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GOD BLESS EVERY CHRISTIAN FATHER

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Doing Good

Billy Graham and his host of helpers are doing a good work in New York City. They are faithfully presenting the simple gospel of Christ in that great metropolis, and evidently God is giving them good success. The 18,500 seats in Madison Square Garden will not hold all who come to the meetings. The crowds overflow into another auditorium and many stand outside to listen over loud speakers. Christian believers everywhere are praising the Lord for answering prayer as they hear of hundreds making "decisions for Christ" each night.

The crusade is capturing much publicity and it is interesting to note the varied opinions of columnists and news commentators. Some are enthusiastic, some critical, while others take a wait-and-see attitude. One in the latter group is George E. Sokolsky. Writing concerning Billy Graham in the *Journal American*, he said: "His function is to change society by changing individual human beings. Billy Sunday was unbelievably successful as a show but he laid an egg as a changer of men. He left no mark upon society. Crime increased. Juvenile delinquency increased. Respect for parents and teachers decreased. The statistics of our society after the advent of Billy Sunday indicate that while interest in his mission was enormous, his influence upon society was trifling. And yet, in another era, such a man as John Wesley did move mountains with song and word. This is the test that Billy Graham faces in New York. . . ."

Mr. Sokolsky is wrong if he thinks any preacher can change the whole of society. None of the apostles did that, nor even Christ Himself, but the fault lay in society, not in the preacher or the gospel. An evangelistic campaign separates men into two classes—those who will believe and those who won't. When the gospel is preached, some of the hearers decide for Christ and their lives are different ever afterward, while others refuse to accept Christ and turn instead to sin. What is happening in New York City can be expressed in a paraphrase of Acts 15:14—"God has visited the millions in that great city, to take out of them a people for His name."

At the same time, the world can properly expect men to be changed by the gospel. All who turn to Christ should let their light shine so clearly that men will see their good works and glorify their Father which is in heaven. We do not hear enough about "good works." The only time some preachers mention the subject is when they preach on the text, "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, *not of works*, lest any man should boast." It is true that our good works cannot save us, but they might save others. The Bible has much to say about being "rich in good works," "a pattern of good works," "zealous of good works," etc. We need a revival of good works among the believers. We need "good men" like Barnabas and we need devoted women like Dorcas who was "full of good works." May the Lord help every one of us so to live that our critics may glorify God in the day of visitation when they behold our good works.

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*A wistful meditation
on the worthy son
of a godly father.*

I HAVE JUST PASSED THE EIGHTY-THIRD milestone of my pilgrimage. Eighty-three years—that is quite a while to live! But many men have lived longer. I have been thinking lately about Methuselah. The Bible does not tell us a great deal about him; but it is quite astonishing how much about him is said in just a few statements—sentences inspired by the Holy Spirit. Notice four things.

I

First, Methuselah was the first-born son of Enoch, who was a prophet and “walked with God” for three hundred years after Methuselah was born. Enoch eventually was translated, going to heaven without dying, and thus became a type of those saints who will be raptured when our Lord shall appear at the end of this dispensation to “make up His jewels.”

Enoch was sixty-five years old when Methuselah was born. We do not know when he began his prophetic ministry. Whether the prophecy in Jude 14 was uttered before or after the birth of Methuselah we are not told. But we can be reasonably sure that before Methuselah was born it was revealed to Enoch that the flood was coming, and that the flood would be a judgment prefiguring the judgments at the end of the age in which we are living; for the name he gave to his son Methuselah means, according to the *Newberry Bible*, “When he is dead it (the deluge) shall be sent.”

Would that every son had such a godly father as Methuselah had! It is a great heritage indeed.

My father was the most godly man I have ever known. Like Enoch he “walked with God.” He was a man of the Bible and of prayer. He was an overcomer. I have seen him many a time in a place where ordinary men would have become provoked, but at no time did I see him when his temper was the least bit ruffled. My mother tried several times to provoke him. She seemed, it appeared to me, to be almost provoked because he was unprovoked; but he always just looked at her and

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said nothing. One day I wrote concerning him,

*“His was a true and gracious soul
No unkind word escaped his
lips;*

*His vision of the Blood-bought
goal*

He let no carnal deed eclipse.”

II

In the second place, Methuselah lived in this world longer than any other man whose name we know. I have already noted the meaning of his name. For nine hundred and sixty-nine years after Methuselah was born God withheld the coming judgment. It almost seems as though He was hesitating to unleash the floods of divine judgment that His unerring justice had decreed, until Methuselah had gone.

We do not know what the occupation of Methuselah was. His wife's name we do not know, and although he was the father of many sons and daughters we know the name of only one, Lamech. We know nothing about his declining years. Was he afflicted with infirmities of age after he passed the nine hundredth milestone of his pilgrimage? The Bible is silent concerning this. He was an observer of the decline of righteousness in the world, an observer of the growing corruption and the increasing violence. He doubtless knew that his father had foretold the coming of the great deluge, and he may have spent much time in prayer that God would spare at least a remnant in the day of approaching vengeance. His prayer was answered, if he thus prayed—for a remnant was spared.

III

Third, Methuselah was the grandfather of Noah, who, “being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” Noah evidently knew about the prophecy of his great-grandfather, Enoch,

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and had doubtless been told why his grandfather had been named *Methuselah*. He knew that the predicted judgment would most certainly fall, as it did in the very year Methuselah died. It came in accordance with divine prediction—as all divinely inspired prophecies have been fulfilled, or will be fulfilled—in harmony with divine schedule. God does everything according to a pattern of His own choosing.

Methuselah was the eighth, Lamech the ninth, and Noah the tenth from Adam. Ten is the numeral that sets forth divine order. God is a God of order, not of confusion. That is why the earth makes a complete circuit around the sun in exactly a year, and is never a second ahead of time or behind time.

In walking with God, then, let us keep step with Him. This is what the Scripture exhorts us to do—“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise” (Ephesians 5:15). The word rendered “circumspectly” is from the Greek word *akribos*, from which we get our word *accurately*. It means that we should neither run ahead of God nor lag behind; in other words, that we should keep step with Him. God has said, “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee,” but we can leave Him by lagging behind or running on ahead, or turning to the side, or by just standing still.

God is moving forward. Let us move forward with Him, and enjoy His companionship daily, and be the recipients

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ON GROWING OLD

"I sit where youth was once, and feel that I am growing old," one of our poets has written. Many of us have felt as the poet did even though we may not have expressed it in as felicitous rhyme.

But it is a shock to wake up on the morning of one's birthday and find oneself forty, or fifty, or sixty. Then we wonder what has become of the years that have fled so rapidly as we bemoan, perhaps, the little done and the vast undone. We suppose many who have reached, say, three-score years can recall the days of youth "when all the world was young" and we were convinced that we would never grow old.

We have often heard the words on the lips of the young and have read them in books of sermons about the beauty of "growing old gracefully." It sounds very nice and idealistic but it is not so easy to exemplify, as witness the frantic efforts of men and women to stay the march of the years and wipe out the wrinkles and crowsfeet with cosmetics, dye, powder and paint. We sometimes wonder if behind the made-up face and the gay apparel that looks silly to you and me there may not lie the saddest of tales, the tragedy of a lonely soul, a broken heart or a frustrated life. They may not have what we have, nor be in possession of the

inner glow and radiance that comes from a heart at peace with God. The heart so often is much younger than the flesh, and it is difficult to say "Good-bye" to youth and beauty.

Even among Christians we have known many who have clung passionately to responsibility, power, place or position when their usefulness has long since ended. There are few people, we are convinced, who can accept the limitations that age imposes sooner or later on us all. They are the exceptions who grow old gracefully, since the things we have lived for during life's little day become dearer as they fade away.

—by James H. Hunter (Copr. ERA, 1957)

UNWANTED PARENTS

A feeble old man with a sad face tottered up to a deaconess who was waiting on a street corner for a car.

"Excuse me," he began, "but I've wanted to speak to you for several days. People say you're kind. I do not need money, but I need kindness. I live with my daughters. They—they would you be willing to come and talk with them?"

The deaconess took the address of the old man and called a few days after. "It is so tiresome to have father around," the daughters said; "he is so old and childish."

With a silent prayer for guidance, the deaconess tried to give the young women a new vision of duty. She reminded them that their father had cared for them tenderly, and now that he was old and helpless he was entitled to their care.

After a moment of quiet prayer the deaconess rose to go. The older daughter with tears in her eyes thanked her for her words. "We'll treat father better from this time on," she promised. "He shall have the sunny room."

A few days later, the old man talked with the deaconess again. With an al-

most beaming face, he said: "My daughters are so kind to me now; everything is so different. Why, they are even planning a birthday party for me—you know that I am almost eighty years old." Then he added with enthusiasm, "You are to be invited to the party."

Not many months later, the two daughters gave their hearts to Christ. Theirs is now a Christian home, and the father's sunny room is the happiest of all. There he awaits patiently the coming of the King.

—Prophetic News

The Importance of Being a Father

There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly
Take in every word you say;
There are little hands all eager
To do everything you do
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol,
You're the wisest of the wise;
In his little mind, about you
No suspicions ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say and do
He will say and do in your way
When he's grown up just like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you're always right;
And his ears are always open,
And he watches day and night;
You are setting an example
Every day in all you do;
For the little boy who's waiting
To grow up to be like you.

—Edgar A. Guest

Papa's Watch

One morning a mother heard more than the usual amount of merriment coming from the childrens' bedrooms; it was suddenly followed by an ominous silence. A moment later her oldest little boy appeared in his night garment and, in an awed, hesitant voice, said, "That which was in Papa's watch came out!"

Yes, the movement had dropped out of the case. They had such a good time with a valued possession, without understanding its true nature. Suddenly something had happened and they realized that all was not as it should be.

