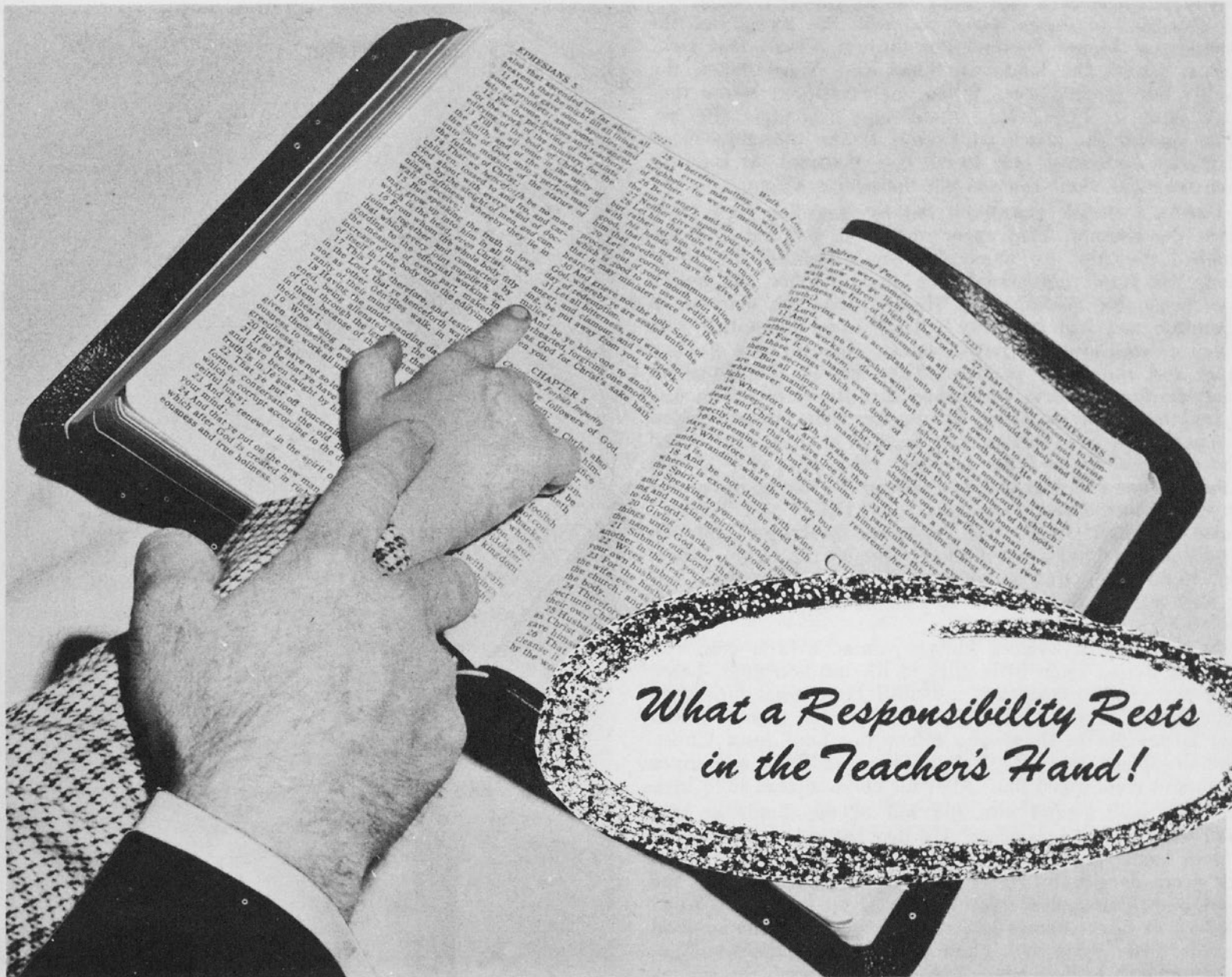


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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## On to the Summit!

In the foyer of one of our Bible Schools there used to hang an Honor List of graduates who had become missionaries. Over the list in large gold letters was this excellent motto: "Anywhere Only Onward."

Where could we find a better motto for our own personal lives? It expresses the spirit of the apostle Paul, who said, "I press toward the mark for the prize." Christ Jesus is the Prize. Intimate fellowship with Him is the summit of all Christian experience. For that blessed reward Paul was willing to go anywhere, do anything, be anything—or nothing. He was willing to toil against any odds, willing to endure any hardships, if only he could know that each day and each experience was carrying him onward and upward toward that glorious goal.

The sacrifices men will make for earthly glory often put us Christians to shame. Have you read the account of the conquest of Mount Everest? For thirty-two years that rocky bastion astride the border of Tibet and Nepal defied the world's best mountaineers. Strong men collapsed before they could reach its 29,002-foot summit. One expedition after another pressed the attack on Everest to the uttermost limits of human endurance, only to fall back defeated. At least sixteen men lost their lives on the forbidding slopes.

Finally a British expedition led by Brigadier John Hunt made the attempt. They spent months in preparation. They climbed the Alps for practice. They assembled the ablest men, the finest equipment, the best supplies. At length they began the ascent which Hunt called "the epitome of adventure and high endeavor." They faced the biting cold which at such altitudes puts a terrific strain on the parched lungs and respiratory passages. They braved the threat of frostbite, the hazard of avalanches, the danger of falling into chasms hidden by snow, as day by day they pressed toward the peak. Like men of iron they laughed at discomfort, joked about fatigue, ignored the piercing winds that chill to the bone. Higher and higher they climbed by day, and camped by night, until finally two weary men, Hillary and Tenzing, scaled the peak itself. The Australian beekeeper and the Nepalese-born Sherpa stood triumphant on top of the world, and threw their arms around each other in speechless joy as they realized they had done what no man had ever done before.

At the peak of Everest, Hillary planted a little cross and Tenzing buried some little gifts to his heathen gods. Later, after the victorious descent, a British Pentecostal missionary living near Tenzing's house told him of the greater ascent that is possible to those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ. The missionary gave the famous Sherpa a Bible and, since he cannot read, urged him to let his children read it to him.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation" (Psalm 24:3-5). It takes courage and character to climb the spiritual heights. Only those with clean hands and a pure heart are strong enough to overcome all obstacles and reach the shining summit. There is hardness to be endured; there are sacrifices to be made; but if men will endure hardness for worldly fame—if Robert Peary would risk his life to discover the North Pole, if Richard Byrd would pay the price to explore the South Pole, if Charles Lindbergh would risk his all to conquer the Atlantic airplanes—how much more should we be willing to toil and suffer, that we might win Christ!

On the grave of a Swiss guide was this eloquent epitaph: "He died climbing." Let us be spiritual climbers.

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## 1956 and Our Responsibilities

by GAY G. BENSON

ONE NEED NOT BE GIFTED WITH UNUSUAL prophetic insight to know that right now this world is standing on the threshold of one of the most momentous years in history. Notwithstanding the economic boom that has reached record levels, the fact remains that beneath all the glitter and tinsel lies a restless and weary world. Material benefits have not erased the shadow of war, the fear of future hardships, and the gross moral inequities that fill the lives of multitudes. It is still an age that reeks with hypocrisy, degeneration, insincerity, and moral shame. The greatest Prophet of all spoke truly when He said that this age would parallel Noah's day.

In a very strong sense, we Pentecostal people are not a party to the world's chaos. But if we are careless, we shall find ourselves victims of the crosscurrents which characterize our times. Consequently, at this season when retrospect and resolution are the vogue, we shall do well to remind ourselves of the purpose of our existence in God's plan, and to take the necessary steps to conform to God's will.

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God proposes to work out His purposes in this day through those who are filled with His Spirit. The Pentecostal revival is God's instrument to convey supernaturally to this age a revelation of His mercy and power. The supernatural element is fundamental, not incidental; it is elementary, not supplementary. Little or nothing can be accomplished apart from the divine endowment, for we know assuredly that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

It is obvious that we must have a message that is supernatural. Christ alone must be advocated as the answer to the sinner's need. Preachers and laymen alike are charged with the responsibility of exalting Him as the only answer to men's sin. Human nature is prone to gloat over its capabilities. Men would justify themselves by adding their good works to God's remedy for sin. But the remedy is provided through Christ on the Cross. It is not the Cross plus our good works, nor the Cross plus our moral excellencies, nor the Cross plus our pious ceremonies; it is the Cross and the Cross alone by which we are justified in God's sight. God forbid that we should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

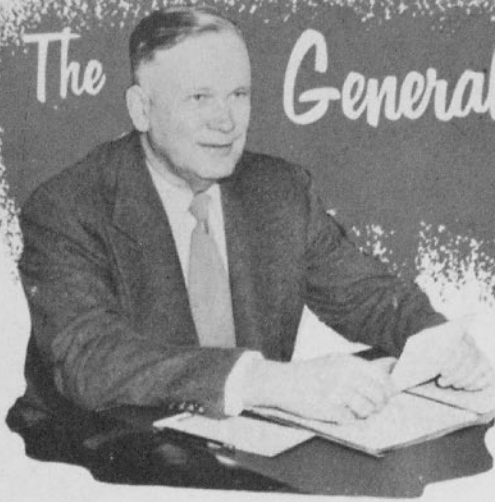
This age, therefore, must have another glimpse of the thorn-crowned Lamb of God. No encouragement whatsoever can be given to the idea that corrupt human nature can supplement the blood of Christ and assist God in salvaging the wreckage of our lives. *The blood of Christ provides the only method of salvation*—the need for this message should drive us to our knees in quest for power from God to proclaim it adequately. Witnessing to this gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit will help us fulfill our obligation to this age. Only thus can we please God, honor the Blood, and save those that hear us. To proclaim the message of salvation in the power of the Spirit—surely this is a prime reason for our existence.

In view of the message for which we are responsible, we will do well to consider our consecration. Here again the power of our spiritual experience is shown. To be truly dedicated to God is impossible apart from the moving of God's Spirit in our lives. Real consecration is not formal and ceremonious. The truly consecrated person gives God a "mortgage" on all his attitudes, inclinations, motives, purposes, and will. He no longer belongs to himself, for God's

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The

# General Superintendent SPEAKS



## The Essence of Rightness

In the stinging philippic which Christ hurled at the Pharisees toward the close of His ministry, there shines a particularly beautiful nugget of truth. In the serenity of the storm of His wrath (only Christ can be serene in a storm) He gave us a summary of truth—relative truth—not found elsewhere in comparable form (except when he answered the question, “Which is the greatest commandment?”). Here He roundly denounced the “scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites,” saying, “Ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Matthew 23:23). Luke records it: “But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Luke 11:42).

Here is the essence of rightness before God: Judgment, mercy, faith, the love of God, and the paying of tithes. The Lord said that the first four of these were the *weightier matters of the law*. (The fact that they were found in the Old Testament law, to me, is significant and intriguing.) Christ set them forth for all time as the most important matters of God’s law. The fact, too, that the devil had allowed the Pharisees to pay tithes of all manner of things (not just cash, notice) but had inveigled them into omitting these “weightier” matters is further evidence of the relative importance of these qualities and deeds.

Both Matthew and Luke listed “judgment” as the first of these all-important things. The reason is not that it is based on Old Testament teaching. Judgment is clustered with faith, mercy and the love of God. God is eternally a God of judgment. “But if ye forgive not men

their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:15).

“Speak not evil one of another, brethren” (James 4:11) and “Let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour” (Zechariah 8:17). These are GOD’S commandments. “He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me,” Jesus said. (John 14:21). There are over 400 commandments in the New Testament, for the breaking of which there is judgment! Only Christ’s blood covers sin, and only when that sin is confessed and His blood’s covering is requested is sin forgiven. The judgment seat of Christ before which we all must stand is indeed, as Paul says, a terrible thought (2 Corinthians 5:10, 11). It ranks high in Christ’s estimation.

From the mount of Sinai let us pass rapidly to the mount of Calvary. Both mounts are in the plan of God. So heavy is this last mountain with blessing that it takes three words for even Christ to summarize it: the love of God, mercy and faith. These qualities are indeed mountain high, and rival each other in their splendor. Yet, rather, they partake of each other’s splendor. God loves men as much as He hates sin. If we will but disassociate ourselves from sin, and take His forgiveness and His cleansing—which are proffered lavishly and freely—we will become the objects of a love such as this world has never seen. “If ye being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him” (Matthew 7:11). “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him” (Psalm 103:13).

God is stupendous in His generosity, His power, and His faithfulness. Too many stars in the heavens? Too much sand on the seashore? Too many trees on the mountains? Too much grass on the prairie? Or too much water in the sea? Possibly so, but not enough to illustrate the abundant, lavish love and mercy of our God. The love of God, His mercy and His faith (His faith given to be within us the means by which we receive a heaven full of blessings in our lives) are as a mighty ocean. Does one

incoming wave push you over? Look out, here comes another one! And another, and another. You will just have to surrender to God or get out of His way. He will flow over you forever with His love and mercy!

How puny and limited is man’s love for his loved ones. Man is utterly helpless in the face of danger, sickness and death. Our desire to help is great but our ability to help is so small. But not so with Him! The winds and the waves stand still at His command. Armies freeze with fear and fall in their tracks! Lions fail to bite or tear when He so orders, and even death gives up its prey when He calls. All this power He uses on behalf of His loved ones. “My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). He is “able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). “No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly” (Psalm 84:11).

And does He tire of loving? Does He forget us? “Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee,” the Lord says (Isaiah 49:15). “If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant” (Jer. 33:20, 21). He will keep His covenant with all of His children. “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22, 23). As the ceaseless tide of the oceans, the endless flowing of the rivers, and the eternal ritual of the seasons, so are the faithful attentions of our God to His children.

What about the tithes? Yes, they ought to be paid. Do not leave them undone. What about tobacco or cosmetics? We certainly must be careful not to be identified with the world by using things like these. But let them not be empty shibboleths or mere tribal taboos. They ought to be accompanied with the weightier matters of our faith: real heart conversion, the practice of miraculous divine healing in all our churches and our homes, the mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit as experienced on the day of Pentecost, the clear shining personal hope of the soon coming of our Lord and Master. And don’t forget the weightier matters: Judgment, the love of God, mercy and faith. All these ye ought to do and not to leave the other undone.

# WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL NOW!

Executive Presbyters Issue Call to Prayer



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The General Council Executives, in full-scale planning sessions for world advance on every front, feel moved by the Spirit of God to make the following URGENT request---

Let every district, every church, every leader, every believer feel constrained to PRAY and believe Almighty God for WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL NOW.

All the conditions that made revival imperative at the turn of the century are present today in a far more concentrated form. Add to these national frustration brought on by crises, threat, and fear of racial extinction and the rising tides of organized opposition to Christian advance.

Jesus Christ is God and He died for all men. His return and rule is the only solution to the problems of our age. Therefore the proclamation of His gospel everywhere is the only worthwhile objective for His people.

Only a mighty sweeping Revival born of the Holy Spirit of God can reveal Jesus Christ to the human heart in such a way that men will be constrained to witness and believe His salvation. This revival can only be realized as we PRAY.

We therefore call upon all our friends who read these lines to join in private and collective PRAYER beseeching the Spirit's power and presence. To help accomplish this purpose we hereby designate the Sunday prior to each Regional World Missions Convention as a WORLD REVIVAL PRAYER DAY.

*R. M. Riggs*    *Howard S. Bush*    *Alfred A. Foster*  
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(All the Executive Presbyters except Brother McLaughlin were present last month when this photo was made.)

## DAYS OF PRAYER

SOUTHWEST  
Sunday, January 22

NORTHWEST  
Sunday, January 29

ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
Sunday, February 5

NORTH CENTRAL  
Sunday, February 19

CENTRAL  
Sunday, February 26

NORTHEAST  
Sunday, March 4

SOUTHEAST  
Sunday, March 11

SOUTH CENTRAL  
Sunday, March 18

God made us stewards of a priceless commodity when He put

# TIME IN THE HANDS OF MAN

A New Year Message by BARTLETT PETERSON,  
President, Central Bible Institute



**I**N A WORLD OF CHALLENGES DARE WE fumble the greatest? Among the greatest challenges issued by Christ is the necessity of putting first things first. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

Our text is an exhortation to concern ourselves but little with temporal things, followed by a command to put eternal things first.

Whether one debated about paying tribute to Caesar, occupied himself mending nets, tarried to bury the dead, or came to draw water at Jacob's well, Jesus in His own inimitable way urged him to put first things first.

The priceless commodity called TIME is of essence in all that we do and demands priority in our every consideration!

### THE CHALLENGE OF THE RIGHT USAGE OF TIME

Frequent admonitions in the Scriptures deal with the importance of right usage of time. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15, 16). "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:14). "Now is the accepted time" (2 Cor. 6:2).

We do well to redeem the time by applying it first to the most important duties. To put it plainly in the negative: don't do needless and useless things, when needful and useful things can be done. All Christians should decide quickly which are the most important things, and do them with all their might.

Over the most priceless commodity which God made, He has set man as steward. To be a steward of time is a more honorable and meticulous task than to be a steward of earthly wealth.

We do not have the privilege of rationing out "three-score and ten" years at once, for only a moment at a time

is given to us! *Even the act of rightly dividing our time is done with borrowed breath.*

Neglect is the sin most easily committed. Neglect of time is opportunity lost, and opportunity lost is a regrettable and irreparable tragedy. The seriousness of neglect is evidenced by the question in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" This is the more serious when it is noted that this indicting question was addressed to Christians.

Over the three doors of the Cathedral of Milan have been placed appropriate inscriptions. Arranged amid sculptured roses over one door is, "All that which pleases us is but for a moment." Around a sculptured cross over another door is, "All that which troubles us is but for a moment." Over the central door is the statement of cold, logical fact, "That only is important which is eternal."

