and Noel Perkin. Both Brother Flower and Brother Perkin are members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the World Conference.

There will be a great welcome meeting for the delegates on Monday afternoon, June 13, in the Filadelfia Church, largest Protestant church in Stockholm and perhaps in all continental Europe. The Conference will begin on Tuesday morning, June 14, and continue until Monday evening, June 20. Evening services will be in a great tent seating 12,000.

The theme of the Conference will be: "The Calling and Commission of the Pentecostal Movement: a Re-Valuation." Selected speakers will introduce the following aspects, which will then be open for discussion:

1. Historical Review of the Pentecostal Movement.
2. God's Purpose through the Pentecostal Movement.
3. Scriptural Principles of Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
4. The Baptism in the Spirit—Goal or Gateway?
5. The Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures.
6. Speaking with Tongues and Prophesying.
7. The Pentecostal Movement for Children and Youth.
8. The Pentecostal Movement and Miraculous Healing.
9. The Pentecostal Movement and World Evangelism.
10. The Pentecostal Movement and the Coming of the Lord.

Previous World Conferences were held in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1947, in Paris, France, in 1949, and in London, England, in 1952. Some 600 official delegates from 32 nations attended the Third World Conference in London.

## A Crisis in Nigeria

*Missionary News Service* (E.F.M.A.) reports that the new Government which will assume power in Nigeria on July 1 will, as of that date, require all missionaries to abide by the following conditions:

1. No church or open-air meetings among Moslems.
2. No indoctrinating in hospitals where Moslems are present.
3. No indoctrinating of Moslem pupils in schools.
4. No evangelism in leprosariums where Moslems are present.
5. No entering Moslem homes and compounds to evangelize.

Mission boards have made strong protests to the Government in regard to these rules. They have pointed out that it would be well-nigh impossible to continue missionary work in Nigeria under such conditions, and have threatened to close all mission schools, hospitals, and leprosariums unless the incoming Government withdraws these requirements.



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# FEELING OR GOD'S WORD

## --Which Shall We Believe?

W. A. BROWN



THESE ARE TIMES OF TREMENDOUS rush. If our spiritual moorings are not sure, we will suffer spiritually. We need something firm and solid in which to trust. Only then will our lives be steady.

Are our feelings trustworthy? We believe certain things because we feel they are right, and we do certain things because we feel they are right. But do our feelings necessarily make them right?

In fact, our feelings can deceive us, and many times they are most untrustworthy. At Jesus' death His disciples thought their cause was lost. At His resurrection many felt that He was still dead. In like manner we also feel things to be in a certain state, but afterwards find that our feelings were completely wrong.

The story is told of two stranded young men who found refuge in a farmhouse for the night. Their rural host by the aid of a kerosene light showed them to their room. After putting out the light, one of the young men became uncomfortably warm and arose in the dark to open a window. He tugged and pushed, but the window would not budge. Finally in exasperation he punched a hole through the glass. After this he remarked to his bedfellow how much better it was with fresh air now filling the room. When he awoke in the morning he learned, to his dismay, that the window was still closed. He had smashed the glass in an old china closet that was stored in the room! He had been fooled by his feelings. We cannot make feelings our standard.

What then is trustworthy? Certainly the guesses and theories of man are not wholly trustworthy. They may be right, but often they are found to be quite wrong. Only those things which have been demonstrated to be fact can be fully trusted.

In spiritual matters the Bible, God's

Word, has proved its truthfulness and trustworthiness throughout millenniums. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa. 40:8). "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God ..." (2 Tim. 3:16).

For centuries God's people have trusted its promises and have proved them reliable. These wonderful words of God cover every department of man's need.

For salvation the Word says: "Him that cometh to me [Jesus] I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

For bodily healing the Bible has this command and promise: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14, 15).

God's Word promises the baptism in the Holy Spirit. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses ..." (Acts 1:8). "For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

### God's Unchanging Word

For feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God—  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever;  
For, though all things shall pass away,  
His Word shall stand forever.  
—Martin Luther.

God's promises written in His Book assure us that He will "supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). For every individual, for every experience, and for every part of your life and service, God has wonderful written assurances, words that have been tried and proved valid in the many centuries by the saints of the Lord.

First we need to establish in our minds whether the blessing desired is in God's will, for "if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14, 15). Then we can definitely ask the Lord for the blessing needed and desired. Here the promise is, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).

And with our asking we must believe that God is answering, for the Word instructs us, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Finally, let us look away from our feelings, away from our doubts and those terrible fears and dire forebodings. By the same token let us look away from our false assurances. Our feelings will deny the truth of God's Word and they will clamor to be heard. But the only thing that is certain still remains. GOD'S WORD IS TRUE. Believe it. Affirm it. Repeat it. And the Lord will graciously fulfill for you all of His good promises.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME ...

WHAT IS THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY?

SERMON SUBJECT FOR MAY 15

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



# The Enduring Word

L. R. KEYS

THE BIBLE IS THE TEXTBOOK OF CHRISTIANITY. It is the guide of the pilgrim in his journey through life to glory. It is the chart and the compass of the mariner cast upon life's sea. It shows the way to the harbor called Haven of Rest.

The Bible tells us about life hereafter. Who is there who is not interested in our future sphere of existence and has not developed his philosophies concerning it? The poets have imagined what it is like, but in the Bible we have a divine revelation as to our future state. We are told of a man who, holding a Bible in his hand, said, "I am a man; I am going somewhere; I am twenty-four hours nearer that somewhere today than I was yesterday. I have read all that infidelity and unbelief have to say. They have not shed one ray of light on the darkness, and they shall not take away the only Guide I have and leave me stone blind."

We are reminded of a story told by an evangelist concerning the Indian who, holding what he called a big praying book in his hands, said, "Big night! All dark! No light! Dark night! Above dark! Inside dark night! This book rising sun, make light for feet, words sweet. I keep big praying book near." In his picturesque language he described what many millions of people feel when they read the Word of God.

## IT IS UNIQUE

Scientists, statesmen, poets, philosophers, artists, historians, and uncounted millions of the rest of us have found the power of this Holy Book. It has sustained the aged in their declining years; its verities have comforted the widow's heart; its promises have helped bring cheer to the despairing. And it goes on from century to century bringing words of help and comfort to men of all races throughout the world.

We are told that the Hindus are taught in their sacred writings that the earth rests on the back of an elephant, and when the elephant moves the result is an earthquake. We are not left to such speculations when we turn to the Book of God. What a contrast to read, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." There is something final and satisfying about the statements of our Holy Bible.

It is a notable fact that the most

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godly and the most holy people have loved the Bible most. The licentious and the evil have little or no use for it. It condemns their way of living. There is no book like it in all the millions of books that have been published. There is not a single moral precept in possession of the human race that is not to be found in the pages of this Book of God. In the Bible nothing but truth is found. In other writings truth is frequently mixed with error.

Aristotle had many good things to say about benevolence and duty, but he urged upon the state the duty of throwing unfit infants to the wild beasts. He was also a believer in community wives. Marcus Aurelius had much to say regarding gratitude and justice, but he also believed that it was all right to feed people to the lions for no other offense except that they were Christians. Confucius had something to say regarding a man's duty to his brother. However, he taught that a lie is justifiable under certain circumstances.

