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Enshrined in the well-loved songs of Christmas lies the message of salvation.

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer, And a Baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, For the manger of Bethlehem cradles

a King!

"In the light of that star Lie the ages impearled, And that song from afar Has swept over the world. Every heart is aflame, and the beautiful sing

In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!"

### The Paschal Camb

Hark! the herald angels singing, Sweet the music, loud and clear. Cease, O earth, thy tumult raging, God to earth is bending near. Once again the heavens open, And transcendent is the light. Shine! O shine in greater measure, Scatter all this earth-born night!

As I seek the lowly stable And my heart as gift I bring, Lo! the manger shines with glory And I hear the angels sing. In a corner of the stable, Near the patient oxen's stall, Rests a mother sheep and lambkin Where the deepest shadows fall.

Though the glory shines in splendor Making all a blaze of light, I am mindful of the corner And the little lamb and night. Though the music loud is ringing, Coming to us from on high, In a corner by its mother, I can hear a lambkin cry.

Lamb of God, in lowly manger, Do you hear the lambkin bleat? Does the cry mean something deeper Than the angels' music sweet? Little paschal lamb, I hear thee-I am in the shadows too. Hark! I hear the angels singing, "Christ the Lamb is born for you." -John Wright Follette

THOSE BEAUTIFUL words will be especially true this Christmas. Certainly at this season of the year "every heart is aflame," and everywhere we hear melodic carols which declare that "Jesus is King!" It is fitting that a wealth of song should mark the celebration of the Saviour's birth since His very coming was originally an-

nounced with an outburst of praise from the heavenly host. The tragic postlude is that most people, as they sing or listen to the familiar carols this Christmas season, will not recognize the "gospel

in the carols."

Yet the message of the carols is synonymous with the gospel of Christ. Consider a few of the more familiar carols and notice how they contain the various phases of the message of Jesus. Let your heart be quickened as they make the Lord more real to you.

One carol that contains the way of salvation is "O Little Town of Bethlehem":

"How silently, how silently, The wond'rous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in.

"O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord, Emmanuel!"

From this lovely carol we are reminded that forgiveness from sin is found only as Christ is "born in us." Fellowship with God can be restored only as Christ enters into the life. The sure foundation to



Christian living lies in our inviting Christ to "abide with us."

Healing for the body and soul is also found in the message of the carols. From "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" comes this familiar verse:

"Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings! Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth."

Embodied in the carols is the story of the Incarnation-here told in another verse from "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":

"Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the Everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th' Incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel."

The message of Christmas still brings light to a darkened world. Probably the best loved of all the Christmas carols is Joseph Mohr's "Silent Night." In its second verse is this line: "Darkness flies, all is light." Here is the message that Christ is the Light of the world and that He will bring light to all who come to Him.

The joy of salvation is expressed in 'Joy to the World." Hope for the dis-

couraged is found in "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear":

"And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing."

The reason for this hope, of course, is that the Christian is looking forward to the soon return of Christ:

"Saints, before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly, the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear."

("Angels From the Realms of Glory")

The millennial kingdom of Christ is also pictured in the carols. Take, for example, this verse from, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear":

"For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet-bards foretold, When, with the ever-circling years, Comes round the age of gold: When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the

Which now the angels sing."

The gospel in the carols thrills the heart of the Christian. He can sing these beloved songs realizing their true meaning, for he knows the Christ.

Yet there are millions who again this Christmas season will sing the familiar

carols-and the gospel-with scarcely a thought as to its message for them. Into every home in our land will go the gospel again this year-via the Christmas carols.

Even though the gospel may thus be spread by persons who do not intend to convey its message, let us pray that the carols that are sung this Christmas-time shall convict the hearts of sinners, so that they will turn to the Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour. God has promised that His Word shall not return unto Him void-and His Word is embodied in the beautiful Christmas songs. Pray that the gospel that goes forth in the familiar and well-loved carols will bring the lost to Christ, so that they may sing truthfully: "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

-R. G. CHAMPION



by A. H. TOWNSEND

HEN THE SNOW LIES DEEP IN THE NORTH, WHEN THE COLD of forty and fifty below strikes through to the bone, a roaring fire is most comfortable and welcome. Yet there are always men who are duty-bound to venture forth on the coldest days and nights, fulfilling their tasks as only the men of the northland can; and Victor Clarke, President of the Clarke Advertising Service of Victoria, British Columbia, was one who was in this position, while serving as factor of the Hudson Bay Company post at Fort Babine.

Christmas season was drawing near and Mr. Clarke, with a young Indian companion, left the comforts of Fort Babine and journeyed to Hazelton for supplies. All went well on the journey. They reached Hazelton safely. Mr. Clarke obtained his supplies, exchanged greetings of the season, and began the homeward trek across snow-covered wastes of the North.

The day before Christmas, while they were "mushing" along the homeward trail, snow began to fall, then increased in volume. A stinging wind cut the faces of the two men on the trail. The newly fallen snow slogged on their snowshoes and impeded their progress; the driving wind, increasing in volume with every passing mile, whipped their faces and chilled them to the bone. Louder and louder blew the winter gale; yet Mr. Clarke and his Indian companion were determined to reach the comforts of Fort Babine before the night engulfed them. But the darkness descended upon them, and they could keep to the trail only with difficulty. They began to feel faint and stumbled in the heavy snow of the trail. Then the white man turned to his Indian companion and asked: "How much farther is it to Fort Babine?" The Indian, after pausing for a moment, said: "Ten miles."

Reluctantly, Mr. Clark decided to camp beneath a clump of trees. There they passed Christmas Eve and a terrible night.

They huddled near their camp fire, hungry and cold, while the wind whistled through the trees and about their faces, chilling them to the bone; and the snow fell deeper with the passing hour. Then the grey dawn began to appear, ushering in another day-December 25th-Christmas Day! They had spent a terrible night and were glad to see the dawn break over the winter wilderness.

"Look!" Mr. Clarke pointed with his finger. They stood amazed! What do you think had taken place? They had camped, hungry and cold, during the hours of darkness, within a few hundred vards of the comforts of Fort Babine. They had camped just outside the door! And they did not know it.

My reader, are you camping just outside the door of hope, peace, and rest that is found in Christ Jesus? Perhaps you do not realize that you are camping just outside the door of salvation. Jesus said, "I am the Door" (John 10:9).

Why not accept the Christ of Calvary's Cross? Camp no longer in sin's dark night, with the cold atmosphere of the world chilling you to the bone, just outside the door of salvation. The Christ of God desires to give you rest, Although there was no room for Him in the inn, He desires to give you a place of shelter in His great heart of love and understanding. Jesus is calling you.

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O NE OF THE GREAT MIRACLES OF THE Christian faith is the Incarnation, the coming of a Divine Person into the world as a man: and it was inevitable that the entrance of such a Person must be supernatural. Thus the whole Church held the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ, until challenged by the Ebionites and the Gnostics; and for another fifteen hundred years after them it was held by the entire Church, until the modern denial, springing from Paine and Voltaire, was reinforced by Strauss and Renan.

Ignatius, a disciple of the Apostle John, said: "Stop your ears when anyone speaks to you at variance with the truth that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Virgin Mary, of the seed of David, but by the

Holy Ghost."

#### THE SON OF A VIRGIN

All requirements of Messiahship mingled, as only God could blend them,



## BORN OF A VIRGIN

by D. M. PANTON

in our Lord. For Messiah had to be the son of a virgin. The seed of the woman was the very first promise of God (Genesis 3:15). But Isaiah was more explicit: "The Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14), which, Matthew is careful to explain (Matt. 1:23), means "God with us."

If from stone God could raise up children to Abraham-and our Lord says that He could-miraculous conception cannot be impossible; and Gabriel, in announcing the unique birth, stressed this fact. He assured Mary of the omnipotence of God: "For no word from God shall be void of power" (Luke 1:37, A. S. V.). That is, every utterance of God carries in it the dynamic of its own fulfillment. "God can form man in four ways-from a man and a woman, as constant custom shows; from neither man nor woman, as Adam; from a man without a woman, as Eve; or from a woman without a man, as the Son of God" (Anselm). Jehovah's decree had absolutely barred the ancestry of Joseph from producing the Messiah (Jer. 22:30; Matt. 1:11). If Jesus

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was Joseph's Son, He was not the Messiah.