"Time" is but a short word compared

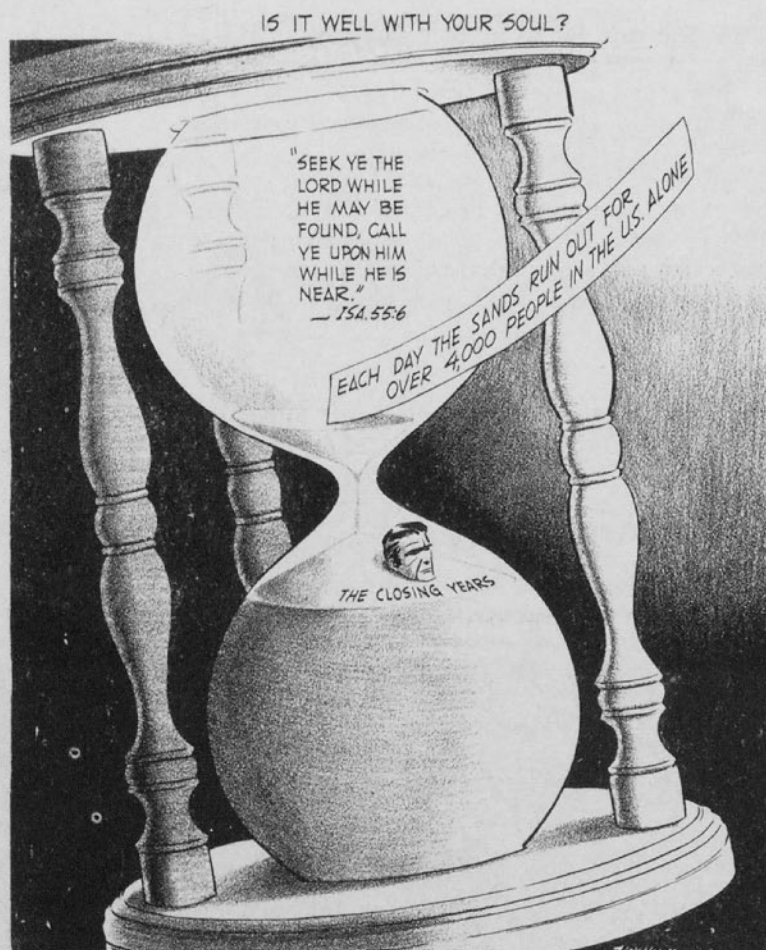
to "Eternity;" but each "jot and tittle" is invaluable, for the last letter of *time* becomes the first letter of *eternity!*

### THE CHALLENGE OF FIRST CLAIM ON OUR TIME

There can be no prior claim! Our personal devotion to God must have first claim. Ample commentary on this truth is the experience of Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha. All who are wise will also choose "that good part which shall not be taken away." As busy Christians we need to pray that God will save us from becoming more occupied with the Lord's work than with the Lord Himself.

Beautifully illustrative of the import of time for worship is the story of Simeon, recorded in Luke 2: "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

For the purpose of seeing this one supremely sublime moment he had focused a lifetime. He had waited "for the consolation of Israel," and as a reward it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit "that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ." He was present in the Lord's house when the Lord's Christ was brought in! The satisfaction of his one consuming desire was revealed in words of thanksgiving. If the privilege of seeing the Son of God in



infant form for a moment was worth a lifetime of faithful waiting, how shall we measure the worth of reigning with the glorified King eternally?

### THE CHALLENGE OF FIRST PLACE FOR GOD'S WORK

In consideration of the great amount of work to be done, and the comparative brevity of time, Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: for the night cometh when no man can work."

It has been wisely suggested that we should "plan our work and work our plan." In these busy days it is imperative that we plan well. We must be certain that God's work has first place over our own interests. Having planned well, let us be willing to go the "second mile" in service for our Lord. Let us emulate the example of Paul and Silas while in prison. At the end of a long and arduous day, though mistreated and imprisoned, they welcomed the opportunity of conducting an additional service.

If it is constantly kept in mind that we are His witnesses, we will eagerly plan and look for every opportunity to discharge our supreme duty. Time is limited. *There is time to do only what really needs to be done.* Deathbed regrets can be prevented by putting first things first.

Becoming collectors of souvenirs and various items is a popular fad. Would it not be more profitable to become collectors of priceless, passing moments? Joining those straying, single jewels on a chain of purpose would make one more than wealthy! Search diligently, O child of God, lest any fragment of your time be lost, for these determine your eternal destiny. The question is not what we intend to do with years, or with a lifetime, but what are we doing now with these present moments? *What we do with these will determine what we do with our lifetime.*

The right use of rescued fragments of time between his many duties as a schoolmaster enabled Salmon P. Chase to become Chief Justice. Redeemed moments otherwise going to waste between shoe repair jobs paved the way for Henry Wilson to become Vice-President of the United States. James A. Garfield collected fragments of idle time between canal boats and became President.

In the days before time-pieces, it is said that King Alfred used three candles with which to measure a day. Each candle lasted eight hours, so that when the third had burned down the entire day was spent. *The King's candles were wax; ours are opportunities!*

When Alexander the Great laid siege to a city, it was his custom to surround the walls and build a fire at the gate. A message was sent to warn the inhabi-

tants that they could surrender as long as the light of the fire shone. When the fire had burned down, and the light had gone out, it would be too late, and destruction and death would result.

Flickering candles still glow, and embers still burn. Every moment an opportunity passes which can never be recalled. *Let us not become laggards who some day hope to quicken our pace. Upon this present moment hinge all our valu-*

able opportunities.

Let conscience become the faithful gleaner which follows rushing, busy hours to gather precious moments which fall in waste unnoticed.

Appoint your awakened, consecrated conscience now as your timekeeper. At the beginning of another year let us solemnly vow, by God's grace, to "seek . . . first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

## THE LIGHT ON THE HILL

A True Story by MAUD SALINGER

WHERE WERE WE? THE NIGHT WAS UTTERLY black, and the rain was coming down in sheets. We decided we must have left the main road, for there was not a light to be seen anywhere. We heard water roaring down in a stream at the side of the road. We couldn't turn around, so we decided to drive carefully until we saw the light from a farmhouse where we would enquire how to get back on the main road that led to the town where we were due for meetings.

We drove on through the storm, then stopped and prayed for God to guide us. A little farther on, the slippery road led around the spur of a hill that jutted out in front of us. Just as we started to go around the hill a light appeared high upon the cliff and bobbed along as a man carried it through the storm. We called to him and were thrilled when we finally made him hear. He came as close to us as he could.

"We're lost—how can we get back on the main road?" we asked.

"You can't get back tonight," he shouted. "Around this hill you will find a road that leads to my house—drive in. Don't try to go any farther. You're thirteen miles out of your way."

We cautiously made our way through the slippery mud around the hill and drove into his yard. The kind farmer took us into his cottage, and his wife prepared a hot supper for us. When we were warm and comfortable the farmer said, "If you had gone on down the road another hundred yards you would all have been drowned, for the bridge has been washed away."

"We were so glad when we saw your light tonight," I told him.

"Yes, and that is another strange thing," he said. "I haven't been out to my barn at night for seven years, but tonight it came to me with great force that I must go out to my barn.

"God must have sent me out in the

storm to save your lives," he said in an awed voice. Our hearts were filled with praise for His loving care and protection.

They made us comfortable for the night, and when morning came we found that the farmer's little son had an incurable disease, or so the doctors had told them. We prayed that God would graciously recompense this kind farmer by healing his little boy, and the child was completely healed.

The next day we found our way back to the main road from which we had strayed. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God for the light on the hill that saved our lives. Let us keep our light shining brightly for Christ. Who knows at what hour it may be seen by someone groping in spiritual darkness, who may eternally thank God for the light that saved his soul!

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### GOD BROKE THE YEARS

God broke the years to hours and days,  
That hour by hour and day by day,  
Just going on a little way,  
We might be able all along  
To keep quite strong.  
Should all the weight of life  
Be laid upon our shoulders  
And the future rife  
With foe and struggle  
Meet us face to face  
In just one place,  
We could not go;  
Our feet would stop And so  
God lays a little on us every day  
And never, I believe, on all the way  
Will burdens bear so deep  
Or pathways lie so steep  
We cannot go—if by God's power  
We only bear the burden of the hour  
—Georgia Klingel.

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# Universal Week of Prayer

January 1-7

**F**OR THE PAST ONE HUNDRED TEN YEARS large numbers of Christians in all parts of the world have responded to the call for a Universal Week of Prayer during the first full week in January. This year Christians will answer this call from Sunday, January 1 through Saturday, January 7. As they join in this united intercession, they will be enjoying blessed communion with their Saviour and with the people of God the world around.

Even though the Christian realizes the necessity for constant prayer, nevertheless he also knows it is good to take a week at the beginning of the year to place additional emphasis upon the importance and value of prayer. Certainly it would be hard to find a more fitting time. The mistakes and failures of 1955 are now behind—this is a brand-new year, given to us by God to use for His glory. This Universal Week of Prayer can help us form new prayer habits and launch us upon a year of great spiritual power.

Prayer through the authority of the name of Jesus is powerful beyond all words to express. God has promised to honor such prayer. With this in mind let us give thanks to God for all our many benefits, ask forgiveness for past failures and shortcomings, and with boldness make our requests known at the Throne of Grace.

Here are some special requests for this Universal Week of Prayer. Let these be a guide to pray effectively for our great fellowship and for members of the body of Christ everywhere.

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**SUNDAY**, a day of prayer for the local church.

There are many needs and problems that the local church faces. God is able to meet these needs as His people pray. Remember your pastor in prayer. Ask God to give him a special anointing for service during the new year—strength for his tasks, wisdom for his decisions, and a greater love and burden for the lost. Pray that God will help you lighten your pastor's load by co-operation at every opportunity, and pray that your church shall grow and reach more souls for Christ in 1956.

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**MONDAY**, a day of prayer for our missionaries.

One pressing need for Latin America is in Argentina, where many young men

desire to train for the ministry. The needed facilities are available, but funds for an adequate Bible school building are lacking. Pray that this need will be supplied.

The Middle East is a spot marked at present by political tension. Pray that a special blessing may rest upon our missionaries and national workers there, so that God's work shall continue unhindered.

Missionary replacements are needed in Upper Volta. A number of Bible Schools in Africa need additional buildings. Pray that funds will be received to meet both of these needs.

Pray that the government of India may act favorably regarding various visa applications now pending. Pray also for the success of an extended evangelistic campaign in Bombay. The purpose of this effort is to establish a church there.

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**TUESDAY**, a day of prayer for the Word as it goes forth by radio and the publications of our Movement.

Urgent requests have come from home mission fields for the release of REVIVALTIME in their areas. Lack of funds has made this impossible. Pray that God will lay the burden of this work upon many hearts so that REVIVALTIME can have complete "air coverage" this year.

The many radio and television pastors of our constituency stand in need of our prayers, that God will bless their efforts and supply their needs.

Pray for those who plan, write, and edit our Sunday School literature and for all who read it, that it may encourage them to more Christlike living.

Pray for an increased circulation of all our publications so that we may reach an ever-widening circle with our Pentecostal message. There is a need for qualified writers to be raised up among our people. Pray that many young people will hear God's call to this important ministry.

The editor and staff of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL request a special interest in your prayers as we take an important step of faith. We are enlarging the magazine and trusting God to make it a mightier "voice" for the Full Gospel than ever.

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**WEDNESDAY**, a day of prayer for the youth of the Assemblies of God.

Our 86,000 Christ's Ambassadors need spiritual reinforcement in these ominous days. Pray for them, and also for our national and district leaders as they seek to counsel our youth.

Remember the Speed-the-Light program in prayer, that our youth will receive a renewed missionary vision and will continue to give so that needed equipment may be secured for mission fields.

Hundreds of servicemen write to the Servicemen's Division each year asking help in finding God. Pray for the leaders of our Servicemen's Division and for the eighteen Assemblies of God chaplains in the armed services, that God will give them more souls among the servicemen.

Remember in prayer all of our Assemblies of God youth who are interested in full-time Christian service but are unable to attend our Bible schools and colleges because they lack finances. Pray that God will open the way for many to attend.

Our new liberal arts school, Evangel College, is a great answer to prayer. The God who so graciously provided the Assemblies with this college is able to provide the personnel and finances needed by every one of our schools.

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**THURSDAY**, a day of prayer for the Sunday School and the home missions programs of our movement.

January is Training Month. Pray that our teachers and workers will be benefited and inspired by these special classes.

"On to a Million," the five-year Sunday School advance plan, is now in full swing across the nation. Pray that every teacher and worker will do good work and that the goals of this advance will be met for the glory of God. Especially pray for the salvation of all our Sunday School pupils.

Pray for the hundreds of new Assemblies of God churches that are being built through the efforts of our pioneer pastors, that they may prosper spiritually and materially.

Our one hundred missionaries among the American Indians are reaping a harvest of souls, but church building programs are hampered for a lack of funds. The rebuilding of the church in Sitka, Alaska, and our children's home in Valdez, Alaska, both destroyed by fire during the past two years, is proceeding slowly due to lack of finances. Pray for these needs. Pray also for the Assemblies of God work that is being done in prisons, and among Jews and with the Deaf.

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**FRIDAY**, a day of prayer for the men and women of our movement and our leaders.

Pray for the Women's Missionary Councils across the land and the workers at the National WMC office, that God



will meet every need. Pray also for National WMC Day, February 12, that it may result in a great spiritual quickening.

Remember in prayer the men of our movement as they are alerted to win other men for Christ. Already over eight hundred Men's Fellowship groups are unitedly working toward that end, and other groups are being organized steadily.

Pray for the retired and aged ministers of our movement—the pioneers of our faith—that God will bless them and supply their every need.

The leaders of the Assemblies of God—those in General Council, District Council, and Sectional capacities—carry great responsibilities. Pray that God will grant them wisdom and strength for the pursuit of their work.

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SATURDAY, a day of prayer for revival.

The members of the new Department of Evangelism request prayer for their efforts to encourage aggressive evangelism throughout the Assemblies of God.

The greatest ministry a Christian can know is that of intercessory prayer. And the greatest object of intercessory prayer is the salvation of souls. Pray for a great harvest of souls in the churches and missions throughout the world tomorrow. Have faith that God will make 1956 a year of greater revival than the world has known—thus hastening the return of our Lord.

## New Year's Morn

*The page is white.  
When thou dost write  
Seek aid.  
Let no one guide thy hand  
Save Him  
Who wrote upon the sand,  
In land afar.  
This know—  
Alone, thy hand may mar.  
As snow  
The page is white.*

*'Tis His delight  
To lend thee might.  
He waits.  
He proffers aid Divine.  
And yet—  
The will to choose is thine.  
This power thee  
Befell.  
In joyous action free  
Choose well.  
The page is white.*

—MERRILL H. COOK

# HELLO, 1956!

by E. LESLIE THOMAS

THERE IS A TERRIBLE INEXORABLENESS about the way the past is left behind us, never to be recovered. "If only I had my life to live over again," is a common lament—but this never materializes. The past is gone forever—lost opportunities will never come again, and regrets are futile. A record has been made that nothing can erase.

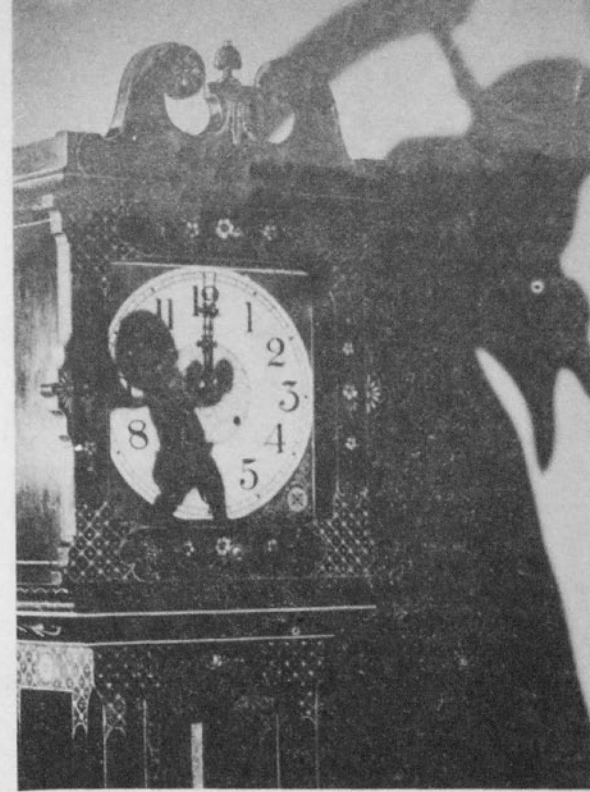
As each day slips away into the past, the curtain of finality falls; and nothing is "off the record." The Bible declares that "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36). Though the past can never be lived again, we will be faced with its record in the judgment. Even the things we have hidden from others will be revealed then, for "in that day God shall judge the SECRETS of men by Jesus Christ" (Romans 2:16).

What has your record been for the year just passed? How will it stand in the day of judgment? Will the year of 1955 when weighed in the scales, find you wanting? And will 1956 bear the same fruit? Will your life, year by year, but add to the totality of your condemnation, so that you will stand before God weighted down by a mountain of guilt?

Are you even now a lost soul, and will all your succeeding years but intensify the hopelessness of your condition? Only Christ can save you. Only He is able to obliterate your guilt and present you faultless before God, for that is the work of Christ. He poured out His precious blood that the vilest sinner may be clean.

Yes, "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Notice, it cleanses from all sin. Believe it. Confess it. Plead the Blood now before God, as an offering for your sin, and you shall be saved. *The blood of Jesus has power to blot out sin and make you whiter than snow.*

What can the new year bring to you but further evidence that you are a sinner? What can it do but emphasize your



need of a way of escape from condemnation?