## CARLYLE'S RETORT

The Bible contains not only the truth, but truth only. It was Lacks who said, "It has God for its author, salvation for its theme, and the truth without mixture of error for its matter." The story is told of a young member of Parliament

who was at the same house as Carlyle. He supposed Carlyle an unbeliever like himself, and made some light remarks regarding the Bible and Christianity. Carlyle replied, "Young man, I recommend you to retire to your chamber without delay, there to open your Bible, to go upon your knees before God, to ask for a better understanding of these matters, and not to rise until your prayer is answered. I believe you will find yourself then a happier and wiser man."

Many today who think lightly of the Bible are those who do not read the Book itself. There are men who, like the late William Lyon Phelps of Yale University, feel that no one can be adequately educated without having a knowledge of the Word of God.

There are islands where once bloodthirsty cannibals lived and where the heads of their fellow men were not safe; and yet today you can visit those same islands in perfect safety. These former cannibals are converts to the Lord Jesus Christ. The message of the Word of God found a place in their hearts and changed them into civilized men. Such a change in life can be attributed to the power of the Word of God.

It is the Bible that reveals to us a Saviour, Christ the Lord. It is the Bible which reveals to us the blackness of sin and the possibility of obtaining forgiveness. It is the Bible which points us to the cross as the only means of salvation, and it is the Bible which teaches us how to live our lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. This Book lifts man from the lowest depths of sin to the highest heights of spiritual blessing. The Book turns man from the power of Satan to the power of God, from darkness to light, from bondage to liberty, from sin to righteousness, and from hell to heaven.

Queen Victoria stated that the Bible was the secret of England's greatness. It was upon the principles of the Word of God that our own America was founded. Where the Bible goes civilization follows. Where the Bible is read and preached and respected and loved, there you may expect to find rule, order, and decency.

And it may be said that in direct ratio as we depart from the Word of God, so we depart from the greatest civilizing influence in the world today. A land without a Bible is a land of darkness! Wherever the Bible has been repudiated or its circulation hindered or prohibited, there has followed a disintegration of the moral life of that people so deprived of the Word of God.

## IT NEVER WEARS OUT

It is interesting to note that in the list of books which one would choose should he be shipwrecked upon a desert island, invariably the Bible is included.

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## Try this experiment . . .

We cut in two a picture of a charming, buoyant little lady. (You may cut out the two parts and put them back together, if you wish, when you've finished reading this.) She represents our aged ministers and their widows. Brave, bright, and self-reliant in spite of sickness, old age, and want. That's the way they want us to see them. And that's the way the left half of the picture looks. But often, masked behind the fact, lie feelings of anxiety, loneliness, and discouragement. These we discovered hidden in the right half of the picture.

But this is no idle probing of a personality. We're leading up to a point: Many of our aged ministers and their widows are in need. Therefore, the Sunday before Memorial Day those churches which are not giving regular monthly support to the Old Age Assistance Fund will be asked to take an offering for our Elders in the Faith.

Probably yours is a "split personality" too—you have compassion and you feel a desire to help these worthy servants of Christ, but another facet of your nature (if you are an average individual) tempts you to smother such feelings with concern for your own needs. Rise to the occasion. Let your outgoing compassion win out, so that every one of our aged ministers can wear a smile—on both sides of the face!

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I need not dwell for long upon the place that the Bible has had in English and American literature. It was Ruskin who said, "I owe to the Bible the best part of my taste in literature."

We are told that in Shakespeare there are 187 quotations from the Bible and 551 allusions to it. In Tennyson there are 400 references to the Old Testament. In Browning it is said that more than 500 allusions to the Word of God may be found. Some of the greatest musical masterpieces of the world found their source and inspiration from the stories which the Word of God contains. Great paintings have for their themes some instance recorded in the Word of God.

Here is a Book that has stood the test of the ages. It has never been worn out. There has been so great a demand for copies of the Scriptures that book-rooms and Bible houses all over the country have been unable to supply the demand.

Here is a Book that will lead us to God. No man has ever read it and been worse for the reading, but the exact opposite is always true. It lifts us toward God. It is as bread to the hungry soul, as drink to the man who is athirst. It is a Book that has endured in spite of opposition. It is a Book which satisfies the heart of man and therefore it has enduring value. God's Word is as unchanging and invincible as God Himself.

Oh, ask not thou, How shall I bear  
The burden of tomorrow?  
Sufficient for today its care,  
Its evil and its sorrow;  
God imparteth by the way  
Strength sufficient for the day.

—J. E. Saxby

## Small Town Miracle

LUMBY IS JUST A LITTLE LOGGING town in the interior of British Columbia. It does not boast a very large population—but every man and woman, boy and girl in Lumby is more precious than gold in the scales of God.

My wife and I felt the call of God to go to Lumby, a pioneer field as far as the Pentecostal message was concerned. We knew we would have to trust the Lord for our support if we went—but we accepted the challenge.

We were met with indifference on the part of some, and opposition on the part of others, but we continually prayed, "Lord, defeat the devil in this town, and bring souls to the feet of Jesus."

Soon after we arrived in Lumby, Mr. G. came to town also. He was a prosperous-looking young man. He came to establish a drive-in theater to bring amusement to the town. We had come to establish a church to bring righteousness to the town. He drove a new car. We drove a dilapidated Model A. He talked to the Board of Trade and made such a good impression on them that they granted him a permit to build a drive-in. We talked to the Lord and left the matter in His hands.

The drive-in was built, and a fence was put around it to block the public view. To our dismay, we found the pictures were plainly visible from our back yard!

But we went right on with our gospel work. Our Pentecostal church joined with the United and Anglican churches in conducting a Vacation Bible School. It was the great religious effort of the year,

so far as Lumby was concerned, and it was a big success. It rated front-page headlines in the small town paper. We were amazed at the fine results. (Most of the material used in the V.B.S. was purchased from the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield.) God was moving.

As for Mr. G., he was finding that his drive-in was not as popular as he had hoped it would be. In spite of the fact that he ran the best films he could get, the people did not seem interested. He did not even wait till the end of summer. He closed the drive-in, explaining that it was "financially impractical," and left town. There was a brief item in the paper about it—but not on the front page.

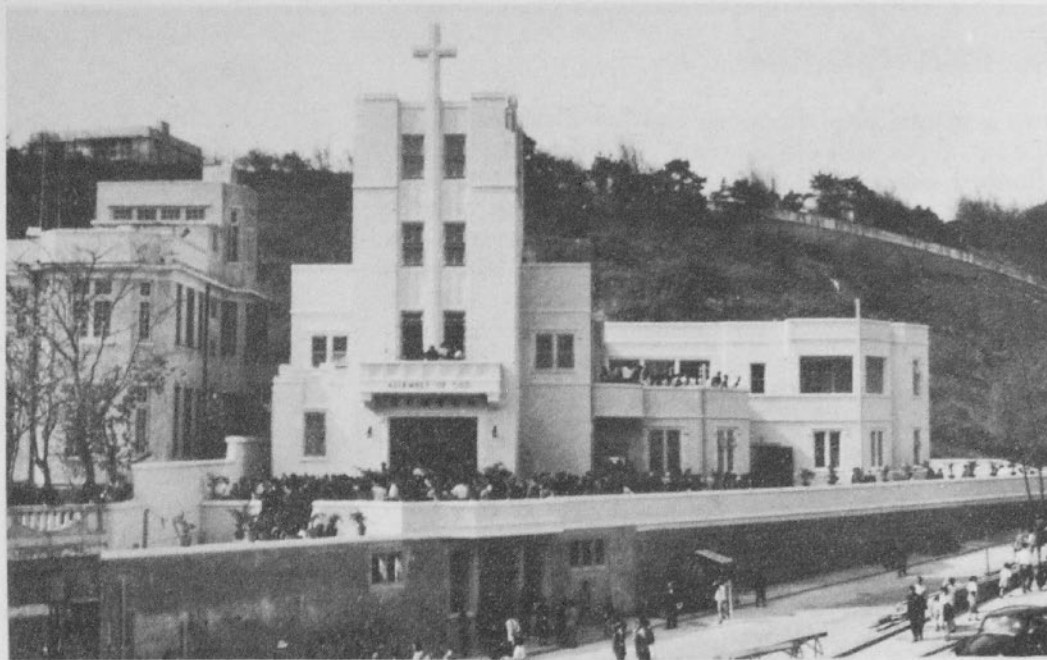
In our church bulletin we called it an answer to prayer. Immediately there appeared a letter in the paper attacking us. The letter accused us of being narrow-minded. It said we were disrupting co-operation in the town. It gave us much more credit than we deserved.

