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in a troubled world

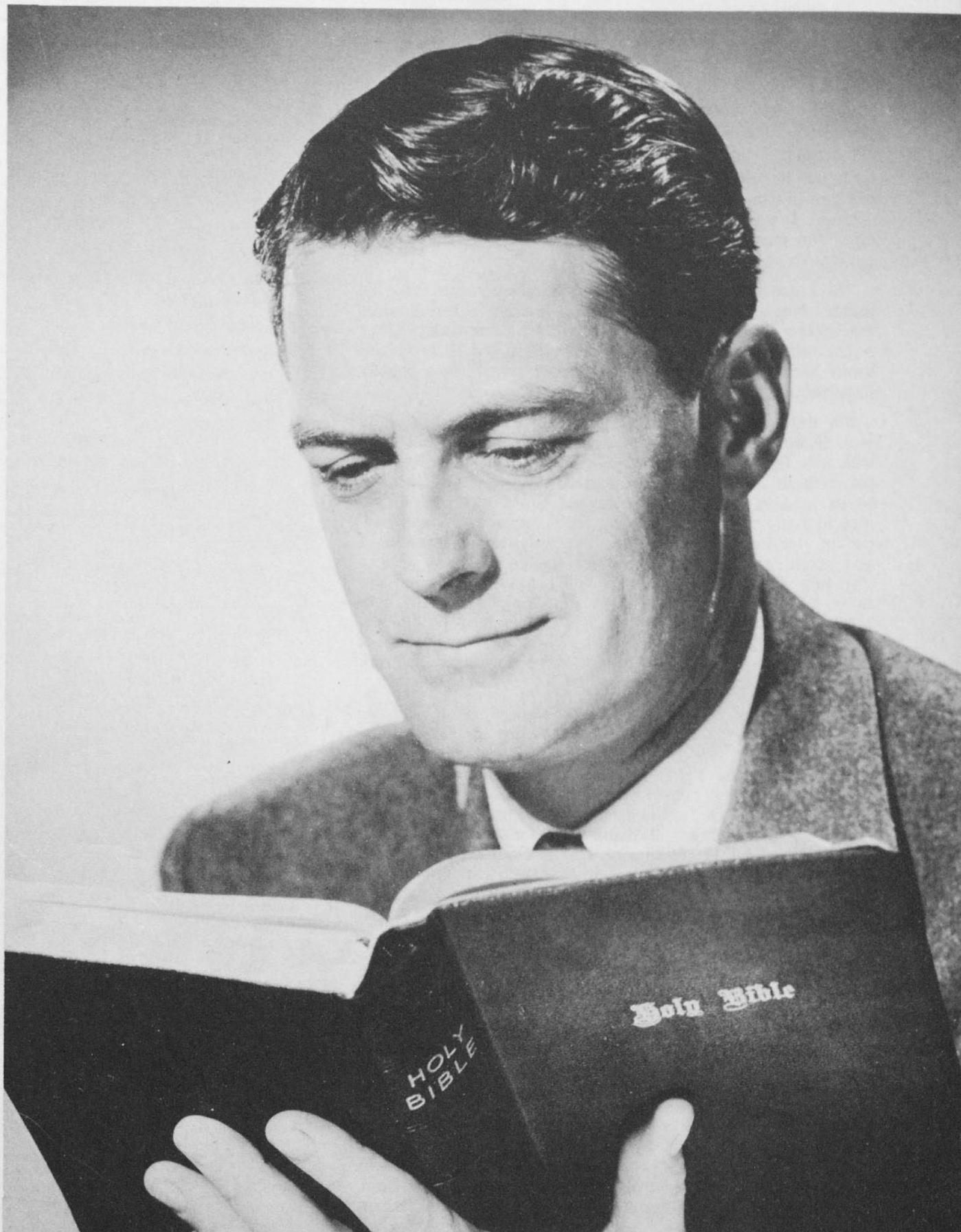


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There are so many ways a church member can help his pastor. Not all those ways are public, such as ushering, singing in the choir, or teaching a Sunday School class. Those public ministries are needful and important, but there is also much behind-the-scenes support you can give that is equally important.

For instance, you can help your pastor by encouraging him with a word of appreciation, and by refusing to find fault with him (either mentally or orally) even if you disagree with his methods. You can say to yourself: "My pastor has come to us as God's servant, to bring us God's message. I will give him the respect and support he deserves as an ambassador of the Lord. I will listen attentively to his sermons; I will speak well of him; I will let the people know that I love him and believe in him. I will not add to his burdens by telling him all my troubles, or by making unnecessary calls upon his time, but will try to lighten his load by holding up his hands, as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. I will pray for my pastor every day until the work is finished and the victory's won."

Have you ever noticed how often the apostle Paul appealed to God's people to pray for him? Writing to the Thessalonians, he said, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course..." In another place he wrote, "Join in and help by praying for us, so that the good that is done to us in answer to many prayers will mean eventually that many will thank God for our preservation" (2 Corinthians 1:11, Phillips). To the Romans, Philippians, and Colossians he made similar appeals. The apostle felt the absolute necessity of being supported by the prayers of believing people in order to have an effective ministry, and your pastor stands in need of prayer today just as much as Paul did in his day.

The late John R. Mott told how he spoke to a hostile crowd in India. Boos came from the heckling throng. Then Dr. Mott saw a number of people leaving the congregation, and he was disturbed. But the Spirit of God moved upon the meeting; and many accepted Christ in that service. Dr. Mott afterwards discovered that the men who had left were Christians, moved by the Spirit to retire and pray for him while he spoke to the crowd! Their prayers brought success to a meeting that was failing and your prayers for your pastor and your church may mean the difference between dismal failure and glorious success for the work of the Lord. Be an assistant to your pastor. Hold up his hands in earnest, believing prayer.

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A TOWER TO HEAVEN

BY C. MORSE WARD

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THERE IS A LAW OF CIRCUIT. MAN'S story started in Mesopotamia, or the Middle East. Now the stage is being set for the final act in the same sector. It was in Mesopotamia that man's first anti-God attempt to conquer space was made, under the mighty rebel Nimrod. We read the account in the 11th chapter of Genesis:

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth...."

The headlines of our papers are filled with man's final attempt to conquer space. A Red moon, 23 inches in diameter and 185 pounds in weight, has been seen in the sky; and nothing has alarmed this nation more since the scare of "The Martian Invaders." What is the basis for this case of jitters? Is it simply a blow to our national pride? Is our security threatened? Is it a sign of democratic decadence? What does it mean to the Christian, and what does it mean to the sinner?

The imperialism of Communism is sinister. The doctrine of "peaceful co-existence" is but wishful thinking. The blood stream of Communism is atheism. The prophetic second Psalm describes the closing scene of man's day in dramatic language: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

The whole world is ready to explode. Little wars can ignite into a big war at any moment. Real peace is out of fashion. The current is evil. The aim of unregenerate, morally rebellious man has never changed since Genesis. That aim is for the world to be dominated by one man, and for God to be banished.

The first attempt is the story of Genesis 11. God had destroyed Adam's world. It had become so morally rotten that God saw "that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that

every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth." Genesis 6:11 says, "The earth also was corrupt... and... filled with violence." That was the earth that God destroyed.

In this setting Nimrod conceived an earth-wide rebellion against God. "The whole earth was of one language, and of one speech" when this architect of moral treason made his organized move against God. He set Noah's world toward conquering space by building "a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." They also had a second objective—"Let us make us a name." Their post-deluvian tools may have been only brick and mortar, but the dark reasonings of their minds and hearts were no different from those of present-day scientists who follow the directives of their Kremlin masters.

The account reads, "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." Yes, Satan's conception of a godless one-world is a serious one. The aim is to thwart God's redemptive purposes. Its spirit is anti-Christ. Had Nimrod succeeded, the door to moral enlightenment would have been closed. An "iron curtain" would have encircled the world. The result would have been a dark world ruled autocratically by an irresponsible dictator.



Searching

High above our circled earth
A gleaming moonlet whirls;
It makes a path to outer space
And pioneers the world.

They say in ships with rocket glare
We'll pierce the outer gloom:
Some day we'll spend the weekend there—
Vacationing on the moon!

It well might be the dreams they dream
Will only seal their doom;
For time has run its final course—
Eternity is soon.

Now some may say eternity
Is found in orbits' glare—
That when we get to outer space
Eternity is there;

But in their distant search for life
They miss the One so near,
Who gives to all eternal life
And takes away all fear.

—C. C. Wages



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A Perennial Pentecost

ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT YOUTH RALLY DURING THE GENERAL COUNCIL



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— BY G. W. HARDCASTLE, JR.

EIGHT YEARS AGO LAST JULY 19 I hung by my right leg, enveloped in a ball of fire eight to ten feet in diameter. Three 4,160-volt cables fused together to form an acetylene-electrical flame. I was a student at Texas A & M College at that time, and was working for a gas and electric company during the summer vacation.

I had felt my call into the ministry, but was rebelling against it. I had continued to rebel until finally I was void of the experience that I once had in God.

My father, who is a pastor, said to me, "Son, you need to open your heart and let God speak to you." And I said to him, "Dad, I have never heard God speak to me abruptly and concisely and pointedly and call me into the ministry. Before I'm ever called a minister of the gospel I want God, and no one else, to tell me I'm called."

My father said to me, as he pointed a finger in my face, "Son, maybe you're not in a place where God *can* speak to you."

I found that to be so very true. As a young man I had drifted with the proverbial tide of life, literally caught in the whirlpools of life. My testimony had leaked from my soul. I was lost and undone, without God. Finally through a miracle of divine providence God let me know that I was called into the ministry.

In this accident my body was so burned that I was black from head to toe, charred like a burned steak. My upper lip was up over my nose, and my lower lip was down over my chin. My ears were terribly swollen. Blood oozed from my body. I was rushed to the hospital and to the emergency room.

The doctors had little hope that I would live. They said that if I did I would probably be a basket case and have no facial features.