#### THE SON OF GOD

Second, Messiah had to be the Son of God. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God" (Isa. 9:6). So Gabriel said to Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which is to be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). That is, both the sinlessness and the Deity of Jesus spring wholly from the virgin birth. This verse does not say, "shall be holy, the Son of God," for these He always was; but for the first time on human lips, "shall be called holy, the Son of God." The Branch of God was grafted into human stock from without: so it bore its own fruit, not the fruit of the stock. Vital and momentous is this truth; for if the birth was not of the Holy Ghost, since it was also not of Joseph (Matt. 1:19), Jesus was born illegitimately: there is but one stop between belief and blasphemy.

#### THE HEIR OF JOSEPH

Third, Messiah had to be the legal heir of Joseph. Both Joseph and Mary were in unbroken descent from David— Joseph through Solomon, Mary through Nathan—but Joseph was heir of the elder branch: no Jew, therefore, could accept Jesus as Messiah, unless, in the eyes of the Law, He was son of Joseph. Betrothal, under the Law, involved

Betrothal, under the Law, involved the legal status of wedlock (Deut. 22:23, 24); so, after the espousal, and before the marriage took place, Mary conceived by the Holy Ghost. So also God's angel said: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife" (Matt. 1:20). And Gabriel could say of Jesus, with the Law on his side, "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1:32). For Jesus was the legal Heir of the Head of the oldest branch of the Royal House.

So all competing claims of Scripture coalesce in the Virgin Birth, with which the Christian faith is established, and without which it is destroyed. In Joseph He was the legal Heir (Luke 3:23, "supposed"—regarded legally); in Mary, the human Sacrifice; in the Holy Ghost, Immanuel; in Joseph, the Son of David; in Mary, the Son of God; in Joseph, Heir of Israel (Matt. 21:38); in Mary, Heir of the world (Rom. 4:13); in the Holy Ghost, Heir of all things (Heb. 1:2).

#### THE BURNT OFFERING

But the supreme requirement was that Messiah's body had to be the sole burnt offering. The basic reason for Bethlehem

is in Calvary.

"It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:4). He came with a Body prepared, not so much for the birth as for the bruising (Gen. 3:15). God could not die, for He is immortal; God could not be a sacrifice for human sin, for the sacrifice must be in the nature that sinned; God could not be bruised for our iniquities-but God incarnate could be, and was, for "the Word was God, ... and the Word was made flesh" (John 1:1, 14). It was impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin: it is impossible for the blood of the Son of God not to take away sin. \*

The denial of the virgin birth by the liberal teachers of our day is but the first phase of an official and mass abandonment of Christianity later. It is but an attempt to masquerade behind Christianity after murdering it. Our answer abides forever, direct from heaven: Jesus was born Christ, the son of a virgin and conceived by the Holy Ghost. "And the angel said unto them... Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).



(1 Peter 2:24). od's
Christmas Tree

HAT WAS GOD'S CHRISTMAS TREE which stood on Golgotha's hill one day. But how unlike the modern tree which decorates most homes during the holiday season. The modern tree is trimmed with tinsel, bright shining ornaments, and dazzling lights. Children observe with delight the pile of gaily wrapped gifts for friends and relatives beneath its branches.

Ouite different is the scene at Calvary where we see the tree upon which the Son of God "his own self bare our sins in his own body." No tinselled brilliance there—it was a roughly hewn tree, stained with blood, ornamented with the form of the Lamb of God whose "visage was so marred more than any man.' What cruel trimmings—a crown of thorns and piercing nails! Beneath that cross of Jesus, the ground was sodden with the Saviour's blood-no ribbons, bows, and fancy wrappings beneath that tree, and yet how the penitent heart rejoices, for there you will find a gift from God, an unspeakable gift! It is the

#### GIFT OF SALVATION

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD" (Ephesians 2:8).

Our Saviour's blood speaks better things than that of Abel. It speaks of love, mercy, pardon, and forgiveness all wrapped in a package offering "redemption through his blood . . . according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

What a wonderful Gift is Jesus! The ancient seer of God declared long ago, "Unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

"He gave himself for our sins" (Galatians 1:4) and "gave himself for me"

(Galatians 2:20) He "loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

Now that your spiritual eyes are opened, you see God's gifts piled high beneath that rugged tree. Rejoicing saint, reach out and take God's bountiful pro-

As you kneel at Calvary's cross and pardon thrills your soul, you then may receive the

#### GIFT OF 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). "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and CIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST. . . . " God gave this gift at Pentecost. Men, through faith, have reached with eager hands to receive, and our Father has never denied the earnest heart. Some gifts exchanged at Christmas are useless and impractical, but under God's tree we find gifts of infinite value and practical use. The Spirit was given to furnish power to witness for Christ, to guide us into all truth, to testify to us of Jesus, to comfort us, to convince the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Christian, you cannot afford to leave this package under God's tree unopened!

Let us look and see what else God has for us-

#### GIFTS OF HEALING

Perhaps if you were given the choice of anything you would desire in life, you would ask for good health. Seldom can we enjoy the good things of life with a body suffering from disease and pain. There is provision for this, too, under God's tree. First Corinthians 12:9 tells us that gifts of healing are given by the Spirit. First Peter 2:24 says, "By whose stripes ye were healed." And James 5:15 informs us that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." These are only three of the promises among many which reveal this wonderful gift to the sufferer. Take it and enjoy good health this Christmas!

#### GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body ON THE TREE ... '

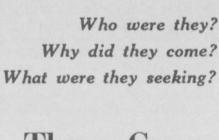
In Romans 6:23 we read, "The wages of sin is death, but the GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions.... I go to prepare a place for you!" Under God's tree lies a title deed to a mansion in the sky where you may dwell eternally. The Son of God will not treat you the way men treated Him. There was no room in the Inn and we offered Him a lowly stable. Still He is preparing a spacious mansion in heaven for us!

We have mentioned just a few of the gifts under God's great Christmas tree. We also find a basket of spiritual fruit, mentioned in Galatians 5:22-"Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." These "fruits of the Spirit," as they are called, are precious gifts which God wants to bestow on each of us. We find "grace and peace multiplied" (1 Peter 1:2). Time and space will not permit the enumeration of all God's gifts. They are listed in His Word and with them comes God's promises, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Remember that He became poor so that we through His poverty might become rich. He exchanged heaven for earth so that we might some day exchange earth for heaven. He entered this world through a stable door that we might enter heaven through the pearly gates.

Let us not be so ungrateful that we forget to give our Benefactor a gift in return. We can never give commensurably, in the way we have received, and God will never expect that of us, but we can "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Our gifts may not seem as great as those which the wise men brought to Jesus, but they will be equally precious in His

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."



There Came

WISE MEN

From the East

by VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

It is not known who these men were or from what eastern country they came. Because they were called "wise men," literally "Magi," it is probable that they belonged to the learned class who studied astrology and other sciences. They may have come from Arabia or Persia or Mesopotamia. Tradition says they were kings and even gives us their names.

It is not known whether they were Jews; most Bible students think they were not. However, since the Jews had been carried captive into these lands, it is most probable that they had come into contact with them and had heard some of the sacred prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. Roman historians bear witness to the fact that there was an expectation prevalent in the East that out of Judea would arise a Saviour of the world.

These men may have known of the prophecy of Balaam, who himself was from the East. "There shall come a star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17). They were doubtless wealthy men, and devout as well. It seems that God had not left Himself altogether "without witness" to these eastern nations. Balaam was from the East. Job was a man of the East. God called Abram out of Mesopotamia. Melchiezedek, King of Salem, was a priest of God; and Jethro, the priest of Midian, seems to have had some knowledge at least, of the true God.