These little children had made a toy of that by which their father regulated his life. They were tossing it from one to another. Then something happened; something dropped out, and a feeling of loss, emptiness, and bewilderment came over them. They could not comprehend what had taken place, but felt that it was serious.

Can it be possible that we may be toying with what was precious to our parents, or entertaining ourselves with that whose sacred value we do not appreciate? Our father and mother went to church; so do we. We are so very busy with our various activities, programs in Sunday School, socials for the young, choir rehearsals, board meetings, and numberless committees. Let us watch lest we suddenly sense a feeling of emptiness, of something gone. Our beautiful, practical, well-equipped church buildings may turn out to be gold "cases" from which the "movement" has fallen.

Solomon's son, Rehoboam, had not ruled five years before the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah and the treasures of the King's house and the shields of gold which Solomon had made. And Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and as often as the king went into the house of Jehovah the guard bore these brass shields. Solomon entered the house of Jehovah with shields of gold; his son went up to worship with shields of brass. Paul and our forefathers had the golden shield of faith; do we bear polished shields of brass? Many a church of today, after having lost the precious metal of worship in spirit and truth,

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Four Shoes

BY RICHARD G. CHAMPION

JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO THIS pair of shoes was occupied by a very active young man.

The world held much interest for him. Everything was so new—there was so much to explore, so much to learn. New horizons opened every day.

But now, at the end of a long day, the little shoes were off—feeling very tired from all the places that the pair of tiny feet had taken them.

The shoes remembered one trip in particular that day. They remembered because they had been following a bigger pair of shoes that belonged to a man known as "Daddy." They remembered the walk down the street—then there were those steps to climb—still following Daddy's shoes. Finally there was a few minutes rest, and Daddy's shoes said something to the little shoes about this being "church."

The shoes listened carefully to the singing, the praying, and finally the sermon. They heard the minister talking about how the things we do influence other people. Then they heard him get more specific as he told parents that their children would imitate the things they saw their parents do. He said that children think their parents are always right,

and that they like to follow in their parents' footsteps.

The little shoes didn't remember too much of the sermon after that, for they were busy thinking about how the little feet that fitted into them had been following the feet of Daddy which fit into those big shoes. The shoes thought back about the other places where they had followed Daddy's shoes—all of them had been good places. And the shoes hoped that it would always be that way.

Then there was a scuffling, and the little shoes found themselves rudely picked up in the midst of their reminiscing and on their way home again. Other things happened during the day, and by the time the little man who lived in them went to bed, the little shoes were all tired out, too. But just before they went to sleep they heard Daddy saying a prayer in their owner's room. He was asking God to help him be a good influence on his son at all times. Then the little shoes discovered why the big shoes always walked a straight path, for they heard the man called "Daddy" asking God to continue to guide his steps.

And before the little shoes got their rest that night they were satisfied that it was going to be a joy to follow Daddy's shoes.

In Defense Of Parents

BY A. W. TOZER

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

AS I SAID IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE, I do not want to place myself on the side of delinquent parents. I only want to defend those good men and women who have the misfortune to be the parents of wayward children.

No one could feel more strongly than I do about the thousands of young people who are being betrayed and sold to the devil right in their own home by evil parents whose only qualification for parenthood is shared by the beasts in the barnyard. Parents can and frequently do (by bad example, abuse or neglect) ruin the lives of their children, and there is nothing that I could say or would want to say in their defense.

Over against this there are the humble, God-fearing parents who have tried in every way possible to bring up their children in the nurture and faith of Christ, but who in spite of strong crying and tears have had to stand helplessly by and watch a loved boy or girl take the broad way toward destruction. For every father or mother going through the bitter valley of sorrow because of a wayward child I have the deepest and tenderest sympathy, and for their sake I have written what I know will be an extremely unpopular piece.

The idea that if a boy or girl goes wrong the parents are to blame, not *may* be but *are* without qualification, is, I repeat, a stupid conclusion reached without evidence by persons tragically ignorant from too much learning. It ignores the multitudinous factors in modern society that go to influence character and determine conduct. It further ignores the fact that there are some persons who take to unsocial or

antisocial conduct as naturally and as avidly as a duck takes to water. The widespread notion that "there is no such thing as a bad boy" is too unrealistic and starry-eyed to be taken seriously by anyone who will look hard at the facts. Those who hold such a notion do so as a kind of pseudo-learned fad and in the face of every evidence to the contrary.

Now, in the eyes of a holy God we are all delinquents. "There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10-12). Christ died for us all or we should all perish without exception. No man who knows his own heart believes he is ready to die in peace without the benefits of the mediatorial work of Christ in his behalf. We must all have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous.

So we find ourselves part of a fallen human society not good enough for heaven but not yet consigned to hell, and we must get along together somehow. While the members of society are lost as God sees it, there is still enough human goodness among them to enable them to live together and carry on their normal activities in a more or less ordered manner. To achieve this it is necessary that the individual members of society conform to some kind of code. Whether this code be the simple unwritten rules of the Stone-Age Danis or the highly complex statutes of a civilized country, the peace of the community requires that these rules be obeyed. The world of mankind manages to get on because the vast majority of persons do obey.

It is the duty of parents to train their children to obey the rules laid down by the organized community.



Most children, God be praised, are fairly amenable to social pressures and soon learn to obey the code that brings the approval of family, friends and, of course, the civil authorities. But here and there will be found a rebel who refuses to submit. He makes his own rules and breaks those of home and society that stand in his way. Such a one we call a delinquent when he is young and an outlaw when he is older.

Now, how does the young rebel get that way? A whole generation of Americans has grown up on the teaching that his parents are to blame and should be held responsible, even if in the home there should be a dozen others, all of whom lead exemplary lives and reflect honor upon their upbringing. The dozen upstanding citizens are ignored. Obviously they just "grewed." The parents did only one thing, viz., train up the one wayward rebel to be a delinquent. Such a philosophy as this passes for learned because it has the backing of the right theorists and no one wants to be thought out of step.

For every wayward youth led astray by his or her parents it is my conviction that there are a hundred who have left the path of rectitude because of other influences. The same school of thought that hatched out the blame-the-parents cult also brought forth a few years back the evil notion that "children should not be repressed while their personality is maturing, but granted complete freedom of self-ex-

pression lest they develop complexes that will cause psychological trauma later in life." Reduced to plain English this means that any attempt to curb the destructive impulses of any little hooligan in the home or school is old-fashioned nonsense and should never be made. We have only lately emerged from this quagmire of pedagogical lunacy and there is still moral mud all over the place. Sensible old-fashioned parents who knew better all the time just could not in every instance counteract the effect of such teaching on their children. The wonder is not that a few delinquents resulted; the big wonder is that so many good decent parents managed in spite of everything to rear so many fine children of whom they have every just reason to be proud.

Hard in the wake of the "self-expression" fad came World War II which glorified violence, tore families apart and snatched millions of young men and women, many of whom were actually still little more than children, away

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QUIZ FOR JUNIORS

BIBLE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Below is a list of musical instruments. Can you pick out those that are mentioned in the Bible and those that are not? Put an "X" in front of those named in the Bible; put an "O" in front of those which are not.

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| 1. harp | 7. flute |
| 2. piano | 8. organ |
| 3. violin | 9. accordion |
| 4. cymbals |10. tambourine |
| 5. cello |11. guitar |
| 6. cornet |12. trumpet |

* * *

ANSWERS:

You should have an "X" before numbers 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 12. You should have an "O" before the others. Most of these instruments are mentioned several times in the Bible. However, here is one Scripture verse for each instrument mentioned: harp—1 Samuel 16:23; cymbals—1 Chronicles 25:6; cornet—2 Samuel 6:5; flute—Daniel 3:5; organ—Job 12:12; trumpet—Judges 7:18.

GRADE YOURSELF

12 correct—excellent

11 correct—very good

9-10 correct—good

7-8 correct—average

6 or less correct—more Bible study would be helpful to you.



Monday, June 17

Read: Psalm 37:1-11

Learn: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 37:5).

For the Parent: These verses give good rules for the Christian life: (1) don't be envious of wrongdoers; (2) trust in God; (3) do good; (4) delight yourself in the Lord; (5) commit your way to Him; (6) rest in God; (7) cease from anger; (8) do no evil; (9) be a meek person.

Question Time: What promise is given to the person who delights himself in the Lord? (v. 4) Should we envy the wrongdoer? (vv. 9-11) Discuss other rules for the Christian which could be added to the above list.

Tuesday, June 18

Read: Psalm 37:12-22

Learn: "Such as be blessed of him [God] shall inherit the earth" (Psa. 37:22).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's lesson on why the Christian should not envy the wrongdoer. This passage further emphasizes the contrast through the rewards of the two: the wicked shall perish (eternal death) but the righteous shall inherit eternal life. Taking all things into consideration, the righteous person is always "better off" than the wicked (v. 16).

Question Time: What promises do these verses hold for the righteous? (vv. 17-19, 22) What is the final end of the wicked? (v. 20)

Wednesday, June 19

Read: Psalm 37:23-40

Learn: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psa. 37:23).

For the Parent: Have the group review the discussion of the previous two days. Then stress from this passage: (1) the events of our lives are under God's control, and He makes no mistakes; (2) God is always merciful in providing help, strength, and deliverance for His own. Also stress the characteristics of the righteous, which are stated in this passage.

Question Time: Who directs the steps of a good man? (v. 23) What is the end of the perfect and upright person? (v. 37) Why will the righteous be saved? (v. 40)

Thursday, June 20

Read: Acts 18:1-18

Learn: "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee" (Acts 18:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Paul in Corinth" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The city of Corinth was one of the most wicked cities in the world of Paul's day; it was also a very important city. Paul took the gospel message there, and though he met opposition (vv. 6, 12-17) he also brought the message to many who believed and became Christians (v. 8).