We were a family who believed in prayer. I requested the doctor to call Charles Fite and Darrel Hon, deacons in my father's church; and they came and prayed for me. Brother Fite rushed to the telephone and called my parents, who were at the annual camp meeting 205 miles away in Oklahoma City. Immediately a thousand people went on their knees in my behalf. My parents prayed not only that I would live, but also that God would heal me completely.

The words of my father came back to me as I lay in the hospital, "Son, maybe you're not in a place where God *can* speak to you." I said, "Lord, I'm not only in a place where you can speak to me, but I'm in a place where you've just got to speak to me." And the Lord began to speak out of heaven and thrill my soul. I began to dedicate and consecrate, and I said, "Lord, I'll go where

you want me to go." Then God reached down and placed His creative hands on my body. When the doctors took off my bandages on the ninth day they were amazed to see that I was healed by the power of God. I have no scar today, except for a little scar on the back of my right hand, which serves to remind me of my calling.

The message of Pentecost is not outdated. It is an enduement for a modern-day circumstance. It is a supernatural gospel offered by the Holy Spirit Himself. Its benefits are numberless. Its attributes are almighty, for it is the work of the Third Person of the Trinity, the Administrator of the Godhead. As far as I am concerned, this is a Pentecostal message designed by God to reach the world, to convict the sinner, to endue the Christian, and to some day rapture the Church.

PENTECOSTAL PURPOSE

For the outline of my message I would like to use five texts from the first five chapters of Acts. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This is the purpose of Pentecost—that we as born-again men and women should be witnesses of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God slain before the foundations of the world. He is not an unknown God, not a mystic being for whom we have no name, but a personal Creator-God of purpose, power, possession, persuasion, and progress. More than that, He is a God of mercy and love and righteous-



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ness and holiness. This is the purpose—that we might witness of this glorious Christ to the ends of the earth, that men and women might find Him as their Saviour.

We are to be witnesses of the doctrines of the gospel—salvation for the soul, healing for the body, the glorious soon return of our Lord, and the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are to be witnesses not only by word, but also by action and character—by being separated from sin and living circumspectly before Him and before men, that they might know that Jesus Christ lives within our own breast. The purpose of Pentecost is that every one of us might propagate the glorious testimony that Jesus Christ still saves the souls of men from the bondages of sin.

PENTECOSTAL POWER

Acts 2:4 gives us the story of the power of Pentecost: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The Holy Spirit is supernatural in character; but he operates in, through, and by the souls and lives of natural men. The supernatural character of God, operating through natural men, makes Him adequate for every natural need that might come our way.

The power of Pentecost is more than salvation and healing. It is more than speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues, and prophesying. The power of Pentecost is more than shouting, and singing and dancing in the spirit. The

power of Pentecost is a religious earnestness that caused men and women to leave home and kin and come from the plow in the country and the mines in the city—a religious earnestness that compelled their hearts to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature.

The power of Pentecost is also the power of unity. These people who went to the uttermost parts of the world to preach the gospel finally realized that they were preaching the same message. It had the same ring of true expression from God's Word. They found themselves bound together by love's strong cords, and their prime objective in life was to win the souls that were lost and undone without God. Therefore they said, "We shall join hand to hand. We shall march together. We shall sing the same songs. We shall preach the same gospel." And the power of Pentecost became the power of unity whereby the Assemblies of God found its birth.

The power of Pentecost is a power of witnessing. The dumb lips of men became an organ activated by the power of God Himself. I find myself so humbled before the throne of grace. For as I listen to the ministry of the Word I realize that were it not for the mercy of God none of us would find ourselves in the lofty place of being anointed ministers ordained by God Himself.

The next power of Pentecost is the power of the Word of God. This earnestness, this unity, this witness of the Spirit is based upon the Word of God that spoke true to the souls of men. And as men turned the pages

of the Holy Book which was once a mystery to them, it began to unfold in simple truths that marked out a path of progressive ministry that would lead from earth to glory, that would captivate not only the souls of American men and women, but also the souls of every heathen who lived on the face of this globe, once they hear the story of Jesus Christ and feel the power and impact of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is the power of the Word of God.

And finally, but not least, is the power of prayer. I held a revival campaign in London, Ontario, Canada. I noticed the pastor, Ralph Hornby, going from one to another, encouraging them, saying, "Let your seeking and your striving and your desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit come out in the form of intercessory prayer, and unutterable groaning that comes from the soul and reaches out to Christ and tries to touch the hem of His garment." When you come to the end of the verbal explanation of why you're serving the Lord and you have nothing more to say, but your soul still with expectancy desires to praise Him, give vent to that agonizing of the soul, and the Pentecostal power of prayer will be yours.

PENTECOSTAL POSSESSION

The possession of Pentecost is described in Acts 3:6—"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter and John were amazed at the possession that they had. They had already felt the power. They had already heard Christ speak to them about the purpose of receiving. Now they were possessors of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit possessed them.

It is marvelous that the human heart can actually reach out and possess the Third Person of the Trinity, and at the same time that the Third Person of the Trinity reaches down from Glory and possesses the soul and operates in, through, and by man. It is a transcendent mystery far past any human intellect. But it was a demonstratable fact that when Peter and John looked at the lame man at the Beautiful Gate they possessed the Holy Spirit.

Not only did they speak the gospel, but they took this lame man by the right hand and lifted him up, and he went walking and leaping and praising God into the Temple. It's a demonstratable fact when we are possessors

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Consecration service following the Youth Rally at the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio

NOW IS THE TIME FOR....



FORETHOUGHT

and
after thought



Forethought is better than afterthought but what is worse than no thought at all?

We've been wondering what we should do to cause the members of our Assemblies of God fellowship to respond to the needs of our retired and disabled ministers, missionaries, and their widows. These are folk who may have never thought of "retirement." If they had, they could have done little or nothing to prepare for it. They depended on struggling young churches for daily sustenance.

Now they are unable to serve a congregation. We must help them all we can by sending a small allowance from the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund. Last year \$73,989.89 in assistance was given to 114 ministers, 32 widows and 22 missionaries. This was \$7,923.52 more than we received for this purpose.



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The small reserve in the fund is being steadily nibbled away. And when it is gone, how will future deficits be covered?

People who *think* will understand that deficits must always be faced and bills paid. Some prefer to use forethought and set aside something regularly to meet a future need. Others prefer to operate hand-to-mouth and meet the crisis when it arises.

For those with forethought, we have the future need of a growing number of retiring folk who are coming to us for monthly assistance. For those who operate on afterthought, we have last year's deficit.

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of the Holy Spirit. Our greatest need is not to tell it, or to write it, but to *demonstrate* it by the activation of the expression of the soul.

PENTECOSTAL PERSUASION

The Pentecostal experience is a gracious privilege, a comforting experience, a valuable talent. And if we have purpose we shall have power; if we have power we shall have possession; if we have possession we shall have persuasion.

The Scripture says in Acts 4:13—"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." The Sanhedrin staggered at the boldness of these two men, but they could not deny the demonstratable fact that stood before them. Peter could have said, "Thou shalt not see me blush or change my countenance for this arrest. A heart unspotted is not so easily daunted; the purest spring is not so free from mud as I am clear from wrong."

And may we stand as witnesses before the Sanhedrins of the world today and say, "I have done no wrong. I have only been a possessor of the power, of the experience that God promised the world today. It is a demonstratable fact, and it is a living experience of my soul."

PENTECOSTAL PROGRESS

I come to the last point of my sermon, which is the progress of Pentecost. Acts 5:14 says, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." From Jew to Gentile this experience spread like fire—like wildfire, if you please. It was being said by men who were religiously earnest and endowed with power from on high, "We heard them [the Gentiles] speak with tongues, and magnify God." Therefore the Jews realized that the Pentecostal blessing was not only a Jewish heritage, but a glorious heritage of the Gentiles as well.

From 1897 down to 1903 their heritage began to be ours as a modern-day movement arose that would dare to have purpose of heart, power of soul, possession of the Spirit, and a persuasive message, life, and testimony. And the movement has progressed from that time.

If we ever lose the progression it will be because we have lost the persuasive testimony. If we lose the per-

suasive testimony we may as well mark it down that we've lost the possession. If we lose the possession it's because we've lost the power. And if we lose the power it will be only because we've lost the purpose of ever receiving it in the first place—that we might be witnesses for Christ.

I'm not a pessimist at heart; I'm an optimist for glory. I'm optimistic about every congregation that I've ever preached to, believing and trusting and hoping that the Lord is reaching down into the souls of the people. And I'm optimistic about our Pentecostal movement. I believe it will continue to make progress until Jesus comes. It will grow with experience in the lives of the generation now, the generation to come, and of the children of that generation, those who are afar off.

If Pentecost is to progress it must live again in each succeeding generation. Each generation must let it be its life, its salvation, and its hope. Let it speak to your heart and be your challenge.

As a young man I would take no one's word for it, until finally He spoke to me. You may be sitting here saying, "I cannot take your word for it, Brother Hardcastle."

I ask you, "Let Him speak to you."

You say, "I've never heard God speak to me, telling me what to do."

May I point my finger at you collectively tonight and say, "Maybe you're not in a place where God *can* speak to you." Have you ever thought of that? If that's true you can get there tonight. You can lay your all upon the altar, unreservedly committing yourself to Him, and the Lord by the means of the Holy Spirit shall minister to your needs right now. Open your mind and your soul and let the Holy Spirit breathe upon you. ◀ ◀

JUST WHERE YOU ARE!

Possibly you are living in a very difficult position. Perhaps your tests seem more than man can stand. But if you love the Lord Jesus Christ, you have Him indwelling you and by His Spirit He can make you strong enough to do the job God wants you to do.

Don't say, "Lord, put me in some other place!" The best place for you to enjoy and to revel in the power of God is right where God has placed you. Every test and trial and affliction is but an open door for God to display His power through you and in you. Look to God to make you very strong in the inner man in the very place where He has put you.