These Wise Men saw His star in the East and came to Jerusalem to worship the new-born King. Some have pictured them coming with superstition half buried in their hearts—but why think this? Why

not believe these Wise Men had received a clear revelation that the King for whom men had been hoping was born? They had not been left to interpret with their own wisdom the meaning of the star. They had not seen "a star" but "His star." Its meaning had been revealed to them, and it is possible that the revelation had been as clear as that given the shepherds. No doubt was indicated in their question, "Where is He that is born king of the Jews?" They did not ask if He had been born but where they might find Him. There had evidently been no doubt in their minds when they started out on that long perilous journey across the desert. Neither the hardships of the way nor the fear of robbers so common in those parts could deter them. Treasures worthy of a King were hidden away in the saddles of their camels. God was with them and their hearts sang with expectancy as they journeyed on day by day.

Did the star guide them throughout all of their journey? We have so pictured it on our Christmas cards, and in our songs and sermons, but what proof have we of this? If a King of the Jews had been born, he would doubtless be born in Jerusalem, and they needed no star to lead them to Jerusalem. For Jerusalem was well known in those days and travelers were continually coming and going. But back in the east they had seen the star, and they saw it again when they left Jerusalem after their fruitless search. The star "went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was" (Matt. 2:9).

It is written, "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (v. 10). The star they had seen in the east had reappeared to them. Their

visit to Jerusalem had bewildered and confused them. They had expected all Jerusalem to be full of joy over its newborn King. Little did they know that they would be the first to announce His coming to that city. They had not found Him there. But again the star shone upon them and led their faltering steps to Bethlehem. There they found Him, and fell down and worshiped Him, laying at His feet the gifts they had brought—gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Gold—a token of royalty; frankincense—a token of Diety; Myrrh—a token of suffering and death. These gifts may have covered the expense of the "holy family's" long, unexpected journey to Egypt and their stay there.

"Being warned of God in a dream they departed into their own country another way" (Matt. 2:12). The star had now disappeared, eclipsed by the "Sun of Righteousness" who had arisen in their hearts. No longer did the Wise Men need a star.

Where are the Wise Men today who are seeking the King? All who are truly wise will seek Him, and down through the centuries all who have sought Him with a true heart have found Him. And all who have found Him have greatly rejoiced. Oh, that at this Christmas-time we might bear the question everywhere, "Where is He?" No one could tell those first Wise Men where He was—no one but God. None of the great men of Herod's court could direct them. Neither could the scribes or priests. They could only point them to God's Word of prophecy (Micah 5:2). God's Word directed them and the star led them. God and His Bible will lead any soul who wishes to find the Saviour.

## PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

#### Fleeing to the Suburbs

Protestant churches are deserting the big cities of America and fleeing to the suburbs, leaving millions of people with less places of worship than formerly. One city of a million people which had 278 Protestant churches in its inner area fifty years ago now has only 91 churches. Thank God, some churches are standing their ground. There are still soul winners who are willing to face the challenge of winning big cities for Christ.

#### Congregation Votes to Retain "Heretic" as Their Pastor

By a vote of 197 to 18, the congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church at Brookfield, Wisconsin, decided to retain Victor K. Wrigley as its pastor, in spite of the fact that he is branded a "heretic" by the officials of his own synod. Unwittingly the congregation also fulfilled a prophecy made by the Apostle Paul many centuries ago when he said that in the latter days people would not endure sound doctrine but would take to themselves false teachers who will tickle their itching ears with fables (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

Last month Mr. Wrigley was charged with six counts of heresy. A trial board of the Northwest Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America found the 33-year-old clergyman guilty on five of the counts, as follows: (1) repudiating the true exposition of Scripture; (2) denying the authority of the Bible; (3) denying the historical facts of Christ's virgin birth; (4) denying His physical resurrection; and (5) repudiating His true presence in Holy Communion.

In view of the verdict, the Northwest Synod suspended Mr. Wrigley from the ministry, but the local church voted to "reject" the trial board's findings and to ask that the entire case be submitted to the head officers of the denomination for reconsideration.

#### Spending Christmas in Heaven

Raymond Lilly, the colored chaplain of Cook County Hospital, Chicago, is spending Christmas in heaven. He was laid to rest last month after spending twentynine years ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of patients at the huge charity hospital.

His ministry included much beside preaching in the hospital chapel. He freely distributed useful items such as combs, toothbrushes, bobby pins and hair nets—each accompanied by a gospel tract. He passed out New Testaments and also razor blades (with "Jesus Saves" stamped upon them).

The smiling chaplain and his little case of tools had become a very familiar sight in the hospital wards. Whenever a helpless patient needed a haircut, shave, or other services—including the trimming of fingernails, cutting of toenails, treating of bunions and corns—Chaplain Lilly was there to do the job—without charge. While he worked he would quote Scripture from memory, or sing hymns, or speak words that brought peace and hope to troubled hearts.

The hospital did not pay him—he trusted the Lord for his income. However, the hospital authorities gave him official recognition as Chaplain in 1946. His work of faith and labor of love touched the hearts of the sick, and enabled him to lead many to Christ. His records showed an average of more than a hundred conversions per month consistently.

At the age of 61, Chaplain Lilly went to be forever with his Lord. Three days after the funeral, his wife took his place at the hospital where she spends as many as twelve hours per day witnessing for Christ and performing little services for needy patients in His name.

#### Hard Up for a Subject

It is reported that the National Council of Churches will sponsor a New Year's Eve broadcast of jazz music over the CBS network. From 11 to 12 p.m., when old-fashioned Christians are gathered at their churches for a Watch Night Service of prayer and worship, the Modernists will broadcast an hour of dancehall favorites!

Alvin B. Kershaw, the Episcopal clergyman who won national prominence by answering questions about jazz on television's "\$64,000 Question" show, will be featured by the National Council on the same broadcast speaking on "The Theology of Jazz." What a sacrilegious phrase! As though there is any teaching of God in such heathenish rhythm. If the clergyman would study the Bible as closely as he seems to have studied jazz, he surely could come up with a better subject for New Year's Eve than "The Theology of Jazz."

#### "Perilous Times" Indeed

That we live in the "perilous times" foretold in the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:1) is indicated anew by word released recently by President Eisenhower. The President let it be known that if an enemy were to drop a hydrogen bomb on New York City, unless the citizens were protected from radiation everyone in the state of New Jersey, the city of Philadelphia, the city of Washington, and as far south as North Carolina, would be completely annihilated.

### On New Year's Eve

Attend Watch Night service. See the old year out, the new year in, with prayer and praise.

How long is it since you continued in prayer until morning? Charles H. Spurgeon reminded his congregation that the Lord Jesus Christ sometimes spent a whole night in prayer to God (Luke 6:12). Said Spurgeon:

"One night alone in prayer might make us new men, changed from poverty of soul to spiritual wealth, from trembling to triumphing. We have an example of it in the life of Jacob. Aforetime the crafty shuffler, always bargaining and calculating, unlovely in almost every respect, yet one night in prayer turned the supplanter into a prevailing prince, and robed him with celestial grandeur. From that night he lives on the sacred page as one of the nobility of heaven. Could not we, at least now and then, in

these weary earthbound years, hedge about a single night for such enriching traffic with the skies? What, have we no sacred ambition? Are we deaf to the yearnings of Divine love? Yet, my brethren, for wealth and for science men will cheerfully quit their warm couches, and cannot we do it now and again for the love of God and the good of souls? Where is our zeal, our gratitude, our sincerity? I am ashamed while I thus upbraid both myself and you. May we often tarry at Jabbok, and cry with Jacob, as he grasped the angel—

'With thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.' Surely, brethren, if we have given whole days to folly, we can afford a space for heavenly wisdom."

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER, JANUARY 1-8



Students and faculty of Berea Bible School. Seated in the front row (left to right) are: Gerhart Wessler, J. P. Kolenda, P. Williscroft, J. Voll, and Olga Olsson.



Christmas dinner in the dining room of the Berea Bible School, Erzhausen, Germany, where young people are being trained to preach the gospel to their countrymen.