Question Time: Where had Paul been before he went to Corinth? (v. 1) What was the substance of his message? (v. 5) What important leader was converted? (v. 8) How long did Paul stay in Corinth? (v. 11)

Friday, June 21

Read: Acts 4:1-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17:17).

For the Parent: This week's Junior lesson stresses loyalty. From this scripture show how Peter and John were loyal to Christ even in the face of persecution. If we really love our Lord, we will be loyal to Him whatever happens. Stress also the importance of loyalty to family, friends, the church, etc.

Question Time: What event preceded Peter and John's imprisonment? (Acts 3:1-11) What command did the rulers give Peter and John? (v. 18) What was their answer? (vv. 19, 20)

Saturday, June 22

Read: Leviticus 24:10-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

For the Parent: This story brings out forcefully the fact that God's name is holy—it is not to be taken lightly or used in cursing. When we use the name of God, we should do so reverently, with respect and love. If we really love God, we will have a greater respect for His name.

Question Time: What was the crime of this son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father? (v. 11) How was he punished? (vv. 14-16) Compare punishments God set for murder and swearing. What conclusion can be drawn?

How Are We Building?

seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build . . ." (1 Chronicles 22: 19).

Those words demand our attention, "Set your heart!"

OUR ETERNAL WELFARE

We, like Solomon, are building an edifice, our lives. How important the work! Our personal eternal welfare is involved! What better preparation can we have than to set our heart and soul to one thing: to seek the Lord, to search out His holy will! And where shall we learn of Him except in the Scriptures!

The more we read the Word of God

tians ought to specialize in setting their hearts and souls to seek the Lord. It is written of King Uzziah, "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." The Word declares, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." God always meets the seeking heart. Not with reluctance, either. He "runs" to meet those who turn to Him in sincerity.

Daniel was a man who set his heart toward God. He purposed to live a consecrated and separated life, and God did miracles for him, and gave him favor and blessing. Paul, the wise masterbuilder, according to the grace of God given to him, was a specialist. He wrote, "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He built well, and he will receive a great reward in eternity.

OUR INFLUENCE

Only eternity will reveal how great is the influence of a godly life upon others. None of us lives to himself. Others are influenced by the way we build.

"An old man, going on a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him.
But he paused when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to stem the tide.

"'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting your strength by building
here.

Your journey will end with the closing day,
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

"The builder lifted his old gray head,
'Good friend, in the path I've come,' he said,
'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that's been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be:
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for
him.'"

This poem from an old scrapbook reminds us of our responsibility to set the right example before youth and children. Young people from Christian homes have admitted that they could not neglect or desecrate the Lord's Day, because they remembered their childhood training. Multitudes have been turned into the way of righteousness because parents set their hearts to seek God and build for eternity. Yet how



A MAN WORKS WITH CARE WHEN HE IS BUILDING A HOUSE FOR HIMSELF—OR FOR HIS CHILDREN.

BY ETHEL L. TENNEY

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "LIFE IS A building. It rises slowly day by day through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising silently within us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our commonest days adds something to this invisible structure."

David charged the princes of Israel, "Now set your heart and your soul to

the more wonderful it becomes to us. Read it through again and again, until you begin to sense a little, the holiness of the Holy One! And the fear of the Lord will give you heavenly wisdom. After we've looked at the law, and seen the exceeding sinfulness of sin, Calvary becomes more wonderful to us than we ever dreamed!

Every great structure has been designed and brought into being by a specialist. Someone has set his heart and mind to that one thing. Perhaps a bridge is being designed. Engineers study it until they understand every detail of the work, and make the plans. It is important that no mistakes be made in the construction. Lives may be lost and much damage result if the work is not carried out according to the blueprint.

How much more important is this matter of a spiritual building. Chris-

many today are drifting into the by-ways of sin because someone forgot the "youth whose feet must pass their way."

The author of this little verse is unknown, but we share it because of the truth it contains:

"A careful man I ought to be,
A little fellow follows me.

I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

"Not once can I escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
That little chap who follows me.

"I must remember as I go,
Through summer sun and winter snow,
I'm building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me." ◀◀

Blood Cyst Healed

For three years I had been in constant pain from a blood cyst. I had been to four different doctors who wanted to operate immediately, but I refused; and my condition grew steadily worse. The doctor told me the cyst was developing into cancer. My nerves stayed at the breaking point. My stomach was terribly sore all the time, and I was often nauseated. I had to be very careful what I ate. Many times there was a discharge from my body, which troubled me considerably. As I grew gradually worse, both breasts began to run and itch, until the skin was worn off in large places.

Then we moved next door to a member of Norwood Assembly in Jacksonville. She invited us to church and began to pray for us. We went one Sunday and enjoyed the pastor's message and the freedom of the Spirit in the service. The people were friendly, and it seemed that God was so near, so that we wanted to go back. I made a complete consecration to the Lord and joined the church.

One Sunday night some time later I felt so weak and sick that I made up my mind not to try to go. However, Pastor Mayhue came by the house and prayed, and I felt so much better that I got ready and went to church. During the service, as the people were testifying, the power of the Lord began to fall. The pastor came down the aisle and prayed for a man, who immediately began to shout. I felt, "Lord, if that's really Your power, I know I'll be healed tonight." Then when Brother Mayhue placed his hand on me, after anointing me with oil, God's power swept over me and the next thing I noticed was that all the pain and soreness were gone.

The next morning my breasts had already stopped running, and I have been well ever since. That was three months ago, and I have not had any of the symptoms since. I thank and praise the Lord for His healing power and this Pentecostal way. I do also appreciate so much the faithful prayer warriors of the church.—Mrs. Willie Mae Strickland, 663 Escambia Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida.

(Endorsed by J. Russell Mayhue,
Pastor, Norwood Assembly of God,
Jacksonville, Florida.)

The Oldest Man

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of all the blessings His goodness desires to bestow upon us.

IV

Finally, the time came for Methuselah to die, and he died. The words, "and he died," occur again and again in the fifth chapter of Genesis. Death must mark the end of the pilgrimage of every man and woman among us, unless indeed the Lord comes during our lifetime and we have the privilege and honor of being among those caught up to "meet the Lord in the air."

People fear death. But why should a child of God fear to die? Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He was sure that there is a brighter and better world, and he was sure also that provision had been made for him to enter that world and enjoy all that God was preparing for him: He had a great many tough and tragic experiences in the flesh, but in the midst of them he had victory and was able to say, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Paul has gone to his reward, and I shall go to mine some day (it may be soon). Suppose the Lord should call for you. Are you ready?

When Noah was born, his father, Lamech, named him *Noah*, which means "rest, or comfort"; and he said, "This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed" (Genesis 5:29). Lamech knew that the flood was coming, but he was not a pessimist; he looked by faith beyond the flood, assured that God had something good for His own.

Conditions in the world today are

enough to make any man pessimistic, unless indeed he is a child of God and believes what God has said. Let us look at these conditions, not that they may make us pessimistic, but that we may see how prophecy is being fulfilled and know that the coming of the Lord is drawing near. "*When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*" ◀◀

The Builders

Two lovers built a model house;
They kept it spic and span.
Their youngsters knew no joy of play,
For noise was under ban.
There were no sweet companionships,
No hours of mutual fun,
No sacred understandings. Now,
What had these people done?
They'd built a house.

Two lovers built a gorgeous house;
They lavished wealth and care
To make its splendor flash abroad—
Appointments rich and rare.
They reared no babies in that house;
Their time was amply filled
With gaieties—frivolities—
Now, friend, what did they build?
They built a mansion.

Two lovers built a humble house,
But holy joy was there.
The din of happy childhood play
Resounded everywhere;
The hours were filled with fellowship,
With worship sweet and true,
With prayer, the reading of God's Word—
What did these people do?
They built a home!

—by Harrison Palmer

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



PAUL IN CORINTH

Sunday School Lesson for June 23, 1957

ACTS 18:1-4, 9-18

Paul went from Athens, the city full of man's wisdom, full of beauty, and full of idols, to Corinth, the city full of business and full of wickedness. Athens was the symbol of intellect and art. Corinth was the symbol of immorality in its worst forms. In Athens Paul left only a handful of followers. In Corinth "much people" turned to the Lord. So it is today. Localities in which intellectual pride reigns are farthest from the gospel. In areas where people are the most lowly and most deeply steeped in sin, multitudes turn to Christ.

Paul's humility (v. 3). Though he had a perfect right to be supported by the gospel, yet in cases where it was necessary and to the best interest of the gospel, Paul was not above working with his own hands. There is still a great need today for Christian workers who are willing to go to pioneer fields and work as well as preach in order to establish new churches. If Paul worked at a job while preaching, why should anyone today feel that it is a reflection upon him to do so?

Paul's Faithfulness in Preaching (vv. 4, 5). Though persecuted again and again for preaching the gospel, Paul would not desist. When opposed in the synagogue in Corinth he simply moved next door! Paul was no professional. Neither love of money, nor love of preaching, nor natural ambition motivated Paul in his preaching. "The love of Christ constraineth us," was his explanation of it all. We need to search our hearts occasionally to make sure our motives are pure. The constraining love of Christ should be the dominant motive back of all service.

Paul's Rejection of the Corinthian Jews (vv. 6, 7). It is not wisdom to waste precious time trying to cram the gospel down the throats of those who positively do not want it, while there are hungry hearts elsewhere who would receive Christ if they had opportunity. It is true that there are times when one needs to labor faithfully without immediate results; but it is equally true that there is a time to "shake the dust off" and depart for other fields. On such occasions we must be sure, however, that we can say with Paul, "I am clean"; that is, "I have done my best."