It's Time to Pray!



AS WE LOOK OUT UPON THE PRESENT world scene we see conditions that alarm the Christian believers, but at the same time there is much to encourage us. God is moving by His Spirit upon the hearts of men. A harvest of souls is being reaped in many places. People are interested in religious work, and are ready to give respectful attention to the preaching of the gospel.

The little earth satellite thrown into space by the Russians has made the American people more attentive to the things of God than ever. They know that the same rocket that thrust the satellite into the American sky could have thrust a bomb instead—a bomb laden with germs, or with atomic power, to kill and maim and destroy. They are frightened. They feel the need of a power greater than the powers of man. In their insecurity they are ready to listen to any person who will lead them to the Rock and give them an Eternal Hope in which to fasten anchor.

It may well be that we are on the verge of a great spiritual awakening. Of one thing we can be sure: God is waiting to show Himself gracious, and to shed His light into the hearts of men, if only the Church will throw the switch of prayer. God moves in answer to men's prayers. An unnamed poet learned this secret and wrote the following lines:

*"There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wings of night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light.*

*"There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails
When earthly loves decay.*

*"There is a power which man can wield,
When mortal aid is vain*

*That eye, that ear, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.*

*"That power is prayer, which soars on high
Through Jesus to the Throne;
It moves the hand which moves the world
To bring salvation down."*

The leaders of the Assemblies of God are calling on the members of all our churches to use this power that is in their hands. It's time to pray. It's time to move the hand which moves the world to bring salvation down. Our Executive Presbyters are urging all our people to give themselves to prayer, knowing that through prayer we can learn the mind of the Lord and be endued with power to win the lost.

The first full week of the New Year has been designated as Universal Week of Prayer. Let us set this week aside and give priority to this matter of waiting on God and interceding for the souls of men. Circle this week on your calendar. Make no plans that will keep you from wholeheartedly observing this Week of Prayer, January 5 to 11, 1958.

But we need not wait for the New Year. Begin now to pray for a greater revival of New Testament Christianity—a revival that relies absolutely on the Holy Spirit to convict men of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. Only God can quicken the souls that are

dead in trespasses and sins, and make them new creatures in Christ Jesus. He will do this if we pray, and proclaim His Word, and patiently deal with seekers.

Who is there among us whose heart does not break and bleed over the flood-tide of sin that has swept over the land? Iniquity abounds; the love of many has grown cold; and only the blindest can deny that we are in perilous times.

The only effective cure for loose living, broken homes, lawlessness, godlessness, and every sin is by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the consciences of men.

There is nothing new that we can add to the Scriptural requirements for a revival. In days of old the Word of the Lord came, saying, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Therefore, let all God's people humble themselves in prayer, confessing their sins, and cry to Him for gracious streams of blessing. Let us turn to God with all our hearts, and echo the prayer of the prophet of old who cried, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." ◀◀

PRAYER IS POWER. John Wesley said, "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer."



PRAYER IS PURPOSE. The divine will of God is revealed as His people wait in prayer. With a divine purpose and power the course of human events can be changed. May I urge earnest prayer by all for our students and school personnel that they may know God's purpose and power!

J. ROBERT ASHCROFT
National Education Secretary

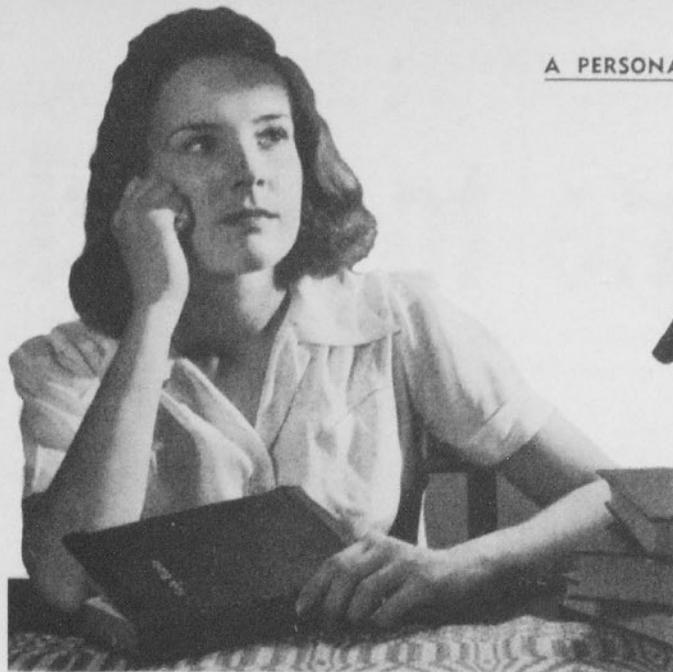


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My Search for God

BY ARLIENE R. HILTON

HOW CAN ONE GIVE THANKS TO the Lord for all He has done? To say it once or twice is not enough. To pray all day is impossible. I have concluded that the only way to show my gratitude to God for all His mercies is to tell others about His great salvation, and that is why I have written this personal testimony.

It took me twenty-four years of searching and sixteen hundred miles of wandering to find God. Not until I was eighteen years old did I really want to know Him. The desire came to me while visiting a Roman Catholic church in California with my friend. As I stood in the back and watched the congregation I felt moved to seek God.

Against all opposition I joined the Roman Catholic Church. My father did not believe in God and my life became so unbearable that I had to leave home. I had a great desire to become a nun; therefore I went to live in a girl's club run by the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. At length the time came for me to sign my name to the paper that would commit me to a life of constant prayer. If I signed it I would never go outside the convent. I could not bring myself to take this drastic step. In watching the nuns I found they made mistakes and were as human as I. For a long time I was very unhappy.

I started reading the Bible and became dissatisfied with this kind of religion. I couldn't see why I should confess my sins to a priest, for he was only a man. I went to six different confessionals and asked each priest the same question. To my surprise I received six different answers.

I then reasoned that if God had spoken through them He would have given only one answer. Therefore I knew they were wrong. I stopped going to church. I wanted time to think.

After this I became engaged to a man with a Pentecostal background. The Catholic Church would not marry us unless he became a Catholic or promised to bring up our children as Catholics. This he refused to do, so we were married by a Protestant minister.

We moved to Texas and began to attend my husband's church, the Wigginsville Assembly of God in Montgomery County. I didn't like the services. The mode of worship was strange to me. I discovered, however, that my

husband was not living up to the teachings of his church. He was a backslider.

One day when we went to church the minister, Floyd Sorter, began urging sinners to come to the altar. There was a message in other tongues; then Brother Sorter walked directly to my husband and asked him to come forward. He refused. An inaudible voice seemed to say to me, "It is not right; God is calling him and he will not go." A few minutes later Brother Sorter came back and asked me if I would like to come. My heart was crying out for the Lord, so I started toward the altar—and my husband went with me. God removed my doubts and we were both saved.

I have never felt such calm and serenity as I have enjoyed these past few weeks since I was converted. I have been baptized in water and God has baptized me with the Holy Spirit. I can now get up in the morning knowing I have something to live for. I thank God for giving me victory over sin. Sometimes the devil tries to take over but I pray so hard he soon departs. My spiritual eyes have been opened to the truths of the Bible. Formerly I read it and got nothing from it, but now I understand it. The Lord has been so good to me. He has given me many blessings. I am so glad He reached down and saved my soul.

Our baby will not have to spend twenty-four years searching for God. We will raise him up in the truths of the Bible, and when he is old enough the Lord will save him just as He saved me.

Whose I Am and Whom I Serve

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased Thine alone to be
By Thy blood, O Spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone

Jesus, Master, I am Thine:
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let Thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer,
Jesus at Thy feet I fall,
O be Thou my all in all.

Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
Service such as I can bring;
Yet I long to prove and show
Full allegiance to my King .
Thou an honor art to me;
Let me be a praise to Thee.

Jesus, Master, wilt Thou use
One who owes Thee more than all?
As Thou wilt! I would not choose;
Only let me hear Thy call.
Jesus, let me always be
In Thy service glad and free.

—Francis R. Havergal



The Conquest of Fear

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

GIDEON STOOD ON A RIDGE OVERLOOKING the Valley of Jezreel, which was shrouded in darkness. How could he and his band of 300 men (the remnants of an army of 32,000 decimated by fear and testing) conquer the mighty host encamped there? Surely this was a fearful prospect!

In that hour God spoke to Gideon again: "Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host: and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host" (Judges 7:9,11).

A reconnaissance patrol into enemy territory makes the heart of the bravest beat faster, but Gideon was ready for that.

I was on several reconnaissance patrols in World War II; here is how I think Gideon handled it. I imagine he turned to his servant and said, "Phurah, we're going on a patrol to the camp of the Midianites."

Phurah's teeth must have glistened in the darkness as he grinned. "I'm with you, Master."

Good boy—Phurah. And Gideon had 299 more just like him.

Gideon walked over behind a huge boulder where his lieutenants were gathered around a small fire. "I'm going down to the enemy's camp. Let your outposts know Phurah and I are out on a patrol. When they challenge us as we return, they must give us a chance to answer before they throw a spear."

I can imagine that Gideon and Phurah rubbed dust into their faces to blend with the darkness, and bound their garments snugly around the waist to prevent them from catching on a bush or dislodging a stone. Under their clothing they had slung their swords, and they rubbed their spears with mud. A chance ray of light glistening on polished steel could betray them to the enemy. They propped their shields against a rock—there was no need for

them. This was a patrol to gain information, not to fight—unless they were forced to.

The two men must have picked their way slowly, painstakingly down into the valley. Gideon paused; he knew the camp of the enemy was near. Phurah was a shadow, five paces behind.