## CHRISTMAS IN A PRISON CAMP

A Story by Sigfried Meier, Erzhausen, Germany

In Luke 2 we have the story of the birth of Jesus. I am sure you remember it. Picture the shepherds in the fields. They were common people, but it was

to them that the angel appeared telling of the birth of the Saviour. I like to think that the shepherds took their gifts to the Baby Jesus even as the Wise Men did later. Perhaps they took a robe or coat of skin, and maybe some milk. They



Sigfried Meier

were so glad to see Jesus and worshiped Him as their Lord and Saviour.

Satan wanted to have the Baby Jesus destroyed, and put dark thoughts in the mind of Herod the governor that he should seek for the young Child and destroy Him. Herod had heard about Jesus through the Wise Men. Joseph was warned by an angel to go into Egypt with Jesus and Mary until Herod died and they would be safe.

About twenty years ago at Christmas time, a little seven-year-old boy knelt before a toy manger with his hands clasped. The figures in the manger scene had been cut from thin wood by the boy with his fretsaw. Colored paper lined the manger and tiny candles illuminated it. The boy had done the work as a present to Jesus—in gratitude to Him. He wanted Jesus to know that he loved

This story about himself was told by Sigfried Meier at a Christmas program in Germany last yeat. Sigfried spent five years as a war prisoner in Russia. Last year he graduated from the Berea Bible School, Erzhausen, Germany and is now preaching the gospel.

Him. As he knelt there it seemed to him that Jesus smiled and loved him, too.

A ruler, not named Herod, but called Hitler, came into prominence in Germany about this same time. His soldiers wore black clothes with the sign of death (a skull) on them. They were called the "SS." These men of Hitler's cursed the Christ-child and insisted that the little boy stop worshiping Him. They took the boy away and trained him to become a soldier, and made him curse the holy Child Jesus.

I think that when Jesus saw this He must have wept a little for He loved the boy. Why should men follow death rather than Life and Light which He gave?

As time went on men's hatred increased. Soon World War II was upon us and men were killing each other. Many were killed by bombs or bullets. Others were taken prisoner and put into camps in foreign lands to work hard. They received very little to eat. The boy who had knelt by the toy manger had grown and was now a soldier. He was one of the prisoners and was taken to Russian territory.

In 1954, a few days before Christmas, the soldier boy called from his prison camp to Jesus. It was as though he was calling on the telephone. Jesus was listening at the other end, for He never ignores or overlooks a petition or prayer that is sent to Him. What did Jesus hear? A thin, weak voice from afar off, for the boy had gone a long way from Jesus by this time. The weak voice said, "This is the boy who worshiped You when he was a child. He wants to confess to You because he has been led away by the 'men of the skull.' Now he is lying in the darkness of death with

no one to help—and it is near Christmas time, too!

Jesus remembered the boy who had made and brought the little jig-saw figures to Him.

The boy went on talking, "I am so hungry, so weak and so homesick. Here I am at the foot of a great mountain between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, inside a barbed-wire fence. At each corner of the fence soldiers stand guard with machine guns. I have to work day and night packing wagons with straw and hay. It is terribly cold and I am so tired. Christmas is near but no one cares for me. I am so forlorn in this big Russian land. Instead of presents I receive blows and oaths. When I lie on the ground in the evening, tears run down my cheeks. Truly I am a lost son! Why have I sinned so? Won't You please come and help me?"

Jesus put down the receiver on the prayer-phone, as it were, and with His great compassionate heart beating fast, started out to help the poor, repentant boy. Right through the Iron Curtain He went, for soldiers cannot pervent Him from performing His blessed service.

He came to the mountain between the two seas, where the snow lay deep as far as the eye could see and the north wind blew icy cold. There in a cottage built of poles, wire and hay was the boy who had called on Him. He was eating the kernels off a corncob but another prisoner struck it out of his hand and began to eat it. Others came over and quarreled with him for it because they were all looking for something for their stomachs.

The realization of Christmas being near caused memories to flood the boy's

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#### 21st ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION, BATTLE CREEK

We have just concluded our annual missionary convention, which was held for one week ending November 6. Our church was privileged to have an outstanding missionary team as our guests for this occasion. Every member of the team was talented, co-operative and dedicated to the work of Christ. The team consisted of John Garlock, Anthony Giordano, James Baker, John Jackson and

family, and Glenn Horst. I am sure that all our people received great spiritual benefits from their ministry, and truly enjoyed their presentation.

Our pledges for the coming year reached close to the \$12,000 mark. God is blessing our missionary-minded church.

E. A. Manley, Pastor Church of the Four Fold Gospel

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mind and he began to sing, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!" But no one else felt like singing. The other prisoners told him to stop that nonsense, that God was dead because He didn't help them. "Shut up!" they shouted, "or we'll box your ears."

The young soldier crept out of the cottage, and as he walked aimlessly in the prison yard his foot stumbled on something round like a ball. It was a frozen pumpkin. He said to himself, "The Jesus Child has heard me and has given me this food."

He got a knife and cut it in half. Then with a piece of bread he put it in



Mrs. Grace Lindholm and son, Stephen Paul, recently returned to the Belgian Congo, Africa, for another term of service.

the hay fire to roast, folding his hands and praying before he ate it.

But there was more to come. Jesus wanted to give the soldier boy something else. The Russian Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on January 6. An opportunity presented itself. In the providence of God, a Russian soldier wanted to get some trees from the woods and chose to take our soldier boy along with him to help. The gate of the prison camp opened, and the horses and sled went through and sped to the Russian village nearby where the Russian soldier's fiancee lived. They stopped at the house of the girl, and when the Russian got out the young prisoner got out of the sled also. He felt led to go to a nearby house and a kindly old woman came to the door. "Look here!" she called to her daughter, "it is a poor young German boy-a prisoner. Come in, my boy! Are you hungry? Have you had letters from your mother and father? When will you go back to Germany?" Her questions were many, and as she asked them she bustled about preparing "Russian tea" with cakes and bread for the boy to eat.

He could stay but a few minutes, for he had to get back to the sled. But as he was leaving the old lady put something wrapped in paper in his hand. "God bless you, poor German boy. Greet your mother!" and she closed the door after him.

Soon the Russian came out of the house where he had been and the sled was speeding over the snow towards the

woods. As soon as he had opportunity the boy examined his little parcel. It was a piece of roasted sparerib. What a feast for him! "Thank you, dear Jesus! I will serve You with all that I have."

After four years of hard work in a mine and quarry (near the Mount of Ararat of Genesis 8:4), he was free and able to leave Russia with thousands of others prisoners. He made his way to his home in the Black Forest of Germany. There he stayed for about three years. Then Jesus spoke to him and said, "Now you can serve Me and tell the people how I was your Saviour while you were a prisoner. Preach the gospel so that folks may see that they can be freed from sin's power and condemnation and the wrath of a holy God, by the blood of Jesus Christ the Saviour."

And so the boy, now twenty-eight years old, went to Erzhausen to the Berea Bible School.

This is the story he told on Christmas Eve, 1954, at the Christmas program at the school.

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

October 1955

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#### MONDAY, December 26

JESUS IS THE TRUE LIGHT-John 1:1-14

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (v. 4). In Jesus "the light which no man can approach unto" is tempered by the lattice of human flesh to a radiance we can bear and understand.

On the mount of transfiguration, it is said, "Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory." Notice they were "broad awake." When the divine LIGHT strikes us we become "broad awake" to see what we are, where we are, and whom we need. In His light we see light and we need no longer walk in the twilight shadows or fog of doubt, fear, and superstition.

The Life was the Light of men. In His holy incarnation we see LIGHT. In His baptism, fastings, temptations, sufferings, obedience, tears, and strong prayers we see LIGHT; and our whole situation is changed. Exposed lie our pretentious unrealities, our boastings, our childish assumptions of importance, and our clumsy defacing of His beauty and glory. We have seen His holiness, righteousness, and truth. He shows us how to live, love, serve, and worship as we ought. "He that followeth me," said Jesus, "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

—HATTIE HAMMOND

#### TUESDAY, December 27

THE SHINING CLOUD—Exodus 14:19-28

"The pillar of the cloud...was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light to these" (vv. 19, 20). Elsewhere in the Scripture this phenomenon is designated as a "pillar of fire." It was symbolic of God's presence with His people. His presence was a "fire by night" and a "cloud by day" (Deut. 1:33).