Paul's Encouragement in Corinth (v. 9). That Paul did right in leaving the Jews is evidenced by the fact that when he left and preached to the Gentiles, many were saved. He was further vindicated by the fact that the Lord appeared to him in a vision by night. What strength and cheer the Lord's Word must have brought to him! Consider—

"Be not afraid." Would it not seem from these words that the great Apostle may have been discouraged, fearful, or despondent at this time? Remember, he was a man "of like passions" as we are, and as Elijah was. Human nature at

its best is weak. But the grace of God enables us to progress in spite of our weaknesses!

"But speak, and hold not thy peace." There are times when silence is sinful and cowardly. Fear makes us dumb, but faith enables us to speak in spite of our fears.

"For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." The Christian who remembers that he is indwelt by the living Christ and by the blessed Holy Spirit becomes conqueror of his circumstances instead of victim of them! "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

"For I have much people in this city." What a wonderful assurance! It may be that God has many people in your city and mine. If so, let us believe His promises as Paul did; for Paul stayed a year and a half in Corinth, longer than he stayed in most of the localities he visited.

Paul Protected in Corinth (vv. 12-18). On occasions God permitted Paul to be beaten, stoned, and left for dead by those who opposed the gospel. How gratifying to read here of how Paul's enemy reaped what he would have sown! Sosthenes, ruler of the synagogue, who succeeded Crispus (who was saved and became a follower of Paul) seized Paul and took him before Gallio the Roman ruler of the province, and placed charges against him. Gallio, who, according to history, was a kind and honorable man, saw through Sosthenes' accusations and drove him from the synagogue. Consequently, when the crowd saw the attitude of Gallio they turned against Sosthenes and gave him the thrashing that he had hoped Gallio would administer to Paul! And Gallio, probably aware that Sosthenes deserved it, refused to interfere!

—J. Bashford Bishop

WHICH IS YOUR ATTITUDE?





THIS PRESENT WORLD

Catholics Told to Shun Baccalaureate Services

Baccalaureate services, one of the highlights of graduation week exercises, have come under the condemnation of a Roman Catholic Archbishop. A St. Paul (Minnesota) prelate warned that Roman Catholics are forbidden to attend baccalaureate ceremonies held in non-Catholic churches. The archbishop also stated that it is not permissible to hold public school graduation ceremonies in Catholic churches.

Only when baccalaureate addresses are nonreligious and the ceremonies held in a public place are Roman Catholics permitted to attend and participate, said the prelate.

One cannot help but wonder why it is that if the Roman Catholic Church has all the truth, as she claims to have, she is so afraid of her constituents being exposed to the religious views of others.

A Dubious Honor

For the year ending September 30, 1956, an average of 31½ gallons of beer was drunk by each man, woman, and child in Bavaria, according to the Breweries Association of Germany. Bavaria has the dubious honor of holding the beer-drinking record of the world. Perhaps this is why a sales-conscious American brewery has attached the name Bavaria to one of its brews. Undoubtedly it would like to see the U. S. (whose per capita consumption now stands at approximately 13 gallons per year) take the "honor" away from Bavaria.

Station Discontinues Paid Religious Telecasts

Station KTVI in St. Louis, Missouri, has discontinued its paid religious telecasts, and a Baptist clergyman has protested to the Federal Communications Commission. He said that mass meetings and picketing of the station will be undertaken in protest against the new policy.

Bill Beeny, pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church, said his "New Testament Baptist Hour" broadcast was scheduled to be canceled despite assurances from KTVI that it would be continued when the station converted from a UHF to a VHF channel. Several hundred dollars had been spent in advertising when the cancellation was announced, the pastor said.

Mr. Beeny noted that the National Religious Broadcasters, Incorporated (a subsidiary of the National Association of Evangelicals) had accused the National Council of Churches of "pressuring" TV and radio stations to substitute a "free time policy" for paid religious broadcasts.

The manager of the TV station said free time would be provided for religious broadcasts on "a fair and equitable basis without regard to denomination." He said other major TV stations followed this policy. Mr. Beeny said, however, that he feared that the National Council would control the free-time policy if it went into effect, adding, "We have learned that free time is controlled time."

More Sailors Attend Religious Services

Rear Admiral Edward B. Harp, Jr., Navy Chief of Chaplains, reports that attendance of sailors at religious services has "doubled and tripled" in the past four or five years. He gave some of the credit to a concentrated program of "character education" started by the Navy several years ago.

Church Construction Still Booming

Church construction set an all-time record for April when new buildings worth \$64,000,000 were started. This was an increase of \$11,000,000 over the previous record set in April 1956. So far, church construction is running 18 per cent higher than last year, when an all-time high was recorded.

Graham Buys Large Minneapolis Headquarters Building

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has purchased the former Standard Oil Company building in Minneapolis to be used as a headquarters for all its activities. Formerly the group had headquarters in both Minneapolis and Washington, D. C. The new office building will double its headquarters space.

Presbyterian Groups Vote to Merge

The presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church of North America have voted by "a decided majority" to merge with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. In the latter church, the required majority of its presbyteries have already approved the union plan, with no presbytery rejecting it. Final action on the merger will be taken by the General Assemblies of the two denominations this year.

If the two assemblies ratify the move, the combined denomination will be known as the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and will have a membership of approximately three million. Actual completion of the merger would be effected at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1958.

Refugee Clergymen Tour U.S.

Six refugee clergymen and a seminarian from Iron Curtain countries arrived in New York recently for a tour of the U.S. Sponsored by the fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches, the purpose of the tour, according to the Council, is "to present to the American people the true picture of what Communism has done to religion, and to strengthen the Christian forces within this country in opposition to Communism."

The Council said it was sponsoring the tour to counteract a visit to this country last June of a team of clergymen from Russia. The Soviet clergymen spent twelve days in the U.S. as guests of the National Council of Churches, and told Americans there is freedom of religion in Russia. The refugee clergymen—from Estonia, Latvia, Poland, and the Ukraine, where they saw many suffer for the religious faith—deny the assertion of the Soviet clergy.

A Week in One Father's Life

BY RUTH NOURSE

THIS STORY IS ABOUT AN ORDINARY father with one little girl who suddenly acquired a second family of sixty-one children plus the promise of five more within two weeks!

Herbert Bruhn accepted the call to serve as Superintendent of the National Children's Home early this year. However, it was May before he actually took up his duties. On his arrival in Hot Springs, Arkansas, he found himself in the midst of a busy program of expansion. Two remodeling jobs were well underway at the Home. A driveway to connect all the buildings was being black-topped. A major building project was already in the planning stages.

A quick look at the "fatherly" duties performed during Brother Bruhn's first week with a family of five-dozen-plus will give EVANGEL readers a new appreciation for *their* National Children's Home.

Friday, May 3. First day's mail included a plea on behalf of five children deserted by their father. Juvenile officers found the children hungry with no food in the house. Mother unable to provide adequate care and training. Judge asked if the National Children's Home could arrange to care for entire family. Another letter confirmed the placement of two youngsters to enter the Home at the end of their school term.



The National Children's Home family with Superintendent Bruhn. (Four were absent when picture was taken.)

An appointment at ten with the architect to discuss plans being drawn for the Boys' Teen Cottage. Also, stopped at the bank, accountant's office, hardware store, dry cleaners and post office. Met with Pastor Fay Hutchinson at First Assembly about dates for V.B.S. and children's revival at the Home. Attended revival services with workers and children in evening. (Chapel at the Home was cancelled in favor of special services at church.)

Saturday, May 4. Dictated letter to juvenile officers in preparation for meeting with them at Little Rock to discuss future of family of five. Checked on bills to be paid and financial situation of Home. Looked over case histories and medical reports. Made preparation for Sunday.

Sunday, May 5. Morning and evening services with Brother John Paproski at First Assembly of God in Malvern.

Monday, May 6. Wrote as many checks for April bills as balance in operational fund would cover. (Must pay rest as money comes in.) Continued study of children's case histories. Ten need tonsillectomies.

Saw the floor-sanders about finishing floors in superintendent's home, the plumber about the sink to be installed, and a tile-man for the price of redoing the kitchen floor. Checked on the progress of paving project and

remodeling job in the dormitory wash-room. Both nearing completion.

Tuesday, May 7. A phone call from Malvern about teen-ager from the Home. She left two months ago to live with father and stepmother, but wants to return. Says conditions in her home are intolerable. Called Judge Lowery and the Prosecuting Attorney to find out if Home can obtain custody of the child. Appointment to meet them on case at ten. Court favored returning child to us.

Drove to Little Rock to meet with juvenile counselors in connection with family of five. Returned to Hot Springs in afternoon for appointment with contractor and subcontractor on dormitory washroom job. After supper, a trip to Malvern to pick up Jean, the returning teen-ager.

*Wednesday, May 8—*Arranged for Jean to see the doctor for her health certificate. Talked with Mr. Downs about her return to Lakeside School. Called the doctor to arrange for mass tonsillectomy for ten soon after school is out. Wrote letters about "away from the home" visits during the summer for Johnny, Mack, Virginia and Wayne.

Thursday, May 9. Another attempt to "catch up" in the office, with the usual interruptions by salesmen who handle everything from canned food and eggs to office supplies (must deal with these good people in order to

meet the needs of a household like ours).

The pavement contractor finished blacktopping the drive, and stopped by to pick up his check.

Made appointment with photographer to get group picture of entire family.

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Every busy day at the National Children's Home begins with breakfast at seven and a meeting with the staff for consultation and prayer at 8:30. In addition to the routine family duties described in preceding paragraphs, the Superintendent must find time to counsel with children and staff members who bring individual problems. He also handles a rather popular employment service for teen-agers who are eager to earn money for camp. A number of businessmen and housewives call to ask for dependable youngsters to mow lawns, weed gardens, work in the greenhouse, baby-sit, or do housework on Saturday. Several employers have called back to report how well pleased they were with the work performed.