I believe that in the wild hilarity of New Year's Eve celebrations men are expressing a deep psychological impulse stemming from the belief that a new year represents a new start. Their gaiety reflects the relief they feel because they have been given a new chance. But each clean page of the year seems destined to have those unsightly and unpremeditated blots and corrections that arise from mistakes. The end of each year represents a psychological cycle—depression as we contemplate our failures of the past, and renewal of hope as we regard new opportunities.

Man's greatest need, in the monotonous cycle of time with its failure and hope, hope and failure, is the consolation of having peace with God. Nothing can alter the fact that we are sinners and are predisposed to a sinful, shameful record—that is, nothing or no one but God. He Himself has provided a cure for a sinful heart, oppressed by sin and longing for righteousness. God has provided a gift of righteousness through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If there is one thing that this world wants more than any other, it is peace. Christ has made peace for us "through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20). Not Geneva, nor New York, but Calvary is the place where peace was made. Let men make their peace with God, and peace will reign in their midst. I am dogmatic about this. Hope for the new year lies only in the Lord Jesus Christ. He threw Himself across the great gulf that separated sinful men from a sinless God and thus became a Bridge from time to eternity. Will you put your trust in Him?

*They Believe in Missions*

## BOYS IN INDIA

### SACRIFICE

### FOR CHRIST



Above: David and Daniel, whose father died of T.B. and whose mother is unable to support them.

Left: The boys who gave up their meat to give a missionary offering.

by CYRIL L. CARDEN

**O**UR HEARTS WERE STIRRED AS WE READ reports of the Boys' Industrial School at Shencottah, Travancore, India, where our missionary, Robert W. Edwards, labors for the Lord. The future results of this work among Indian boys cannot be estimated, but it will be well worth all the labor that is being put into the School now.

The boys of the Industrial School wanted to help in a missionary offering given by the young people and the Sunday School of the Kanakkapillai Valasai Assembly. This was the first missionary offering for these young people. The purpose was to help some needy missionary in Korea, particularly someone looking after orphans whose fathers were killed for their testimony during the war.

So they gave sacrificially. One meat meal a week is all the boys of the School receive—it is the Sunday noon meal. But so exercised were they about the missionary need that they missed the meal entirely, in order to have a missionary offering. In this way they were able to have a substantial part in the offering

of \$13.00 given by the young people of the Assembly.

The Young People's Society did their part in sacrificial giving as well. They had been saving their money for six months in order to have an outing together, but they gave all of these savings. Even the little children from the village gave the quarter annas they sometimes get for treats. Such sacrificial giving undoubtedly pleases our Lord who looks so tenderly upon the little ones, and we know the hearts of these youngsters must have been gladdened because of what they had done for Jesus.

To get back to the Industrial School, it is gratifying to note the favor it is receiving. Not long ago the Director of Education for Madras Presidency visited the School. As he stood on the train steps, covered with garlands, he shouted to the hundreds of people who had come to see him off, "I have read of boys building their own schools in America, but never thought to see one in India. Edwards [our missionary] has put it in India. You should go and see the

School that the boys have built and are building."

This speech promoted good favor among the people, some of whom had formerly shunned the work. And the School has been the means of opening doors and hearts in many villages where there was no access before.

The lives of the boys are changed as they come under the influence of the gospel. Take, for instance, one of the boys who lived near the School. He had completed what education he could get, and in order to continue would have had to walk five miles to another school. This was too much for him and he refused to attend. He became a companion of the wicked men of the village, and was a problem to himself and everyone around him. Then he came to the Industrial School. What a change! Now he is trustworthy and able to work well at masonry, blacksmithing, carpentry or gardening. Best of all, he has accepted Christ and loves his Saviour. His name means "Good Character" and he promises to be a strong pillar in the church.

Most of the work of Robert Edwards has been in the villages among the poor and needy where he felt the Lord would have him labor. But a thriving work is now being conducted by an Indian pastor in one of the largest cities in his section. It is hoped this work will soon be self-supporting. Because the rent of the premises, in which the services are held, is high, it is hoped that property can be purchased. In about a year a suitable building can be bought for about \$2,000. A plan has been set up whereby those interested can buy "shares" in the project for \$50 each. The church promises to be a substantial, responsible work for God. Many fine, educated men attended the meetings held there by Brother Edwards, the missionary, and said they were seeking reality. In turn they are now taking the gospel to the surrounding villages.

And so the missionary work goes on and the name of Jesus Christ is exalted among the heathen. Souls are won and they are then trained to further the work of the Lord by their testimonies and preaching. Our hearts are lifted in praise to God for calling out and equipping men and women who are willing to sacrifice in order that the Light of the World may shine in the habitations of darkness.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to  
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**FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

# RAISED FROM THE DEAD

An Account by JOHN HALL, French West Africa

EVERY DRY SEASON WE HAVE A BIBLE training institute for Christians of all ages and the preachers of the Ouahigouya district help in the classes, which are graded according to knowledge and ability. Night services are for preaching by leading Mossé preachers, and opportunity is given for believers to seek the Baptism in the Spirit.

At one of these night services, Saaga Ouedraogo was preaching. He began to sway back and forth, and grasped the old packing-case pulpit for support. Then,

to the consternation of us all, he fell on his back. I rushed to his side; felt his wrist quickly—no pulse! I put my cheek to his nose and mouth—no breath!

I called for the Mossé elders to come quickly and asked the entire audience to kneel in prayer. What a volume of concentrated prayer arose! The elders and I gathered about the prostrate form. I could feel the cold, clammy death sweat on Saaga's head but we all travailed in prayer together before Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

I do not remember how long we were in prayer, but suddenly a shudder ran through Saaga's body. He spoke. "My hands! My feet!" I felt his pulse and the throb was there. What a shout of Hallelujahs rose from that electrified audience as Saaga sat up! Tears of joy! Shouts of triumph! How can one be composed in such a time when the Almighty God manifests His great love and power? Saaga sat up and wanted to go back to

his preaching. He continued to preach and teach throughout the days of the Bible institute.

Younger Mossé men entering the Lord's work in the Ouahigouya district come under the steady, wholesome influence of Saaga in the fellowship meetings. Through association with him they are adopting long-range policies which are going to stand the test of time. In collaboration with the National leaders, Filip Ouedraogo, Yabyiri Ouedraogo, Daogo Bologo, and twelve other preachers, the work in Ouahigouya goes on in the absence of missionaries. These preachers are not dependent upon us to send them funds nor upon obtaining commercial products for trading to make money. They farm, do leather work, weave cloth or have other part-time occupations to supplement the agricultural tithes of converts until they can be fully supported. Christians are taught tithing and they experience the compensation of God's blessing on their lives and their occupations.

We give glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is calling out such men as Saaga to lead the Mossé church—a man with whom we delight to fellowship in prayer and in the reading of Scripture.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Miss May Garner returned to Nigeria on November 26 for another term of service.



Mr. and Mrs. Pedro B. Torres and children recently returned to Cuba. Mr. Torres is the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in that country.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bard arrived in New York on November 20 from Egypt. Their address is 796 North Glassell, Orange, California.

## "Growing Pains" in Tokyo

THE ENROLLMENT IN TOKYO'S Central Bible Institute has increased. As necessity demanded, the Japanese executives and missionaries prayerfully considered the need and the finances. As a result, the Lord has given us some of the needed personnel to work in the headquarters, Bible School, Sunday School, and literature offices. These four are all located in a cramped space on the second floor of the Bible School administration building. Even though the radio mailing office has been moved to the broadcasting studio, the present space still is not adequate for shipping, storage, and editing of our publications. It is our earnest desire to expand enough to serve Japan's growing Pentecostal fellowship properly.

The present girls' dormitory at the Bible School is too small to house the students. After getting a general estimate for this and making comparisons, we find that for a very little more we can build a new two-story dormitory and release the present one-story building for the Sunday School and literature departments. We want to move the present building to a more suitable location. There is enough room on the Bible School compound for it. We feel very fortunate in this, as here in Tokyo the present cost of building lots is at least

as much as the cost of the building itself, if not much higher.

While we are grateful to the Lord for the great progress in our gospel literature ministry, we do not have enough qualified translators and editors who have time to work. Only capable scholars can produce literature suitable for a highly literate and critical people like the Japanese, and such people are in demand elsewhere. The inherent difficulties in the Japanese language make it necessary to proofread at least seven times to eliminate typographical errors, to say nothing of writing style. We pledge ourselves to strive continually to produce literature with no offense, save the offense of the Cross! Our over-worked pastors and executives are doing their best to serve as translators. A unified publications department, housed under one roof, with a place to store books on the first floor, is the desire of our entire Japan constituency.

—MARIE JUERGENSEN and  
MARGARET E. CARLOW

(Praise God for the thriving, progressive work of the Central Bible Institute in Tokyo! Pray that the above-mentioned needs shall be met and that this strong work for the Lord shall continue to grow.)

# A BASIC ELEMENT OF REVIVAL

by EMIL A. BALLIET

**Y**OU KNOW WHERE AND HOW revival begins. For you, revival is the gracious moving of the Holy Ghost, in life-giving power, in your heart!

Preparing the way for that heaven-born, spiritual move is the attitude of which the Psalmist speaks when he cries, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him" (Psalm 62:5).

Here is one of the basic elements of revival—it lies in turning from everything and everyone else, and coming in trusting expectancy to God alone.

Just recently, J. Raymond Ton conducted a children's crusade in our church. Morning after morning several hundred children waited impatiently for the doors to open and the meeting to begin. Several times circumstances kept us from starting the meeting on time. The children pounded on the doors and begged us to begin! When we opened the doors, they rushed past us to find favorite seats at the front.

After one of these stampedes Brother Ton asked me, "Is your congregation that eager to hear you?" And then he went on to say that this eagerness on the part of the children makes preaching to adults seem tame!

I wonder if Christ had this sense of eager anticipation in mind when He said, "Except ye become as little children. . . ."

Guileless, open-eyed, open-minded expectation! Coming to God with the absolute certainty that He will meet with you, and that joy, and peace, and blessing will flow in His presence!

When you contrast this simplicity in attitude with the blasé spirit of our times, and the mixed motives with which men come to church, then you understand how basic the spirit of expectation really is! The spirit of expectation is simply a strong, overpowering desire to meet with God, knowing that He alone can satisfy your heart's longing.

The Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." In the Old Testament, one of the most graphic expressions of spiritual thirst is voiced by David, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul

after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, the living God!"

Jesus said that the man is blessed who has a keen, gripping, spiritual desire for God!

David Brainerd says in his *Journal*: "I prayed from the sun half-hour high to sundown. My clothes were wet with perspiration; but my Lord did sweat drops of blood for me. I prayed for more compassion."

How do you explain such fervor in prayer? Soul thirst! Eager expectation of meeting with God!

It is said that the saintly Fletcher actually stained the wall with his breath where he hourly waited on God.

One might go on for hours relating the accounts of those who have sought God in prayer. Their prayer lives were but outward manifestations of the deep, consuming hunger of their hearts.

In saying, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst," Christ placed His finger

on this basic element of revival. Revival grows out of wanting God. Wanting God so intensely that the physical pangs of hunger and thirst are the only ways to adequately describe this spiritual desire.

Do you know what it means to be hungry? Have you ever felt the gnawing, aching pangs of unsatisfied appetite?

Perhaps you have heard Glenn Horst tell of the Chinese who came to the mission station begging for food. The man's plea was so pitiful that they agreed to feed him in exchange for some labor. Brother Horst said that feeding that Chinese was like trying to fill the bottomless pit! The man said that in all of his life, up to this time, he had never had his appetite satisfied!

It is not difficult to feed hungry people! Everything tastes good to them. They have no time to waste on beautiful menus or luxurious surroundings. Good wholesome food, in plentiful supply, is all they desire.

The most difficult people to serve are those who are not hungry. Nothing tastes good to them. They fancy themselves as authoritative gourmets, and become sharply critical of all that is served.

Job said, "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food!" He esteemed God's Word, God's presence, and God's blessing as more important, more desirable than necessary food! Oh, how much New Testament saints could learn from this tested Old Testament saint!

I have heard David H. McDowell tell



## E. A. BALLIET PASSES MINISTERIAL MILESTONE

What was originally announced to be a gospel musicale for a Saturday evening service recently in the North Hollywood (California) Assembly of God turned out to be a surprise celebration of Pastor Emil A. Balliet's twenty-fifth year in the ministry. Last month he started his fourth year as pastor of the North Hollywood church.

While the pastor and his teen-age daughter Judy were playing a violin trio with another member of the church orchestra, "newsboys" entered with papers, shouting "Extra! Extra!" The interruption signalled the start of an interesting program of "This Is Your Life" style.

Early boyhood days, school days, Bible school education, the meeting of his future wife, various teaching and ministry posts through the years, the arrival of three children in the Balliet home, and many other events of his life were highlighted in the program. Some congratulatory messages came from leaders of the Assemblies in this land and from missionaries across the seas.

A reception in the new \$75,000 Sunday School annex, dedicated in November, followed the unique presentation.

—Dorothy H. Martin, church publicist.

the gripping account of the outpouring of God's Spirit in New York. The people had not received, nor had they seen others receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Great spiritual hunger possessed them so that whole nights were spent seeking God. It was in the midst of this earnest thirsting after God that the flame of Pentecost was kindled.

Revival is born in the hearts of those who are possessed with the spirit of expectation, those who hunger and thirst after God!

This spirit of expectation, of longing for God, is a very real part of worship. "The Father seeketh such as will worship Him in Spirit and in truth."

God is drawn in response to the eager seeking of one who worships HIM. The Greek word translated "worship" simply means "to kiss toward." It is an act of affection, an act of devotion.

Full satisfying love cannot be one-sided. Nor can it be affection manifested from a sense of duty! Full, satisfying love is the meeting of two hearts on fire with the flame of love.

True worship is filled with the fire of love. Worship is the spiritual act of affection and devotion offered to God.

Just as perfunctory responses are unacceptable to us, so dutiful responses are unsatisfactory to God. Drawing nigh to God with your lips, when your heart is doting on others, is revolting to God!

Did you know that in an electric storm there is an invisible tracer, or rising of electricity from the earth, which corresponds to a similar tracer from the skies? These tracers actually create the path down which the bolt of electricity flashes. A split second before the bolt of lightning, these tracers have opened the path for the flashing electricity.

The rising of true spiritual devotion in worship always finds the seeking tracers of God's love in response, and the resultant bolt of lightning is God's revival with light and power in the individual soul!

It is the devil's wish to lull God's people into apathy, into indifference. The devil knows that when the warmth of devotion is present in worship, the fire of God's answer quickly follows. He will do his best to keep you from uttering the words of affection and love for God. He fears such words lest, through true worship, revival and spiritual power come to your soul.

Christian, it makes a transforming difference when you begin to be fervent and ardent in your worship.

Return to the words of the Psalmist: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him." God is pleased when men come to Him, trusting in Him alone to meet their heart's desire. Not men; not gifts; not

even miracles—but trusting only God Himself. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being."

Hyman Appelman once said that, as a young preacher, he was anxious to be a blessing, and to glorify Christ. In company with other preachers, he had attended a meeting where the Lord stirred his soul. At the conclusion of the meeting, they all went to prayer, and on his knees Hyman Appelman sobbed brokenly before the Lord. He prayed that revival might burn in his soul, and that he might be used to lead men to Christ. While he was praying, he felt an arm around his shoulders, and he looked up into the face of a minister whom he greatly respected in the Lord. This older brother had heard Hyman pray, and he simply said, "Hyman, just keep Jesus sweet in your soul! Just keep Jesus sweet in your soul!"

That's revival, friends! When we come to God with deep desire, with burning love, and with all of our expectation centered in Him, we have revival!

## REVIVAL IS BELIEVING

PROBABLY NO WORD IN AN EVANGELICAL'S vocabulary is more misunderstood and yet more cherished than *revival*. Throughout this century, more intensely in the past decade, no subject has caused more comment and concern than revival.

"Where's that revival?" church folk are now asking. But revival is not something like a streamliner scheduled to pull into the station at 7:32. There is no timetable for revival. It comes when man's heart is ready to receive the Holy Spirit's power working through the life. It comes when man wants it.

"Revival is just around the corner," comes the dubious reply. But it is not like a thief lurking in the shadows of a city building. Revival will not pounce on unsuspecting Christians. Rather, it comes to a prepared people. God has established the conditions; it is man's opportunity to fulfill them.

"Revival is breaking; see all the signs," say the optimists. But revival doesn't come like a thunderstorm on a summer night. Its course cannot be charted like a winter cold wave. Because a spirit of revival strikes the Hebrides, shakes the Congo, pervades the missionaries of Japan and touches certain Christian workers of India is no indication that it will reach us tomorrow. God works through individuals, not geographic locations. Climatic

conditions have nothing to do with it, but the fervor of the heart does.

"Another revival will never come; God doesn't work that way anymore," say the pessimists. But revival isn't like a worn-out pair of shoes or a broken bat. It hasn't outlived its usefulness. Even as the frightened disciples after Christ's ascension needed Pentecost, so do Christians today need a spiritual revival.

No, revival is not an easy thing. It is more than a spiritual awakening. A spiritual awakening causes the regeneration of the unsaved, but revival works in the hearts of Christians.

Revival means more than humility, repentance, and sorrow for sin. All these are necessary before a person can establish contact with God. God ignores the desires of the proud and sinful. He may also ignore the desires of the humble, upright Christian who lacks the faith to claim the promises of Scripture. God wants possessing belief. "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6). "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

It is not enough for us to be like clay; revival is not passive. God wants *Joshuas* who will conquer in the name of the Lord. One writer has said, "Limpness in the hand of God is not prayer. Utmost prayer is to unyieldingly refuse a denial and most ardently insist and persist on having our rights in Christ."