He moved on again. This was a very dark night. They must be careful. The general wasn't sure he had heard anything, but he stopped. Yes, footsteps! He felt a throbbing in his temples. His throat tightened, and he gripped his spear. A form loomed out of the darkness and passed in front of him, then another, and another. He was sweating a little. If he had taken only three or four more steps before he stopped—

Gideon looked back. Phurah was standing motionless. It was good to have men who didn't panic easily. He moved on again till he saw something ahead. It was the enemy camp, and there was the first tent. He veered to the right. Another tent. He heard voices in the next tent. Phurah was by his side now; closer they moved till they could understand what was being said.

"I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host" (Judges 7:13, 14).

Gideon must have been reassured by what he heard. In his heart he worshiped the Lord. Much of his fear was gone, but there was still a battle to be won. Gripping Phurah's arm, he arose and returned to the camp of Israel. God was on their side, but they had their part to do—and it must be done right. Gideon told his lieutenants to assemble the men, and when they were together he outlined the plan of attack:

"We are dividing into three companies of 100 men each. Every man will carry a trumpet and a lamp within an empty pitcher. We will come in on the Midianites from three sides. I am allowing enough time for us to be in position when they change the guard. The sentries on the middle watch will be drowsy—and maybe nervous, too.

"After the guard is changed, at my signal everyone of you will blow his trumpet! Break your pitcher! Hold high your lamp! Then shout, 'The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!' Blow on the trumpets."

Gideon won a great victory in the Valley of Jezreel that night, a victory over the Midianites—and over fear.

It is not a sin to fear. Gideon was afraid. All great souls know what fear is. If you tremble at the thought of the future, or the thought of facing some problem in your life, you are not sinning—you are just being human. But if you permit fear to paralyze you into inactivity for Christ—if you go on trembling and fail to exercise faith in God—then you become guilty of sin. For the Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Be ruled by faith, not by fear. Obey the Lord. "God hath not given us the spirit of fear. . . . Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. . . . Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling" (2 Timothy 1:7-9). God called Gideon and He has called you too. He expects you to be bold in His service.

Notice that God did not ask Gideon to tackle the Midianites immediately. First the patrol, and then the battle. One problem at a time—one day at a time. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34).

The Lord has promised never to leave you nor forsake you. The Lord was with Gideon. In fact, He went out ahead of him. When Gideon reached

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

SCIENCE

Communists Use Sputnik to Ridicule Religion

Russian Communists are taking advantage of their success in launching the earth satellite to ridicule religious belief. Moscow Radio broadcast a statement by Komsomol, Communist youth league, saying that the satellite "proves how wrong were all religious organizations and beliefs in speaking of heaven." It added, "We materialists create our own heaven, and fill it with our own moons and stars."

Isn't it strange how man, when he accomplished one small feat, thinks of himself as being more powerful than God, who spoke the worlds into existence—and created man!

Billy Graham Says Satellite Should Drive Americans to God

Evangelist Billy Graham was asked by reporters for his reaction to the Russian earth satellite. He said the development means that "a period of ease and luxury is coming to an end." He added, "We must supplement our natural strength with spiritual power" in order to "answer Russia's latest advance in armaments."

"America has to look to God for help," he said. "There is one power stronger than the Soviet, and that is God... If we had spent as much money for world missions and in preaching the gospel as we have for military power or even our give-away program, the world picture would be a different one."

The evangelist said he had received

an invitation to conduct a crusade in Berlin, and added that he had given the invitation serious thought and prayer because of the city's "strategic location between the East and West." Mr. Graham stated that he possibly would go to Berlin before his Australian crusade, scheduled for four months in 1959.

MISSIONS

Buddhists Train Evangelists for American Work

A newspaper in Osaka, Japan, reported the inauguration of a training center of Buddhist evangelists for America. According to the newspaper, the center "will provide Japanese-Buddhist missionaries with practical training of English so that they can propagate the Judo-Shin sect of Buddhism to 130,000 Japanese-Americans in the United States and also to other Americans."

Christians in Egypt Protest Discriminations

Christians in Egypt have protested to President Nasser against an alleged policy of "discrimination and injustice" which is aimed at them. They complain especially of restrictions which virtually prevent any new church building being erected. They protest that church marriage laws are disregarded, Christian schools are being closed, Christian broadcasts on the Egyptian radio have virtually stopped, church property is being confiscated, Christians have been ignored in the distribution of land under the new agrarian reform, and that there is discrimination against Christians who apply for state positions and posts in private business.

President Hails Bible-Reading Program



FORMER PRESIDENT EXAMINES ABS POSTER—Herbert Hoover, a member of the National Sponsoring Committee of the Worldwide Bible Reading Program, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society, examines the Society's new poster, "Now in 1,100 Tongues." With him is Private Beverly Perdue, U. S. Army, of Portland, Maine.

Worldwide Bible Reading, a program sponsored annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas by the American Bible Society, this year will celebrate the completion of the translation of a portion of the Scriptures into 1,100 languages and dialects. The program, now in its fourteenth year, was hailed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a special message to the society, as holding "a mighty promise" for mankind.

"As the Bible's message is made available in 1,100 tongues reaching into the most distant corners of the earth, we are given the strength to continue our work toward that greatest objective of all: peace on earth, good will to men," the President said.

President Eisenhower serves as honorary chairman of the sponsoring committee which includes both living former presidents, Herbert C. Hoover and Harry S. Truman.

The Worldwide Bible Reading program is designed so that millions of persons all over the world read identical pre-selected passages of the Bible on the same day between the two holidays. It began during World War II when a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal asked his family to read the same passage with him as a means of maintaining spiritual ties.

More than 15,000,000 persons in the U. S. participated in the program last year, as did millions more in some 50 other countries. The suggested readings for this year will appear in next week's special Thanksgiving Issue of "The Pentecostal Evangel."

RADIO

Wichita Radio Station Abandons Plan to Drop Religious Broadcasts

As a result of widespread protests, Radio Station KANS at Wichita, Kansas, has abandoned its plan to drop religious broadcasts. The protests came after G. A. Gough, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, announced

that his weekly service "would be cut off the air" after eight years of broadcasting. He said the manager of the station had told him that "we are cutting all religious programming off KANS because Wichita is demanding a new concept in radio and that concept does not include religion."

"I can't believe that our city has sunk so low that it doesn't want God or religion," the clergyman told his radio listeners. "I just can't believe that thousands of people in care homes, hospitals, and religious people who are unable to attend the church of their choice, would rather listen all day Sunday to Elvis Presley and 'Hound Dog,' the Coasters and 'The Idol With the Golden Head,' or Little Richard and 'Rock Around the Clock,' than have a chance to warm their hearts at the altar of God."

After the clergyman's broadcast, the station was swamped with telephone calls, wires, and letters of protest. Mr. Gough was informed by the station that his program would be continued and indications were that KANS would not go ahead with its plan to end religious broadcasts.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Go-to-Church" Drive Underway This Month

The Committee on Religion in American Life (RIAL) is making a nationwide "go-to-church drive" this month. Posters showing a family going to church are being displayed on thousands of billboards, car cards in subways and buses, in newspaper and magazine advertisements and on TV. All the advertising (several million dollars' worth of it) is being donated by business to increase regular attendance and support for all churches and synagogues.

Even shipping containers will help the cause. The Stone Container Corporation of Chicago, in co-operation with the Advertising Council, has offered to print a message advertising religion on the shipping containers of any of its customers at no extra cost. It features a picture of a boy and girl and the words, "Give them a faith to live by.... Worship with them this week."

Church Survey Finds

Widespread Secularism in Canada

Widespread secularism and a "practical atheism" exist in Canada, according to a report on a survey conducted by 500 prominent men and women in the United Church of Canada, the coun-

AT A GLANCE...

Troubled Minds. If the present sales of tranquilizers is any indication, our world today is far from tranquil. It is estimated that 40 million prescriptions for tranquilizers will be written during this year, costing approximately \$200 million. Yet, the product is only three years old.

Suicides Outnumber Murders. There are more than twice as many suicides as murders in the U.S. In 1955, the last year for which complete figures are available, there were 16,200 suicides and 7,840 murders.

Missions in Iran. The first complete census taken in Iran shows a population of nearly 19,000,000. There are no missionaries to serve some 16,000,000 of these people. The total missionary staff in Iran is less than 100, according to "Missionary Mandate."

The Task Ahead. China's population has passed the 600-million mark (compared with 171 million in the U.S.) and is increasing at the rate of 14.5 million per year (compared with 3 million in the U.S.). If the present rate continues, China's masses will multiply to 7 billion in 100 years—more than twice as many people as are now living on the earth. Should Christ delay His coming, the task of world evangelism ahead is greater than most of us imagine.

Protestants to Start Graduate School in Jerusalem. Israel's government has granted permission to a corporation headed by three Minneapolis conservative Protestant churchmen to start a graduate school of Biblical studies in Jerusalem. Students who enter the school will be able to do "unlimited digging" at ancient Biblical sites.

Hungarian Communists Favor Catholics. The Hungarian Communist government has decided not to reduce subsidies to the Roman Catholic church this year, as it had planned to do. It says it wants to "strengthen the good relations existing between State and Church."

To Study Ministers' Financial Plight. The National Council of Churches has decided to make a serious inquiry into the financial plight of the nation's ministers. It has appointed a noted sociologist, Dr. S. W. Blizzard, to make a year's study of the situation. The Rockefeller Brothers' Fund has granted \$33,500 to finance the undertaking.

The Effects of Liquor. Of the 426 traffic fatalities during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend, more than 200 died in accidents involving alcohol.

Experts have diagnosed nearly one fifth of the alcoholics committed to the nation's mental institutions and general hospitals as having permanent injury to the brain from alcohol.

No Grounds for Divorce. A Miami, Florida, circuit judge ruled that reading the Bible, requiring your spouse to wear skirts instead of blue jeans, and insistence on church attendance does not constitute grounds for divorce. The judge said the 25-year-old husband was "well within his rights on all three points" and denied the 19-year-old wife her petition for divorce.

September Church Construction Sets New Record. Government sources report that church construction started during September set a new record for a single month. It amounted to \$81,000,000—a million dollars more than August and eight million above the September, 1956, figure. The total for 1957 is 16 per cent above the same period last year.