As you can readily see, the man who fills "father's" shoes in a children's home needs a generous amount of help if he is to be successful in training his children and giving them the necessities of life.

Brother Bruhn has a good staff of helpers. They have the call of God on their hearts and share his desire to assist in giving homeless boys and girls a Christian home with all the love and care that the name implies.

Seven houseparents live with the children just as parents would. They listen to children's problems, tell them stories, read to them, settle disputes, enter into games, apply Merthiolate to skinned elbows, and see that the chil-

Mary Beth has a problem. She shows Brother Bruhn the holes in the bottom of her sandals.



dren are ready for Sunday School at 9:15 on Sunday morning. They are responsible for housekeeping, recreation, discipline, wardrobes, duties and the spiritual life of their young charges.

As indispensable as houseparents in being substitute mother and dad to this big family are the two cooks, two laundry ladies, the relief worker, maintenance man, office secretary and seamstress. While two parents are usually endowed with all gifts necessary to handle a family of three, four, or even six or eight with the help of older sons and daughters, simple arithmetic will show that this minimum staff of workers has its hands full to do the same job for a family of eighty (including children and workers).

All of these "parent-people" find more than ordinary satisfaction in their work of retrieving youngsters from the havoc of broken homes. They see transformations—some almost immediate, and others so slow as to be imperceptible until suddenly it is there. You can see it! That boy *has* changed, and he's beginning to show a fine spirit.

There are disappointments, too. But none is great enough to take the shine off one's spirit—a shine that comes when your love for a child is returned. Brother Bruhn has received a token of this special reward bestowed on those who befriend needy children. On his

second morning in the Home, three-year-old Linda climbed up on his lap, threw her arms around his neck, and said, "Bro Boohn, I lufs you lots!" And isn't that about what keeps any father on the job?

A constant, nagging burden of the Home's superintendent all through the years has been the lack of money children and the Home. This is an unnecessary burden. Members of the Assemblies of God are well able to support eight or ten homes the size of the one at Hot Springs. Let us enter into the work with Brother Bruhn and his staff to help lighten the load. Father's Day has been set to provide those things needed for the aside for the annual offering for this work. Crises can be averted and heavy burdens lightened by regular contributions by churches and individuals throughout the year. Plan your monthly expense budget to include something for the National Children's Home. Send your offerings to the Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

If we do our part today, and throughout the year, other homes can be opened to care for many homeless children who need our Saviour and our Christian benevolence. Caring for the fatherless is an important part of religion, as described in James 1:27.

The Staff at the National Children's Home. Front row, left to right: Mrs. George Price, Virginia Wirtz, Mrs. Ialo Quaglia, Bonnie Middleton, Mrs. Jessie Davis, and Mrs. Trella Witt. Second row: George Price, Herbert Bruhn, Vernon Henson, and Marilyn Gossel. Other members of the staff (not in the picture) are: Tommy Witt, Mrs. Johnnie Jones, Mrs. Pearl Needham, and Mrs. Reika McKee.





CO-OPERATION SPELLED VICTORY

FOR THIS NEW CHURCH

The Assemblies of God church in Viroqua, Wisconsin, was a struggling work for several years, worshipping in rented buildings. When Paul Ade became pastor of the church in August 1955, he began to pray that God would cause the congregation to grow and enable them to build.

God answered this prayer by giving them souls; and through the cooperation of the district home missions program, the WMC's, and a consecrated evangelist, the Viroqua Assembly is going forward to victory. Here is Brother Ade's account of how it happened:

"God met with us, service after service, and the interest began to grow. During our first year of ministry here, God gave us an average attendance of forty-four in Sunday School. Some were saved, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"In the spring of 1956, we felt God would have us begin to build. Being under home missions, we went to our district to ask for assistance. How I thank God for their help, for without them a new building would not have been possible.

"The lot upon which the church is built was purchased by the WMC Penny March of this district. We broke ground on June 2, 1956, and on November 11 we moved in for our first service. We built with the donated help of our congregation and of neighboring pastors. Our building is 37 by 74, of masonry construction, with only the heating plant under ground. God helped us, supplying every need as we progressed on the construction.

"We felt the need of an evangelist, but I hesitated to ask one to come, realizing that we would not be able to meet all his expenses. However, we did ask Evangelist Joel Palmer to come

when he could for a meeting. I told him our circumstances and he informed me that he would try to work a meeting with us into his schedule.

"On January 1, 1957, the meetings started. We felt that God was going to do something for us, and He did. The attendance increased continually, with visitors in every service. God's people were revived, and as we went into the second week, God broke through.

"On Wednesday evening we began the service as usual, but it ended in an unusual way. Our evangelist did not get to minister, for a real burden of prayer came over those assembled and we prayed until 11 p.m. The next night two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"On the closing Sunday we had a record high of 84 in Sunday School, and the Lord crowned the day with the salvation of more souls.

"Throughout the meeting, other denominational folk attended. As a direct result of the presentation of the gospel from the Pentecostal view they became hungry for more of God and became faithful attendants at the As-



The Viroqua Assembly of God Sunday School assembly after the revival. Also, since the meetings a total of eight people have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues. A number of young folk and children, besides six adults, have been saved.

"Sunday School enthusiasm has increased, and we reached a new high of 87. We have averaged 70 since the first of the year.

"We owe a great deal to God's servant, Evangelist Joel Palmer, who was willing to come and sacrifice to minister for us. God did send in the needed finances, and all needs were met." ◀◀

Indian Church Re built

When fire destroyed the little Indian Assemblies of God church at Red Rock, Oklahoma, it was hard for either the Indians or their missionaries to understand.

Only a few months before, Marguerite Shaw and Fern Bigelow had gone to Red Rock and begun services in the little church. Their congregation of Otoe Indians grew until the little church was packed out. Then one morning in January the building burned to the ground. Although the situation looked dark and hopeless, God was working.

Hundreds of miles away, God spoke to Pastor James Cockman and his con-

gregation at Berea Temple in St. Louis, Missouri, and laid a burden upon their hearts to help in rebuilding this church.

Time and funds were freely given. Brother Cockman and a number of the men of his congregation drove to Red Rock (near Ponca City), Oklahoma, and joined the Indian people in the building effort. They poured the foot-



The first block is laid with rejoicing. Missionary Fern Bigelow is in the center holding a block. Marguerite Shaw holds the level.

ing for a 40 by 60-ft. block building. Then two brick masons from the St. Louis church took charge of erecting the walls.

The Indian men worked with the men from Berea to see their church become a reality. Indian women set up a cook tent and faithfully cooked for the workmen.

The Indian people put the glass in the window frames and will do the inside finishing and painting after the ceiling and partitions are in. An electrician from Berea Temple will do the wiring. The Indian people will build their own pews.

The cook tent became a place of blessing when it was temporarily converted into a meeting place. Pastor Cockman ministered and had the joy of seeing two Indian people come to Christ.

The new building, when completed, will be valued at about \$7,500. The people of Berea Temple have given over \$2,000 toward the project, in addition to several hundred hours of labor and transportation expenses. The congregation has received a great blessing in doing this work as unto the Lord.

Marguerite Shaw, one of the missionaries, says, "The Indian people are rejoicing that their prayers are answered and that God is giving them a better place of worship.

"We do not know the names of all the individual workers who have come from St. Louis, nor the amounts of their gifts, but we cannot help but be impressed by the quality of stewardship they have shown. . . ."

"The help that our own Indian people are giving greatly impresses me. They are faithful to work, and when we have presented the need, I have watched them give all they had in their purses. . . . The Oklahoma District is also helping us. . . ."

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Prayer and faith, work and sacrifice, have made this new Indian church possible. Perhaps you or your church cannot actively engage in such a project, but you would like to have a part in building for God. Our Indian work is growing, and more new churches are now being built. Your offering can help them to be built more quickly. Offerings should be designated for INDIAN BUILDING FUND, and sent to

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Anniversary of the First Protestant Church

BY LAWRENCE OLSON, BRAZIL

ON MARCH 10, 1557, THE FIRST evangelical sermon was preached in the New World on a tiny island in Rio de Janeiro's harbor. Most of us have taken for granted that Protestantism first was proclaimed in North America, but history gives this distinction to Brazil in South America.

Just sixty-five years after Columbus' discovery of America and sixty-three years before the Pilgrim Fathers set foot on the shores of New England, a second expedition of French colonists, among whom were a goodly number of Huguenots, reached the harbor of Rio de Janeiro. Crossing the ocean in the frail ships of that day had taken four months. The famous French Protestant, Admiral Coligny, was the moving spirit behind this colonial venture which, besides adding lands to the domain of France, would provide a haven from the terrible persecutions of the Roman Catholic inquisition. Calvin, the great reformer, was also aware of this plan and helped further it.

As the group came ashore on March

10, 400 years ago, they were gladly received by the French colonial leader, Durand de Villegagnon, whose name the island bears to this day. Thanks was given to God for His protection during the long and dangerous voyage.

Two outstanding leaders of the group, Pierre Richer and Guillaume Chartier, were Reformation pastors; and a third, Jean de Lery, was a courageous young Christian student.

On this memorable day the little band, true to the tradition of the heroes of the faith, had a gospel service in the colony refectory, at which time they solemnly sang in the tune of the age the fifth Psalm, which expresses the cry of the persecuted for divine protection. They had fled from Catholic Europe.

The humble pastor, Pierre Richer, took as his text Psalm 27:4, which says, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." We may well imagine the deep feelings in the hearts of these brave French Christians as they heard God's Word

expounded on this occasion by their faithful pastor.

Had this colony been as successful as it was originally envisioned, Brazilian and South American history might have been different. The Roman Catholic priests in the nearby Portuguese colony, through envy at the goodwill the French colonists enjoyed from the Indians of the area, and also to make sure that the revival flames of Protestantism would not spread to the New World, managed by treachery and bribes to get the French leader, Villegagnon, to turn traitor to the Huguenot cause. He became known to succeeding generations as the first "Cain of the Americas."