"Effectual fervent prayer... availeth much" (James 5:16), and that kind of prayer will engender revival. But effectual prayer means faith—faith that God will answer as He promised in His Word. All these things we have known, of course, for years, but we've never fully acted upon them.

Maybe that's why we haven't seen revival yet.

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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.**—Two evangelists have recently contributed much to the spiritual blessing of the church here. Some time back James Tucker of Oklahoma City conducted a youth revival. More recently Paul Fleming of La Crescenta, Calif. conducted services in which many new contacts were made and a new Sunday School attendance record (excepting Easter) was reached.

—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor

**EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.**—The Sunday School and church here were greatly strengthened during the recent evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. James O. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo. The power of God was manifested in saving the lost, healing the sick, and baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit.

—Randol L. Mercer, Pastor

**THORN, CALIF.**—Redwood Chapel has had two good evangelistic campaigns in recent months. Virgil and Edythe Warens had a successful children's revival in which many were saved. Just recently the Musical Biblers conducted a two-week series of meetings. The whole church was refreshed and several were saved.

—H. R. Parish, Pastor

**HERCULANEUM, MO.**—In the recent evangelistic meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John D. Wetzel there was a real moving of God. Five were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—H. E. Richardson, Pastor

**WAXAHACHIE, TEX.**—The congregation of the First Assembly of God greatly enjoyed the ministry of O. R. Ball of Ripley, Tenn., recently. All of the meetings were signally blessed of the Lord.

—B. F. Hickman, Pastor

**CLARKSVILLE, ARK.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutcheon recently concluded a 16-day revival here. Some were saved and healed, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Others received a great blessing from the meeting.

—Clyde Daniel, Pastor

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.**—Four weeks of glorious revival were recently concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutcheon of Austin, Tex. The Holy Ghost moved in each service. A great number gave testimony of divine healing and several received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some also were saved.

—Norman McCutcheon, Pastor

**GREENVILLE, S. C.**—The First Assembly of God recently closed a most successful evangelistic service with "The Musical Vans." Some 40 knelt at the altar for salvation, numbers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were some very definite healings. During a special Sunday School rally there were 560 in attendance. The spirit of revival still lingers.

—G. E. Gould, Pastor

**AKRON, O.**—The fall revival in the Central Assembly of God was led by Evangelist William Devereaux of Los Angeles. The Lord worked in a most blessed way. Nine persons sought the Lord for salvation including a Catholic woman who is now going on in a joyful experience. Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit—one of them while she was sitting in her seat.

Several testimonies were given as to the healing power of the Lord. One man was scheduled to have an operation on his eyes for cataracts. After prayer, he was examined by a specialist who stated his eyes were greatly improved. The operation was cancelled. A woman with every symptom of cancer was perfectly healed. The effects of the revival permeated the entire church.

—Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor



## 181 BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SPRINGFIELD MEETINGS

The Southside Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo. recently experienced a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit during meetings with Evangelist Warren Litzman. In less than three weeks 181 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Twenty-one received the Baptism during the Sunday School hour on the last Sunday. Baptists, Nazarenes, Methodists, people from the Church of God and the Christian Church were among those filled with the Spirit.

A number were saved and some received outstanding healings.

One man who had been a member of the church for 13 years testified that the Lord lengthened one of his limbs which had been shorter than the other. The church was packed the first Sunday night and people were turned away. As a result, several week-night services and the last two Sunday night services were held in the Jewell theatre. The last Sunday morning of the campaign, Brother Litzman raised over \$2,000 in pledges on the new church lot. The spirit of revival continues in the church.—Jack West, pastor.

## THE KING'S CHORALIERS

A unique evangelistic endeavor was carried out during the past summer months by Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom and the King's Choraliars. The 14-voice mixed choir (see photo) traveled 10,000 miles in the eastern states conducting one-night evangelism rallies. The combination of beautiful musical arrangements and the preaching of Evangelist Fagerstrom resulted in over 100 conversions, and with a number being healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. The choir was trained and directed by Bernice Kovacs of Milwaukee. The accompanist was Hazel Crabtree of Bangor, Maine.

Plans are now being made for a similar group to travel in the western states during the summer of 1956.



HARTFORD, ILL.—Evangelist J. Haskel Wooldridge of Durant, Fla., recently concluded a three-week meeting. The attendance was good throughout the meeting, and many new people came to the services. Nine were saved and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were a number of definite healings. One man who had an affliction of long standing testified to being healed in the Communion service, and a lady was healed of a heart condition.

Upon the suggestion of the evangelist, penny offerings were received each night to send THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL to those who are not acquainted with the Pentecostal message. As a result, 21 subscriptions were entered.

On Sunday, November 20, the church celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary.

—Roy B. Warner, Pastor

BEMIDJI, MINN.—Three weeks of revival were recently concluded by Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Ia. Ten knelt at the altar for salvation and three received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. A number testified of the healing power of God. The church was greatly refreshed.

—Arnold C. Mack, Pastor

DANGERFIELD, TEX.—Many people attended the ten nights of revival here with Evangelist J. D. McVickers of Texarkana, Ark. and Delton I. Mills, song director and Sunday School instructor. A number were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

—Derwood Jumper, Pastor

SENTINEL, OKLA.—A successful revival was recently conducted by Harold Baker of Wetumka, Okla. Five were saved and a goodly number healed by the power of God.

—Erwin W. Moore, Pastor

WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—Two revival meetings have been conducted in recent months in this church. In August, Ronald Hastie preached for two weeks and three were saved. More recently the Kenneth Marshall Evangelistic Party conducted services and several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Each of these revivals has put new life into the church.

—D. B. Shaw, Pastor

CHICOTA, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. K. C. Holcomb recently concluded special meetings that were blessed of the Lord. One Baptist family received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and another Baptist family is seeking a similar experience. On the last Saturday night of the revival, nine young people offered their lives in special dedication to any field of labor to which the Lord may call them.

—Billy Stephens, Pastor

DANVILLE, ILL.—Some 35 people came to the altar for salvation during the recent evangelistic meetings conducted by the Kenneth Marshall Evangelistic Party of Hartford, Ill. A number were healed by the supernatural power of God. One woman who had suffered for months from arthritis and could not raise her arms or bend her fingers, joyfully demonstrated what God had done in healing her. New families joined the congregation, and the results continue after the meetings have closed.

—James E. Hyllberg, Pastor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle recently enjoyed a unique evangelistic meeting in which three evangelists participated. The speakers were C. M. Ward, Warren Litzman, and Hardie Weathers. Brother Ward preached some very inspiring sermons during the first week which culminated with a great

REVIVALTIME Rally in Constitution Hall on Sunday night. At this time the Assemblies of God coast-to-coast ABC Radio program was released live from the stage of Constitution Hall. The total attendance that evening was estimated to be about 1400. The following Monday evening the REVIVALTIME Choir was heard by a capacity audience at the Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Evangelist Litzman was the evening speaker for the services of the second week, and his ministry proved to be of great benefit. Many souls were saved, sick bodies healed, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

One lady received her full vision during the preaching of a sermon, and was so overjoyed that she leaped to her feet to tell about it. A man received complete healing from a skin disorder of long standing. A pianist testifies of being healed of an arthritic condition in her hands.

An outstanding feature of the meetings was the faith-building messages of Brothers Weathers at the daily morning services. It was estimated that about 100 people indicated a desire to be saved during these meetings.

—Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor

COLUMBUS, NEBR.—The Christ's Ambassadors sponsored a very attractive booth at the Platte County Fair in September. Back-dated literature from the Gospel Publishing House and gospel tracts were provided for free distribution by the Public Relations Department. Other headquarters departments provided posters for decorating the booth. Bibles and New Testaments were sold and approximately 10,000 pieces of literature were given away. The C.A.'s were blessed by the endeavor and many people received a spiritual message at the fair.

—Harold James, Pastor

# Healing Testimonies

## MIRACULOUS RECOVERY FROM AMYLOID DEGENERATION

In October 1950 I entered the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Ill. for extensive examination for bladder hemorrhaging. After 31 days there I was sent to Mayo Clinic, where my case was diagnosed as amyloid degeneration, a disease in which the body cells deteriorate. The doctors dismissed me without any hope for my recovery. I was told that if I was still alive in six months I should return for further examination. I was unsaved at this time.

My condition continued to grow worse, and the company for whom I worked sent me to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. There again I was told there was no hope. In the meantime I had started to attend the Assemblies of God in Pekin, Ill.; but a year passed before I gave my heart to the Lord.

In 1951, while visiting relatives, I attended the Assembly in Van Buren, Ark. and was converted.

After being anointed and prayed for several times for my healing I was told by a minister that if I would do that which God had told me to do I would receive my healing. After returning to my home in Pekin, Ill. I talked this matter over with the local pastor, C. E. Richeson, and he advised me to do this thing.

I praise God that after full obedience I received complete healing for my body. The Lord has healed me of several other serious afflictions since that time and all these healings hold good today. I have also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I am enjoying good health and the blessings of the Lord.—Ernest M. Winn, Pekin, Ill.

(Endorsed by C. E. Richeson, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Pekin, Ill.)

## HEALED OF DIABETES

The Lord has wonderfully healed me of sugar diabetes. I had worked at the Veterans Hospital here in Danville for years, but after contracting this disease I was unable to continue working and was retired on disability for almost a year. Now I am back at work.

I believe in divine healing and so was prayed for by my pastor, James E. Hyllberg, and by one of the good sisters in the church. After this I was again examined by my family doctor, and also by the Veterans Administration doctor; and the report of both doctors came back negative.

I have been rehired at the Veterans Hospital, after being out of work for almost a year. I do thank my Lord and Saviour for healing me of this awful disease, and for restoring me to my family and my job.—Jay C. Davis, R. R. 4, Danville, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor James E. Hyllberg, Danville, Ill. who states, "Brother Davis has been working for months and is in perfect health.")

## CHILDLESS COUPLE GIVEN A BABY

Ever since we married in 1951 we had hoped to have a family. But finally it seemed hopeless. Even the doctor could do nothing for us, because of my physical condition.

In 1953 both my husband and I found the Lord as our Saviour. Then someone suggested that we pray and ask the Lord to help us. We did pray, but it seemed that our prayers were not answered.

In October 1954 Evangelist Walter Kronberg came to Fostoria to hold a revival meeting. One evening he preached a wonderful message on faith and then called for those who needed healing to form a line. After I entered the line, the devil kept telling me that I had no right to be there. But, praise God, I went through anyway. The Lord healed me that night, and now we have a healthy baby girl, Deborah Rose.

We have never stopped thanking God for giving us a little daughter. We want her to grow up to serve Him.—Mrs. Richard Duvall, 734 Oaklawn Ave., Fostoria, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph Ferrante, Fostoria, Ohio.)



Deborah Rose Duvall



Mrs. Gary Silva

## MUSCLE DISEASE HEALED

For seven years I suffered with myasthenia gravis, an incurable muscle disease. At times every muscle in my body would completely "collapse." I also had an inactive gall bladder for fifteen years, which caused me much pain. My arteries and blood vessels were "clogged," so that I was numb all over my body. For thirty years I smoked cigarettes and was not able to quit.

But now, praise the Lord, I know Christ as my Saviour and Physician.

Soon after I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, Brother Ogilvie came to Sacramento to conduct a salvation-healing campaign. I entered the prayer line, hoping to receive complete deliverance, and I did. All praise to Jesus Christ, I am now entirely well. No more cigarettes. No more pain. I feel better than I ever have before.

This was complete, instantaneous delivery. When my husband saw what the Lord had done for me he also became a Christian, and now we serve the Lord together. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. Gary Silva, 320-10th St., Sacramento, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Snyder, North Sacramento, Calif., chairman of the Ogilvie tent campaign.)

## DIABETIC HEALED

I had been suffering for several years, and in March 1946 a doctor found I had sugar diabetes so bad I was almost ready to go into a coma. He put me on a very strict diet and I had to give myself shots of insulin daily.

In that same year I had to have an operation to remove a large growth in my stomach. The doctors were afraid I wouldn't heal, because of the diabetes. I was in a backslidden condition and I was afraid to die, but the Lord was merciful and spared my life.

In May 1951 we moved to Winston, Oregon. By this time I was so weak



and run-down that I could do very little work. I could feel myself slipping fast.

In September God led me to the Winston Assembly of God, which had recently been started. I was hungry for God, and there He saved me and filled me.

My daughter and I had heard that a certain well-known evangelist was coming to Portland, so we were praying that we would get to go to the meetings so that he could pray for me. But one night I was talking to a lady who told me I could get my healing in our own church as well as anywhere. God is no respecter of persons, she reminded me.

At the prayer meeting on Wednesday night I asked our pastor, Brother Bicknell, and his wife and the congregation to fast and really pray for my healing. They did this, and one week later (Aug. 18, 1954) God healed me of sugar diabetes. After many years of suffering I was made whole. Now I can eat anything I want and still feel good. I give God all the praise for my healing.—Mrs. Ruby Hogg, Winston, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. O. Bicknell, Winston, Oreg.)

### MISSIONARY SENDS HEALING TESTIMONY FROM VENEZUELA

Hilda Meyrick writes from Barquisimeto, Venezuela: "God has graciously met and healed one of the old ladies of the church. She has had cancer of the skin for fifteen years and has suffered agony with one arm. Since coming here we have been praying constantly for healing and there has been improvement. A few weeks ago she said to me, 'Miss Hilda, I am going to surprise you one of these days, as there is a great change in my condition.'

"Yesterday in the service she lifted her arm up to praise God for healing and when she took the sleeve from her arm it was as the skin of a babe. Glory to God, we have a gospel of power. We do not have to go in our own strength, but He gives the equipment!"

### BABY HEALED OF ALLERGY

My baby was allergic to milk from its birth. We were unable to keep any kind of milk on his stomach. We went to two baby specialists and tried eleven different kinds of milk, to no avail. The baby specialists said they could not guarantee any kind of milk for my baby. Quite naturally, instead of gaining weight my baby was losing weight, and he looked really pitiful.

On the night of September 15, while attending a revival in our church (First Assembly of God, Enterprise, Ala.) conducted by Robert Rogers, my sick baby was healed through the prayer of faith.

Upon returning home I fed him pasteurized milk and he was able to keep it. Since that time he has been retaining his milk, is gaining weight as any normal child, sleeps well, and is doing wonderfully. We do thank the Lord for healing our baby.—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Duncan, 207 East Park Avenue, Enterprise, Ala.

(Endorsed by Howard P. Trawick, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Enterprise, Ala. who states: "Brother and Sister Duncan live just two doors from the parsonage. I see the baby almost every day. He is gloriously healed.")

## Kitchen Cathedral

Dorothy C. Haskin



### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

"UNLESS ONE RESOLVES TO DO, ONE NEVER DOES." There have been so many jokes made about good resolutions that we may have lost sight of their true value. Actually, resolutions are splendid things, for unless one decides to make a change in his ways, he will never make it. Here are a few suggested resolutions for Mom, things which in her heart she has long wanted to do. Now is the time, with the help of the Lord, to start doing them.

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"I WILL GIVE OF MY HEART AND TIME TO OTHERS." I know my days are limited, but I believe God means for me to be a partner in His great world, so I will assume at least one responsibility outside my home—either in the Sunday School or some other worth-while field. If there is a need in my church, I will give it preference because there are those who don't go to church who will help in Parent-Teacher Associations and such organizations. When life gets so busy that I feel like dropping the responsibility, I will remind myself that "none of us liveth to himself" (Romans 14:7).

"I WILL SPEAK GENTLY TO MY HUSBAND AND CHILDREN." I know how easy it is to be cross with those I love; but because they love me, I should give to them my best self. Strangers will forget me, but my expressions of love will color the lives of all my family. And when I am tempted to be cross, when my husband just won't fix the radio and the children just won't come to meals on time, then I will remember, "The servant

of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all, apt to teach, patient" (2 Timothy 2:24).

"I WILL DEVOTE A SET TIME EACH DAY TO CARING FOR MY PERSONAL APPEARANCE." This resolution will be appreciated both by my friends and by my family, but it is important to me too because outward attractiveness brings inward poise. I may have to neglect some household duty to take a bath and change my dress before my husband's arrival from work, but my neatness will set the spirit for the evening. When I feel too rushed to take proper care of myself, I will remind myself of the most solemn reason of all for looking my best. I will remember that the Bible says, "Ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

"I WILL SPEND TIME ALONE WITH GOD." I know that only as I keep this tryst will I have adequate strength to keep the other resolutions. It may be the first few minutes of the morning, or it may be right after my family has left the house, or in the mid-afternoon when my chores are done, but I will daily seek God. He deserves my worship and praise. I need His comfort and guidance. When life swirls about me and duties clamor, I will remember what the Psalmist said—"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Psalm 27:8).

Because "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41), I will write on a slip of paper whatever resolutions I feel the Lord would have me make and put them in my Bible. Then, the first of each month, I will reread them, reaffirm them—and at the end of the year I will have nothing to regret.

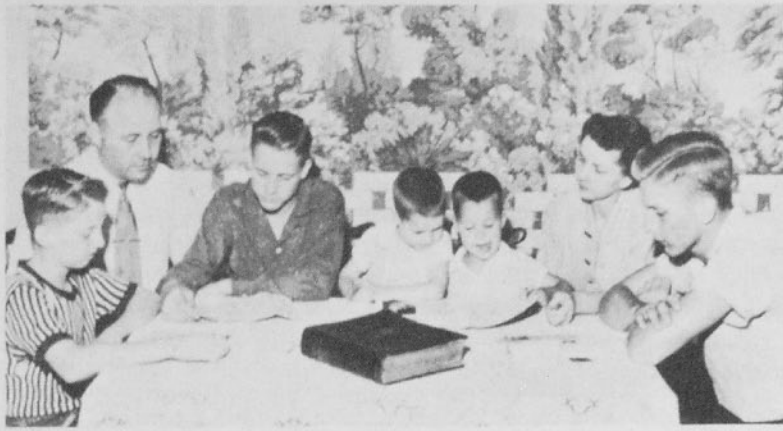
### PRAYERS COME TRUE

Even though we cannot count on dreams coming true, we do know that prayers come true—for God answers prayer.