God often used fire as a symbol of Himself. His presence at Eden's gate was symbolized by a flaming sword. When God and Abram covenanted together, the symbol of God as a contracting party walking between the divided animals of sacrifice was a burning lamp of fire. On Mount Sinai the elders saw God as a flaming fire. Moses saw the presence of God in a burning bush. At Pentecost "tongues like as of fire" sat upon each of the waiting Christians.

The Israelites were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." The believer is not baptized in a symbol, but in the reality. John the Baptist fore-announced Jesus as the One who would baptize us with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Do you know Him as your Baptizer?

-W. RALPH HORNBY

#### WEDNESDAY, December 28

THE LEADING LIGHT-Exodus 40:33-38

When Moses finished the work of erecting the Tabernacle in the wilderness, all was in order and according to the pattern shown him by God. What a tremendous occasion it was when the cloud of glory moved over to cover the tent of the congregation, and the glory filled the Tabernacle. So much glory was there that even Moses could not enter.

The fiery pillar of cloud was the visible and marvelous manifestation of God to all Israel as they journeyed through the wilderness. Thus they were assured of His personal pres-

ence.

This also meant protection to them. It showed that God was not afar off, but near at hand—so near that no enemy dared attack them either by day or by night.

Let us also consider the thought of illumination. No night was so dark that the fire of God could not dispel it. Over the camp at night the lambent flame hovered, as if to assure Israel that God was very near.

The pillar of cloud was also guidance for Israel. When the cloud was taken up, Israel journeyed; and when it settled down again they stopped and made their camp. Thus they were led step by step till they came to the promised land. So our God now wants to direct and lead us in our earthly journey.

-FRANK J. LINDOUIST

#### THURSDAY, December 29

WALKING IN THE LIGHT—1 John 1:3-10

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship one with another" (v. 7).

John wrote this Epistle to combat the errors of the Gnostics, who taught that the conduct of Christians mattered little. Anything which appealed to the heart could not be bad, they said, but could be used as a means of enlarging one's experience. They believed their souls to be so "steeped in light" that "good" actions could not greatly increase their enlightenment, and that "bad" actions could not seriously hinder it. How much at variance with the Word of God is this heathen philosophy!

WHICH TREE IS MORE BEAUTIFUL?



John taught that the Christian must walk in the light, even as Jesus Himself walked in the light, in order to have fellowship with God. As Jesus frequently spent time alone in prayer, so should we. As Jesus knew the sacred Scriptures, so ought we to familiarize ourselves with them, making them our rule of life.

As the Christian walks in all the light that falls upon his path, he will enjoy fellowship and partnership in the joys of the separated life with his fellow Christians, and also with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ (v. 3). And as we continue to walk in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ keeps cleansing us from all sin.

-WALLACE S. BRAGG

FRIDAY, December 30

THE WORD IS A LIGHT—Psalm 119:105-112

This Psalm is a song about the Word of God. Its 176 verses are made up of 22 sections of eight verses each. In the Hebrew every verse in a particular section begins with the same letter, and the sections are arranged alphabetically.

The Word of God is mentioned in almost every verse, under one of these eleven terms: Law, Way, Testimonies, Precepts, Ordinances, Statutes, Commandments, Judgments, Word, Sayings, and Truth. Even in the small section we are considering (105-112), six of these terms are used.

The Word is a LIGHT. These blessed Statutes, Precepts, Judgments, are a Light to our path, a Lamp to our feet. Without light we would fear and stumble or fall, but the light-giving Word enables us to see the way. The flaming torch of divine Truth shines upon our pathway. This Word will direct us, teach us, and guide us. Its testimonies are true. Its judgments give accurate decisions.

The only light we have is in these sacred oracles. All else is darkness. Stygian blackness once shrouded every palatial Egyptian home, yet in the humble Hebrew homes there was divine light. Even so, though the world is in spiritual darkness, we have a Lamp, the light of God's Word. Let us walk in the light it sheds upon our pathway.

-T. J. JONES

#### SATURDAY, December 31

THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT—Revelation 21: 23 to 22:5.

"And the city had no need of the sun ... to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (21:23).

What a dismal world this would be without the light of the sun! But our sun is just a symbol of the real Source of light, and is powerless to add thereto. On earth, what need of a wax candle

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AND THEY BEGAN TO BE MERRY (Luke 15:24)

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when the "sun shineth in his strength"? In the eternal city of the redeemed, what need of the sun when "the Lord giveth them light" (22:5)?

Though "the Lamb is the light [lamp, Greek; candlestick, Luther] of that wonderful city, our text says also, "The glory of God did lighten [illuminate] it." This verifies the Master's expressions concerning His ministry: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do." Similarly, this verse illustrates

the truth expressed in Jesus' declaration concerning His followers during this age: "Without me ye can do nothing."

Thank God, we now have the honor and the responsibility to let His light shine through us. We must be dispensers of His grace, love, and power to sinful and dying men.

-J. J. MUELLER

Sunday School lesson for January 1, 1956— "Jesus the True Light" (John 1:1-5, 9:14; 8: 12-18).



## The Only Gift

"Mommie, tell me about Christmas," begged five-year-old Sharon.

"Yes, dear," Lelia Hammond answered. "Come, sit on my lap."

Sharon climbed upon her mother's lap and settled down, comfortable as a kitten. Then with a smile she said, "It's on account of the Wise Men coming to give gifts to the Baby Jesus, isn't it?"

"No, dear, the Wise Men didn't come until later. When the Bible tells of the Wise Men, it says that Jesus was a 'young child' and that He lived in a house, not a stable."

"Is Christmas on account of the shepherds, then?"

"Yes, dear." Mrs. Hammond reached out to the small table beside her chair, picked up her Bible and opened it to the second chapter of Luke. Slowly she read verses one to twenty.

Sharon's blue eyes were serious as she exclaimed, "That's beautiful, Mommie!"

"Yes, dear, it's beautiful. And you see, the only gift that first Christmas was God's gift of His Son."

"Mommie, what can we give God?"
"Oh, many things. You will give Him
the gift of praise when you sing in
the Christmas program."

"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed"
—Sharon sang the Christmas lullaby
through softly.

"And when we give Christmas gifts to others, we really are giving them to show our love for the Lord Jesus."

"Like the white gift we bring to church?" Sharon nodded.

"Yes. But mostly, Sharon, you can make the Lord happy by receiving His gift."

"What do you mean, Mommie?"

Lelia Hammond looked at her baby girl, so sweet, so precious. Of course, she was still young enough to be safe in the Lord. But there was no reason for her to grow up and perhaps be unhappy before she knew the Lord Jesus as her own Saviour. It was much better that she receive Him now as Saviour and grow up knowing Him. Carefully, Mrs. Hammond explained, "As much as mother loves you, and you love mother, there are times when you aren't a good girl, aren't there?"

"Yes, Mommie," Sharon hung her head.

"But the Lord Jesus died on the cross for your sins the same as He did for Mommie's and Daddy's. And if you ask Him to forgive you, He will, and He will come into your heart and help you. Will you ask Him to, dear?"

"Yes," Sharon said, solemnly. She slid off her mother's lap and knelt down. With her mother's help she prayed, "Dear Lord Jesus, I love You. I thank You for dying on the cross for me. Please forgive me for sometimes being a bad girl, and come live in my heart, and help me to be good. Amen."

Tears glistened in Lelia Hammond's eyes—and in her heart she prayed, "Thank You, Lord, that she is Yours. You will keep her safe, I know. This is the best gift of all for Christmas."



## "To the Jew First"

Three rabbis and members of their families, along with a converted Jew (seated second from left) are shown in this photo with Monty Garfield (extreme right.)



by ELVA JOHNSON

The Leaves were falling fast and Mrs. Monty Garfield was sweeping them off the sidewalk of the Assemblies of God Jewish Mission House, located among the more than 400,000 Jews in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sam R., a Jew, seeing her and thinking that the mission building was an apartment house, asked if there was a vacancy. Sister Garfield, recognizing him as a Jew and believing in being "instant in season and out of season," began to tell him of the "many mansions in heaven." Soon this Jew was eating at the Garfield's table and Brother Garfield was expounding the Word to him.