Untold suffering was endured by these first Christians, who, in the unequal struggle, finally were squelched by fire and sword. Some died in the flames, tied to the stake, at the orders of the priests. Martyrdom was the price they paid; but it was not in vain, for "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Today at this very place there are tens of thousands of Christians of all classes, who, under full constitutional liberty, worship the Lord and read the Bible in their churches, on street corners and *pracas*, over radio stations and wherever they will. In all the land they number at least two million and continue to expand at an astounding rate. The largest single group of Protestants in Brazil today is the Assemblies of God. The Protestants may have lost a battle 400 years ago, BUT TODAY THEY'RE WINNING THE WAR! ◀◀

News From Ambon

BY EDNA DEVIN

Ambon, Indonesia



The aged Christian who was baptized with the Spirit is shown in the center. To the left is Sister Lien Talakva.

Work in the Batjan Islands is progressing steadily under the able ministry of Sister Lien Talakua and Brother Josef Lattu. The door is open to the gospel, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is being experienced.

An old man of more than eighty years was saved. When he learned of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, he became exceedingly thirsty for the experience and was wonderfully filled with the Spirit. His wife, who is some years younger than he, became vitally interested and also received the baptism with the Spirit. Both became so enthusiastic about the work of the Lord that they gladly opened their home for meetings and prayer. Others have been saved, too.

The influence of Chinese teachers



Sunday School at Labuha, Batjan, Indonesia

greatly hindered our Sunday School at first, but God is faithful in answering the persevering prayer of His people, and the Sunday School is being built up again. Chinese children are now allowed to come back to learn more of the Word of God. ◀◀

Advances in Pakistan

BY ELSIE MARIALKE

ARRIVING IN CHITTAGONG IN JULY, 1955, I found that my first duty was to organize the Sunday School. Starting with a contest we found enthusiasm growing, and by the end of two months the attendance had risen from twelve to fifty. We found that illustrated flannelgraph lessons were appreciated and enabled us to teach with greater effect.

At the end of the year Josephine Spina joined me and we planned a more thorough organization of the school. The attendance had now reached seventy-five. Eight classes were formed: five English-speaking classes, one Chinese-speaking class, and two Bengali-speaking classes. Teachers were trained and equipped to handle them. A whole trunkful of flannelgraph material was given to us—all mixed up. We spent many hours sorting it out and getting the materials and the lessons together.

These lessons were greatly appreciated. We would be grateful if other Sunday School teachers and WMC groups could send us outdated quarterlies, and flannelgraph material to accompany the lessons.

One room of the missionaries' home had been used for meetings and the rent had been supplied. However, this arrangement ended about the time I arrived there, and so I presented the challenge to the congregation. The people responded well and have been paying the rent and other expenses of the building.

Now we had the entire building at our disposal so that we were able to expand. Soon it was too small.

Every room was used for classrooms, including the bamboo lean-to cook house and the bamboo garage with its earthen floor. People are often turned away

for lack of room. This means we have reached a saturation point. With no funds available we are helpless to do anything. How we long to be able to erect a simple tabernacle so that the work may grow!

One year after we arrived in Chittagong, Bengali services were begun. Miss Bridgman, principal of the Bible school at Khulna, spent her vacation with us and helped to launch these services. A number of Bengali-speaking people were attending our English services, and some were requesting Bengali meetings. In August, 1956, Ashutosh Sirkar came with his family to take over the pastoral responsibilities of the Bengali congregation. He had completed two years at the Bible School at Khulna.

The gospel is being preached in the English and Bengali services to Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Catholics, nominal Christians, and real born-again believers.

Ed. note: While Elsie Marialke is on furlough, the work is being carried on by Sister Spina, Sister Lillibridge, and Brother Sirkar. ◀ ◀

Earthquake Damage

BY PAUL GOODWIN, JAMAICA

During a recent earthquake in Jamaica, severe damage was done to the western section around Montego Bay. Some damage was done to the assembly, but it is expected that the insurance will cover it.

However, our church nine miles from Montego Bay was badly damaged, and funds will be needed to make necessary repairs. The entire back wall will have to be removed and a new one erected. The cost will be about \$200.

The congregation had sacrificed for years in order to have their building. They raised about eighty per cent of the total cost. The church of Pastor Cy Huckerby helped and the finishing touches were put on in time for dedication.

Assistance to the church at this time will greatly encourage this fine group of Christians. Send offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designated "Montego Bay Church Repairs."

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. K. Godbey and daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Godbey and their daughter sailed on May 13 to Nigeria for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooke left for Costa Rica on April 10. They will be attending the language school there before doing missionary work in that country.

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ON FURLOUGH

The following missionaries have returned home on furlough recently:

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Webster of Hawaii. Their address is 2320 Myrtle St., Baker, Oreg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Merian of North India. They can be reached at 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Marcella Dorff of Indonesia. Her address is 1118 Oak St., Fargo, S. Dak.

Margaret Brown of Indonesia. Her address is 116 Elizabeth St., Wapato, Wash.

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Valborg Frandsen left North India on furlough. She is visiting with relatives in Denmark before coming to the United States.



Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brooke

JOSHUA FACED THE NATION
AND SAID, "AS FOR ME AND
MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE
THE LORD."

BY BESS A. OLSON

THE SETTING SUN STRETCHED A brilliant curtain along the desert horizon as a dozen hot, dusty men paused on a small hilltop. The tired eyes of the travelers lit with anticipation as they viewed the scene below them. For miles to the north, south, east, and west, lay the tents of a mighty encampment.

A broad-shouldered, bronzed man, rippling with muscles, lifted a shining face to the bright sky. He breathed deeply. The tents of his people—Israel!

He broke into a run, and a few minutes later Joshua and his comrades were surrounded by laughing, shouting Israelites. Questions flew. What kind of



The Strange Victories of a **STRONG WARRIOR**

country had the twelve spies found Canaan to be?

"A good land, flowing with milk and honey," the spies answered with one accord. "There is fruit in abundance. See the great cluster of grapes and the pomegranates."

"It is good," shouted the people. "Let us go up and possess the land."

"But wait!" The voice of a dark, swarthy spy drew their attention. His eyes glistened fearfully. "The country is good, but the cities are securely walled. The people are fierce and there are giants in the land!"

"Yes," all but two of the spies quickly agreed, "we were but grasshoppers in their sight!"

A wail went up from the Israelites, "Giants! We shall surely perish!"

Joshua's heart sank. So this was the meaning of the whispering of the men on the way home. They were afraid of the fierce inhabitants of the country through which they had traveled. But how could they bring such an evil re-

port! Had not God promised them Canaan?

"Listen, my people," he cried, "the Lord will bring us into the land!" His voice rang, as faith quickened in his heart. "Do not fear the people of the land, for the Lord is with us!"

Thus Joshua, son of Nun, sought to imbue his countrymen with his own strong faith in God. *Joshua was a strong man in every way—strong in body, strong in character, strong in courage. But his greatest strength was his unfaltering trust in God.* The history of the martial exploits of this famous warrior abounds with accounts of his acts of faith followed by miraculous victories. . . .

Joshua learned early the value of supernatural power against the arm of flesh. He led the troops of Israel against the ferocious tribe of Amalek.

"I will pray for you," promised Moses.

At first everything went the way of

the Israelites. "The victory is ours!" shouted Joshua.

But strangely, the tide turned. Amalek pressed fiercely in. Defeat seemed certain. Then, as suddenly, the enemy forces fell back and Israel was victorious. Later Joshua learned that his army was successful only as Moses lifted his hands in prayer. When the intercessor's arms dropped in weariness Amalek prevailed. Finally two men, Aaron and Hur, held up his hands until the battle was won.

"The victory is the Lord's," whispered the young captain humbly. . . .

The greatest source of Joshua's faith, however, was an unforgettable personal experience with God. As servant of the great leader, Moses, he had climbed with him up Mount Sinai. He waited breathlessly as Moses went higher to meet the cloud of Jehovah. Oh, to know the presence of God in reality!

Then one day he was in the taber-

nacle with Moses. The cloud came down! The voice of God spoke! It was a glorious experience! Long after Moses went back to the camp the young man remained in the tabernacle. Never in all his life would he doubt the reality and power of God. . . .

Joshua had need of strong faith in God during the long years that followed his espionage trip into Canaan. The Israelites who had refused to believe God were forced to wander around in the wilderness until all of that generation but Joshua and Caleb, a fellow believer, had perished. Only these two out of the older generation went into Canaan.

During that time Joshua's faith never wavered. And after forty years God spoke to him, "Moses, my servant, is dead. Now therefore arise and go into the land. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you."

With a thrill in his heart, Joshua arose. "Come, my people," he cried. "We shall go in and possess the land which the Lord has given us!"

The people looked at the swelling Jordan River rolling between them and the land of Canaan. Then they looked at Joshua, his eyes shining with confidence. They began to pack. Three days later they walked across the Jordan River bed, dry shod!

In the years that followed, the children of Israel were to learn many times over that their leader served a miracle-working God. . . .

Jordan was crossed; the Israelites were at last in the Promised Land. But before them lay a strongly fortified city. "How shall we ever take Jericho?" they whispered among themselves. "Who can batter down those strong walls?"

Word came from their leader. "We shall take Jericho. Follow orders implicitly."

Then began the strangest siege in history. Tramp, tramp, tramp, went the feet of the Israelites marching around the city. But not a word, not a shout escaped their lips. One day, two days, . . . seven, they marched around. On the seventh day they encircled the city seven times. Then suddenly there was a loud blast of trumpets, a mighty shout, and the walls fell flat before them. The spoils were theirs for the taking.