Though the letter was anonymous, we knew it was written by the man whom the proprietor had left in charge of the drive-in, so we went to see him. It was a golden opportunity to prove that "a soft answer turneth away wrath." No doubt he had expected us to be fighting mad. Instead we talked with him in the spirit of Christ and pointed him to the Saviour's redeeming love. Our attitude left him somewhat speechless.

Both the proprietor and the manager of the drive-in theater have given up Lumby. We pray that something similar will happen to the beer parlor.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

—by Leonard S. Stahl



A. H. Ahlberg supervised the construction of this 800-seat building in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

## Revival Follows Dedication of Hong Kong Church Building

OPENING SERVICES OF THE NEW HONG Kong church building were held on March 20. A capacity audience crowded into the new building, and a great crowd gathered outside to witness the dedication services.

In the absence of Brother and Sister Harland Park on furlough in America, under whose faithful ministry the work developed through the years, Brother A. J. Ahlberg officiated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony unlocking the doors of the new building to the worshipers. Besides the district officials, missionaries, and national workers, many visitors were present from the greater Hong Kong area.

Among the special features on the program was the reading of cablegrams of congratulations from Japan, Canada, and the United States. Brother Glenn Horst was the special speaker for the opening services, which were the commencement of special revival meetings. The dedication services closed in a great wave of God's glory and blessing.

In the ensuing revival meetings the attendance and spiritual tide grew daily. From the very first service with Brother Horst the Holy Spirit was manifested in a marvelous way. God's blessing fell upon the audiences. Many of the believers were filled again with the Holy

Ghost, with the result that there were times of confession and repentance. New people came forward to confess Christ as their Saviour. Remarkable healings and miracles took place daily; some of the healings occurred through the healing line and some in the congregation itself.

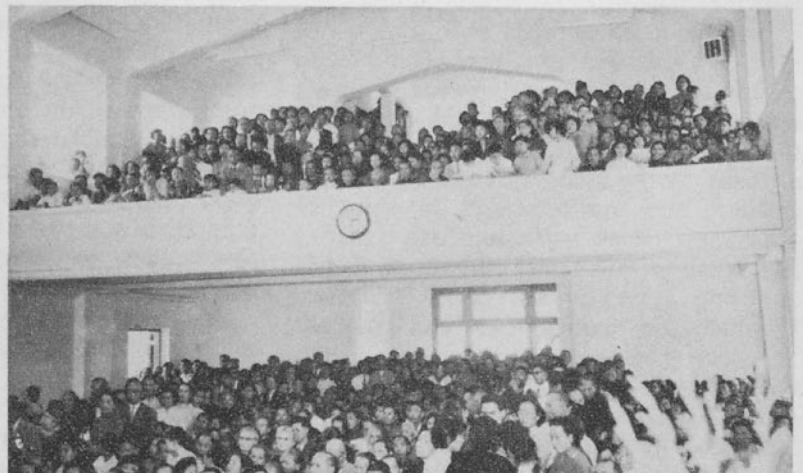
This was only the beginning, for when Brother and Sister Ralph Byrd arrived later from the Philippines more wonderful things began to take place.

God honored Brother Byrd's five days of ministry in a remarkable way. Especially wonderful was the healing of a small boy, while he was sitting in the audience. The lad had a badly swollen arm, stiff and useless. When the power of God came on the lad he was instantly healed. He waved his arm around in the air for the audience to witness the swelling disappear before their eyes. A young man whose lungs were almost wasted away with T.B. was healed and filled with the Holy Ghost at the same time. The next day the youth testified in a loud voice, lifting his arms high over his head. A woman who had been sick for thirty years was made well. A ten-year-old boy who had not been able to draw a breath through his nostrils for six years was made normal instantly. The deaf received their healing. An elderly member of the church, who had not been able to walk because of an enlarged heart, testified of a wonderful deliverance. This man was soon walking everywhere praising the Lord. Scores of other healings too numerous to mention took place under Brother Ralph Byrd's ministry. So great was the power of God in the services.

The greatest victory was the out-pouring of the Holy Ghost. Seekers stood to their feet in one accord, hour after hour, praising God under His blessing. Day after day the entire building was filled with the glory of the presence of God; it was impossible to determine just



AT LEFT: The two people sitting on the platform at the extreme left are not identified. The others (left to right) are: Brother Tse, J. R. Spence, H. McKenzie (standing), J. E. Morrison (sitting), A.



H. Ahlberg (standing), Pastor Sung, Brother Cheung, Brother Tsoi.  
AT RIGHT: This photo shows part of the crowd that filled the ground floor and balcony on the day the new church was opened.

how many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the services.

The Hong Kong newspapers were favorable in their account of the meetings. One of the best English daily newspapers in the colony published pictures of Ralph Byrd praying for the sick in the healing line.

This report doubtless rejoices the hearts of Brother and Sister Harland A. Park who have labored for many years as leaders of the Hong Kong Assembly. Under Brother Park's leadership a great part of the cost of the building was raised from the Christians themselves, not without great sacrifice.

The sum of \$10,000 is owing on the completed project. The prayers of the people in the homeland are requested, not only that the debt may be wiped out but also that God's blessing shall continue to rest on this great lighthouse in the Kowloon on the Hong Kong mainland.

All offerings for this project should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. designated "Hong Kong Assemblies of God Building Fund."

## HONG KONG MISSIONARY PASTORS SEE RESULTS OF THEIR LABORS

The opening of the great new church building in Kowloon, Hong Kong on March 20 was a day of rejoicing for Harland and Betsy Park, for twenty-five years missionaries to the Chinese. At last their vision has been realized—a building large enough to accommodate the crowds that attend their services.

Brother and Sister Park went to China in 1930. Following six years of pioneer work in Kwong Sai province, they took over the struggling work in Hong Kong. Under their faithful, loving leadership the old Nathan Road Assembly developed in-



Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Park

to a strongly organized evangelistic church. Through the years a most faithful and loyal body of people contributed to the building fund. The Parks literally lived with and for these dear people whom they love as their very own children.

At the present time Brother and Sister Park are on furlough in America. They hope to return to resume their responsibilities with the Kowloon Assembly in the summer of this year.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Elmer C. Niles and family arrived from Nicaragua, Central America and are now located at 205 Village Drive, Waxahachie, Tex.

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The Herbert W. Butler family, now on furlough from Upper Volta, Africa, welcome Mary Constance into their family. She was born on Apr. 12.

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Andrew McDearmid and family arrived from India on Apr. 7. They proceeded immediately to his wife's home at Hagerstown, Md. and in several weeks will be moving to Norfolk, Va.