That night Sam was at Bible study. The next day he was taken to the Assemblies of God church, and later to the district ministers' prayer conference. After a few more meals together and much prayer, Sam R. was deeply interested. The missionaries showed him more kindnesses, and faithfully witnessed. They were rewarded when Sam telephoned one evening and said he had "accepted." Brother Garfield asked, "Accepted what?" Sam answered in one word, "Jesus."

Brother Garfield encouraged him to pray more and to read the New Testament. Since then Sam has been working with Brother Garfield steadily, making visits to all his Jewish friends.

Sam is well educated, having attended a Reformed Jewish Seminary. His intentions were to become a rabbi, but he did not complete his training. He now attends Highway Mission Tabernacle regularly, traveling several miles by trolley to get there. He has recently requested water baptism.

As Brother Garfield visits Jewish homes he meets with varied experiences. One home open to him is that of an orthodox Jewish rabbi. This rabbi wears a fur around his hat; and due to his Nazirite vow, no razor touches his face. He has curly locks of hair coming down the sides of his face. This type of Jew is called a Sephardic.

Rabbi L., for all his antiquated looks,

is a brilliant scholar, well versed in English. He conducts an old-time Orthodox synagogue right in his home.

On the day after Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement") Brother Garfield was visiting in this home, and held an interesting conversation with this rabbi and another Jew who was present. They discussed the Scriptures and particularly Leviticus 17:11: "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The Jew who was present was at that time building a booth for the rabbi to use in celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles ("Succoth"). After further conversation, they both blessed Brother Garfield and invited him back.

Brother Garfield returned with his wife at Succoth time, and this visit also was profitable for witnessing. Brother Garfield says that the veil of Moses that is over the heart of this rabbi is slowly being rent, as he admitted the need of a bloody sacrifice and realized that the man-made custom of fasting at this time of year was ineffectual. He saw that his ritual to his constituents would not avail. Let us pray for this rabbi and his lovely family that they will turn to the Lord Jesus, the only Saviour.

Pray also for Sam, that he will be able to attend one of our Bible Schools and become an Assemblies of God minister to the Jews.

Among other contacts made by the Garfields is Bill T., a twenty-two-year-old Jew, who had been induced to believe the lie of Communism and finally turned atheist.

Bill was training to be a prize fighter just to earn money, when Brother Garfield approached him concerning his soul. One morning, after much teaching and patience on the part of the missionary, this lad knelt with Brother Garfield and prayed the age-old prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner." After that he attended church often, but still weakly fought the Truth. Then he got a job and moved with his family to another neighborhood. After being away many months he re-

cently came back to the mission. He said he had missed the fellowship and intends to come back. This young man needs prayer. He is capable and the Garfields feel that God could use him in fullgospel work among the Jews if he makes a full surrender to Christ.

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It has been brought to our attention that some denominational and so-called non-denominational workers among the Jews are definitely opposed to our Pentecostal teaching. Some of our Assemblies of God people, out of their love for the Jews, have been supporting these works without realizing how they oppose the Pentecostal testimony. Please remember that the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department has appointed missionaries to Jews who are worthy of your prayers and support. Help them to declare the WHOLE gospel of Christ to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Funds are needed now to carry on our work among the Jews. Please send your offerings for "Jewish Work" to-

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#### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

EL DORADO, ARK.—The Lord gave us good results during the 2½-week meeting with Evangelist J. D. McVicker. This is a new work in a new section of the city. Please pray for this very needy field.—H. E. Simms, Pastor, Morning Star Assembly of God.

PERRY, OKLA.—We recently closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist J. R. Harris of Tulsa, Okla. Around 10 were saved or reclaimed, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The meeting closed with the Pentecostal fire burning brightly. The Sunday School is showing a marked increase over last year.—Oscar H. Bolen, Pastor.

FOUKE, ARK.—Evangelist J. D. McVicker of Texarkana, Ark. was with us for a meeting recently. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit, and some were healed. The anointed ministry of Brother McVicker was a blessing to our people. Many attended the meeting from the town and surrounding community.—E. M. Norton, Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—We have just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. She was with us for 11 nights and the church has reaped great benefits from her ministry. Souls were saved or reclaimed, and a number were healed by the power of God. Sister Thompson's playing and singing were enjoyed by all.—Paul McNeece, Pastor.

CLIFTON, ARIZ.—We have just closed a short meeting with Evangelist Johnny Barnes of Fort Worth, Tex. Some were saved or reclaimed, and several filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were healed by the power of God. The blessing of God was on every service and the revival spirit is still with us.—Beechley S. Bates, Pastor.

WOLF LAKE, ILL.—We had a two-week meeting with a teen-age evangelist, Jerri Brand of Cape Girardeau, Mo. We were inspired by the Spiritanointed preaching of the Word, and we were thrilled to see the fire of the Holy Ghost fall in the old-fashioned way. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some were saved and healed. We are still rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord—Paul E. Wood, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Recently we had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen of Austin, Tex. Our people were blessed by the anointed preaching of Brother McCutchen. Several were saved, and a number received definite healing.—Aaron W. Walker, Pastor, North Harvard Assembly.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—For three weeks we enjoyed the preaching of Evangelist and Mrs. Danny Hope. We appreciated their music and the ministry of the Word of God.—Ray Wilkerson, Pastor, Faith Assembly.

NICEVILLE, FLA.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist J. C. Braddock of Lithia, Fla. He was with us for 2½ weeks, and a number were saved. The Christians were greatly encouraged by Brother Braddock's ministry.—Robert F. Hudson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CROSSET, ARK.—Evangelist Corene Sexton of McAlester, Okla. was with us for a successful 2½-week meeting. God met with us in an old-fashioned way. Some were saved and several filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was built up in the Lord. Sister Sexton preached and sang under a sweet anointing of the Holy Spirit.—W. E. Hand, Beulah Land Assembly of God.

PORT LAVACA, TEX.—We had a successful Holy Chost revival with Evangelist William Panos of Lewisville, Tex. Fifteen were saved and nine received the wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit. We believe the entire church was helped and blessed.—L. E. Ivey, Pastor.

SELMA, ALA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Tyus of Graceville, Fla. were with us for two weeks. Several were saved and the Christians were strengthened in the Lord. Everyone was thrilled when we broke the long-standing Sunday School attendance record. Brother and Sister Tyus' singing and accordion playing were a great blessing.—Charles Goodson, Church Secretary. (Woodie C. Lee is Pastor.)

LOS ALAMOS, N. MEX.—From October 23 to November 6, we enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Jack Brock of Albuquerque, N. Mex. H. D. Hunter of Clovis, N. Mex. was also with us and rendered special music. Thirty came to the altar for salvation, 24 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many received bodily healing. Many churches in near-by towns were blessed by this move of God.—J. C. Crittenden, Pastor, Assembly of God.

TORONTO, OHIO—Evangelist Eddie Roush was with us for a meeting which ended November 13. The anointed ministry of this young man stirred the congregation to a deeper experience with the Lord. Souls were saved or reclaimed, and a number were refilled with the Spirit. Some received bodily healing. This meeting inspired us to push ahead in our building program.—Mary L. Page Clutter, Pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—We saw God move in a mighty way as Evangelist Bobby C. Brock of Paris, Arkansas preached for us. Eight or ten were saved and three received the Acts 2:4 experience. We broke the all-time Sunday School record the last Sunday of the meeting. Eternity will tell the lasting good received in this meeting.—Archie Miller, Pastor, Lennox Assembly of God.

GENOA, TEX.—On October 16, we began a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Leroy Fleck of South Houston, Tex. God wonderfully blessed in every service. Souls were saved and believers baptized with the Holy Ghost. There were many miracles of healing and the gifts of the Spirit were in evidence. Sister Fleck conducted a children's rally before each evening service.—Jim L. Carroll, Pastor.