Sometimes, however, our prayers may not be answered because God wants us to do more than pray.

On page eight of this issue is an article on the Universal Week of Prayer. Included in that article are urgent requests for prayer from various departments of the Assemblies of God. While it is true that all of us can pray for these needs, most of us can do more than that in some instances.

Many of the pressing needs in our departments are of a financial nature. If God speaks to your heart about giving while you are praying about these needs, obey the voice of the Lord. Know the joy of co-operation with the Lord in making prayers come true.



BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

# DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, January 2

JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD—John 1:29-41

Every Israelite hearing the words of John, "Behold the Lamb of God," must have remembered the prophetic utterance of Abraham as together with Isaac he trudged up the mountain carrying the wood and fire for a sacrifice. In response to his son's question Abraham replied, "God will provide himself a lamb."

Christianity is unique among all the religions of the world. Every other religion requires man to provide his own sacrifice. Man must attract the attention, earn the favor, and merit the blessing of a reluctant deity.

How different the scene at Calvary! The cross was God's altar. Jesus was God's sacrifice. For we read, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

No longer need we grope blindly after God. We need only come to Calvary, for there God is seeking us. No longer need we search for an acceptable sacrifice, for Christ was "once offered to bear the sins of many." God has provided Himself a Lamb.

—D. G. FOOTE

TUESDAY, January 3

THE PASSOVER LAMB—Exodus 12:3-13

When God instituted the feast of the Passover, He said, "Your lamb shall be without blemish." For this lamb was designed to be a type of Him concerning whom John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It was therefore necessary that it be perfect, for an imperfect Christ could not possibly have redeemed us. The Hebrew word rendered "without blemish" means *complete* or *perfect*. Our Redeemer was perfect. He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Pilate confessed, "I find no fault in this man." Judas wept and said, "I have betrayed the innocent blood."

God wants all the redeemed ones to be like their Redeemer. To this end all things are working together for our good, for God has predestinated us "to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:28, 29).

God takes His children through many experiences we cannot understand, but He is causing these experiences to "work together" to the end that we may be "perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:4), that we may be made after the likeness of the original pattern, the Lord Jesus, and be "holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).

—J. NARVER GORTNER

WEDNESDAY, January 4

"WHERE IS THE LAMB?"—Genesis 22:1-8

What kind of sacrifice pleases the Father? What sort of lamb should we offer to Him? We are glad to offer our rubbish, glad to get rid of it. Silver and gold, cattle and oxen, are no sacrifice for a rich man. Even Hagar's son is not an acceptable offering to God, for Ishmael is the fruit of human conniving and must be cast out.

Then "where is the lamb" that God will accept? God said, "Offer up Isaac," for this son was God-given. He was the child of promise, the object of long deferred hope, the one in whom all the kindreds of the earth would be blessed. God can accept only what He Himself has given to be offered. God will receive back to Himself from us, only what He Himself has put in us. This God-given life is born to be offered—not that it might perish, but that greater blessings might be realized through the sacrifice. God, blessed be His name, "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up FOR US ALL."

—HATTIE HAMMOND

THURSDAY, January 5

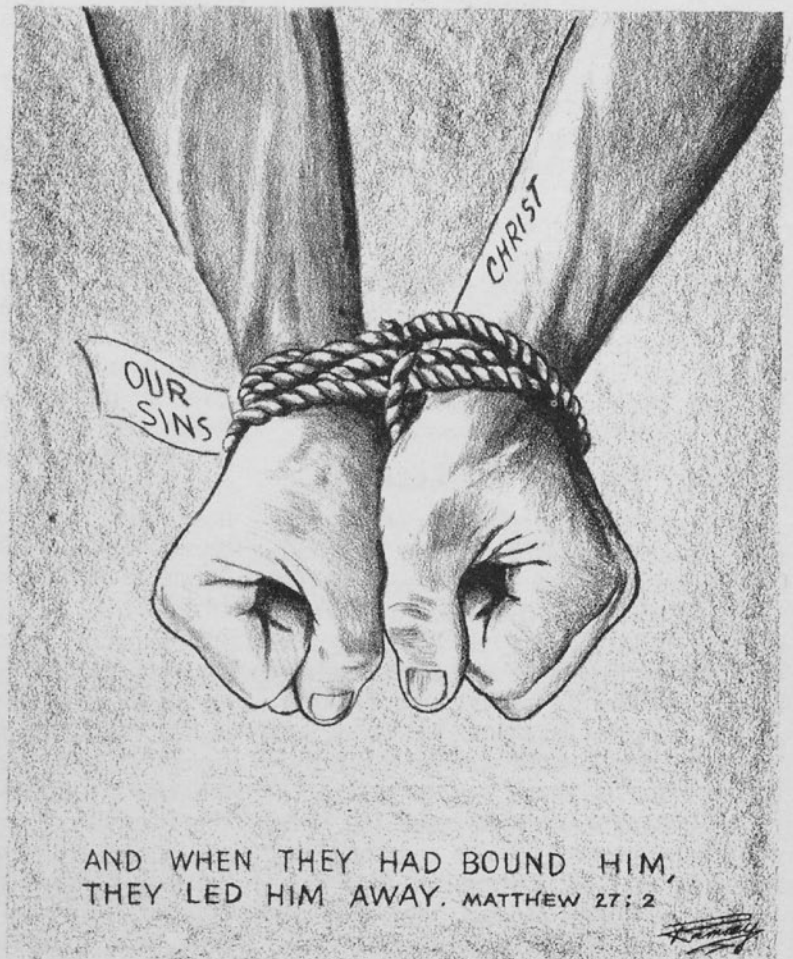
CHRIST OUR PASSOVER—1 Corinthians 5:6-13

When Christ died for all mankind, He was the true and literal Passover of God for the whole world. He was God's Lamb dying for humanity. All the types were now fulfilled; here was the reality instead of a shadow.

That which had been begun in Egypt, incorporated into the Jewish law, and observed by them for many generations, now came to an end. For here was the true Passover, Jesus Himself.

The rivers of animal blood had been shed, and the millions of innocent beasts had died to bear the sins of the guilty. But animal blood could only cover sin, and could never remove

"BROUGHT AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER"



# REVIVALTIME

## Reaches the College Students

One of Christianity's greatest challenges today is found in the universities and colleges of America where hundreds of thousands of young people are working out their vocational requirements. During these years of study their Christian faith is tried to the limit. In some cases their faith has been shattered with the teaching of materialism, evolution, and other false philosophies.

REVIVALTIME has found an open door in colleges and universities across the country. Students from at least twenty-five universities and colleges have written to express warm appreciation for the broadcast. Their testimonies speak for themselves:

WEST HALL, M.S.T.C., Mayville, N. Dak. "I am attending Teacher's College here at Mayville. Pray for me that the Lord may use me to witness for Him. I will need the Lord while I am here in a special way."

YALE UNIVERSITY, Long Island, N.Y. "I am a student at Yale. I was in great danger of leaving the righteous path and feel strongly that your inspiring program helped halt my waywardness. I was afflicted by the sins of pride, jealousy and hate."

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE, Jacksonville, Fla. "I have heard your program. I was very interested and it gave me joy. I have made my decision to work for Christ the rest of my life."



C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME Speaker, chats with college students

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, New Brunswick, N. J. "I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful program which you broadcast Sunday nights. It has been more inspiring to me than any other religious program I've heard."

MEDICAL SCHOOL, Washington, D.C. "This is the first time I have ever written to a minister in response to a sermon, but your program impressed me as being one of great sincerity and you a man of great conviction. I feel that I am being helped by your program."

ASBURY COLLEGE, Wilmore, Ky. "I make it a point to listen to all of your services. Your program is thoroughly enjoyed by many of the girls here at school, and we praise God for a ministry such as yours."

## News Flash

Revivaltime was released on the following new stations, beginning the week of December 4:

WINNFIELD, LA. (KVCL)

Sunday—10:30 p.m. (1,000 watts; 1270 kilocycles)

JAMAICA, BRITISH WEST INDIES (Jamaica Broadcasting Company)

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it. When the blood of Jesus was shed, it dealt with the sin problem to the utter satisfaction of God, so that the sin of those who believed on Him was removed as far as the east is from the west.

It is a great consolation for all of us to know that by faith we have sprinkled the blood of Jesus on the doorposts and lintels of our hearts, so that we are and forever remain under the protecting and cleansing power of that precious blood.

—FRANK J. LINDQUIST

FRIDAY, January 6

THE CORN OF WHEAT—John 12:20-32

Our Saviour taught many of the deep spiritual truths by means of illustrations from the commonplace things familiar to us all. He reminded His disciples of the wheat which, while it lay in the barn, was of little profit to anyone. In order to become fruitful the kernel of wheat must "fall into the ground and die." Then it would give forth life and multiply itself many times. Jesus made it clear to His disciples that He was about to die, as a corn of wheat, but that He thus would give eternal life to others.

As the hour of His crucifixion drew near, Jesus endeavored to convey to His disciples in simplest terms the gravity and the reality of their responsibility. The great work of directing mankind into eternal life was now theirs. In doing this they would be called upon to lay down their lives also. What a challenge to them!

The responsibility is equally ours. Are we also ready to die out to self and to our desires; yea, even to lay down our lives as our Saviour did, in order that others may accept Christ?

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (v. 24).

—WALLACE S. BRAGG

SATURDAY, January 7

CHRIST FORETELLS HIS PASSION—Matthew 16:21-27

After Peter's confession that Jesus was the Christ, our Lord for the first time made mention of His suffering and death—but not without mentioning His resurrection, too. Peter could not understand the mind of Christ, and sought to dissuade Him from such a course. "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee," said Peter. Jesus detected the enemy here and replied, "Get thee behind me, Satan: . . . thou savourest not [hast no regard for] the things that be of God."

God's mind now for His people is that we take up our cross, deny self, and lose our lives for Jesus' sake and the gospel's. Let us take the path of rejection and shame. Let us "lose out," "sell out," for His dear sake. For when He comes in glory He will richly reward those who have borne shame for His name in this wicked day. It is still true that without a cross there can be no crown.

To sustain us in this evil day, God gives us a glimpse of that future glory and causes us to partake of the powers of that coming age. We must be faithful till we see Him, lest we be ashamed before Him at His coming. Arise, let us follow our blessed Lord!

—T. J. JONES

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Gallup Polls on Religion

Dr. George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, says that the most interesting polls taken by his organization have been on religious questions. He says that his interviewers run into resistance when they ask individuals how they voted in the last election, but never when they ask about religious preferences or church affiliation.

The Gallup polls show that the number of atheists in the U. S. is no more than one to two per cent, he says.

He reports that, according to his polls, "the most religious people are the happiest; and the most irreligious people are the most unhappy."

## Healing Services to Be Held in Episcopal Church

The Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, Pa., plans to inaugurate a monthly service of healing. It will consist of prayer and meditation, and an invitation to all who are sick to come forward for the laying on of hands by the minister, the Very Reverend Benjamin Minifie

The dean said that while prayer is not to be considered a substitute for medical treatment, he hopes the healing services will "demonstrate God's concern for the bodies of men as well as their souls. . . . God's healing power often comes where there is faith and trust instead of fear and guilt."

## "Handwriting on the Wall"

The appearance of a new provisional government in Argentina under Major General Pedro E. Aramburu is not expected to change the new cordial relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Government. President Aramburu gave the people this assurance in his inaugural address.

Evangelicals are deeply concerned over the new situation. The Confederation of Evangelicals of the River Platte addressed the Government saying: "We are disturbed at the reintroduction of the Catholic teaching into the schools, and at the (proposed) Concordat with the Vatican." They asked that the "Register of Cults" (which is used to police faiths other than Roman Catholic) be abolished. They asked the Government to remember the contributions of the Evangelicals in the various areas of national life. As *Newsweek* puts it, they do not like "the handwriting on the wall."

## Conquering a Jungle for Christ

Robert J. LeTourneau, designer of heavy earth-moving equipment, is making good progress with his Peruvian project. He has a contract with the government of Peru whereby he builds roads, cuts down trees, and turns a large jungle area into productive farmland.

A visitor was amazed at what is being accomplished. "Even more amazing than the great machines," he said, "are the men who operate them. They don't swear or drink. Meals are begun with prayer and there are Bibles in the bunkhouses. Frequently these workers spend their Sundays sharing their faith with Indians in the surrounding countryside. Nothing like it, I was told, has ever been seen in the camps of big American outfits."

The reason, of course, is that the wealthy LeTourneau family is more concerned with the spiritual results of the project than with the social or economic factors. The LeTourneaus are introducing the Peruvians not only to a better way of living but also to the Christian Way of Life.

## Smoking on the Increase

Government reports show that smoking is on the increase again. It is estimated that one and a half million Americans who were smoking cigarettes have quit within the past eighteen months. Medical reports as to the harmful influence of tobacco helped many of these to make the right decision. But thousands of others have joined the ranks of smokers in their place. The Government says that cigarette smoking jumped 4 per cent by the end of 1955, reversing a two-year decline. Americans smoked about 383 billion cigarettes in 1955, some 15 billion more than the previous year and only 11 billion short of the all-time peak in 1952.

## World at the Crossroads

"The western world is standing at the crossroads," says Billy Graham. "Never was the picture darker. Never was the need of divine intervention so desperate. We are facing a political crisis. You can see it in every country. Many of us are going along just as we have in the past. Christian, this is a different age! I believe God is giving the nations an opportunity to repent. If they fail they will be destroyed. The answer for the nations is an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival in which God can speak once again as by fire."

## Runner Enters Spiritual Race

Roger Bannister, British track star, has entered the spiritual race to win an incorruptible crown. The big blond Briton who ran history's first four-minute mile last year was one of the 400 converts who came to Christ during the Billy Graham meetings at Oxford and Cambridge a few weeks ago.

## "How Big Is Your God?"

According to the *Washington Post*, the Princeton astronomer, Henry Norris Russell, had concluded a lecture on the Milky Way and was asked by a woman, "If our world is so little, and the universe is so great, can we really believe that God pays any attention to us?"

"That, madam," replied Dr. Russell, "depends entirely on how big a God you believe in."

## Sentenced to Attend Church

Because of liquor law violations, tavern operator Sam Zolph of Waldo, Wis. will have to go to church every Sunday for a year. Zolph was charged with selling liquor and beer to minors. Circuit Judge F. H. Schlichting placed the tavern owner on probation, ordered his license revoked, and said that if he fails to attend church as prescribed he will have to spend his probationary period in jail.

## Witch Doctors Confer

In Pretoria, South Africa, a hundred witch doctors met recently for a conference. Most of them were well dressed in European clothes. They agreed on a five-year apprenticeship for trainees and discussed the possibility of founding a university to help get rid of "quacks" in their "profession."

## Paul Pictured on Bank Note

A new 500,000-drachma bank note has been issued by the Greek Treasury which bears a picture of the apostle Paul preaching to the Athenians from Mars Hill. The note is worth about \$16.60 in U.S. funds at present.

## Intolerance in Greece

The Berean Jews of Paul's day were immortalized in Holy Scripture because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). But there are Bereans today who are much less open to the gospel truth. The pastor of a gospel church in Berea was recently summoned to appear before the criminal court. He was charged with the crime of preaching Christ to the barber when having his hair cut! As it happened, an official was in the barber shop. Upon hearing the pastor's conversation with the barber he immediately lodged a complaint on the ground that the pastor was proselyting—taking advantage of the poor barber's ignorance! The law against proselyting is a great boon to the state church.

## Fortune Goes to the Dogs

According to *The Rocky Mountain News*, the probate of the will of a prominent Denver educator revealed that he left an estate of \$110,000 and that most of it will go "for better care, protection and general welfare of dogs."

With millions of people in foreign lands, especially children, suffering hunger and in need of the barest essentials for survival, it is a pity that such a large amount of money should be spent on dogs. We recall that Jesus said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it to dogs" (Matthew 15: 26).

## "Oil of Joy" in Israel

The finding of oil in Israel has caused great joy among the Jews. Some are calling the land Isra-oil. President Ben-Zvi put on a ten-gallon hat when he visited Heletz (the oil field) and some of the people began speaking Hebrew with a southern accent, as in Texas.

"Shalom, you all," became a common expression in Beersheba.

Eager Jews from all parts of Israel visited the site, and some brought bottles

in which to take home a bit of the precious black fluid. It was reported that the driver of a car, who had brought many visitors to the oil field, grew a bit weary of all the excitement. When some of his passengers returned to the car full of enthusiasm and showed him their half-filled bottles, the driver's patience ran out.

"What are you so excited about?" he said. "In Texas, instead of one miserable derrick, there are a thousand."

One white-bearded man laughed and said, "You simpleton! Heletz is in Israel. Texas isn't."

## Canada's Supreme Court Rules Quebec Closing Law Invalid

A Montreal bylaw requiring stores to remain closed on six Roman Catholic holy days, and the provincial statute on which it was based, were ruled invalid by the Supreme Court of Canada at Ottawa last Fall. The holy days involved are Christmas, New Year's, Epiphany, Ascension, All Saints' Day, and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Many Montreal stores had consistently defied the law by remaining open on the holy days. They paid fines of \$40 each time.