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John W. Hurston writes from Liberia: "We have had two weeks of special services. Each night a colored evangelist filled the pulpit. Some of these were from other churches in Monrovia. Others were American Negro missionaries. This gave the Liberians and natives the feeling that the church really belonged to them. Previously most of the preaching had been done by whites. Quite a number were saved and several received the Holy Ghost. Some of the people felt it was the church's best revival, as there were more spontaneous movings of the Holy Spirit."

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Raymond T. Brock writes from Nigeria: "In January Lillian Bach, Mrs. Brock, and I went to Ogoni for special services. The Ogoni tribe numbers 156,717 people, who speak a language quite different from other tribes along the coast of southern Nigeria. During our week of meetings Miss Bach held women's meetings, Mrs. Brock held children's meetings, and I held men's meetings each morning. In the evenings we met in the village square for evangelistic services. The response was most encouraging. There are six established churches in Ogoni, and a new prayer group has been started since our revival. Six Ogoni young

men are students in the Nigerian Bible Institute, three of whom will graduate this year. Pray for these young men as they take the gospel to their own people."

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Howard Fox writes from Upper Volta, West Africa:

"In December last, the train was burned, and with it 69 bags of regular mail. This mail could have included packages, Christmas cards, and other regular mail enroute to us. Of course, only some of the mail was destined to this part of Upper Volta; but in case some friends are wondering why they have not received a response from their card or package, this might explain the situation."

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

March 1955

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. New Jersey	70	70	100
2. South Dakota	45	45	100
3. Kansas	145	137	94.5
4. Rocky Mountain	105	99	94.3
5. Southern Idaho	48	43	89.7
6. Appalachian	49	44	89.7
7. S. Florida	123	110	89.4
8. Nebraska	85	75	88.3
9. Northwest	241	212	88.0
10. S. Missouri	284	245	86.3
11. Ohio	164	140	85.4
12. West Central	199	170	85.4
13. Illinois	169	142	84.0
14. Oregon	181	149	82.3
15. New Mexico	67	55	82.1
16. New York	129	105	81.4
17. Eastern	214	174	81.3
18. Wis.-N. Mich.	132	107	81.1
19. North Carolina	58	47	81.0
20. Michigan	149	120	80.5
21. New England	85	68	80.0
22. Montana	61	48	78.7
23. Tennessee	83	64	77.2
24. Minnesota	133	101	75.9
25. Potomac	158	118	75.7
26. Wyoming	32	24	75.0
27. West Texas	108	80	74.1
28. N. Calif.-Nev.	320	224	70.0
29. Georgia	93	63	67.8
30. S. California	313	212	67.8
31. Indiana	125	84	67.2
32. North Dakota	64	43	67.2
33. West Florida	129	86	66.7
34. Alabama	229	149	65.2
35. Arizona	57	37	64.9
36. Louisiana	119	75	63.0
37. South Carolina	33	20	60.6
38. South Texas	240	136	56.7
39. Kentucky	63	35	55.6
40. Oklahoma	501	265	53.0
41. Texas	487	254	52.2
42. Mississippi	84	37	44.1
43. Arkansas	432	140	32.4

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# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

*...they searched the Scriptures daily*

MONDAY, May 16

SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS—1 Samuel 12:13-25

"Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired" (v. 13).

It is amazing how often God accommodates Himself to the will of man and gives him what he desires, even though it is in conflict with His own will. Thus the Lord gave Israel a king when they insisted, even though they should have accepted Him as their only King.

But now God through Samuel called upon the people to recognize the awful choice they had made. It is as though He hoped that a full view of the results of self-will might cause them to repent and turn to Him.

If we could but know the tragic result of following our own way we would seek more earnestly to do the will of God. The selfish attitude which seems so innocent to us is the seed of a multitude of sins, a plot of rebellion toward God. If men could but get a glimpse of the king of self-will which they have chosen, contrasting him with the precious King of glory, they would no longer say of Jesus, "We will not have this man to rule over us."

There is a price to pay if we would walk with God, but in the end those who live for self pay a much greater price. The choice of Israel cost them idolatry, defeat in battle, and the judgment of God. What a cost! The same is true today, for "he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:8).

—GLEN D. ANDERSON

TUESDAY, May 17

SAMUEL REVIEWS HIS RECORD—1 Samuel 12:1-5

To have a conscience void of offense toward man and God is to possess an incomparable treasure. Samuel declared that after a lifetime of service he was willing to face his private and public record.

Few will ever have to stand before the bar of public opinion to give an account of their deeds. But we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. And there the record of our lives will be reviewed, and we shall be rewarded for our deeds. Many people lose sight of the true objectives of life and live only for the present. They are opportunists. If they can promote their own welfare at the expense of their fellow man or by ignoring divine principles, they do so, feeling that the rewards compensate for the methods employed. But as Samuel stood before the people and asked for their testimony, as well as God's, concerning his conduct, so you and I must stand before the judgment bar. And it depends upon how we live now whether people rise up in

that day to call us blessed or to point a condemning finger at our inconsistencies.

What is the rule that governs your actions? By what principles do I live? Our record will be reviewed; the hidden things shall be brought to light. Actions, conversations, deeds will all face us in eternity. How about our record?

—JAMES W. VAN METER

WEDNESDAY, May 18

SAMUEL TELLS OF GOD'S MERCY—1 Samuel 12:6-12

"And they cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord" (v. 10).

This confession of sin could well be the confession of each generation. Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Because we have turned away from God, evils are found in the human heart and as a result are manifested in evil deeds in our lives.

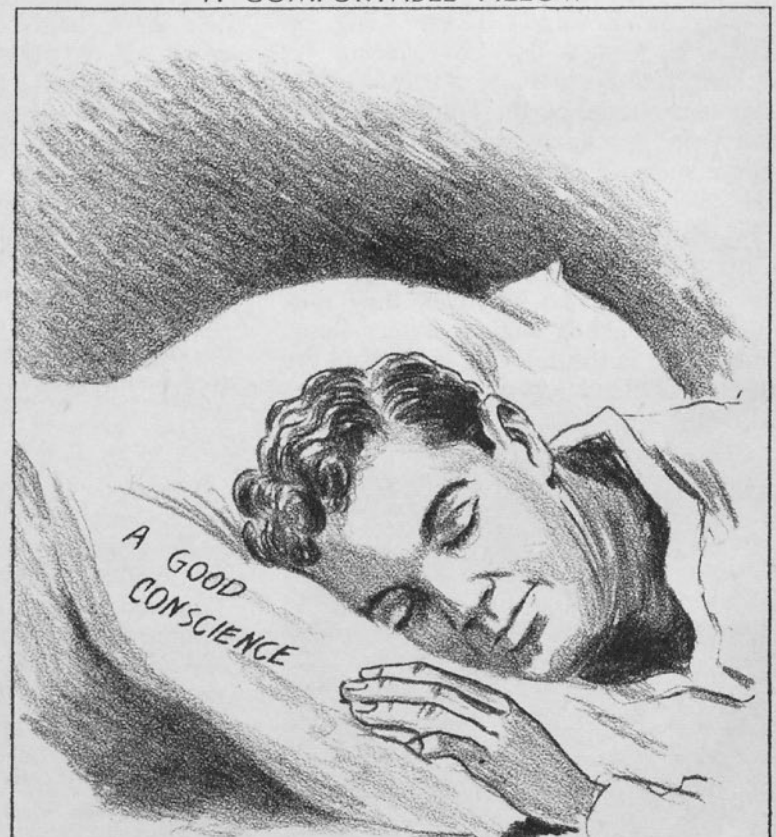
The conditions in the world today exist because men have forsaken God. Man without God is dead in trespasses and sin. Man without God is without hope, peace, joy, forgiveness of sins, and redemption. He has no guide to show him the way through life. A man who forsakes God is forsaken by God (2 Chron. 15:2).