Flushed with victory, they cried, "This was easy. Let us take Ai!"

But by nightfall Joshua was on his face before the Lord. Israel had been

defeated! "O God, why? Why?" he cried.

"Israel has sinned," was God's explanation. "I will not be with you unless you destroy the guilty one."

Immediately Joshua acted. Investigation was made. The sin was exposed, judged, punished. *Long ago Joshua had learned that faith and obedience go hand-in-hand.*

Now he went forth triumphantly to conquer. City after city fell before him and the army of Israel. Terror of them spread throughout the land. Kings united against them, but no matter what the odds the Israelites were victorious. And how could it be otherwise, for "the Lord God fought for Israel."

Once God sent great hailstones to put the enemy to flight. Again, He

caused the very sun and moon to halt in their courses at the command of His servant, Joshua, until the battle was won.

At last there was peace. Thirty-one kings had been defeated. The children of Israel divided their land. And now, in peace, as in war, their leader was the God-believing Joshua. Again and again over the years he encouraged them to put their trust in God, reminding them of how God had fought for them. When he died, his people mourned the loss of a true man of God.

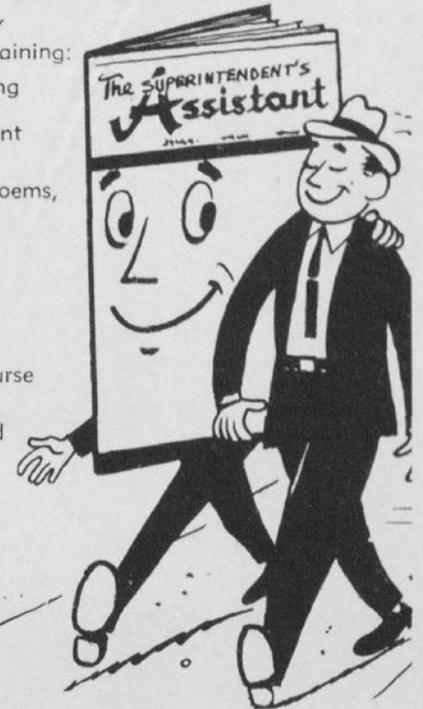
A fitting tribute is paid to Joshua, son of Nun, in the last chapter of the book in the Bible which bears his name, "And Israel served the Lord *all* the days of Joshua." ◀ ◀

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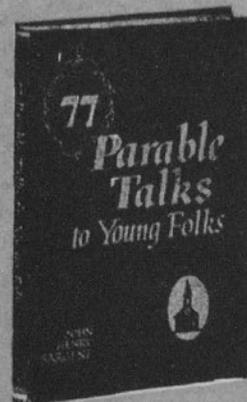
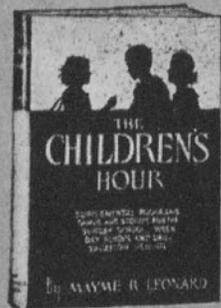
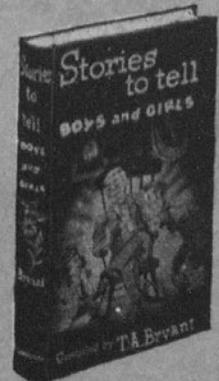
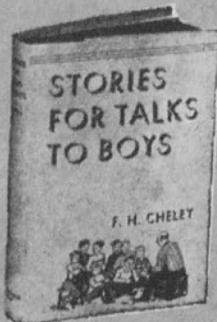
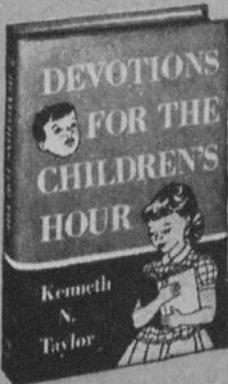
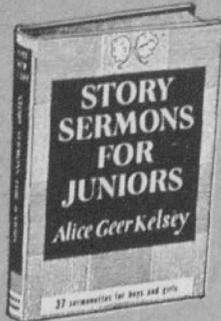
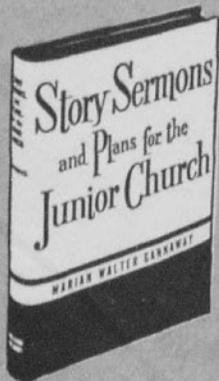
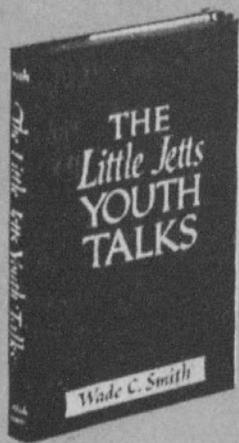


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Meanwhile, remember to pray for the meetings that the presence of the Lord will be in every session as well as in the evangelistic services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 25-27 at Brown Memorial Chapel, Centenary College, Shreveport, La. Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker; L. C. Ashbrook, presiding. For further information write to Louisiana District Council, P. O. Box 390, Alexandria, La.—by Vincent Roccaforte, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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WITH CHRIST

ROSEY L. GILBERT, 45, of Cherokee, Okla., went to be with the Lord April 22, 1957. Sister Gilbert was ordained in 1936 and labored for a number of years as an evangelist.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Elm Springs	A of G	June 9-23	Jim Miller	Ray Garrison
Calif.	Costa Mesa	First	June 16-30	Paul B. Franklin	M. C. Cronin
	Eureka	A of G	June 18-30	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	H. C. Lafferty
	Fresno	Northeast	June 18-30	Carl Oney & wife	T. H. Fuller
	Garden Grove	First	June 18-30	Clinton Vanzant & wife	R. G. Markey
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	June 18-30	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Norman Field
Ill.	Taft	¹ Taft Heights	June 23-30	N. B. Rayburn	W. T. McMullan
	Carrollton	A of G	June 18-30	L. E. Mundt	R. B. Cunningham
	Collinsville	² A of G	June 16-July 7	David Nunn	Howard T. Wicker
	Litchfield	³ A of G	June 12—	Moses Copeland Family	Earl Cornelison
Ind.	Dugger	Calvary	June 16-30	Elsie Boze	W. W. Bedwell
Iowa	Grand River	A of G	June 18-30	LaVern Golbricht	M. H. Mooberry
Mich.	Ferndale	A of G	June 18-30	James West & wife	E. Glenn Snook
Minn.	Rochester	A of G	June 9-23	Busse Evang. Team	O. E. Carter
Miss.	Water Valley	First	June 16-30	Forrest Whaley	R. H. Broadhead
	California	A of G	June 18-23	R. D. Hastie & wife	Charles Harmon
	Chillicothe	First	June 11-23	R. W. Hastie & wife	O. L. Grace
	Kansas City	Sheffield	June 16—	Christian Hild & wife	C. W. Quattlebaum
	St. Louis	Bethel Temple	June 2-23	John C. Potcet	Henry Hoar
	N. Y.	E. Aurora	A of G	June 19-23	Rob & Lil Watters
Ohio	Cincinnati	Madisonville	June 11-23	Andrew Basell & wife	Charles Sieber
Okla.	Miami	² First	June 23—	Alsup-Chambers Party	L. J. Choate
Tex.	Houston	Fontaine	June 23—	LeRoy Fleck & wife	M. E. Lake
	Lufkin	Clawson	June 23—	Glen Shinn	B. A. Reeves
	Sherman	Calvary First	June 9-23	C. A. McBride & wife	R. M. Horner
Wash.	Spanaway	⁴ A of G	June 18-30	Virgil Warens & wife	C. C. Wilcox
Wis.	Richland Center	A of G	June 18-30	Joel Palmer & wife	Walter Anderson

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wanted to go to heaven. I didn't know about repentance; I didn't know that asking God to forgive was the thing to do to get to heaven; I had never accepted Jesus and His teachings.

"Of course, I was not in a Pentecostal Church, and I was never in any church that had an altar (except once, when I believe I did see an altar bench). I didn't understand the scriptures about being 'born again' or 'washed in the Blood.' I did not see how I could get my sins under the Blood. I didn't understand that when I was repentant and asked forgiveness, God washed away my sins through the power of the Blood, and gave me the New Birth. I didn't know that was the way to come to Jesus or to God.

"One minister brought out the fact that we should come to God or we would go to hell, but he did not tell us how. I felt almost angry, as it seemed so pointless. I read my Bible some, yet I couldn't seem to grasp just what being 'converted,' as they called it, consisted of. What did God mean for me to do? Just to 'come to Him' didn't mean a thing to me as I had no idea how to come to Him. I was willing, but I didn't know how. I'm so glad you tell the people to kneel or pray and ask God to forgive their sins and to accept Jesus as Saviour. That tells how to come to God."

From Kansas City, Missouri, a school-teacher writes to say she enjoys REVIVALTIME'S messages: "Mother and I thrill to your sermons each Sunday evening and find them a real blessing. I doubt if we will ever forget your message on 'Mother-in-Law' and 'The

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REVIVALTIME speaker, C. M. Ward, can be heard in person in the following cities:

JUNE 17-19 — OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.; C. A. Convention at District Tabernacle, North on U.S. 66.

JUNE 20-21—OSHKOSH, WIS; First Assembly of God, Congress and Elmwood. Church dedication services.

JUNE 25-JULY 7—BROOKS, OREG.; District Camp Meeting. Bethel Gospel Park.

JULY 9-12—SALISBURY CENTER, N. Y.; Pine Crest Bible Conference.

Lord on the Flood,' I could have listened long through the night to your messages. You have the most unusual approach to the Scriptures that I have ever heard. You drive your point home, never to be forgotten. May God continue to give you physical strength to carry on your many duties for Him. Most of all, may you harvest many souls for the Kingdom. I teach this year in a large city high school. Do pray that my light will shine brightly."