Lutherans Oppose Mixed Marriages. The recent synod of the Augustana Lutheran Church adopted a resolution aimed at mixed marriages. It declared that "it is the official position of the church that no Lutheran should enter an agreement imposed by Roman Catholic canon law where the promise is made to rear children in a faith he himself cannot accept." In mixed marriages, the Roman Catholic Church requires that non-Catholic parties sign agreements to have all children reared as Catholics.

West Point Cadets Receive Bibles. At the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, 503 cadets were presented with copies of the Holy Bible. The ceremony was sponsored by the American Tract Society. Dr. Frank E. Gaebel, president of the Society, delivered the sermon of the occasion. He told the cadets that though the Bible contains many things, "in the deepest and most living way, its purpose is to tell us about Him who is 'the way, the truth, and the life.'"

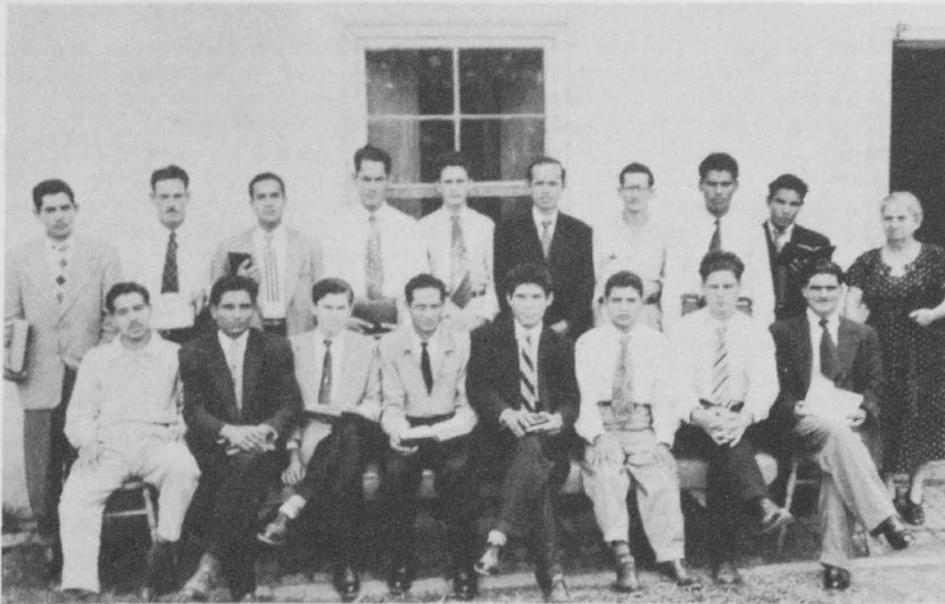
Each cadet in the incoming class of the Academy received one of the Bibles. On its cover was his name inscribed in gold. A photograph of the Cadet Chapel was on the frontispiece.

try's largest Protestant denomination. The survey found too deep a concern among Canadians for economic standing and monetary returns, and too much liking for commercial entertainment.

They said family life is in danger of breaking down. Some of the reasons given for this were: the high cost of living, resulting in working wives; the commercialization of Sundays, helping destroy the one day of fellowship available to the family; and the mass media

of communication, whose advertising "frequently has only the desire to covet as its appeal, thus creating friction and tension within the home."

The report charged that the churches have failed to hold the family together. It deplored the decline in family worship and the lack of understanding of the real nature of the Christian family and its fellowship. Evidently the situation in Canada closely parallels religious and home conditions in the U.S.A.



The student body at the Bible Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica

“Teach Others Also”

BY RALPH WILLIAMS

Field Superintendent for Central America

TIME WAS AT A PREMIUM. LEWIE Spencer and I looked over the old building standing on the recently purchased property in San Jose, Costa Rica, to size up the job of getting it ready for the opening of the Bible Institute. We would have a new building some day, surely, but for the time being this old one would have to fill the need.

The result of our survey was discouraging, to say the least. The rotten

floorboards almost let us through; mud walls showed great cracks and holes; window panes were out; doors hung awry; and the sanitary facilities would have been condemned even one hundred years ago. But we were committed to hold Bible Institute here this year and were determined that nothing should stop us.

There were several counts against us. First, the work was considerable; then,

the former occupants were only just now moving out, leaving us one short week before the opening day; and finally, funds for the needed materials were very slim. Contracting the job was out of the question, so Brother Lewie and I rolled up our sleeves and, trusting the Lord to help us, we went to work.

Some of our missionaries who are in San Jose to study Spanish before going on to their respective fields gave us some most welcome help between classes. Then the students began to come, and they also went to work. Soon the place began to take on a different appearance. Mud walls were patched with more mud, and then whitewashed. Mud floors were covered with flooring or cement. Dormitories, classrooms, kitchen, dining room, and office all began to take shape. Pipelines were laid for water, and wires were strung for lights. We built bunkbeds, desks, tables, and benches and painted masonboard for blackboards. Then we washed off the sawdust and grime and, believe it or not, began to teach our classes only one week behind the set date!

The place has been transformed, although there is much more yet to be done, and at the time of writing we have been running on schedule for five weeks. There are five classes daily, besides study hours, meals, devotions, and work.

Every one of the eighteen men attending the Institute has a testimony that would thrill you to hear. They are, for the most part, men from small



An interesting discussion on prophetic subjects



Ralph Williams and Lewie Spencer



Lewie Spencer working on the electrical wiring



Relaxing in one corner of the dormitory

ing earnestly for this need, for it is a solemn responsibility laid upon us. We want you to know of this need also so that you can pray with us and send in your help if the Lord should lay it upon your heart to do so.

Mrs. Williams and I have felt the tremendous importance of this phase of work in the development of the field and have left other pressing work to be here. God has always seen us through in the past and we are believing Him confidently for this need. His Word says, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bedell recently left Hawaii to work in the Philippines. Their address is Box 273, Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines.

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Miss Mollie Baird recently transferred from Ceylon to the Philippines. Her address is Box 273, Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines.

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We extend our sympathy to Mrs. William Lovick of Togo Dahomey, whose mother passed away on October 7.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vallance Baird sailed for Malaya on October 5.

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Miss Florence Steidel would like to inform her friends that her present address is Mission Village, Box 720, Route 5, Springfield, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. Vallance Baird

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

September 1957
CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,133.97	Northwest	17,989.82
Appalachian	692.71	Ohio	12,797.17
Arizona	1,312.37	Oklahoma	10,831.38
Arkansas	5,707.68	Oregon	10,635.26
Eastern	13,291.59	Polish Br.	5.00
Georgia	2,300.27	Potomac	9,539.31
German Br.	1,476.37	Rocky Mtn.	9,221.33
Greek Br.	96.63	S. Carolina	620.07
Hungarian Br. ..	151.00	S. Dakota	1,213.15
Illinois	10,805.52	S. Florida	3,972.97
Indiana	6,263.59	S. California ..	26,267.96
Kansas	6,081.19	S. Texas	7,504.21
Kentucky	871.61	S. Idaho	263.97
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	1,359.36	S. Missouri	9,521.57
Louisiana	2,174.57	S. N. England ..	3,274.21
Michigan	10,568.91	Tennessee	4,289.18
Minnesota	9,105.21	Ukrainian Br. ..	271.43
Mississippi	1,091.06	W. Central	6,015.50
Montana	2,668.07	W. Florida	2,124.96
Nebraska	4,975.45	W. Texas	2,787.83
New Jersey	6,177.11	Wis.-N. Mich. ..	5,257.36
New Mexico	1,776.72	Wyoming	848.83
New York	10,889.39	Alaska	157.20
N. Carolina	2,231.80	Canada	316.35
N. Dakota	2,791.58	Hawaii	248.28
N. Calif.-Nev. ..	22,611.87	Foreign	126.00
N. N. England ..	807.93	Miscellaneous ..	3,223.02
N. Texas	17,202.18		
Total Amount Reported			\$298,295.96
District Funds	\$17,335.40		
National Home Missions	4,220.80		
Office Expense	3,515.92		
Given Direct to Missionaries	43,261.08		68,333.20

Received for Council Missionaries	\$229,962.76
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,290.32
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	56,296.50
Total Receipts	\$289,549.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$119,355.99
Missionary Equipment	43,103.18
Missionary Work	53,818.92
National Workers Abroad	8,950.54
Deputational Returns	15,606.74
Missionary Transportation	68,124.86

Transferred from "Hold" Accounts	\$308,960.23
	19,410.65
	\$289,549.58

CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY OFFERING

Each year the Foreign Missions Department solicits the help of the members of the Assemblies of God in America in sending a monetary gift to each of our missionaries at Christmastime. There can be no better way of celebrating the Gift of God to us than by giving in return to His servants who have dedicated themselves to the task of telling those in darkness of this Gift of a Saviour.

Your offering for this purpose will be very helpful, whether it is large or small. Send your contribution designated "Christmas Missionary Offering" to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Mail it no later than November 20.

How Are You TRAINING YOUR CHILD?

BY MAUDE C. JOHNSON

WHEN CLAY IS SOFT IT CAN BE moulded. That is why the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Childhood is the impressionable age. It is the age of memory. It is so easy for a child to learn. What he reads and hears and sees will remain in his mind. It will not easily be erased.

It is also the age in which habits are formed. By the time a child leaves his parents' roof his habits are fairly well established.

Childhood too is the age of faith. Children's faith is a thing to be envied. What a child believes when he is graduated from college will not depend on what he has learned in college but what he learned before he entered. If there is a failure it is because his parents failed. It is said that eighty per cent of saved people are converted in childhood or youth.

Youth is also the age for education. Besides his common schooling there is the serious business of his Christian education. No education is worthy of the name of "Christian" unless it includes teaching the child the authority of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, the need of personal regeneration and individual cleansing from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Children are born imitators. Often you have seen a small girl put on her mother's high-heeled slippers and long dress, and go down the street with her mother's purse dangling from her arm. Or you have seen a small boy with Dad's big hat slipped down over one eye, and with Dad's long pants and perhaps a pillow stuffed at the waist to help fill it out and give him the appearance of his father.