The last part of Isaiah 53:6 holds out hope for those who have gone astray: "And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." God has made a way for man to come back to Him. This truth is illustrated beautifully in Luke 15 in the story of the prodigal son. Although the son forsook his father, the father willingly received him when he wanted to come back.

If you are one who has forsaken God, why not come back to Him right now and renew your fellowship? He will forgive you, for Christ died for your sins.

—VICTOR D. TRIMMER

## A COMFORTABLE PILLOW



I HAVE LIVED IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD UNTIL THIS DAY. ACTS 23:1

THURSDAY, May 19

MOSES' CONCERN FOR ISRAEL—Exodus 32:30-35

In contrasting human love with the divine, Paul points out that the highest expression of human love is the willingness to die for a good man. We do not read very often of men who are willing to die for their enemies. Divine love, however, made Christ leave the glories of heaven to identify Himself with sinful man and die for His enemies.

When this divine love is manifested through God's people there are times when, like the Master, men become willing to die for enemies. Moses' concern for Israel is an example. When he came down from the mountain, he was aware that the people had spoken lightly of him, aware that they had broken the Law which they had so recently accepted. The sin was of such grievous nature that Moses instructed the sons of Levi to execute judgment against the offenders.

When many of the Israelites had been slain, however, Moses went before the Lord and prayed, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." Moses loved the people so much that he wished his name to be blotted out if theirs had to be. God grant that there shall be more of His people with a concern like this for lost souls.

—HARDY W. STEINBERG

FRIDAY, May 20

ABRAHAM'S PRAYER FOR LOT—Genesis 18:23-33

A truly spiritual soul spends little time praying for himself, for the love of God in him turns his thoughts outward. Abraham showed no signs of selfishness in this instance; his concern was for the welfare of his nephew, Lot, who was in imminent danger.

In this historic prayer of Abraham some very admirable traits of character are evident. However, our attention is too often given to his zeal and faith rather than to the wonderment of the revelation of God to this man.

Here is a man whom Christ Jesus visited in His pre-incarnate form, a man who was to be known as "the friend of God." He dared to bargain with God for Lot's deliverance. Surprisingly enough, Abraham's righteous soul could not conceive that ten pure people were not to be found in Sodom. Therefore the city was not spared. But divine grace intervened, and Lot was saved.

Today too few of God's creatures see Him as the object of their worship, and too many regard Him as the familiar subject for their many wants.

Right praying is not self-centered. Right praying is in the Holy Ghost, and the Spirit is selfless and generous. He is the God of all grace in heaven and in earth, and it is His will that we be gracious also. The world is dying for a little bit of love.

—LESLIE W. SMITH

SATURDAY, May 21

PAUL'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE—Romans 9:1-5; 10:1-4

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (ch. 9:3).

Paul's love for his people was genuine and intense. Their lack of appreciation of God's love, a love of which their glorious past was full proof, amazed him.

Their indifference to the more glorious future through Christ was a great disappointment to him. Thus Paul's willingness

## How to Find Time to Read Your Bible

A great many people want to read the Bible. They delay taking definite steps to put a plan into operation which will result in regular Bible reading.

It was Winston Churchill who once said: "I really began to enjoy reading—and getting the best out of reading—when I learned to read entire paragraphs over and over again. In every piece of writing there usually exists a gem, and when you, the reader, can read and reread that gem until it becomes a polished stone, it is then that you have really learned to read."

If a book doesn't stand this test of rereading, it probably doesn't have much worth. The Book of books is ever new.

Here are ten ideas for finding more time to read your Bible:

1. Wake up ten minutes earlier every morning and read.
2. Put a Bible Portion under your pillow at night to read before falling off to sleep; if you can't sleep, read.
3. Talk less and you will have a few more minutes to read.
4. Keep a copy handy in the kitchen or when dressing or at the telephone.
5. Carry a New Testament in your pocket or bag.
6. Take along your own copy when going to the dentist, lawyer or elsewhere. Why read old magazines?
7. Never go on a journey without a copy; you might be bored with your companions.
8. Keep a copy in the "glove compartment" of your car in case of traffic jams, a wait for repairs, or when chatting with passenge-

to suffer even separation from Christ, the greatest sacrifice he could name, was a price he was willing to pay if it could lead to their salvation.

True love is sacrificial. It gives and gives again, with no thought of personal gain, but just to satisfy its very nature, to expend on the object of its love.

God made a great sacrifice when He gave His beloved Son to save a lost world and apparently ignored Jesus' agony until that salvation was accomplished. Christ was showing this sacrificial love, too, when He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

We too must manifest this sacrificial Calvary love, regardless of the hurts we suffer, that we might show the love of Christ to others, and if at all possible save some.

—ALLAN A. SWIFT

Sunday School lesson for May 22, 1955—  
"Samuel's Farewell Address" (1 Samuel 12:13-25).

9. Have a copy at hand when waiting for unpunctual people.

10. Remember that a copy of the Bible in the hand is worth two on a table or three in a bookcase!

—Bible Society Record

## This Week's Cover

The Central Assembly of God in Texarkana, Arkansas, had the joy of dedicating a fine new building to the work of the Lord on March 20, 1955. The District Superintendent, G. W. Hardcastle, brought the dedicatory sermon.

The new building is of solid brick construction, 60 by 95 feet in size. There are 500 seats in the main auditorium, 200 in the balcony, and 50 in the choir and orchestra, making a total seating capacity of 750. The interior is in natural finish with exposed laminated steel beams. The color scheme blends with the oak pews, pulpit, and platform furniture to give a most pleasing effect.

The two-story educational building (28 by 60 feet) provides facilities for as many as 600 in Sunday School. Attendance reached 280 on dedication day.

Both the main floor and balcony were filled with people during the initial revival campaign. In the eight years since A. C. McGaugh became pastor, Central Assembly has grown from a little band of eleven members to a strong church of 156 members.

Central Assembly is grateful for its growth, and for its new building, but it is thankful most of all for the presence of God and the moving of God in its meetings. In the opening revival, 53 were saved and many were baptized with the Holy Ghost.



# Evangelizing Georgia



Georgia is a great state. Much could be written concerning its vast forests, its agricultural strength, its commerce, industry, mountains, streams, beautiful plains and coastal areas. One of the original thirteen states, Georgia is proud of its title—the Great Empire State of the South.

But within its 58,000 square miles there are 3,600,000 people and this article is concerned with these. Christ died for all the inhabitants of Georgia, and He left instructions with His followers to preach the good news to every one of these people.

One year ago the Georgia District Superintendent, Ernest P. Pruett, brought to the attention of the District Council the surprising fact that 110 out of the 159 counties in Georgia were without an Assemblies of God church. He pointed out that there were 176 cities in the

state with a population of 1,000 to 28,000 each, without an Assembly of God.

The Assemblies throughout Georgia responded to the challenge and in less than a year's time eighteen new churches have been opened.

Here is the plan the Georgia District is following. Each presbyter is asked to be responsible for the starting of at least one new church in his section each year.