TERRELL, TEX.—We closed a wonderful 12-night meeting on October 30 with Evangelist and Mrs. Rodney Duron of Freeport, Tex. It was an old-time Pentecostal meeting. Eleven were saved, four filled with the Holy Chost, many refilled, and three delivered from bad habits. The Spirit of God moved in a mighty way in the Sunday night C. A. service. Sister Duron spoke in that meeting and three were saved. When the C. A.'s came out of their service into the main auditorium, they found the people at the altar seeking God. This meeting was surely a blessing to all of us.—D. R. Pulley, Pastor.



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LUBBOCK, TEX.—The Lord blessed in a wonderful way during a two-week meeting with Evangelists Elvin and Rogene Samford of Houston, Tex. We appreciated the anointed singing and soul-stirring messages. Many received healing for their bodies.—Homer M. Sheats, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

MADERA, CALIF.—The Musical Biblers of Fresno, Calif. were with us for one week. Their anointed singing, playing, and preaching were a real blessing to everyone who heard them. Some were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several received wonderful healings.—Robert S. and Elmina A. Bubb, Pastors.

ESTELLINE, TEX.—We had a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Harvey Melton. God blessed in each service. Seven were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit.—T. W. Ricks, Pastor.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—We had a profitable revival with Evangelist W. V. Beauford of Seminole, Okla. Eight or nine were saved, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and several were healed. A man's goiter disappeared in answer to prayer.—Roy L. Brooks, Pastor, Nob Hill Assembly.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The first of October, Evangelist O. R. Ball from Ripley, Tenn. was with us for a meeting. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. New people attended this meeting and were saved.—J. S. McMahan, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

SANDUSKY, ILL.—Evangelists Jerri Brand and Joyce Winford were with us for two weeks. A number were converted and the church realized a mighty moving of the Spirit. We enjoyed the preaching of the Word and the ministry in song. Revival fires continue to burn.—Ernest Browning, Pastor.

FREEPORT, PA.—For three weeks, we have enjoyed the inspiring preaching mission conducted by John and Olive Brown of Buffalo, N. Y., Paul Brndjar of Monroeville, Pa. and the Musical Mathans of Kansas City, Mo. The preaching was solid, sound and scriptural.—Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

HAWORTH, OKLA.—Thirteen were saved, several filled with the Spirit, and many refilled during the three-week meeting with Evangelist O. D. Burkett of Oildale, Calif. The church was edified by the anointed preaching of Brother Burkett. This meeting has unified our church.—Orville Manning, Pastor.

CLOVERDALE, B. C., CANADA—M. R. Hutchinson, pastor of the Revival Tabernacle in Bellingham, Wash. was with us for a two-week meeting. Souls were saved, backsliders restored, and others received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for Brother Hutchinson's good ministry.—F. Dyck, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK.—We have pastored the Assembly here for four years, and the Lord has blessed our work. The Sunday School increased from 38 to 176. People have been saved and filled with the Spirit. We recently resigned, and we are now pastoring the Assembly in Rogers.

—Jesse Fowler, 713 N. 3rd St., Rogers, Ark.

WYNNE, ARK.—In September, Evangelist Perry Paul of Bald Knob, Ark. conducted a month's revival in our church. Souls were saved, and believers baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Many were refilled and a number healed. A woman was healed of tumor, and another of ulcerated stomach. We thank God for this meeting.—Ernest A. Sharpe Sr., Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Fort Worth, Tex. We enjoyed the anointed, faith-building sermons and the inspirational singing. Brother and Sister Briggs were a great blessing to our church. They started an orchestra while they were here.—C. B. Roberts, Pastor, Evangelistic Temple.

RICHFORD, VT.—We are grateful for the meeting we had with Evangelist Clifford Nelson of Everett, Mass. There was a real moving of the Spirit in every service, and we rejoiced to see people accept Jesus as their Saviour. At least 12 have come to the Lord recently.—Hugh M. Corey, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of God.

HARRAH, OKLA.—God blessed in a tent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Cham Livingston of Tulsa, Okla. Twelve were saved and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting was an answer to prayer. We have been meeting in a small building in the country and have been praying for a church in town. Thanks to the support we received from churches in the area, lots were bought in the town and over \$700.00 was raised for a new church building.—Lester Freeman, Pastor.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—On October 16, we began a youth meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Ray of Atlanta, Ga. God met with us from the beginning, and the young folk were especially blessed. Some nights the Holy Spirit moved in such a way that we did not have any preaching. Three were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number refilled.—Nelson Woodcock, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

BELLINGHAM, WASH.—For three weeks, Evangelist Cornelius Eylander ministered to us at Calvary Temple. Many came into the reality of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A number of others were refilled, some were reclaimed, and some saved. People from other denominations, who were hungry for reality, attended the meetings and God met these folk as they remained to pray. Joseph E. Wilderman, Pastor.

ASHLAND, KANS.—The Singing Sandalls (Evangelist David Sandall) from Augusta, Kans. were with us for three weeks. The meeting closed October 16. Fitteen knelt for salvation, and nine prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A lady was healed of arthritis. She had not been able to go up and down stairs easily. The day after she was healed, she ran up and down the stairs like a young person. The saints were stirred and drawn closer to the Lord.—Everett M. Lee, Pastor.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—We had a two-week meeting in our church recently. The first week, Evangerist S. G. Cox of Lebanon, Mo. was with us. Three were saved and one received the Baptism. The second week, A. M. Redding, pastor of the Assembly in Highway City, Calif., preached for us. Two were saved, and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival fires are still burning. One was saved after the meeting was over.—Clifton Brown, Pastor, Fairmead Assembly of God.

LINCOLN PARK, MICH.—On October 16, we closed a profitable three-week meeting with the Eskelin Family of Detroit, Mich. The Sunday School attendance increased the first Sunday; we broke the record attendance the second Sunday; and the third Sunday, we broke the record again with 410 present. We rented two busses to use as overflow class rooms. The Sunday School rallies on Sunday morning were successful in winning of souls. People were saved in the night services as well. The attendance was very good throughout the meeting. The musical program was a contributing factor to the success of the meeting.—Seth Balmer, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

HOUSTON, TEX.—The Lord gave us a wonderful revival with Evangelist Laurell Akers. We had the greatest spiritual move that we have had in years. We did not keep an accurate account of the number who came to the altar, but hardly a night passed without some outstanding results. Many of the members of the church who had grown indifferent in their spiritual life were refilled with the Spirit. Quite a number of new people came in and were saved and filled with the Spirit. At present there is only one person attending our church who has not been baptized with the Holy Spirit. It makes a big difference in the services when almost all of the congregation are filled with the Spirit! Since the meeting closed, the attendance at the regular services has increased.—G. Q. Manley, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly.

ELGIN, N. DAK.—The Musical Evangelists, Paul, Myrtle, and Cheryl Sue Hild, from Minneapolis, Minn. began a meeting here on October 9. There were 300 in the opening service in the Legion Hall. People came in from 15 towns. One family drove 26 miles to every service. Seventeen came to the altar for salvation. Drouger Hild worked for the Sunday School and the men Hild worked for the Sunday School, and the men and boys outnumbered the ladies and girls for two Sundays.—P. J. Hessler, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—We have just completed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Lolita Thompson. A goodly number were saved, and several received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A number received bodily healing. The illustrated sermons were illuminating and a blessing to the Christians as well as the sinners. Several families have started coming to the church since the meeting.—Charles H. Miller, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

FRISCO, TEX.—We dedicated our new church on Sunday, October 16, and broke all Sunday School records with 126 present. Evangelist D. F. Lusk of Dallas, Tex. was the morning and evening speaker. God certainly blessed in both of these services. We had lunch in the Community Center with approximately 200 present.