One father was in the habit of going to a bar the first thing each day. One morning it had snowed, and as he went out into the deep snow he looked back and saw his little boy stepping in his

tracks. Little David said: "Daddy, I've walking in your steps." That was enough for that father. He turned around, gathered the little fellow in his arms, and went back into the house resolving to stay away from the bar from that time on.

Father, where are your footsteps taking your son? Mother, are you proud of the guidance you are giving your daughter?

Good discipline is a part of the training which has been sadly neglected during recent times. Teachers often complain that many children don't know the difference between right and wrong these days.

A little kindergartner whom we know walked home one day from school, instead of taking the bus as he usually did. On the way he stopped in at the pastor's house where he found no one home. So he began to investigate. He found a bottle of liquid shoe polish and proceeded to paint the living room furniture a pretty red. After he had made many changes in the color scheme and left a puddle of the red liquid in the middle of the largest over-stuffed chair, he went to the kitchen where he investigated the contents of the refrigerator. There, finding nothing more interesting than eggs and milk, he dumped the milk around in puddles and threw the eggs just to watch the splash. His next adventure was in the bathroom, where he found many interesting bottles in the medicine cabinet. He investigated the pastor's electric razor and, deciding it needed repair, he oiled it with hair oil and squeezed tooth paste into it.

This little fellow has gone through the first years of his life without any discipline whatsoever. He doesn't have the slightest idea of right and wrong. He is a sad example of what can happen when children are deprived of parental guidance when they are



Photo by A. Devaney

very small. "Train up a child in the way he should go," is the admonition needed by all parents.

Bob was large for his age. He was, however, still a very "small" boy at heart for his mind hadn't grown up as fast as his body had. He was very immature and was a trial to all his teachers. Every phase of his life showed he had been pampered.

One day his mother began talking about her Bob. "I've never forced him to do anything he didn't want to do, because when I was small I was forced to take music lessons and I have always resented it," she said. She evidently didn't realize that her own weakness had made everyone dislike her son. He was still her "little boy" even though he was one of the largest boys in the sixth grade.

The Bible warns, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," and this is just as true today as it was in the days of Solomon.

Father, mother, are you training your child in the way he should go? Are you spending time with him so he knows from your example that certain things are right and others are wrong? Are you careful of the things you say, or is there a question about the truthfulness of many of your statements? Do you watch your language so that the first time your son uses language which is vulgar or coarse you can tell him, "Jimmy, we don't use that kind of language in our home"? Or has he heard swearing and slang so much at home that he takes it for granted?

Are you absolutely sure that each child who is intrusted to your care has received Christ into his heart as his own personal Saviour? One reason why so many young folk are delinquent



AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

Sunday School Lesson for November 24, 1957

Acts 18:1-4, 18-26

Once again our lesson reveals how far-reaching may be the spiritual influence of the lives of consecrated laymen. The New Testament tells about Aquila and Priscilla in fewer than a dozen verses. Yet if all of us were as diligent in our service for the Lord as they were, our churches everywhere would grow by leaps and bounds!

AQUILA AND PRISCILLA MEET PAUL (Acts 18:1-4). Aquila and Priscilla were Italian Jews who had been living in Rome. Expelled by decree of the emperor, they took up residence in Corinth. The apostle Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, came to Corinth to preach the gospel. Through the providence of God these people, who were strangers to each other in a huge city, were led together. Aquila and Priscilla, being hospitable, took the apostle into their home.

And what blessed results accrued! Paul received companionship, employment, and a place to live. Aquila and Priscilla obtained spiritual blessing through intimate association with the great apostle.

These few verses suggest some great lessons: (1) *The ideal Christian marriage relationship.* Six times the Scriptures mention Aquila and Priscilla, but never separately. Here were two people united in their friendship to God's servant and united in their devotion to that servant's Christ.

(2) *Paul at work.* This was an example of consecrated independence (1 Thessalonians 4:11) and of Christian humility (2 Thessalonians 3:12). Paul glorified the common task, as did his Lord. There is absolutely no scriptural foundation for regarding a minister as inferior in any way just because he holds employment in the interest of best promoting the gospel. How greatly multiplied would be the number of new churches if more young men had the vision of working at a job in order to open a new work!

(3) *Careful zeal for the reputation of the gospel.* There are times when we may win the unbelieving by proving the disinterestedness and unselfishness and purity of our service for Christ.

AQUILA AND PRISCILLA IN EPHEBUS (Acts 18:18-21). After more than a year and a half of fruitful ministry in Corinth, Paul left the city for Ephesus. Aquila and Priscilla, who shared Paul's burden for the evangelization of the Gentiles, accompanied him. Paul quickly went on to Jerusalem, soon to begin his third missionary journey, but Aquila and Priscilla remained in Ephesus. Consider their ministry there:

(1) *They help Apollos* (Acts 18:18-21). Here were two godly Christians who, when they saw spiritual limitations in another, gave him spiritual encouragement and help instead of criticism. Apollos, a man of great ability and

zeal, a follower of John the Baptist, came to preach at Ephesus. Recognizing that this man's spiritual experience was limited, Aquila and Priscilla kindly and tactfully "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." An ordinary Christian, if faithful to God and genuinely interested in the spiritual growth of others, may have a part in preparing others for an extraordinary ministry.

(2) *They establish a church in their home.* Paul, writing to the Corinthians from Ephesus, said, "Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house." How wonderful! These saints who had first opened their home to Paul in Corinth, now opened their home to the converts who had been won in Ephesus, where they now resided! Here we have the truest and simplest concept of a church—a group of believers gathered together to worship Christ. Only in a figurative sense can the term "church" be applied to an organization or a building "Where two or three are gathered together" in Christ's name, He is present and there you have a church. And each local church is a part of the true universal church, which is composed of all truly born-again believers in Christ—regardless of race, color, or denomination.

AQUILA AND PRISCILLA IN ROME (Romans 16:3-5). After living for a time in Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla returned to Rome, where once again their zeal and devotion to Christ overflowed to such an extent that another church was established in their home. Paul referred to them as "my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks." Are we helpers in Christ, willing to take personal risks in the interest of others and the kingdom? Are our homes centers of spiritual influence? God make more of us like Aquila and Priscilla!

—J. Bashford Bishop

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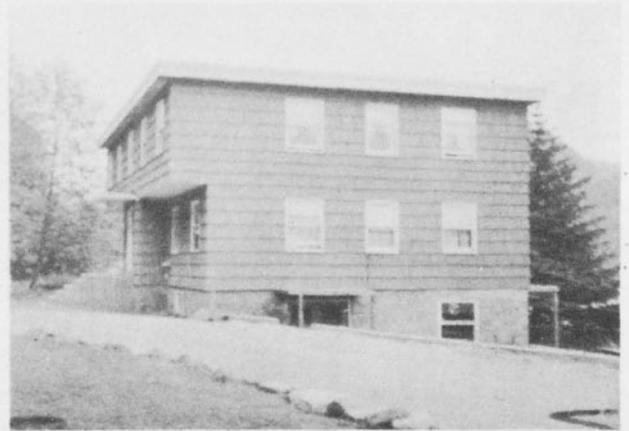
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The new dormitory building of the Juneau Children's Home

CHRISTMAS IN OUR ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOMES has been described by one of the matrons as "a wonderful day of togetherness."

Mrs. George Whitfield, Matron of the Children's Farm Home near Palmer, Alaska, writes that "last year's Christmas was a day that surely stands out in my memory, for the Lord was so good to us, and there were many wonderful people 'at home in the States' who contributed much to making it a good day.

"As always, we started the day with a time of devotions. But we tried to make it a little special, as we sought to instill into each of our minds that our Saviour was the greatest Christmas gift ever. Afterwards we opened the gifts—and what a time that was! The children are always so eager they can hardly contain themselves, for the excitement has been mounting for days. There is always a time of great joy

and 'showing to each other' what they received, and they usually take their gifts and go to their rooms and enjoy them alone for a while.

"All this was made possible by the Lord as He moved upon His people to send us the things that we needed. Not only the barest necessities, but the little extras, such as the ice skates and games that make the lives of these children a little fuller and richer and a little more like the lives of the children with whom they go to school each day. Because these children are denied so much in not having a real home and parents all their very own, our aim and prayer is to make their lives as near as possible to the average normal life of a child...."

Because the WMC's and others are doing such a wonderful job in meeting the needs for gifts for the Homes, the leaders in the Homes, together with the Executive Director of the National

Home Missions Department, have suggested a different type of Christmas gift to be purchased this year for each of the Homes through cash offerings.

Your cash offering for the CHILDREN OF ALASKA CHRISTMAS FUND this year will help fill a very definite need in the Children's Farm Home for a heavy-duty plastic davenport. In this home, where there are many boys, the need for heavy-duty furniture is obvious.

Mrs. Lyle Johnson, matron of the Juneau Children's Home, writes that one of their big needs this year is for a davenport for the girls' sitting room in the dormitory. So their portion of the offerings you send for the CHILDREN OF ALASKA CHRISTMAS FUND will go toward the davenport.

It was felt that providing a furniture need for each of the Homes would be a worth-while Christmas gift, but



Mr. and Mrs. James Houghton (center) and the family at the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home. (Chairs are their big need this year.)



Eager boys examine Christmas packages under the tree at Children's Farm Home near Palmer

we are dependent upon offerings designated for this project.

At the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home the great need is for chairs. The matron, Mrs. James Houghton, writes: "After discussing what would be most needed in the Home and most enjoyed by all, we came to the conclusion that chairs for our dining room would be the most useful and appreciated. At the present time our chair situation is a sad one. We have some benches. Most of our chairs are borrowed from the Sunday School rooms in the church.