Several Georgia churches have been very active "mothering" new churches. That is, individual churches have taken the entire responsibility for opening another church.

The District Office asks all who will to give one dollar each time a new church is started in Georgia.

Since Jan. 1, 1955, four new churches have been opened in Georgia toward the Assemblies of God 1000 Church



SEVEN OF THE EIGHTEEN NEW CHURCHES OPENED IN GEORGIA DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. 1—The congregation at Vienna, where John T. Williams is pastor. Services are still being conducted under the District tent, but the congregation is now buying a large lot in an excellent location on which to build a new church. 2—The Westside Assembly in Albany (T. J. Danford, Pastor). Average attendance is over 75. Albany has a population of 31,000 and has one other Assembly. 3—The fourteenth Assembly in Atlanta, the Carey Park Assembly. Miss Grace Tucker is Pastor. The "mother church" is the Washington Street Assembly in Atlanta, whose pastor is Jimmie Mayo. 4—When the congregation of the East Lake Assembly outgrew their building and moved downtown, K. I. Wright built up a new congregation in the old location. This is the "new" East Lake Assembly. 5—Pastor Robert Elliott pioneered Cordray Community Assembly (near Shellman) under a brush arbor. The congregation is now building a cement block church. 6—Folkston Assembly, less than a year old, has 71 on the Sunday School roll. J. E. Hancock is pastor. 7—The third Assembly in Savannah (pop. 120,000), East Side Assembly. Oscar Barnes is pastor. The new congregation bought a small unfinished church building from another group. Now they have about fifty in regular attendance.



Crusade. One of them is at Fort Benning, Georgia (Brother Daniel in charge). It is being "mothered" by a church just opened in 1954, the Buena Vista Assembly at Columbus, Georgia (H. J. Hughey, Pastor).

Another 1955 church is the Assembly of God at Brookhaven, Ga. It is being mothered by the Washington Street Assembly in Atlanta (Jimmy Mayo, Pastor). The Washington Street Assembly made the down payment on the former First Christian Church building and paid two monthly installments. They encouraged several families who were members of the Washington Street Assembly to attend the new church. Then Pastor Mayo held a two-week revival meeting in the new Brookhaven Assembly. He reports that the attendance is good and the prospects for the church are excellent. The Washington Street Assembly will mother this church until it is self-supporting.

Sacrificing side by side with some of the pioneer pastors, many churches of the Georgia District have caught the "mother church" spirit. Perhaps that is one of the big reasons they are growing so fast and doing such a fine job of getting the Gospel out to every creature.

If you would like to help rebuild the Kingdom of God with the Assemblies of God pioneers, send your gifts for church extension to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate it for the MISSION U.S.A. SHARE PLAN LOAN FUND. Loans are made from this fund to pioneer pastors to further the work of church extension.

## HEALED

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

### EPILEPSY

I thank God for His unspeakable gift, and what He has done for me. In 1926 I became afflicted with epilepsy. I quit teaching school and sought to get rid of this loathsome disease. But no operation, diet, or exercise gave me relief. I felt as though I could neither die nor live, and for twenty-seven years my whole family suffered with me on account of these awful attacks.

Those spells had no regular time, but would come upon me unawares and throw

## GENERAL COUNCIL TO MEET AT OKLAHOMA CITY

September 1—6

The biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Municipal Auditorium at Oklahoma City, Okla., September 1 to 6. It will open with a great Youth Rally on Thursday night. Business sessions will begin Friday morning and last through Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

There will be special services all day Sunday, including a World Missions Rally in the afternoon. At night there will be an evangelistic rally in the Fair Grounds and the attendance goal is 15,000.

Let us mobilize our prayer forces and ask God for a mighty visitation of His grace and power throughout all of the General Council meetings—especially on Sunday night. Let us pray that God's saving, healing, and baptizing power will be seen on a scale we have not yet witnessed in this generation.

If you have not yet made definite plans to attend the Council, do so without further delay if at all possible. The Housing Committee will help you to find suitable accommodations. Write to the Co-chairman, Douglas Friesen, Box 4, Bethany, Okla. giving full particulars.

All General Council committees will meet some time on Thursday, September 1. The General Presbyters will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31.

me unconscious. One time my family found me by the side of the road with a broken collar bone. I had fallen off a wagon while hauling silage. Another time the ambulance picked me up in the business section of Hutchinson, Kansas. In October 1953 the spells began to occur once every hour, or twenty-four times a day.

In September 1953 we came in contact with Raymond Chappell, pastor of the Assembly of God in McPherson, Kansas. At our request my brother and his wife took us to Brother Chappell, and I asked him to pray for me and teach me more about divine healing. He gladly did so. While we were there I had three attacks, and each time he prayed for me. After the third attack he said, "I see that this case calls for prayer and fasting. Go home now, and we'll pray and fast for you."

We left for home, without any visible improvement. Four times the next day the pastor came to our house and prayed. One time he watched over me three hours and prayed; another time he spread his open Bible over me and claimed God's promise. He also had a prayer and fasting program for me in his church for about a week. After a number of days the spells let up some, but I was not yet delivered.

On October 21 we decided to go to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Satan was very busy trying to discourage us and make us stay home. I had cramps in my arms and legs while dressing, but praise God we went. While we were in the service, the hearty singing and the

testimonies of others who had been healed gave us courage. At the close of the meeting definite prayer was offered for my healing.

On our way home a wonderful change took place in me. I felt waves of God's healing power going through my body. Soon I was feeling so well that I took the steering wheel and did the rest of the driving. I was delivered!

That was on October 21, 1953, well over a year ago. Thank God, I am still healed. I could never be happy without my precious Lord.—George C. Kornelsen, Rt. 4, Box 17, Inman, Kans.

(Endorsed by Pastor Raymond R. Chappell, P. O. Box 791, McPherson, Kans.)

### THYROIDITIS

For six years I had a growth in my thyroid glands, which finally became so large that I feared they would choke me. It was difficult for me to swallow my food. The doctor wanted to operate, but I knew God could heal me, so I wouldn't have it done.

During special meetings at our Assembly in Elgin, Tex., in August 1954, I went to the altar for healing. When the pastor and the evangelist laid their hands on me and began to pray, the Lord wonderfully healed my throat. I was also healed of bladder trouble at the same time. I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me.—Mrs. Theo. H. Smith, 109 E. Eighth St., Elgin, Tex.

(Endorsed by E. L. Carter, Pastor, Assembly of God, Elgin, Texas.)



BOSTON—Bethel Full Gospel Church, Rochester, New York, sent this delegation in ten chartered buses to the Northeast Regional Sunday School Convention. Needless to say, with 76 delegates traveling 400 miles, they took home the plaque. Pastor Warren Straton is second man from the right.

16,915 Delegates Accept the Sunday School Challenge—

## “ON TO A MILLION!”

An estimated 28,600 different persons attended the six 1955 Regional Sunday School Conventions. There were 16,915 delegates registered according to final reports.

Delegates around the nation were challenged by the fact that the Assemblies of God Sunday Schools can reach a million members by 1960 if every Sunday School worker, every Christian, will do his or her part in reaching the lost.

The task was presented as not just the burden of the Sunday School, but as the responsibility of every department of the church. The Men's Fellowship, the WMC, the Christ's Ambassadors, the Foreign Missions, the Home Missions, the Radio Departments—all must work together in the reaching of this million souls!