R. B. Ring, pastor of the Southside Assembly in McKinney, Texas, and Presbyter of the Greenville Section, was the afternoon speaker. Brother Ring also had charge of the dedication. The building was filled for this service.—M. L. Milton, Pastor, Frisco Assembly of God.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The Calvary Assembly of God recently experienced an excellent revival under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney of Pleasant Hill, Mo. In spite of crimatic hindrances, the interest and attendance was very nindrances, the interest and attendance was very good. Eleven were saved and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. When the evangelists had to leave, the young people of the church carried on the revival—and eleven more were saved and quite a number received the Baptism. Following the campaign, eight were baptized in water.—Leonard Carpenter, Pastor.

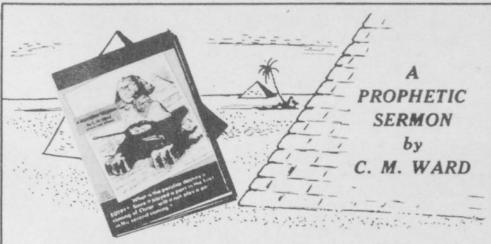
BEAVERDALE, PA.—We are grateful for the way God is blessing in this pioneer work. On September 11 we closed a three-week meeting with three British evangelists—Victor Ramsey, Gerald Bean, and Neville West. About 55 came forward for salvation, and many testified to definite healing. We thank God that revival fires are still burning and souls are being saved in our regular

Beaverdale is mostly a Catholic community, but we believe God will do great things for us. The Sunday School was organized last May and we now have an attendance between 28 and 35. To God be all the glory.—Elroy Hinton, Pastor.

MATEWAN, W. VA.—In August a tent revival was launched in North Matewan by the Assemblies of God under the leadership of Evangelist Victor Gillam of Sharon, W. Va. and D. B. Watson, pastor of the Assembly at Chattaroy, W. Va. God blessed during the meeting by saving souls and healing the sick. Through this meeting we were able to open a new Assembly of meeting we were able to open a new Assembly of God in the heart of Matewan. We have a former Baptist church which we are repairing and re-decorating inside. Sunday School was organized on September 4, and officers were elected or appointed. God is wonderfully blessing in every way.—William Tate, Church Secretary, First Assembly of God.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—We praise God for a mighty move of His Spirit during the tent meetings with Evangelist Richard Jeffrey. Many hundreds of people came under the impact of this wonderful revival. Several of the Phoenix churches helped to sponsor this meeting, and eternity alone will reveal the full benefit of it. Many were healed and many were saved. Interest was so high that we continued with the meeting a week longer than we had planned. planned.

Brother Jeffrey stirred our hearts to see the need of sending missionaries to those who do not have the Full Gospel light. A food shower was given one night for the home missionaries on our Indian reservations. The platform was full of canned goods and our missionaries to the Indians were made happy.—B. H. Russell, Pastor, Southside Assembly of God.



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RATON, N. MEX.—On October 23, we concluded a two-week meeting with the George Gospel Team of Hobbs, N. Mex. Around 10 came forward for salvation and many others were refilled with the Spirit. Many new people attended our church for the first time. The singing and preaching was a blessing to all.—Dave E. Laughlin, Pastor.

NOCONA, TEX.—On October 9, we concluded a series of missionary services with Brother Al Roever of Brownsville, Tex. It was the first meeting of its kind in our church. It stirred our folk not only to the need of the foreign field, but also to the whitened harvest in our own locality. Brother Roever's presentation of the work in Mexico and Central America, and his messages on the signs of the times, stirred our people. A cash offering of \$103.77 and pledges totaling \$166 was given for Missions.—Paul Everett, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

#### 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.

CASPER, WYO.—Jan. 1-15 at Faith Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Bedford, Ohio. (H. R. Kennedy is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, IND.—Begins Jan. 1 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist D. C. Ogden, Memphis, Tenn.—by M. C. Johnson, Pastor.

PAMPA, TEX.—Jan. 1-15 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo. (J. E. Neely is Pastor.)

DENNISON, IOWA—Begins Jan. 1 with Evangelist M. L. Woods, Long Beach, Calif. (A. E. Kleppinger is Pastor.)

REDLANDS, CALIF.—Begins Jan. 2 with Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Ming Sr., Costa Mesa, Calif.—by Robert D. Clark, Pastor.

GRAFTON, N. DAK.—Jan. 1-22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (L. L. King is Pastor.)

ATLANTA, GA.—Begins Jan. 8 at Washington Street Assembly of God; Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman, Beaumont, Tex. (Jimmy Mayo is Pastor.)

HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA—Dec. 28-Jan. 1 at Central Tabernacle; Musical Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (J. H. Blair is Pastor.)

MODESTO, CALIF.—Begins Jan. 4 at Airport Assembly of God; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex.—by E. M. Adams, Pastor.

HANFORD, CALIF.—Jan. 8-22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Gene Forrest is Pastor.)

VINITA, OKLA.—Begins Jan. 1 with Evangelist Norman L. Surratt, Taloga, Okla. (Johnie A. Hobson is Pastor.)

McALISTER, OKLA.—Jan. 1-15 at First Assembly of God, 3rd and Delaware; Wood Evangelistic Party. (L. H. Arnold is Pastor.)

MOOSIC, PA.—Sectional C. A. Rally at Full Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 2; C. M. Ward, speaker. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by Helen Jenkins, Pastor.

MAPLEWOOD, MO.—Begins Jan. 1 at Maplewood Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Roland D. Hastie, Springfield, Mo. (A. L. Burnett is Pastor.)

EL PASO, TEX.—City-wide Workers Training Class at Valley Assembly of God, 7163 Dale Rd., Jan. 2-7; Agnes Harp, instructor.—by Wesley J. Lange, Chairman.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Begins Dec. 25 at Revival Temple, 43 E. St. James St.; Evangelist R. L. Davis.—by Rayford Aderholt, Pastor.

PLANT CITY, FLA.—Jan. 1-15 at Mt. Zion Assembly of God; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex. (Ernest E. Holbrook is Pastor.)

BALTIMORE, MD.—Dec. 31-Jan. 15 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (A. H. Clattenburg is Pastor.)

MARSHALL, TEX.—Begins Dec. 31 with Evangelist Clarene G. Mitchell, Fort Worth, Tex. Watch night service, Dec. 31.—by Frank E. Kennedy, Pastor.

EAST AURORA, N. Y.—Dec. 31-Jan. 15 at Assembly of God, 39 S. Grove St.; Evangelist L. K. Dodge, Williamson, N. Y. Watch night service, Dec. 31.—by Charles A. Thomas, Pastor.

POCOMOKE CITY, MD.—Dec. 31-Jan. 15 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Market and Payne Aves.; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace, Old Orchard Beach, Maine.—by O. Kenneth Brann, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Jan. 8-29 at Calvary Tabernacle, 1st and Nevada Sts.; Evangelist Velmer Gardner, Springfield, Mo. Sunday evening services in Memorial Auditorium, Fresno and "O" Sts. Prayer for the sick.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OREG.—Begins Dec. 31 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom. Watch night service and Sectional C. A. Rally, Dec. 31, beginning at 9 p.m.—by M. H. Thompson, Pastor.

DUARTE, CALIF.—Jan. 3-18 at Monrovia-Duarte Assembly of God, 1425 S. Mountain Ave.; Evangelist Paul McKeel.—by Clarence G. Eigenhuis, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFER-ENCE—Jan. 9-11 at State College, Pa. Allan Swift, guest speaker. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Leo Starner is host pastor.—by G. Butrin, Prayer League Leader.

WATSONVILLE, CALIF.—Area-wide meeting at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Jan. 6-29; Evangelists R. L. Davis and R. W. Culpepper. Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Chapter and 16 full gospel churches co-operating. (C. J. Coffey, 505 San Juan Rd., Watsonville, Calif., is chairman.)

ILLINOIS DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Jan. 3-5 at Assembly of God, 428 N. Walnut St., Danville. C. M. Ward, guest speaker. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. daily. C. A. Rally under direction of Lennis Blackburn, C. A. President, on Jan. 2 preceding the Institute. For accommodations write James E. Hyllberg, host pastor, 601 Martin St., Danville, Ill.—by W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

CONTACTS WANTED—We have started a new church in Dugger, Ind. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—William W. Bedwell, R. R. 1, Jasonville, Ind.

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