"Our two youngest girls must sit on an old dilapidated piano bench. In emergency we use an apple box which came our way some time ago. Wooden boxes are very scarce.

"If as a Christmas gift the chairs could be supplied for the Home, it would make the holiday season a very joyous one for each child and worker."

All of us like to get as much as possible for our Christmas gift dollars. We believe that by pooling our Christmas money in the CHILDREN OF ALASKA CHRISTMAS FUND, we can meet each of these three definite needs in the Alaska Children's Homes. Your gift now to this fund will bring blessing to the Homes for years to come. Please use the coupon below to send your offering today. ◀◀



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

How could death pass on those who "had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression"? (Romans 5:15)

Although others have not partaken of the forbidden tree as Adam did, they have inherited from him the disposition to sin. Therefore they, like him, are subject to death. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

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Colossians 1:13 says, "The Father... hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." What does this mean?

This verse sets forth the fact that we have been changed from one way of living to another. The life of the Christian has been transformed by the saving grace of God. The thought is similar to that expressed by 2 Corinthians 5:17—"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

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How can a person know positively that he is saved?

A person is saved when he believes John 6:37—"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." When we accept this truth with real conviction that it is so, we feel an assurance, a rest and peace in our hearts. There is an inward conviction that we are accepted by God. This is the work of the Holy Spirit; as it is stated in Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Proof of salvation is shown also in the change which takes place in daily life. Instead of living selfishly and sinfully the saved person seeks to live for God.

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What scriptural teaching have we for the doctrine of "the age of accountability"?

Adam and Eve were in a state of "innocence" before they partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A child comes into the world innocent, with no consciousness of evil.

"Where no law is, there is no transgression." Later the consciousness of right and wrong is developed; with this consciousness comes moral responsibility, and the child becomes accountable to God. It is probable that consciousness of responsibility is developed in some earlier than in others, much depending on the way one has been taught.

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When Jesus said to the rich young ruler, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," the young man replied, "All these things have I kept from my youth up" (Matthew 19:16-20). Therefore was he not saved?

It is not for us to say whether the rich young ruler was saved; this we can leave with the Lord. However, none of the commandments which Jesus quoted to him related to his attitude toward God. Nothing had been said about the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." It was his lack of consecration to God that Jesus touched when He said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, ... and come and follow me." His wealth was his idol, which he was unwilling to let go. We may live relatively model lives and do excellent things, yet if we withhold from God a surrender that puts Him above all other things we are not what we ought to be.

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Why was Abel's sacrifice more acceptable than the offering brought by Cain?

Abel's sacrifice was more acceptable because it substituted life for life. The Lord had clothed Adam with the skins of animals after his fall, setting forth the fact that it takes life to atone for life. Cain undoubtedly knew this but disobeyed and offered another kind of sacrifice.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

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A Tower to Heaven

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Heaven has seen fit to intervene and frustrate one attempt after another by confederacies of evil to enslave mankind in moral darkness. In the case of Babel we read that God said, "Let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." "So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city." And now we see a greater and stronger attempt of man to do the same thing. And the fear of free peoples is that the initiative is passing to the forces of evil.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, this nation's great friend in Germany, gave an interview less than two months ago to an outstanding American. He said, "Khrushchev and the Red army are awaiting only a moment of weakness and carelessness on the part of America before attacking. . . . There is not the slightest indication, none whatsoever, that there has been a change of attitude in Moscow. Should the United States ever become weaker than Soviet Russia, they will be attacked. The Communists want to conquer the world for Communism under the Russian banner. Their greatest obstacle is the United States. If they can eliminate that obstacle, they will do so."

Are we facing a moment of weakness militarily and morally? Has this pleasure-loving nation been stunned by the "propaganda-firsts" of the enemy? Can we afford to continue having 377,000 divorces annually, 245,070 cancer deaths, 40,660 automobile fatalities, runaway inflation that has added \$20 a week in costs to the average family's budget since the war, a weakened school system which has as its main purpose the teaching of "social poise"? We can't if we are going to stay in the race for supremacy.

Clare Booth Luce, until recently United States ambassador to Italy, gave this pointed warning some time ago: "If the day ever comes when the men and women of our Western civilization

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desert completely the historic concept of man as a child of God with free will and an immortal soul—if the day comes, in short, when we, too, go over to 'scientific materialism,' on that day not all our oil or gold in the ground, nor our assembly lines, nor our air forces, nor our navies, nor even... the hydrogen bomb, shall save us... On that day freedom will perish in the totalitarian night of the world."

And now what does this Red moon mean to us? Does it mean that our policy of "containment" has failed? Our military leaders have endeavored, at staggering costs to the taxpayer, to build a fence of strategic air bases around the enemy. Are these now useless by the introduction of the intercontinental missile and the satellite? Not quite, but the warning is stern enough. How can we man the outposts of space? If the enemy can launch a satellite that tracks through space on an exact schedule, that circles the globe every ninety-six minutes at a speed of 18,000 miles per hour, cannot that enemy conceive of push-button weapons that would make American privacy and security a thing of the past?

It's no longer a question of building a fence; it's now a question of building a roof. That is why the little-publicized Business and Defense Services Administration has been quietly asking four hundred big American corporations to store enough substitute machinery and records underground to enable them to pick up production if their major plants are vaporized by hydrogen bombs.

Events of this month prove that mankind has entered the space age of his destiny. Something created by human hands has started exploring mysteries and secrets of space. It's the first step toward human travel in space.

Could it be, Neighbor, that God is again saying about the human race, intent upon destroying itself, "And now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do"? Can it be that again God is saying, "Let us go down, and there confound" their plans? Surely the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

In the Revelation John says: "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man

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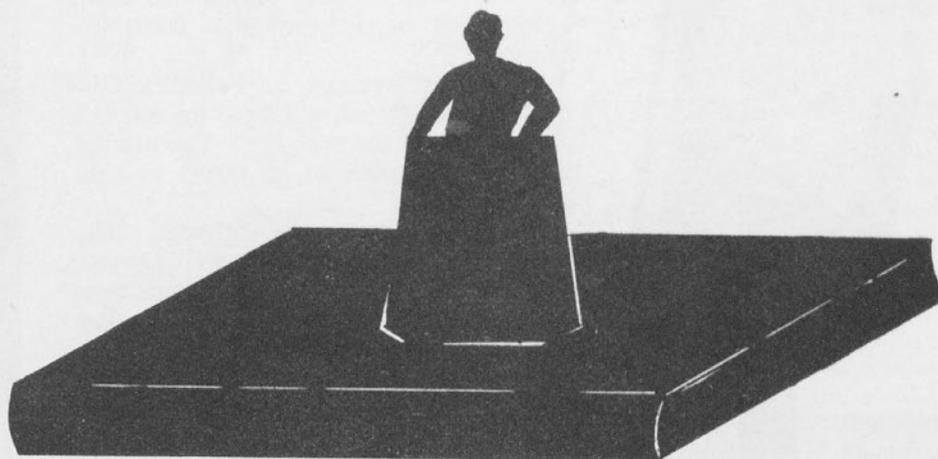
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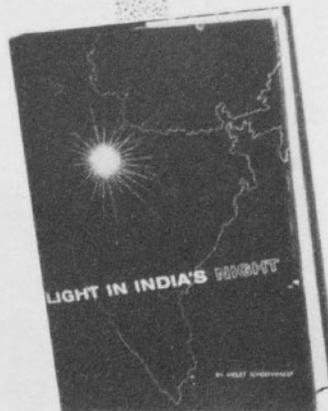
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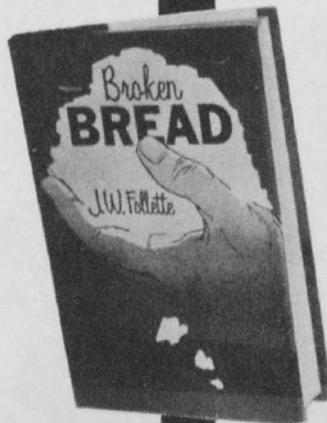
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knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

Friend, this is the time to make your decision for Christ. The first great Psalm says, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

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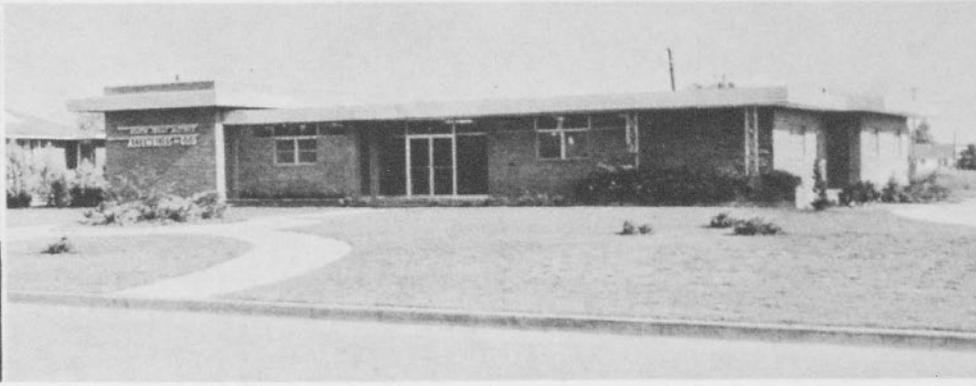
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dent, and Sunday School Director). An extra office is available for future expansion.

The building is of fireproof masonry construction. It is veneered with Roman brick. Central weather conditioning units provide cool air in summer and heat in winter.

M. B. Netzel (left) is the District Superintendent, but he is moving to Springfield, Missouri, to assume his new duties as General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God. The Assistant Superintendent, Phinis A. Lewis (right) is assuming the leadership of the District.

The Conquest of Fear

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the enemy's tent and heard the men talking, he realized that God had already visited them and prepared the way for a great victory. "When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them..."

Do your part. Gideon mapped the strategy. His men moved against the enemy. They blew on the trumpets, let their lights shine, and shouted. When we do our part, God does His.