Attendance at group conferences totaled 24,197 for the six Regional Con-

ventions. Attendance of 1614 different delegates at the Pastors' Conference showed the keen interest of pastors over the nation in promoting the Sunday School program. There were 1279 workers among young people who attended the conference on Young People. The need to be better prepared and equipped to reach and teach the million members we are to have by 1960 was felt by the thousands who attended the 25 group conferences conducted in each of the six regionals.

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spired to new endeavors in these conferences.

The challenge was presented to delegates at the final three Regional Conventions of 1955 held in Omaha, Boston, and Nashville. Their response was that they would do their part to go ON TO A MILLION!

The Northcentral Regional Convention in Omaha had a total registration of 2823 delegates. Attendance awards were given to Pastor L. E. King of Glad Tidings Assembly in Omaha for the largest registered delegation, and to Pastor Harland Kingsriter of Minot, North Dakota, for the delegation traveling the most miles to the convention. Pastor King had 119 delegates registered and Pastor Kingsriter's group traveled a total of 8,520 miles.

Historic Boston, site of the Northeast Regional, had a total of 2394 registered delegates. The First Pentecostal Church of Chelsea, Massachusetts, was given the “largest delegation” trophy for having 160 registered delegates. Bethel Full Gospel Church of Rochester, New York, brought 76 delegates 408 miles (total miles traveled: 31,008) by two chartered buses to win the “most miles traveled” award. Pastor Warren Straton and his staff began working last December to get Sunday School workers to attend the convention.

Southeast Regional Convention delegates at Nashville were addressed by the governor of Tennessee and the mayor of Nashville. Both lauded the work of the Sunday School.

Tennessee's Governor Frank Clement

NASHVILLE—A portion of the crowd at the Southeast Regional Sunday School Convention.



OMAHA—At the Northcentral Regional Sunday School Convention C. W. Denton presents attendance award to Pastor Harland Kingsriter of Minot, North Dakota. Sunday School Superintendent Lester DePriest (center) and Paul Copeland (right) look on.

said to convention delegates: "You are gathered in a memorial to those who have given their lives in war [the convention was in the War Memorial Auditorium]. How much different is your purpose here—you are here for peace."

The Governor said further: "I had rather my boys be ditch diggers and be Christians than to be the governor and not be Christians."

Nashville's Mayor Ben West told delegates: "We read of thermonuclear bombs and other weapons so terrible that one could destroy this city in the twinkling of an eye. Regardless of the weapons that man may devise there has never been a weapon as powerful as the love that Jesus Christ taught us to have for one another."

The final 1955 Regional was attended by delegates from twenty districts. A total of 1285 delegates were registered. The First Assembly in Nashville was given the "largest delegation" award with 55 registered delegates. It was received by Pastor C. C. Crace. Pastor Frank Fratto and his delegates from Central Assembly in Cumberland, Maryland, were given the award for the most miles traveled to the convention.

With the vision given to the 28,600 persons attending the six 1955 Regional Conventions, the burden placed on their lives by the Spirit of God, and the determination of every member of the Assemblies of God—WE WILL REACH A MILLION! We dare not do less!

—Guy Davidson

## June Is VBS Month

June is Vacation Bible School month in Assemblies of God churches over the nation.

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A catalog which includes not only the description of the various materials for the courses, but information and prices on other supplies needed for the Vacation Bible School (diplomas, registration cards, posters, newspaper mats for publicity, handwork supplies, etc.), may be had upon request. This booklet also contains suggestions for commencement programs, an organizational chart, and other helpful suggestions.

The National Sunday School Department has a sixteen-page pamphlet which includes material on the following topics:

The Benefits of VBS, How to Organize for VBS, Where to Find Helps for VBS, How to Obtain and Train Workers for VBS, How to Order Supplies for VBS, How to Finance the VBS, How to Publicize the VBS, and How to Follow Up Sunday School Prospects Gained from VBS. There is also a section called, "Have You Tried This?" which gives ideas for an evening VBS, Sunday Morning Commencement Service, and other suggestions which may help you with some of your problems. These pamphlets may be had, up to five in quantity, free of charge by writing to the National Sunday School Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri. (All over five of this pamphlet are 5c each or \$4.50 a hundred.)

A well-organized Vacation Bible School is of great value to the progress of the Sunday School. Take advantage of the opportunity this summer to win, teach and train the children and adults of your church. Make a place in your schedule for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. You'll find it more than pays!

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NEWS

FOUR-DAY HOMECOMING PROGRAM PLANNED AT C.B.I.

A four-day Homecoming and Commencement program has been planned for Central Bible Institute this month.

Paul Paino and C. M. Ward, both graduates of the Institute, will be featured along with David Hastie as the night speakers.

The first event of graduation week will be a Student Recital and Recognition Service on Monday night, May 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This program of sacred music will be highlighted by the presentation of certificates for the specialized work that has been done by students, particularly in the field of Christian Education.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 24, there will be a reception for the graduates and former students, followed by the annual Alumni Banquet. Ralph W. Harris, President of the Alumni Association, is inviting all the Alumni to "come back home" for a few days to enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of these events.

There will be a Homecoming Rally in the Main chapel on Tuesday night. The guest speaker will be Paul Paino, pastor of the Assembly of God in Fort Wayne, and Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana District Council. Brother Paino will also be heard at the morning chapel services.

The Baccalaureate Service, always a high point of inspirational music and spiritual blessing, will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. The Baccalaureate sermon will be given by David Hastie, Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District Council.

The speaker at the Commencement Service will be C. M. Ward, nationally known for his preaching on "Revivaltime." This final service will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday night, May 26.

All of these Homecoming and Graduation events will take place on the C. B. I. campus at Springfield, Missouri. Bartlett Peterson, President of the school, has extended a cordial invitation to friends all over the nation to come and share in the blessings of this last great week of the present school year.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—We have enjoyed an old-fashioned revival during the three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Okra Gaddis. Around 15 were filled with the Spirit; many others renewed their experience with the Lord. Brother and Sister Gaddis's faithfulness at the altar is praiseworthy.—P. E. Lowenberg, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CHICAGO, ILL.—God gave us a victorious meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Lonnie Osborn of Sapulpa, Okla. The meeting continued for six weeks and each night souls were saved or baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed of various afflictions, and others were delivered from habits of smoking and drinking. Brother Osborn is an excellent Bible teacher, and our people were challenged to live a more consecrated life and to share the spiritual burden of the church. Sister Osborn and the two teen-age children, Sue and Darrel, were an inspiration to the C. A.'s.—Al F. Churchill, Secretary, Bethel Temple. (W. L. Williams is Pastor.)

BELLEVILLE, ILL.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg of Toledo, Ohio. Every night during the meeting someone was saved, reclaimed, or filled with the Holy Spirit. A Roman Catholic young man, for whom friends had been praying for ten years, was saved. About 40 were saved or reclaimed, and six were baptized with the Holy Spirit. A number of people also testified to healing. The Sunday School attendance increased, and approximately 80 first-time visitors attended the meeting. We are grateful to the Lord for sending the Musical Vanns our way.—T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor.

CRAIG, COLO.—The Lord blessed us during the three-week meeting with Evangelist E. K. Ramsey of Springfield, Mo. Five came to the altar for salvation, six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. Several were healed.—William Mitchell, Pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—On Mar. 20, we closed a profitable meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney of Pleasant Hill, Mo. Several were saved, some healed, and the church was edified through their ministry. We appreciate the way the evangelists exalted the Lord Jesus Christ in their ministry.—J. H. Hamilton, Pastor, Bethany Assembly of God.