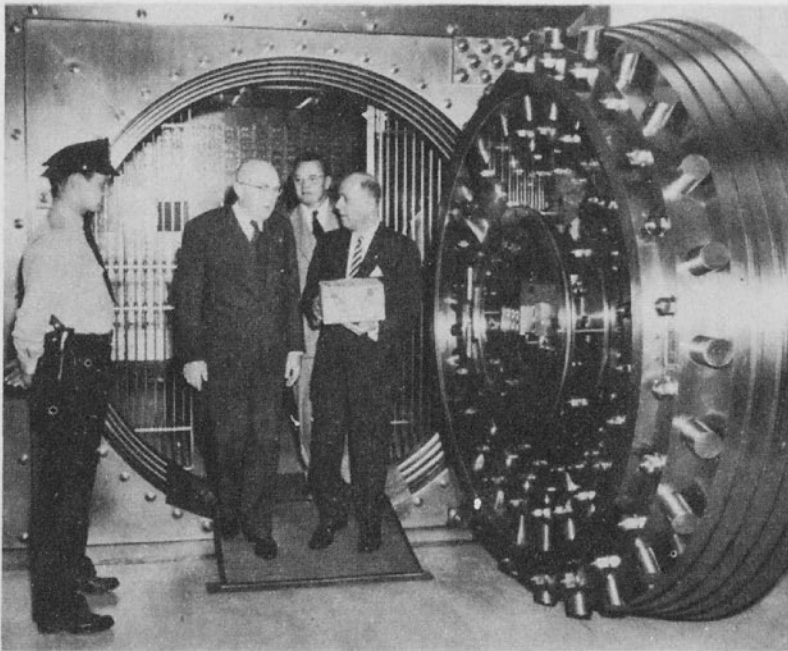
## Charges Against Pastor Dropped

Judge Cecil Curry dismissed charges of zoning law violation which were brought in City Court at Miami, Florida, against the pastor of an Assemblies of God church that was organized recently in a rented store building. The charge had been brought against Pastor James V. Blanco by neighbors who complained that his services were too noisy. It was brought out in the trial that the complaints made no mention of the noise coming from the dancehall and bar that are located in the same building as the new church!

The Judge ruled that while the city zoning board has the power to forbid the erection of church buildings in certain residential areas, it cannot ban the holding of religious services in a building that already stands.

## Taxpayer Clears His Conscience

A "forgetful" Chicago taxpayer cleared his conscience by sending a note to the Collector of Internal Revenue reading: "Kindly accept \$800 owing—enclosed." An official said the money will be placed in the tax bureau's conscience fund.



## ANCIENT NEW TESTAMENT (YONAN CODEX) GOES ON NATION-WIDE TOUR

The Yonan Codex, one of the oldest copies of the New Testament known to scholars, recently left Washington on a tour of the 48 states by bus. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon gave it an official send-off in ceremonies in front of the capitol.

Since April the rare volume has been on display at the Library of Congress. Previously it had been carefully stored in a bank vault. The photo (above, left) shows the box containing the precious manuscript being carried from the vault by Norman Yonan, a member of the family which preserved it through the centuries. The men accompanying him are officials of the Aramaic Bible Foundation.

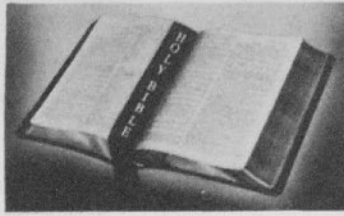
The Codex, shown in photo (above, right), is believed to

be the oldest complete manuscript of the New Testament in Aramaic Syriac, the language spoken by Jesus. It was copied by hand around A. D. 400 and preserved by the Yonan family in the mountains of Iran for hundreds of years. It disappeared during disturbances there in 1918. Eventually it turned up in the United States and came into the hands of Norman Yonan, a retired Washington rug dealer and real-estate man.

The Disabled American Veterans are sponsoring the tour. The organization hopes to raise \$300,000 to purchase the Codex from Mr. Yonan and present it permanently to the Library of Congress.

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# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD

Sunday School Lesson for January 8

*John 1:29-41*

In this lesson we find Jesus walking by the River Jordan, where John was baptizing. John looked up and saw Jesus coming toward him, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

### 1. A DIVINE REVELATION (vv. 29-34).

"Behold the Lamb of God." Behold His *gentleness!* As the Lamb He will not be quick to reprove and condemn, but eager to forgive and restore. He walks among us, not to quench the smoking flax or break the bruised reed, but "to preach good tidings unto the meek; . . . to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Behold also the *purity* of the Lamb of God! He is the "lamb without blemish and without spot." Other sheep are spotted, deformed, tainted by sin. Nothing but a perfect sacrifice could atone for sin; so no ordinary man, were he to give his life as a sacrifice, could merit forgiveness or hope to win favor before God. But Christ was born without original sin, and He never once committed an act of sin. He alone was able to take upon Him the sins of man and become God's Lamb. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

"Behold the Lamb of God." Yes, behold the efficacy of His sacrifice for He "taketh away the sin of the world." All other sacrifices merely postponed the judgment of God, but the blood of this Lamb took away sin, removing it as far as the east is from the west.

He is "a man which is preferred." He did not sit in the glories of heaven and expect man to redeem himself by his own sacrifices. Instead He took upon Himself the form of man and paid the debt for our sins. See Him as the One who baptizes with the Holy Ghost, anointing His people for special service. Behold Him as the Son of God, the only begotten of the Father.

For centuries men had been looking for the Lamb. All Israel was hoping for the coming of a Redeemer. But when He arrived, they did not recognize Him. Even John said twice, "I knew him not." How then did the Baptist come to know his second cousin as the Lamb of God? By revelation of the Spirit of God.

Never has a man come to a knowledge of Christ by depending upon his own wisdom. To know Christ we must become childlike in our dependence upon divine revelation. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ. Only by the Spirit can men say that Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3).

### 2. A PROPER DECISION (vv. 35-39).

While John the Baptist was calling attention to the Lamb of God, "two of his disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus." Thank God, the revelation of the Son is not only for preachers like John, but for all who are willing to follow Him.

John was not jealous that these men were no longer his

followers, for the purpose of his ministry was to point men away from himself and to the Lord. "He must increase, but I must decrease," he declared. Faithfulness in witnessing may not add to our following or contribute to our popularity, but if it causes men to fall in love with Christ we have succeeded.

How important that we be "instant in season, out of season" with our testimony! John could not have known that his simple testimony that day would turn two of his friends to the Lord.

A Christian friend of mine made a business trip with one of his young associates. He had been seeking to win the young man to the Lord, but without success. They shared a hotel room together, and during the night my friend was awakened by the voice of the Lord calling, "Get up and speak to Jim. Ask him if he is satisfied." In obedience he went to Jim's bedside and awakened him.

"Is something wrong?" asked Jim.

"Yes," answered the Christian businessman, "Are you satisfied without Jesus?"

"No," he said. "I am not." And he began to weep. That night Jim gave his heart to the Lord.

In our lesson the two disciples of John made the right decision, and they never turned back. They continued to follow Jesus throughout all of His ministry. They were with Him when He taught the people and when He fed the multitudes. They followed Him to the judgment and saw Him crucified. They became witnesses of His resurrection and watched Him ascend into heaven. They went back to Jerusalem to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and became bold in their witness for Christ. They followed Jesus even to martyrdom. It could be said of them, "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Rev. 14:4).

### 3. A CHAIN REACTION (vv. 40-45).

Salvation is contagious. If we have a good dose of it ourselves it will spread to others. No sooner had Andrew begun to follow the Lord than he thought of his brother Simon, and brought him to Jesus. After Philip became a disciple of Jesus, he too began to seek out the lost. "Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, 'We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.'" Chain reaction like this caused the enemies of Jesus to say, "Behold, the world is gone after him."

A man who worked in a flour mill, one day elbowed his way through a crowd. Everyone he touched was left with a trace of flour. We too leave our influence upon those with whom we associate. Let us be so saturated with the gospel that our lives shall be a powerful testimony for Christ. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

If the gospel had been left to be proclaimed by just twelve men, it would have perished with them. But the secret of spreading the gospel is to produce reproducers. Paul wrote to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." We must seek not only to win souls, but to win soul-winners. Peter became a great pillar in the Church, but we probably would never have heard of him if it had not been for his brother who brought him to Jesus. We need to fellowship with the converts we bring to the Lord, to strengthen them so that they may become established in the Lord and be able to strengthen others.

If we would be faithful servants of the Lord Jesus, we must "behold the Lamb of God." We need more than a glimpse of Jesus. We need to turn our gaze upon Him, and look into His glorious face, that our lives may radiate the glory of His presence and attract sinners to Him.

—Glen D. Anderson

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# World Missions Conventions

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## *If You Are a Pastor or Evangelist . . .*



the World Missions Convention in your area is planned for you, too. Everyone who is associated with this great movement will be thrilled and spurred on to greater things for Christ after hearing of the world-wide missions program. Every conference will be of interest to you, but especially will you be interested in the conferences offering building plan helps, publicity helps for the local church, the Men's Fellowship program, how to plan a missionary convention, and how your church can help to start a new church. Bring someone with you to share the great store of blessing. **Men, you won't want to**

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With all these things in mind, get your calendar now and circle the date of the convention in your area. Here are the locations and dates:

### **SOUTHWEST**

January 24-26  
Memorial Auditorium  
Fresno Calif.

### **NORTHWEST**

January 31-February 2  
Public Auditorium  
Portland, Oregon

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

February 7-9  
Mammoth Garden  
Denver, Colorado

### **NORTH CENTRAL**

February 21-23  
Municipal Auditorium  
St. Paul, Minnesota

### **CENTRAL**

February 28-March 1  
Metropolitan Methodist Church  
Detroit, Michigan

### **NORTHEAST**

March 6-8  
Convention Hall  
Asbury Park, New Jersey

### **SOUTHEAST**

March 13-15  
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church  
Atlanta, Georgia

### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

March 20-22  
Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium  
Forth Worth, Texas

For more information write: World Missions Conventions, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

# News Highlights of 1955

## *A Review of Outstanding Events in the Religious World During the Past Year*

**A**MERICAN RELIGIOUS LIFE IN 1955 DISCLOSED a weird, ambiguous face. Increases both in church membership and crime, the mounting tempo side by side of religionism and of secularism, the rising anti-totalitarian enthusiasm for democracy alongside a nebulous conception of spiritual priorities, and a common emphasis on religious advance by diverse evangelical, liberal, Roman Catholic, Jewish and cult groups, all contribute to this national photomontage. From the whole came news that the year had gotten underway with a record 97,482,611 church members, a gain of more than 2,600,000 over the previous year, and that 60.3% of the nation had already come into church membership.

### **NATIONAL OUTLOOK**

On almost every religious front, 1956 loomed as a strategic year for the life of the nation. In some big cities, where corrupt political machines had been defeated, enthusiasm was sparked for a national "Christian party." In several quarters there was new talk of a great Christian university. Elsewhere, widening theological disunity within liberalism suggested that 1956 would supply the peak opportunity for large-scale evangelical enterprises, especially in the wake of Billy Graham's larger impact upon the western hemisphere. Graham's 1956 schedule listed campaigns in New York City and San Francisco, and a visit to oriental Christians in India. Plans for Roman Catholic advance continued, keyed to Samuel Cardinal Stritch's statement to Venezuelans that the United States is no longer "a Protestant country."

Behind this year-end temper stood conflicting indexes to the national outlook. President Eisenhower's emphasis on the inseparability of faith in democracy and faith in God gained popular echoes. Bargaining with atheists for the world's unity, the President had asked the nation to pray, and then knelt in church for divine guidance just before the Geneva summit conference. The Gallup poll showed 96% of the citizenry "believes in God," although the reasons given were various. Another poll reported that four-fifths of the citizens believe the Bible to be "the revealed word of God." A third indicated that 53% could not supply the name of even one of the

four Gospels. While the nation gasped, a Bible-versed grandmother won a \$32,000 television award.

### **EVANGELISTIC RESPONSE**

Beneath the surface of religious life, evidences of concern began to rise. The externalism of American religion called for deeper analysis. Not only churchmen poised on the periphery of the evangelistic movement, but Evangelist Billy Graham himself warned that America had not yet been shaken by national revival, and that the *status quo* needs serious challenge. Graham won the nation's top Freedoms Foundation award for the year. Still well below 40, he packed Madison Square Garden to its 22,000 capacity, then moved on to Glasgow, London, Paris and Germany for remarkable campaigns, before a series in Toronto, and finally the Cambridge University mission which precipitated lively newspaper debate of the evangelical view of the Bible. More than 670,000 Scotsmen attended, with 16,236 responses; in Paris, 42,000 came in five days, with 2,254 decisions; in Toronto, 362,000, with 7,348 decisions. Meanwhile Oral Roberts, heard by more than two million in healing campaigns in the United States and South Africa, projected a visit to the Philippines and Australia.

### **DENOMINATIONAL MERGERS**

Ecumenical forces began rallying behind Graham's evangelistic thrust. The nine-denomination Conference on Christian Union worked against odds towards its goal of organic union under the proposed United Church of Christ, with co-operative ordination. The drive for merger showed gains and defeats. Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical Reformed Church, with more than two million members jointly, voted to merge in June, 1957, to become the nation's sixth largest Protestant denomination. The Presbyterian Church in the U.S., with 760,000 members in the South, defeated a projected merger with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Churches, after years of negotiation, finally tabled indefinitely their proposed merger plans.

The relation of America's 56 million

Protestants to the ecumenical movement was still not without its hesitations and doubts. Southern Baptists (eight million) and Missouri Lutherans (two million) were among the 15 million outside the National Council of Churches. The co-operative evangelical effort scored some gains, sustained some setbacks. The National Association of Evangelicals, registering some numerical advances, worked away at its debt, ventured to begin its convention with an address on Christianity and the social crisis, and re-elected Dr. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Michigan, as president. The American Council of Churches faced inner tensions, with a revolt against its titular leader, Dr. Carl McIntyre, spearheaded by Bible Presbyterians.

### **DOCTRINAL DISPUTES**

Secondary doctrinal disputes distressed some groups. Conservative Baptist forces saw a faculty exodus at Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, where belief in the pre-tribulation rapture of the saints was made obligatory. Dispensationalism was being asserted with new vigor in several fundamentalist camps as the only consistent antithesis to liberalism.

But doctrinal disputes were not confined to the smaller movements. The United Lutheran Church in America, in the first heresy trial in its 60-year-old Northwest Synod, found George Crist, Jr. of Durham, Wis., guilty of heresy for open denial of the virgin birth and other doctrinal departures. And Princeton Seminary's President John A. Mackay contradicted Vice-President Nixon's tribute to the Roman Catholic Church as "one of the major bulwarks against Communism and totalitarian ideas."

### **EXPANSION EFFORTS**

Comprehensive denominational programs were set in motion. Southern Baptists, now in 30 states, announced a radio-TV expansion effort to reach the unchurched, including color programs and a \$200,000 station in Forth Worth. The American Baptist Convention, its past decade marked by losses both on the conservative right and liberal left, reported a building boom among its 6,000 affiliated churches representing 1,600,000 members. More than 1,000 Methodist churches participated in a year-long prayer marathon—once around the clock in each church—for world peace, and 300 Methodist secretaries of evangelism mapped the denomination's plans for a nationwide January-to-Easter attendance campaign.

### **RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSIES**

Criticism mounted over Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's conception of "positive



# GOD SETS THE BOUNDARIES

HAVE YOU EVER STOOD ON THE SEASHORE and watched the tide come in? Have you seen the huge waves dash high into the air? Have you heard the loud roar of the waves, as they roll and churn, as they make their way to the shore?

The Lord reminded me of this wonderful display when I was going through a severe spiritual trial. I had been think-

ing about the things the enemy presented to me, watching the picture as he painted it with remorse, discouragement, and doubt. Then the Spirit spoke these words, "This far and no farther." He brought to my mind this verse in Jeremiah: "Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?" Even though the sea roar and the waves dash high, they can go no farther than God permits.

Isn't this just like the help Jesus brings to us? When our trial has gone far enough, He brings encouragement and lifts the load, that He might keep His Word given to us in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

If we will put our lives completely in His hands, He will control the waves so that they will not overwhelm us. Even as He controls the boundary of the seas, so His mighty hand holds back from us the trials of life which would be too much for us. Praise His worthy name!  
—Esther Rupp.



thinking" and over Dr. Frank Buchman's Moral Re-Armament (successor to the Oxford Group). Religious cults were beginning to show remarkable strength. Jehovah's Witnesses frequently made headlines with huge assemblies. And rumors prevailed of an attempted rapprochement between Seventh Day Adventists and evangelical forces.

Controversy over the harmony of science and the Bible flared anew with the appearance of attempts to halt the dissolving effects of scientific philosophy upon the Biblical view. The Evangelical Book Club, which in its very first year garnered 10,000 members and rivaled the long-established clubs in outreach, circulated Bernard Ramm's *The Christian View of Science*, a title whose propriety some questioned. The American Scientific Affiliation launched plans for a cooperative volume in defense of theism, to be released in 1959 on the anniversary of Darwin's *Origin of Species*. Baker Book House issued the *Twentieth Century Encyclopedia*, two-volume supplement to the Schaff-Herzog set, carrying

forward the diversity of Protestant theology in this century. Lutherans readied the translation of the Reformer's complete writings. Eerdmans announced plans for a more popular commentary series, alongside its well-received 17-volume International Evangelical Commentary.