You are not in this battle alone; there are many others of like precious faith with you. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). May the Lord give you courage to exercise faith and win the victory over every fear. ◀◀

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEST TEXAS C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 27 and 28 at First Assembly of God, Big Spring, Tex. George Brazell, Vice-president of Southwestern Bible Institute, speaker.—by M. F. Hankins, District C. A. President.

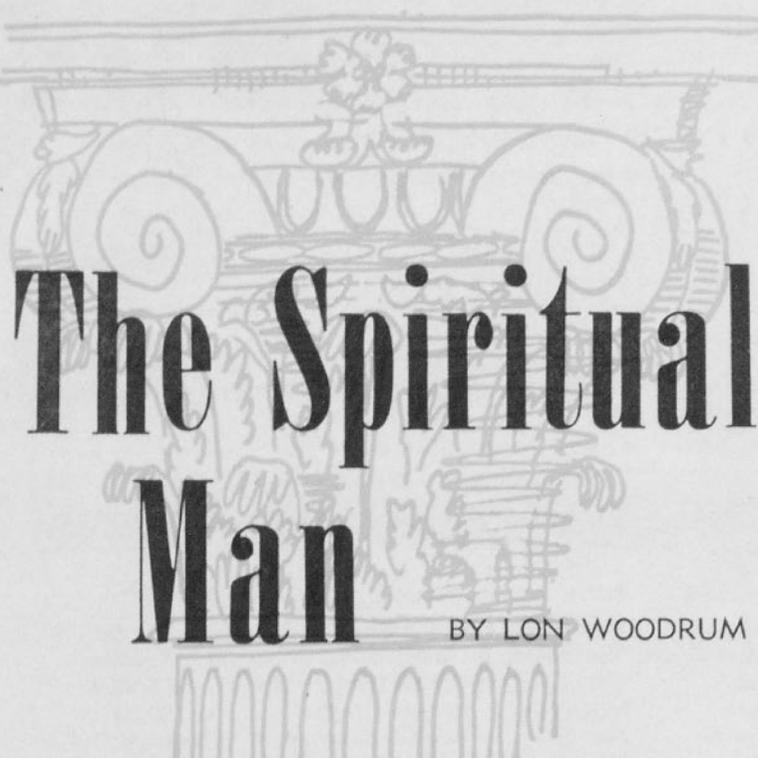
ANNUAL HOMECOMING—December 1 at Bartons Chapel Assembly of God, Murchison, Tex. All former members and friends invited. W. J. Tedford is pastor.—by Cora Voyles, Church Secretary.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	Faith	Nov. 19-Dec. 8	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Willis K. Hirschy
Ark.	El Dorado	Bethel Chapel	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Gene Jackson	G. A. Jackson
	El Dorado	First	Nov. 17—	Gladys Pearson	Erling Saxelid
	Hot Springs	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Hildreth Ethridge	Fay Hutchinson
Calif.	Burlingame	A of G	Nov. 19—	Ralph I. Cranston	Clarence Lebeck
	So. San Francisco	First	Nov. 17—	Leslie Eldridge & wife	Carl E. Curtright
	Tulare	A of G	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Bonetta C. Rabe	C. S. O'Shields
Colo.	Cortez	A of G	Nov. 19—	Don George & wife	Jack D. Brock
Fla.	Tampa	Calvary	Nov. 17-25	Louise Nankivell	Howard S. Coffey
Ill.	Fountain Green	A of G	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	R. P. Poland	Fred Shields
	Olney	First	Nov. 10—	Gerald Willis & wife	Marvin Doolin
Ind.	Bloomington	South Side	Nov. 17—	Zelma Argue	Paul A. Evans
	Evansville	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	W. F. Garvin	Joe Ragsdale
	Peru	A of G	Nov. 10-24	George E. Walters	Frank Fortier
Md.	Silver Springs	First	Nov. 24—	Peiffer-Harden	Kent M. Reckley
Mich.	Benton Harbor	Bethel	Nov. 19—	E. T. Quanabush	A. Q. Hashman
Minn.	Warren	A of G	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Paul Sandgren & wife	Ronald Fischer
Miss.	Jackson	Faith Temple	Nov. 20—	Tommy Lofton	L. M. Neal
Mo.	Mexico	A of G	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Carl Oney & wife	Warren La Rose
	Kirkville	Central	Nov. 10—	Lela B. Haycook	Donald A. Rich
	Spickard	A of G	Nov. 24—	D. E. Skiles Party	Carl Wood
N. Mex.	Moriarty	A of G	Nov. 20-29	E. R. Winter	D. B. Chaney
N. Y.	Fredonia	A of G	Nov. 17-Dec. 1	John & Olive Kellner	Harry J. Knisell
	Syracuse	Grace Temple	Nov. 17—	Joseph DeGrado Family	Charles Robertson
N. C.	Raleigh	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Homer Peterson	D. Fred Leader
	Ohio	Cleveland	Bethany	Nov. 17-Dec. 1	Bill Scott
Ohio	Medina	A of G	Nov. 17-Dec. 1	Harry Hampel	Martin Baxter
	Mt. Vernon	Trinity	Nov. 17-Dec. 1	A. C. Trimble	Lindon Ford
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Ada E. Lear	E. P. Cooper
Oreg.	Bend	A of G	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Don E. Gossett	Everett Olp
	Warrenton	* A of G	Nov. 18-22	Quentin D. Edwards	J. C. Murray, Chm.
Pa.	Allentown	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	McColl-Gerard Trio	David Berquist
	Beaver Falls	First	Nov. 10-24	J. Earl Douglass	Edwin Stevenson
	Wellsboro	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Musical Vanns	Robert Kulzer
Tex.	Austin	Grace	Nov. 18—	W. A. Covington	J. T. Bayless
	Beaumont	Glad Tidings	Nov. 24—	Ernest Maxwell	Jack Fellers
	Dallas	Arcadia Park	Nov. 18—	M. R. Boatright	W. C. Mangrum
Wash.	El Paso	First	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Morris Lefkowitz	Wm. F. Hageman
	Selah	A of G	Nov. 10—	Cornelius Eylander	Henry A. Larsen
Wis.	Walla Walla	A of G	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	H. C. MacDonald & wife	Leonard J. Philp
	Milwaukee	Lakeside	Nov. 12-24	Christian Hild	Lloyd Christiansen

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The Spiritual Man

BY LON WOODRUM

PAUL WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE EX-PAGANS IN Corinth. But instead of pronouncing them hopeless he sets himself to the task of showing them the way to spiritual triumph. He found their difficulty: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual." To these "babes in Christ" he directs his message.

There must first be a spiritual *revelation*, says Paul. "It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." This is not a text about heaven for the next verse reads: "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit."

God's world is beyond man's understanding, the apostle states, save for divine revelation. The natural man cannot grasp it. There is music unheard by the natural ear, beauties beyond the natural eye. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him."

But through spiritual revelation a man comes to possess a spiritual mind. "We have the mind of Christ." The marks of this mind are clear. "We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God."

There would be three things standing in opposition to this spiritual mind. There would be "the wisdom of this world." We cannot discover God by reasoning. One might think himself into Congress, or into prison, but he cannot think himself into the kingdom of heaven. Another opposition to the spiritual mind was "the spirit of the world." The Christian could not join the world, as the sensualist, nor hide from it, as the legalist; he would have to conquer

it! And to do this a man would need to have God! Too, standing against the faith were "the princes of this world." But of them Paul said, "They came to nought!" Zeroes on the throne, all dressed up, strutting—magnificent nothings!

Paul maintains that this spiritual mind understands the things that are spiritual. "He that is spiritual judgeth all things." He is alive to all true values. And he sets a far higher value on the eternal than on the temporal.

The man with the mind of Christ may be ignorant of Aristotle or Schopenhauer; perhaps he cannot quote Francois Villon; he might not be an expert in psychology or even theology; but he is acquainted with God's Spirit. The eternal truth warms his inner being as a sweet fire. His heart is open to the great words of the great Book. He hungers after the table of the Lord. He knows the value of prayer. He knows no day is lived aright without it. Prayer is not to him a duty; it is a privilege.

But Paul does not end his message with the spiritual *mind*. He insists that the spiritual mind will produce a spiritual *life*. One can spot a spiritual man, he says—or an unspiritual (carnal) one! "Whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and division, are ye not carnal and walk as men?"

The dictionary defines the word "envy" as, "feeling ill toward any one because of greater happiness, success, fortune or other superiority." We can't envy a person unless we are *smaller* than he is! Envy is a sort of inferiority complex. Big people just can't envy little people!

Envy has a long history. Cain envied Abel because his prayer was heard. The Philistines envied Isaac because of his great herds. Joseph's brothers envied him because he had bigger and better dreams than they had! It is recorded that when Paul got a whole town out to hear him speak "the Jews were moved with envy." Have we not known churches which were envious when other churches got bigger crowds? But the deeply spiritual person is too big and too busy to be troubled with envy.

Strife also is a characteristic of the unspiritual soul. The Corinthians went to law with one another, "and that before unbelievers." The test of whether a man is spiritual or not is simple: can he reconcile himself to the brother who has offended him? Spiritual people are big people! They may be unlearned, provincial, unimportant in the world, but they have an inner power that makes them willing to keep the "unity of the faith" among Christians.

Paul accused the Corinthians of being divided among themselves. Behind every violent division is a lack of spirituality. There has to be. Not that all Christians can always agree. That is impossible. The law of variety forbids it. But true believers should be able to disagree as brothers. They should not make war, and drag God's banner to the dust!

Paul's diagnosis is clear. These Corinthians were "babes in Christ" who had unspiritual minds. There was one answer to their problem. Through the Spirit of God alone could they become Christ-centered and adult Christians. Then would they cease crying "Apollos" and "Cephas" and "Paul," and cry "Christ." Spiritual people don't quarrel. They are comrades in the last best hope of earth. They are temples of the Holy Spirit. They know the great truth: "Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."