The REVIVALTIME staff covets your interest and prayers this week, for there are thousands yet to be won to the Lord Jesus Christ. The plain and simple messages of this radio crusade continue to lead lost souls to the Cross. Every week finds someone kneeling and finding Christ. YOUR LOVED ONE MAY BE NEXT! So pray for REVIVALTIME this week.

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TOTAL GIVING

1. Eastern	\$6,055.03
2. Northwest	5,560.66
3. New York	5,188.03
4. S. California	4,893.49
5. Ohio	4,691.27
6. Nebraska	4,644.55
7. S. Missouri	4,510.89
8. N. California-Nevada	4,290.39
9. New England	4,105.32
10. Illinois	3,971.06

AVERAGE PER CHURCH

1. Nebraska	\$55.29
2. New England	39.09
3. New York	33.26
4. Wisconsin-N. Michigan	28.54
5. Ohio	26.81
6. N. Dakota	25.49
7. Montana	23.60
8. Eastern	23.19
9. New Jersey	23.00
10. Northwest	20.67

PAPA'S WATCH

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has resorted to the brass of social activity; prayer meetings have given place to suppers.

In the case of Rehoboam the fault lay largely with his father who had neglected to train his son in the fear of God. Are we teaching our children to hold fast to that faith which is more precious than gold?

You, young watchmen of the spiritual Israel, who have just entered the ministry, ask yourselves, "Which am

I most concerned about—the ‘case’ of my message or its ‘movements’?” Is my chief concern a pleasing personality, an attractive delivery, a polished language; or do I earnestly covet the Holy Spirit so that they who hear me will know that the time of our Lord’s return is at hand? Our pioneer preachers may have been as clumsy as grandfather’s silver watch, but they kept time with the bright and morning Star; they had an answer to everyone that cried, “What of the night?” “Morning cometh, and also the night.”

Let us all take to heart the amusingly sad experience of these little children and not deal lightly with the heritage of our fathers, until the “movement” drops out and we are left with an empty profession. ◀ ◀

—*Evangelical Beacon*

In Defense of Parents

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from the safety of parental influence and exposed them to the most sordid and uncivilized aspects of life known among so-called civilized man.

As if this was not victory enough for the devil, post-war times brought such an eruption of raw sex, liquor, divorce and “glamor” as would not be believed if it were not before our eyes. Through the media of radio and television these things have been introduced into the home where they may be seen every day by children still in rompers. For years true Christians properly spurned the theatre and later the movies because there a false and evil view of life is presented as right and normal, and every sacred precinct of life from conception to death is exploited for filthy lucre’s sake without shame. Now it is no longer necessary to go to the public theatre to see a show. Almost every home has been converted into a theatre, and the parents who try to keep their children free from the perverted concepts of sex exhibited on TV, and from beer songs and glorified love triangles, are up against a wave of pressure too great to resist. If they refuse to invite Hollywood into

their homes the children simply duck across the street to a pal’s house and see the whole show.

Thus the same society which, in certain of its aspects, goes out to destroy our children, has shrewdly contrived by a bit of none too subtle jugglery to throw the blame on the parents when the vicious machine finally grinds some weak boy or girl into powder.

But there is a just God in heaven, and He observes all the secret thoughts as well as the overt acts of men. He will not suffer the righteous to stand under the shadow of false accusation longer than is good for them. Those good and humble parents who vexed their righteous souls in tears and long vigils, while trying to rear a family of children for God in a world geared to ruin them, may take heart. The righteous Lord knows all about Mother and Dad. He will not excuse wrongdoing, but neither will He condemn godly parents for the deeds done by a godless society.

So, Mother and Dad, pray on. It may be that the Good Shepherd will yet find that straying lamb of yours for whom you have shed so many bitter tears. It would be like Him to do it.

—*The Alliance Weekly*

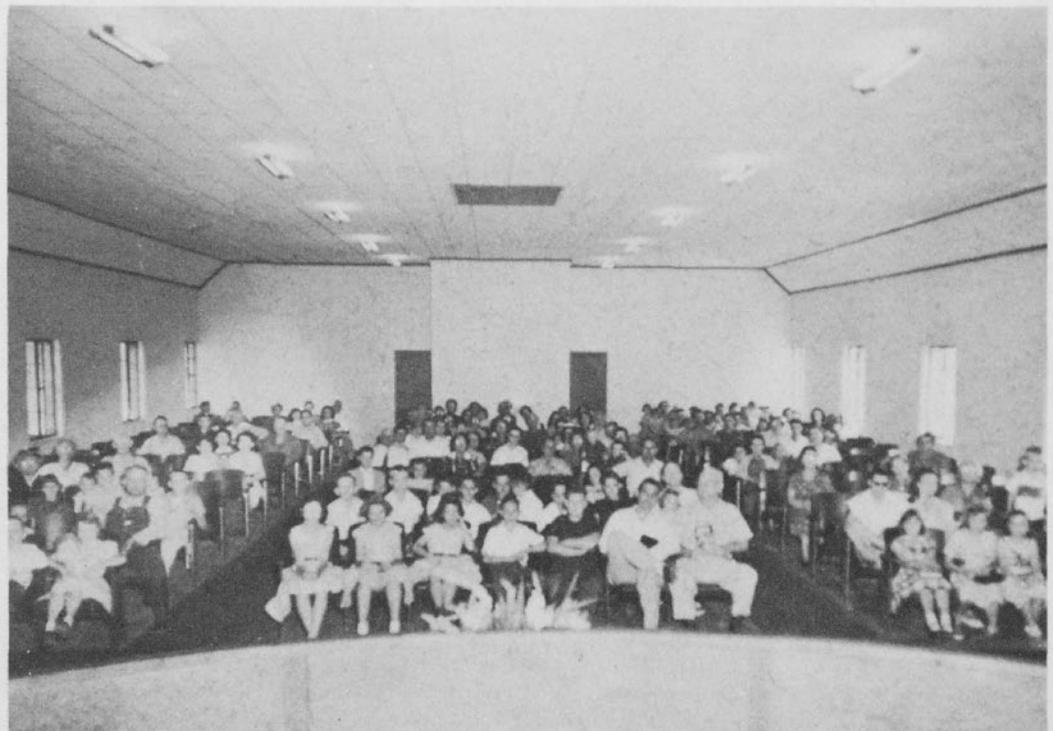
What Makes a Great Life?

Don’t try to do a great thing. You may waste your whole life waiting for the opportunity, which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, to the glory of God, to win His smile of approval and to do good to mankind.

It is more difficult to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high place of the field, within the view of all, and do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to gaze. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ.

To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the utmost the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing and trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and the stake; to find the one noble trait in people who try to molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to love with the love of God even the unthankful and the evil; to be content to be a foundation in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and then a thirsty sheep—and to do this always, and not for the praise of men but for the sake of Christ—*this* makes a great life

—*F. B. Meyer*



Church Members Wear Work Clothes, House Dresses on Easter

OCALA, FLORIDA—There was no Easter parade of fashionable clothes at the First Assembly of God in Ocala, but Easter Sunday was a red-letter day. The Sunday School reached an all-time high attendance of 170. The people came to church in work clothes and house dresses. The customary Easter frills were entirely absent. A year ago, when Curtis Grant came to Ocala, the Sunday School attendance was averaging 65 to 70. During April the average was 115. We thank God for the way He is blessing Brother Grant’s ministry here in Ocala.—by Mrs. Lottie Triplett, Sunday School Secretary.

You Need a Vacation

BY

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"What you need is a good vacation."

This is one bit of advice most of us are prepared to hear.

"Yes, sir," we reply in chorus, "what I need is a good vacation—a chance to get away from it all, to relax and not have a worry in the world."

What goes to make up this good vacation is pretty much the same for most of us. We want to relax. We want to get out of the routine of ordinary life. We want to shed responsibility. We want a change and we want rest.

How and where to get such a vacation varies with all of us. To some, the mountains are the answer. A good fishing stream satisfies another. The seashore brings to others a complete sense of relaxed well-being. A changing panorama of mountains, lakes and shores from behind the wheel of a car means vacation to uncounted thousands.

But it is possible to return from a good vacation to discover that the change we needed was not a change of pace nor a change of place, but a change of heart. Getting away from it all may have helped to *ease* tensions and to forget worries, but it did not *solve* them. The vacation gave respite, but not permanent relief. We discover that body and mind are not all that have needed relaxation and recreation. We discover that there are deep and demanding cries for inner peace, which neither mountain quietness nor pounding surf can fully satisfy.

With the Psalmist we must confess that we have lifted up our eyes "*unto the hills*"—we have sought help from the beauties of nature—only to discover, "*My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 121:1, 2).

We need a vacation from worry. Strangely enough, the word is not found in the Bible, and little wonder, for the one who trusts the God of the Bible will have no occasion to worry.

This wonderful truth is given beautiful expression by the prophet Isaiah: "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength*" (Isaiah 26:3, 4).

The same prophet sees the restlessness of the human soul which has not found its peace and rest in God. The very seashore to which thousands repair for recreation and rest is used to describe that restlessness: "*The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked*" (Isaiah 57:20, 21).

There are known causes of unrest and worry common to us all. How to pay the bills; how to regain lost health; how to succeed in business; how to gain a sense of security in the love of family and friends, are some of the things which cause us worry.

Then there is the oft-named dread of atomic destruction, and the unnamed fear of judgment after death. "*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27).

Do you need a vacation from worry? Do you want confidence in place of fear? Are there inner tensions and frustrations which destroy your peace of heart? Then you need what Christ alone can give. He can give you rest—rest from all your fears—rest in Divine forgiveness from all your sins. Hear and heed His invitation, and take a permanent vacation from worry:

"*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls*" (Matthew 11:28, 29).

—Courtesy of American Tract Society, New York City