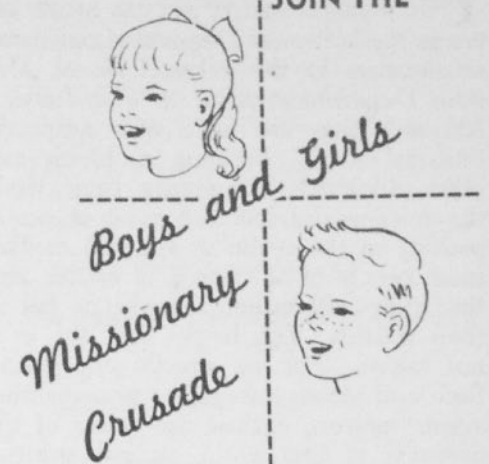
## SUMMARY

The tide of religious interest was high; how deep it was, remained uncertain. Giving was on the increase, church membership and attendance likewise. But so was crime, and spending for the sordid things of life. America was still the land of spiritual opportunity and decision. But it remained for 1956 to justify the conviction that the greatest spiritual awakening in many centuries is actually underway.

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**T**HE PHRASE WHICH RECURS MOST OFTEN in the letters and reports of our home missionaries to the national Home Missions Department office is "Pray for us." Although they are faced with desperate financial needs, building problems and other dilemmas concerning their work, the missionaries feel the need of prayer backing in the realm of spiritual conflict most keenly of all. For it is in this area that they will either succeed or fail in their mission. The battle they are in is not carnal. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Recognizing this, one of our home missionaries wrote recently that while the Sunday School attendance had increased, they had been able to get roofing for the church, and their personal needs had been met, still "... the deeper work of salvation of souls, baptism in the Spirit for believers, is greatly lagging. We must have souls! While some children have been healed, drunkards are still in the chains of habit. Satan doesn't care what our Sunday School average is so long as he can destroy these souls in hell! He is not particular whether they go to perdition from the church or the bar-room. **MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT AFFLICT YOUR SOUL WITH A COMPASSIONATE BURDEN FOR THESE PEOPLE!**"

If the battle on the home mission field were a carnal one with flesh and blood pitted against flesh and blood, the victory would simply go to the strongest and we at home could do nothing to turn the tide. But the battle is not carnal, and "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal." And there is no way in which we may plead exemption from our share in the battle being waged by our home missionaries in these last days before Christ returns.

Moses once challenged the children of Gad and of Reuben, saying, "Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here?" The implied answer was a resounding "No!" Today when evil forces are arrayed against the saints of God, and Satanic strategy employed against those on the front lines, shall you and I be held guiltless if we "sit here" and neglect to take any part in the conflict? Is it nothing to us?

Prayer warriors are needed to back the work of our home missionaries if they are to march on to victory in this very real battle against "spiritual wickedness." The ministry of prayer, too often, has been minimized by those who feel that actually going to the mission field would be so much more important. Some folk have even been heard to say apologetically, "I cannot go to the mission field,

*Don't Say, "I Can Only Pray . . ."*

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by ELVA M. JOHNSON



and I cannot give much. Seems all I can do is to pray."

If you are one of these, then you have at your command as effective a weapon as any home or foreign missionary in the world. Take it up—this effective weapon that is "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." There is a vital work for you to do! Prayer is a mighty ministry!

There are strongholds of Satan in our work among the North American Indians that can be battered down by prayer alone. Some have already yielded, but our workers feel the need for greater and more complete victories.

In Alaska our workers face problems peculiar to a frontier territory, and need our prayers for victory over the evil forces in the lives of those whom they seek to win for Christ.

Our workers among the Deaf plead for prayer-helpers in their endeavor to make Christ known to the Deaf. Among the Jews our workers are finding some hearts opening to Christ, but there are hindrances in this area which God alone is able to overcome. Behind prison bars the Word is being studied and read by prisoners contacted by our workers. Prayer-help in this realm can work miracles of deliverance to those long bound by Satan.

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This year our MISSION U. S. A. theme is EVERY CHURCH HELP START ANOTHER CHURCH. Hundreds of rallies emphasizing this theme will be held throughout the nation on February 6. Many Assemblies will accept the challenge to branch out and share their Pentecostal testimony with neighboring communities.

But new Pentecostal churches are neither started nor perpetuated by visible efforts alone. If they are to be born in the fires of Pentecost, someone somewhere must wrestle in prayer against the powers of darkness to see this accomplished.

Our Home Missions leaders are more concerned over the Pentecostal quality of the new Assemblies than over the number of churches that will be started. And they believe that as established

churches pray for a renewed Pentecost, many new churches will be started and will catch the Pentecostal spirit of the helping church.

There have been great victories already in the home mission field, but we are asking God that 1956 shall be a year of even greater victories. Our home missionaries and pioneer workers will feel a new surge of power and strength as we join them in the battle through prayer.

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The National Home Missions Department publishes a monthly HOME MISSIONS PRAYER BULLETIN which is now mailed regularly to all individual Home Missions contributors. This bulletin carries the requests of the workers as they are sent to us each month. We would like to add other intercessors to the number now receiving the BULLETIN.

We have prepared a special 1956 "PRAYER REMINDER" which we would like to send to every EVANGEL reader. This attractive 36-page booklet is designed to be used throughout the entire year in your personal prayer time. It contains a page where you may write in your own requests each month. There is also a short devotional poem and a Home Missions prayer request for each month.

There is no charge for either the PRAYER BULLETIN or the PRAYER REMINDER BOOKLET, but if you can send an offering for Home Missions with your request it will be greatly appreciated. Financial help is urgently needed at this time.

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# 1956 and Our Responsibilities

will is the center of his entire life. To be thus "mortgaged" implies, according to the meaning of the word, to be pledged even to death to satisfy the lien we have given to God on our lives.

Human nature, even in those who are saved, cannot consent to such wholesale capitulation to God's purposes—apart from the help of the Spirit. Here is a direct application of Paul's statement in Romans 8:26: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." In this matter how infirm we are! Reluctance to accede to His will betrays our shallow consecration. All of us should examine ourselves and pray for His assistance. The baneful habit of haggling with God over the price is a sure sign of shallow consecration. Trying to maneuver God into accepting less than our best is a pastime unworthy of God's people. We may need a new surge of determination to fulfill

God's will, and a new glimpse of the Man of Calvary!

In view of all this we are driven to consider our separation in the light of what we have received from God. This places some people in a delicate position, since fellowship with the world seems to be so fashionable. The old-time "holiness or hell" separation is not considered feasible in this modern day. One is termed "antique" for advocating that to Christians "old things are passed away" and "all things are become new." But, antiquated or not, we are sternly enjoined in the Scriptures to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." We are told to "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12: 14).

Have you mirrored Christ in your life in 1955? Has His reflection been marred by worldliness and compromise? For fear of ridicule have you failed to be different? Do you find it easy to excuse yourself for discrepancies in your behavior that betray a love for the world? The good news can be manifested to

## A Straight Path

*Clean as the newly fallen snow  
The new year lies ahead;  
We see its loveliness unpathed,  
And hesitate to tread.*

*The old year's path that lies behind  
Is crooked and unsure;  
We stumbled some, we missed the  
way,  
Misled by pleasure's lure.*

*But straighter far may be our path  
If we ask God to lead;  
He is our Guide; we cannot stray  
If we His warnings heed.*

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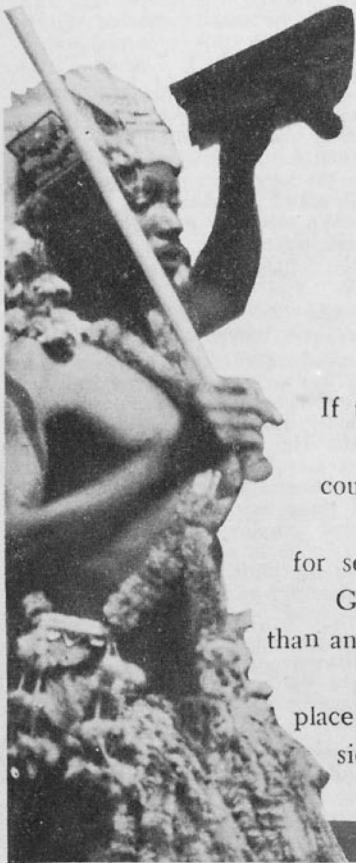
needy hearts only by those who are separate.

The new year also provides the occasion to search our hearts as we anticipate Christ's return. The expectation of this great event will have a sobering, purifying, and energizing effect upon our lives. No Pentecostal person doubts the doctrine of His coming—this is one of the pillars of our faith. But knowing of Christ's return and being ready are two different things. To be a member of the bride of Christ necessitates unswerving loyalty and devotion to Him. Only those whom He acknowledges as His own will have the pleasure of associating with Him throughout eternity.

Being ready for that event should be the unflinching determination of our hearts. We miss all if we miss His return! Hence we are admonished, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass" (Luke 21:36). *Worthy to escape! Worthy to stand before the Son of Man!* That is the crowning joy of those who live under the influence of the Blessed Hope! And who knows—this may be the year!

At this time of new beginnings, when we review the past and face the future, we should repent and implore His mercy for our failures. But let us not lose heart. God is placing before us a new year packed with tremendous opportunities. If we will dedicate our lives to Him and separate ourselves from every sin, 1956 will be a year of unprecedented victory, a year of spiritual conquest, a year of soul-winning and spiritual revival. God has poured His Spirit upon us in Pentecostal profusion in order to equip us for the task that lies ahead. He will be with us. Through Him we shall triumph.

This New Year's Day should not be a time of festivity so much as a day of prayer and dedication. Let us ask God for grace to serve Him acceptably in 1956 with reverence and godly fear. Let us consecrate our all to the promotion of His kingdom as we hasten on to the glorious hour of Christ's appearing. This may be the year!



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## INDIANAPOLIS ASSEMBLY BUYS LARGE CHURCH

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting with Evangelist G. L. Johnson from Fort Worth, Texas. More than 20 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and over 25 were saved as night after night the power of God swept through the church. Two and a half years ago the Sunday School attendance was 46. During this meeting we hit a high of 678, and the average for October was 543.

For over a year we have suffered from lack of room, but God has enabled us to purchase the Friends Church located in the heart of greater Indianapolis. The building seats more than 800 and is officially appraised at \$450,000. We feel this is God's open door to our goal of 1,000 in Sunday School.—T. L. Vibbert, Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

## OKLAHOMA CAMP GROUNDS TO BE ENLARGED

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The fortieth annual District Council of the Oklahoma District convened Oct. 3-5 at the District Tabernacle near here. A wonderful spirit of unity prevailed, and all District officers were re-elected on the nominating ballot. They are: Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent; James C. Dodd, Assistant Superintendent; Floyd L. Poag, Secretary-Treasurer; John Grace, Missions Director; W. M. Rumbaugh, Sunday School Director; T. A. McDonough, C. A. President; Mrs. R. E. Goggin, W.M.C. President; Mrs. John Grace, Vice-President; and Mrs. W. M. Rumbaugh, W.M.C. Secretary-Treasurer.

The Council in session authorized the purchase of additional land for the Camp Grounds, and also authorized the immediate construction of an administration building costing approximately \$45,000.—by Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent.

## REVIVAL FIRES BURN AT BIBLE ACADEMY

CANYONVILLE, OREG.—Harold Beaty, pastor of the Assembly of God in Stayton, Oreg. conducted a one-week meeting at the Canyonville Bible Academy. This Christian high school has an enrollment of over 165 students from many states. The services were well attended by both students and faculty, and by the people of the community.

The chapel, which seats around 250, was well filled for each service. Brother Beaty said it was an inspiring sight to see such a large group of young people with such a keen interest in taking part in church services. Their response to the moving of God's Spirit was wholehearted.

Upon Brother Beaty's return home from the meeting, he was stricken with a heart attack. He desires the prayers of all his friends that God will raise him up to continue his ministry.

## WINNING SERVICEMEN FOR CHRIST

NAPLES, ITALY—In October we had a wonderful eight-night revival at the Full Gospel Hospitality Home with Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers of Dayton, Ky. Fifteen were saved, including one complete family.

One night an Italian girl sat in the service. The preaching was in English, a language she did not understand, but the Holy Spirit convicted her of sin. Brother Piraino, an Assemblies of God representative from Rome, was there to speak to her in Italian.

Four Catholics were saved during the meeting. One was a Filipino sailor who is a cook for the Admiral. His wife was saved in the Home earlier.

The Full Gospel Hospitality Home was organized in March, 1955, for the benefit of the English-speaking Pentecostal and Holiness personnel and their families stationed at the Allied Forces Southern Europe Headquarters. My wife and I opened the work in our home and a Board of

Directors was appointed. At first we had only eight or ten interested persons. We prayed for more and God answered our prayers. Today we are in our second location and it is already too small. Souls have been saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. We have a group of around 50 precious Christians. Two nights a week we have Bible study, one night prayer meeting, one night evangelistic service, and two nights free for recreation. Each night refreshments are served.

Two young men of other faiths received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Home, and are now enrolled at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. Another young man, who is still in the service and stationed in Philadelphia, Pa., is teaching organ at Eastern Bible Institute in Green Lane, Pa.

We are also in charge of the Protestant Sunday School (both children and adults) at NATO. When I took over this work around 50 children attended. We began to use literature from the Gospel Publishing House and today we have 181 children in the Sunday School. All of our teachers are born-again Christians.

At present we are expecting Brother and Sister William DePrano from New Castle, Pa. to come as full-time Directors of the Hospitality Home. We cherish your prayers for the future operation and growth of this place where 7,000 Americans are stationed with their families. Our fellows and their wives are giving out thousands of salvation tracts in Italian to the local population.—James W. Teuton, U.S. Army, Director.

## NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

BUSHNELL, ILL.—More than 250 attended the official dedication of the Bushnell Assembly of God. Presbyterian Forest Mitchell gave a stirring message in the afternoon and W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, brought the dedicatory address which was enjoyed by all present. F. H. Toliver raised more than \$2,000 in cash and pledges for the new building.

The church is a frame structure with brick veneer, 40 x 70. The main auditorium seats 250, and the building contains nursery, office, and prayer room. The full basement contains Sunday School rooms, and a 20 x 32 C. A. room. We have indirect lighting and oil furnace heat. The building was appraised at \$65,000. With the help of a faithful board and members of the church, the present indebtedness is little more than \$16,000.

We had the following evangelists with us this year and all have assisted with the expansion of the church: Harry Call, D. P. Davidson, James Snodgrass, and B. R. Minton. The Sunday School has increased about 25 per cent.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

## CAMP MEETING BLESSED

DURANT, FLA.—We experienced a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost at the Pleasant Grove Camp. Many people said this was the most wonderful camp we have ever had. Jacob Filbert and Andrew Stirling were a perfect team of preachers and God blessed their ministry. Many were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed.

One of the most outstanding healings was that of one of our lady ministers. She was brought in on an ambulance stretcher with a serious heart ailment. The doctors told her she would not live very long. After prayer, she began to walk, gaining strength with every step until her countenance was aglow with the glory of God. She went home in a car with her husband—not in the ambulance—and attended the services for the remainder of the camp. The doctors were astonished at such a speedy recovery.

Every financial need of the camp was abundantly met. The entire ten-day camp was highlighted by obedience to the Spirit, thoughtfulness of others, generosity, confessions, restitutions, and repentance of sin.—W. H. Magee, Pastor, Pleasant Grove Assembly of God.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

JEANNETTE, PA.—The blessing of the Lord rested upon every service with Evangelist Amelia Joseph Bullock of Lakeland, Fla. and the Henry Party of Seattle, Wash. God wonderfully answered the prayers of the faithful people of the church as we saw a real move of God among the young people. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The glorious revival was followed by our 41st Anniversary Service and Missionary Convention. Speakers for the Convention were Derrick Hillary, formerly of Ceylon; Raymond and Katherine Zents, Mossi Land; Ernest and Marjorie Jones, prospective missionaries to Upper Volta; and Verne Warner, Dominican Republic. Our hearts are challenged and we have received a new vision for reaching the lost.—A. A. Amerine, Pastor.

WATERBURY, CONN.—God visited this traditionally staid, reserved New England city with apostolic power during the meeting with Evangelist Morris Cerullo. In the wake of floods and hurricanes, God poured forth showers of blessings from heaven. The meetings were held in Temple Hall, which is located in the heart of Waterbury. Over 200 knelt at the foot of the cross to make their decisions for Christ.

The power of God was present to heal. The deaf received their hearing, a blind lady received her sight, the lame were made to walk perfectly, and many others were wonderfully healed. The president of the Grange Halls in this area was wonderfully healed of a skin disease for which he had been treated for 30 years.

It was wonderful to see Episcopalians, Methodists, Nazarenes, Baptists, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, and Pentecostals raising their hands to God in praise and prayer. We closed the meeting with a wonderful baptismal service and fellowship dinner for the new converts. We erected a billboard on the lots which we have purchased for a new church.

As a result of this meeting we are opening a Revival Center in Temple Hall. A lady, while having an acute heart attack, was immediately and completely healed through the prayer of faith. We thank God for the mighty moving of His Spirit that has begun in this industrial center of 150,000 population.—Sidney T. Regnier, Pastor.

HAZELTON, PA.—We have concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Cavallini of San Francisco, Calif. The people united in prayer and faith with the evangelist and God moved from the very beginning. We enjoyed Brother Cavallini's sound preaching, and the music was inspirational. We especially enjoyed the Saturday night "musical jubilees."

Our hearts were thrilled to see 23 kneel at the altar for salvation. The manner in which the evangelist dealt with the people left no room for doubt as to their conversion.

People were healed of all manner of ills. One of the outstanding healings was that of a construction worker. He had been injured at his work and was unable to move his head up or down, or from side to side. He was told a very serious operation was the only alternative and there was no guarantee of success. After giving his heart to the Lord and while waiting to be prayed for, he was instantly and completely healed. Some days later we visited in his home and he was completely well and happy in the Lord. Documents attesting the former injuries prove the miraculous work of God.