BELLINGHAM, WASH.—We enjoyed the Spirit-anointed preaching of Evangelist Gladys Pearson of San Pedro, Calif. Her straight-forward messages stirred our hearts. Several were saved, a number filled with the Spirit, and many were refilled.—Mr. Ralph Hutchinson, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle.

PACIFIC, MO.—On March 20, we closed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. Several were saved and the sick were healed by the mighty power of God. The saints were revived and the Sunday School was greatly helped.—C. A. Pankey, Pastor.

### COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

MEXIA, TEX.—First Assembly of God, May 22—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop, Oklahoma City, Okla. (A. R. Vaughan is Pastor.)

GLENNIE, MICH.—Assembly of God, May 15—June 12; Evangelist W. C. Robinson, Fond du Lac, Wis.—by D. P. Tarno, Pastor.

GREENTREE, N. MEX.—Began May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Laughlin, Breckenridge, Tex. (G. T. Perry is Pastor.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Bethel Full Gospel Church, 321 E. Ave., May 15—22; Howard Carter of England.—by Warren B. Straton, Pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—Central Assembly of God, began May 2; Evangelist Gayle Jackson, Sikeston, Mo.—by Douglas Carroll, Pastor.

EVANSTON, WYO.—Assembly of God, 1613 Sage St., May 15—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Currell Muirhead. (R. O. Shamp is Pastor.)

COATESVILLE, PA.—Pentecostal Full Gospel Church, W. 5th Ave. and Valley Rd., began May 1; Evangelist L. C. Robie, Union Springs, N. Y.—by C. E. Strauser, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Lakewood Memorial Assembly, 2042 Hillburn Ave., May 16—22; Evangelist Harvey McAlister, New York City. (E. M. Fjordbak is Pastor.)

BUCYRUS, OHIO—City-wide meeting in Armory, May 22—June 19; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick.—by F. W. Swart-hout, Pastor.

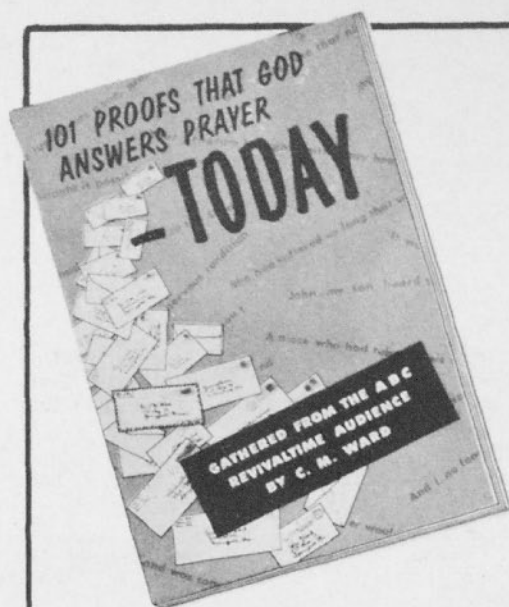
WINK, TEX.—Assembly of God, begins May 8; Evangelist Opal Boswell.—by Dovie Harms, Pastor.

ROGERS CITY, MICH.—Begins May 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. (Ralph S. Severance is Pastor.)

ATLANTA, GA.—Northwest Assembly of God, May 8—22; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy White, Columbus, Ga. (Leon W. Comer is Pastor.)

HUNGARIAN BRANCH CONFERENCE—West Side Hungarian Pentecostal Church, 2026 W. 50th St., Cleveland, Ohio, May 24—25. Superintendent Joseph Wannemacher and guest pastors will minister. For accommodations write host pastor, Valentine Penzes, 10722 St. Mark Ave., Cleveland 11, Ohio.—by Victor A. Hudak, Branch Secretary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex., June 6—9; Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday night; Council opens on Tuesday morning. Harold S. Lehmann, missionary from Africa, speaking Wednesday night. Ordination service Thursday night.—by E. B. Crump, District Secretary.



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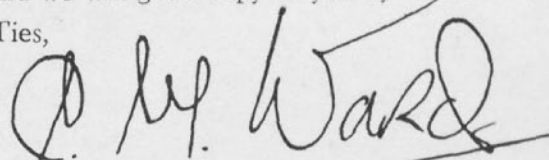
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McCAMEY, TEX.—Assembly of God, begins May 11; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (O. Beauchamp is Pastor.)

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, May 17—29; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (R. C. Wetzel is Pastor.)

ASHTABULA, OHIO.—Assembly of God, 5015 W. Ave., May 15—29; Evangelist N. A. Golusin, Cincinnati, Ohio.—by Orville Whitacre, Pastor.

CHELAN, WASH.—Assembly of God, May 17—June 5; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (Berlon A. Mullins is Pastor.)

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—Assembly of God, begins May 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Kelly. (Martin Gerdes is Pastor.)

ASHLAND, WIS.—Assembly of God, May 10—22; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by Morris E. Hayes, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Pinellas Park Assembly, May 18—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (Linton G. Creel is Pastor.)

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, 912 Grand Ave., begins May 15; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (A. C. McCaugh is Pastor.)

OAKLAND, CALIF.—First Assemblies of God Church, 1410 Tenth Ave., begins May 10; Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb. (F. A. and Inez B. Sturgeon are pastors.)

TROUP, TEX.—Wright City Assembly of God, began May 8; Evangelist J. T. Davis, Bullard, Tex.—by Donald Davis, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 2120 Laurel, May 24—June 5; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Charles H. Miller, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Revival Tabernacle, 415 Tenth St., May 15—June 6; Evangelist V. H. Mathan (Musical Mathans), Kansas City, Mo. (Cecil Lowry is Pastor.)

WICHITA, KANS.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 15th and N. Park Pl., May 15—29; youth emphasis revival with Wetzel Trio, Jefferson City, Mo.—by Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL—7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass., May 31—June 2; James Van Meter, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker.—by David W. Flower, District Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Stone Church, Stewart Ave. at 70th St., 46th annual Missionary Convention, May 15—22. Speakers: Hal Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger, Sam Beckdahl, and Anthony Giordano.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

JOLIET, ILL.—First Assembly of God, 725 N. Raynor Ave., begins May 15; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (Allan Snider is Pastor.)

TENNESSEE DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore, Memphis, Tenn., May 24—26; Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday evening, May 23. Services each day at 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. For further information write host pastor, James E. Hamill, Box 3550, Memphis, Tenn.—by H. E. Waddle, District Superintendent.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—Grace Assembly of God, 205 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., May 17—19; A. A. Wilson, pastor at Kansas City, Mo., guest speaker. Panel discussions during the day. For reservations write Melvin Smith, 205 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—Central Assembly of God, Division and Lee Sts., Biloxi, Miss., June 14—16; J. O. Savell, guest speaker. W.M.C. Convention, June 14. Council sessions open at 10 a.m. June 15 preceded by fellowship rally on night of June 14. C. A. election on Wednesday afternoon. J. F. Ballard, District Superintendent, in charge.—E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer.

### MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Man and wife to travel in tent meetings as tent man and organizer. Send recommendations from pastor.—Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Box 191, Bennett, Colo.

CORRECTION—Announcement was made in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL that Gene Martin, pastor in San Diego, Calif., had accepted appointment as National Secretary of the Department of Evangelism. Brother Martin tentatively did accept this appointment, but later decided that it would be unwise to leave his church in San Diego at this time. May God's continued blessing be upon Brother Martin.—by Bert Webb, Executive Director, Department of Evangelism.

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