A lady was told by two physicians that an operation was necessary. After Brother Cavallini prayed for her, she was entirely healed. She later returned to the doctor and he verified that she was healed.

The church continues to rejoice in what the Lord has done.—R. G. Mohrman, Pastor, Faith Assembly of God.

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**KING CITY, CALIF.**—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist E. L. Shaffer of Arroyo Grande, Calif. Two or three were saved, 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several backsliders came back to God. Some testified to healing, and many were refilled with the Spirit. Since coming here a little over three months ago we have been reaping where others have sown.—T. Charles Gameson, Pastor.

**FORT WORTH, TEX.**—We recently had a meeting with Evangelist Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. The messages were delivered with power and with the anointing of the Spirit. Many were renewed in the Lord, and a number were healed. Some were filled or refilled with the Spirit.

The people gave the pastor a 100 per cent vote for another term of ministry. A time of fellowship followed the annual business meeting, and the congregation presented a lovely gift to the pastor and his wife.—Leroy O. Lormand, Pastor, Meadow Park Assembly of God.

**LIMA, OHIO**—We have just closed a successful tent meeting with Evangelist David Nunn and party from Dallas, Tex. From the very first night the power and presence of the Lord was manifested. The attendance was very good, and on two different occasions there were approximately a thousand people in attendance. The impact on the city was tremendous. For the first time since we have been in this community, the city was aware of the fact that a Pentecostal revival was in progress.

It is always hard to numerically tabulate the results of any meeting—first, because spiritual blessings defy such an analysis; and second, because God alone sees and knows the final tally. Well over 100 came to the altar to accept Christ as their Saviour. Over 100 people came forward to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number of these came through to a glorious experience. The next week in our own church five received the Baptism. There were a number of definite healings. The lame walked, blind eyes were opened, deaf ears unstopped, and there were other miracles that

were not so apparent, but which were substantiated by testimonies.

After the meeting was concluded we held a joint water baptismal service with the pastor of the Foursquare Church. I baptized 21 persons in water. The co-operating churches were: Alger Assembly of God (Evan Richards, Pastor); Delphos Assembly of God (Anthony Depolo, Pastor); and the Foursquare Church (Harold Springer, Pastor). There were other churches and pastors who co-operated as much as possible. All of the churches have been helped immeasurably, and the revival fires continue to burn.—Earl E. Hart, Pastor, Peniel Assembly of God.

**BETHLEHEM, PA.**—On Nov. 4, we closed an 11-day meeting with Evangelist Morris Cerullo. The attendance was very good. Night after night people were saved and healed as Brother Cerullo preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Our people were blessed and edified. One lady, who doubted her salvation, came up for deliverance. As Brother Cerullo laid his hands on her and prayed, the power of God came upon her and she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As many as 25 in one service came to the altar for salvation. The Sunday after the meeting closed a number testified to being healed of different ailments. We greatly appreciate the dynamic, faith-inspiring ministry of Brother Cerullo.—Frederick, C. Bennett, Pastor, Assembly of God.

**HAMLIN, PA.**—We witnessed one of the greatest spiritual moves that has ever come to our church, during the two-week meeting with Evangelist William A. Caldwell of Lancaster, Pa. The meetings were well attended and every need was supplied. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We broke the Sunday School attendance record with 401 present the last Sunday of the meeting.

There were a number of outstanding healings. We prayed for a little girl who had crossed eyes, and her eyes were straightened. A woman, who had suffered great pain with arthritis of the spine for a period of five years, was healed.

A lady who had been a cripple from birth came for prayer. Without crutches she could only crawl on the floor. After prayer, she was able to walk down the aisle of the church by holding to the hand of a friend.

A little five-year-old boy was healed of a crippled arm which he had from birth. He was able to raise his arm and place his hand behind his head. He also could hold a glass of milk in this hand.

We are thankful that God still performs miracles today for all who believe.—George W. Clement, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church.

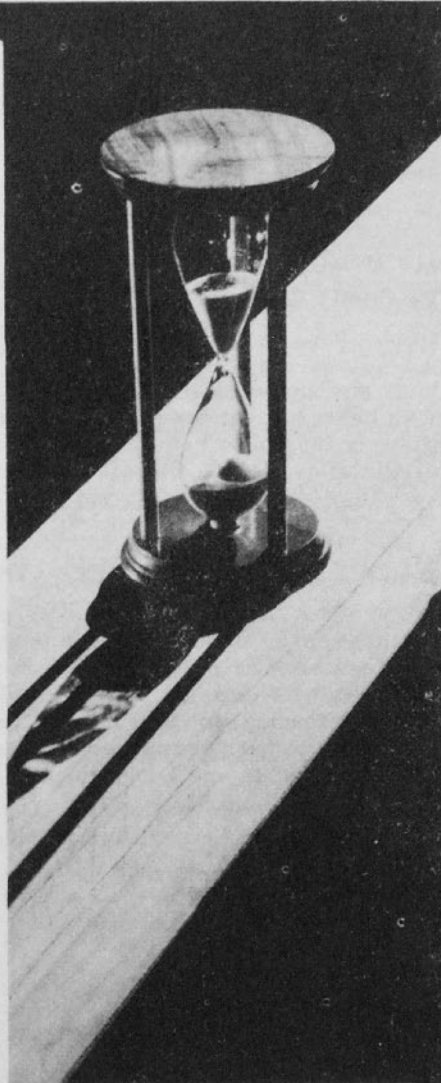
## ANOTHER YEAR IS GONE . . .

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Leaders of our churches and Sunday Schools are helping them fulfill their obligations by fitting them for effective service through training. During this new year—perhaps the last year before Christ's return—we must reach many more souls for Christ. We must also be able to make the Word of God clear to those we reach, showing them that Christ is their Saviour, Healer, Baptizer, and coming King! Our teachers must be well equipped for this task.

January is Training Month among the Assemblies of God. Start 1956 by attending the training course in your church or section. Trained teachers will help make this year the best year yet.



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## COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a month in advance, due to the fact that the Evangelist is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

**WENATCHEE, WASH.**—Jan. 1-15 with Evangelist James White.—by L. R. White, Pastor.

**SEVEN DISTRICTS PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE**—Begins night of Jan. 16, continues until noon Jan. 19 at First Assembly of God, 47th and Ave. "Q," Galveston, Tex. For information write E. R. Foster, 800 N. Pierce St., Amarillo, Tex.

**DELANO, CALIF.**—Begins Jan. 7 at Assembly of God, 7th and Jefferson; Evangelist and Mrs. Benny H. Sapp, Santa Ana, Calif. (Lloyd J. Cagle is Pastor.)

**MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—Area-wide Workers Training Course at Lakeside Assembly of God, Park and Prospect, Jan. 9-13. L. B. Kenner, National S. S. Representative, instructor.—by Harvey L. Flaherty, Sectional S. S. Representative.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT MINISTERS INSTITUTE**—Jan. 9-11 at Central Assembly of God, Irwin and Terrace, Muskegon, Mich. James Van Meter, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. Theme, "Ministerial Dynamics." Services on Monday at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 and 7:30 p.m. For reservations write host pastor, Robert Rieben, 1468 Terrace, Muskegon, Mich.—by Everett D. Cooley, District Secretary.

**FARMERSVILLE, TEX.**—Begins Dec. 31 at Farmersville Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Vernon E. Wilson is Pastor.)

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AZTEC, N. MEX.—Jan. 1-15 with Evangelist Kenneth Crouse, Greeley, Colo. Oscar Elliot is Pastor.

FORRESTON, TEX.—Begins Dec. 31 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Berry, Waka, Tex.—by Alton Montgomery, Pastor.

ORVILLE, OHIO—Jan. 1-8 with Evangelist Elsie Bolton and Barbara Goodwin, Canton, Ohio.—by Mel Soderstrom, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Begins Jan. 1 at Sulphur Springs Assembly of God, 8405—11th St.; Evangelist William Voodre.—by John R. Hardt, Pastor.

DAYTON, TEX.—Begins Jan. 1 at Old River Assembly of God; Evangelist Otis Moore, Houston, Tex.—by Lonnie P. Thomas, Pastor.

HOISINGTON, KANS.—Dec. 31-Jan. 15 at Assembly of God; Anspaugh Chord Makers, Naponee, Nebr. (Harold Duncan Sr. is Pastor.)

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.—Jan. 1-8 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe, London, England. (C. R. Inman is Pastor.)

GENEVA, N. Y.—Jan. 1-15 at Assembly of God, 5 Genesee Park; Evangelist William Caldwell.—by George L. Hubbard, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Begins Jan. 1 at Alton Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Cox, Allentown, Pa.—by C. L. Gruver, Pastor.

NEWINGTON, GA.—Begins Jan. 1 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Ray. (David Flanagan is Pastor.)

WICHITA, KANS.—Jan. 1-15 at Central Assembly, 2225 E. Central; Byron Lee Wright, evangelist, and Paul Myers, musician.—J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor.

CAMDEN, ARK.—Jan. 1-15 at First Assembly of God, 502 Center St.; Musical Mathans, Kansas City, Mo. (A. W. Tanner is Pastor.)

CHICAGO-OAK PARK, Ill.—Jan. 1-15 at Bethel Temple, 6235 W. North Ave.; Evangelist Bill Lewis, Long Beach, Calif.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

BAYTOWN, TEX.—Begins Dec. 31 at Trinity Tabernacle, Evangelist Elbert Smart, Beaumont, Tex.—by W. S. Graham, Pastor.

ZION, ILL.—Dec. 29-Jan. 8 at Christian Assembly; Evangelist C. Stanley Cooke, Burwell, Nebr.—by Thomas R. Brubaker, Pastor.

BRECKENRIDGE, TEX.—Begins Jan. 1 at First Assembly of God; George Evangelistic Team, Hobbs, N. Mex.—by R. Maxwell, Pastor.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—Jan. 1-15 with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Hennessee, Mobile, Ala.—by R. A. Thompson, Pastor.

ARVIN, CALIF.—Jan. 1-15 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (E. L. Kopper is Pastor.)

DONELSON, TENN.—Begins Jan. 1 at Assembly of God, 2614 Old Lebanon Rd.; Evangelist and Mrs. Jay Alford, Little Rock, Ark. District Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 3—by James T. Galligan, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Jan. 1-15 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 2120 Laurel; Evangelist Jimmy Brown, Prichard, Ala.—by Charles H. Miller, Pastor.

CLARK'S SUMMIT, PA.—Jan. 4-15 at Pentecostal Church, N. State St.; Evangelists Mary Emmerson and May Howells, Toronto, Canada.—by David Laquintano, Pastor.

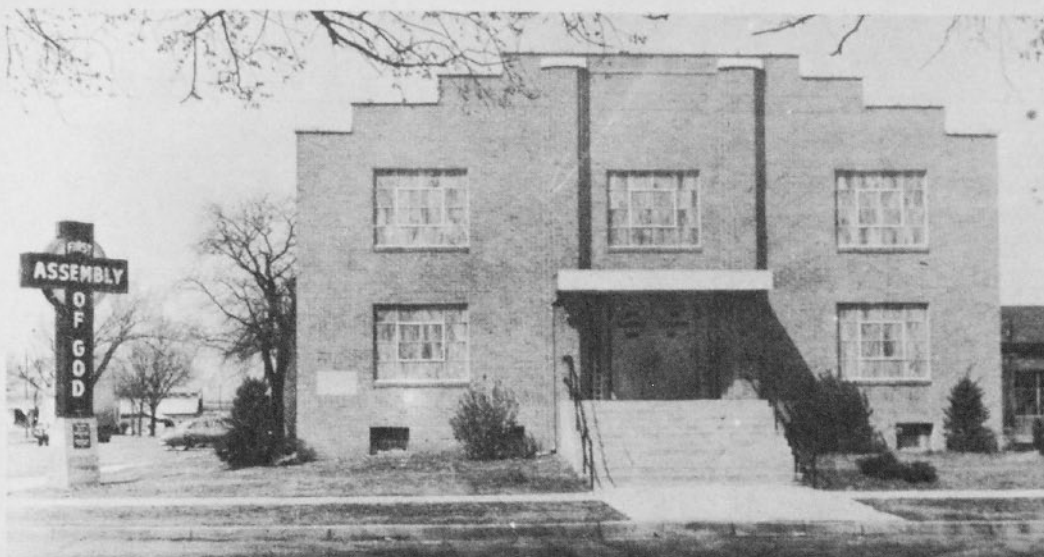
TORONTO, ONT., CANADA—Begins Dec. 31 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 833 St. Clair Ave. W.; Evangelist Lula M. Ware, Compton, Calif. (H. R. Pannabecker is Pastor.)

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Begins Jan. 1 at First Assembly of God; Musical Silvatones, Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Silva and Ted Silva Jr. (R. J. Thurmond is Pastor.)

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Jan. 1-15 at First Assembly of God, 6th and Fir Sts.; Evangelists Oran and Audrey Duncan, North Hollywood, Calif. (Elton G. Hill is Pastor.)

## NEW ADDRESSES

Pastor Harry L. Ayers, Box 697, Grants Pass, Oreg. Evangelist Milton R. Searles, 110 S. 11th St., Mattoon, Ill.



FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD AT BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

First Assembly of God at Baxter Springs, Kans. (above) reports a "victorious and progressive year." In August 1954, when W. A. Raiford became pastor, the Sunday School had a yearly average attendance of 227. The average attendance for this year is 282. A new record attendance of 444 was set last Easter.

The church has a radio program five days a week over station KGLC, Miami, Okla., and many have been blessed by the broadcast. Last year a 15-ton air conditioning unit was installed

in the church.

Several evangelists have held meetings in the church, with good results: Brother and Sister G. W. Hathcock of Portia, Ark.; P. A. Henegar, of Hobbs, N. Mex.; Bud Chambers and the "Victory Crusaders" of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and D. E. Ferguson of Longview, Tex. "As a result of these meetings," states the church secretary, Alvin D. Coffey, "many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number have been added to the church."

H. D. Champlin, 806 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, Colo. "Resigned church in Grand Island, Nebr. to enter evangelistic field."

Evangelist William A. Caldwell, 1742 Bill View Dr., Lancaster, Pa.

Floyd H. Cagle, 510 E. Olive St., Porterville, Calif. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tewell, General Delivery, Chugiak, Alaska. "Pastoring Chugiak Chapel."

V. G. Greisen, Assemblies of God Camp Ground, Route 1, Augusta, Kans.

Earl W. Kelly, Box 684, Enid, Okla. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Robert M. Couch, 2290 Second St., Macon, Ga. "Assistant pastor to C. M. Hicks at First Assembly of God."

C. C. McAfee, 1501 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.

Dalman Roderman, 1531 Faris Ave. (Pagedale), St. Louis 14, Mo.

E. L. Hance, Assemblies of God Camp Grounds, Rocky Mount, Mo. "Resigned church in West Plains, Mo. to re-enter evangelistic field."

Olaf E. and Alvina Peterson, 407 E. 8th Ave., Gary, Ind. "Pastoring Brunswick Gospel Tabernacle."

Maurice Evans, Box 1046, Alice, Tex. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Almon M. Bartholomew, 154 Lark St., Albany, N. Y. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Ralph I. Cranston, 617 N. 112 St., Seattle 33, Wash. "Re-entering evangelistic field after pastoring in Camas, Wash. for 7 years."

H. Seborn Cowart, Box 1, Duncanville, Tex. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Paul D. Sundell, Barnesville, Minn. "Pastoring Gospel Tabernacle."

Evangelist M. L. Woods, 733 Silva, Long Beach, Calif.

Evangelist Wendell and Verla Reed, 994 S. Ogden, Denver, Colo.

Boston W. Turner, 600 Lancaster Ave., York, Pa. "Pastoring Faith Temple."

John Paproski, 906 S. Main, Malvern, Ark. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Evangelist Virgil R. Jackson, 112 W. Crawford St., Mt. Vernon, Mo., c/o Mary Etter.

Pastor J. A. Drysdale, 1205 S. 14th St., Mattoon, Ill.

Harvey McAlister, 309 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Pastor Jack L. Robertson, Box 394, Briscoe, Tex.

Burdette Faulk, 20404 Fremont, Livonia, Mich. "Have resigned pastorate in South Haven, Mich. to enter evangelistic field."

C. F. Zeller, 556 Gridley St., Akron 6, Ohio. "Pastoring West Side Assembly of God (German Assembly), Nathan and Howe Aves."

E. R. Swick, Box 162, Newport, Nebr.

Paul B. Reagan, Lakeview, Oreg. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Clifford Geedy, P. O. Box 66, McGrath, Alaska.

Don L. Collins, 40th St. and S. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Okla. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Sunshine Evangelistic Party (Bruce Thum and Charles Verness), 1220 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

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BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI—

Graduates and former students of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, now Bethany Bible College, are requested to send their addresses to the Alumni Association, 800 Bethany Dr., Santa Cruz, Calif.—

Lewis Wilson, Recording Secretary.

## WITH CHRIST

JOHN E. ROBINSON, 65, Zion, Ill. went to be with the Lord November 21, 1955. Brother Robinson was ordained in 1919. He pastored churches in Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Iowa, and since 1946 had been in evangelistic work.

BERT L. TODD, 73, Bell Gardens, Calif. went to be with the Lord November 2, 1955. Brother Todd started his ministry 43 years ago as a Southern Baptist. Not long after that he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and pioneered the Pentecostal message. He attended the first Council of Pentecostal ministers at Hot Springs, Ark. in 1914. He spent most of his time in evangelistic work.

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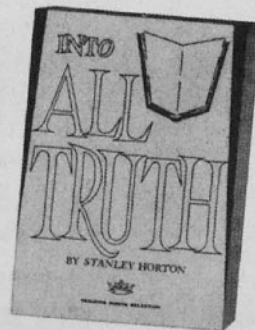
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