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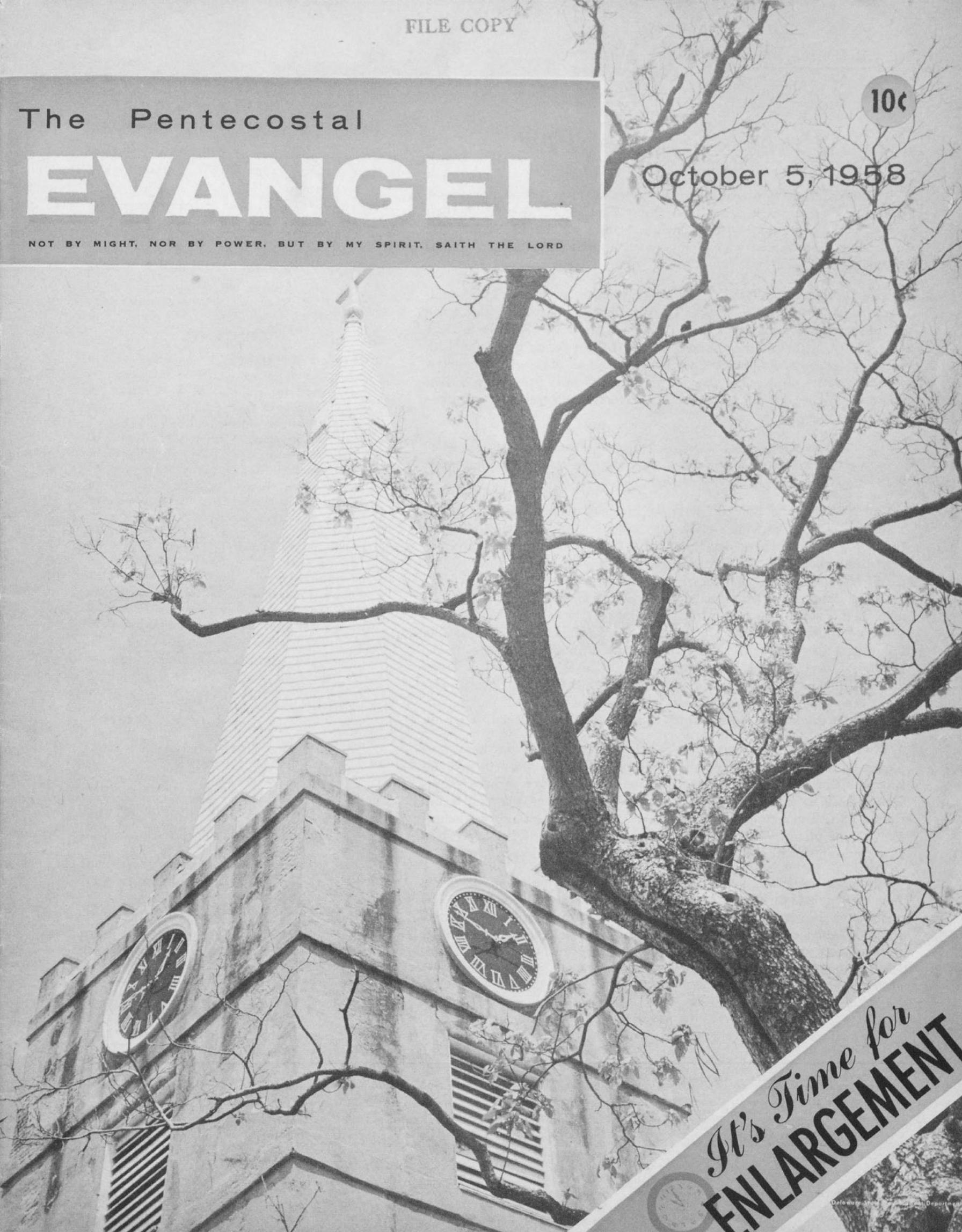
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Priests of the Pen

Thomas Carlyle said that "men of letters are a perpetual priesthood, from age to age, teaching all men that a God is still present in their life. . . ." If we may adapt Carlyle's thought we should like to refer to the men and women who produce your church literature as "priests of the pen."

Like the priests of Aaron's line, your publication workers are dedicated to a particular ministry. Their calling is to preach and teach the unsearchable riches of Christ through their pens. A desk is their altar, the printed page their pulpit. Many of them reside in Springfield, Missouri, while others mail their writings from all parts of the country. The tons of literature that go out from your Gospel Publishing House every week bear testimony to the importance of the ministry of these "priests of the pen."

Inasmuch as October is Protestant Press Month, this would seem to be a good time to pause and consider just how important their work is to our Assemblies of God fellowship.

Can you imagine how difficult, if not impossible, it would be to maintain our nationwide fellowship without our periodicals? The Sunday School workers depend on the *Counsellor* for news and information about the Sunday School. The young people look to the *C. A. Herald* as their channel of communication with other C. A.'s all over the land. The ladies have their *W. M. C.* publications and the men their *Team* magazine, while the ministers have *Pulpit*. The missionary-minded (and this should include every believer) prayerfully follow the progress of our missionary work through the pages of the *World Challenge*. And the strongest bond of all is our weekly *Evangel* which brings news of the assemblies, announcements of important meetings, reports of answered prayer, and information about the nationwide and worldwide projects which are the common concern of us all.

Think how we would miss the Sunday School quarterlies and story papers if the consecrated workers who prepare them were to give up this ministry. Without the story papers the Sunday School pupils would miss excellent Christian training and without the quarterlies the teaching ministry of the Sunday School would be greatly weakened. We believe these quarterlies are the best to be found. They place rich Bible study helps in the hands of pupils and teachers alike.

Christian books and periodicals make it possible for all to sit at the feet of a great variety of Spirit-filled preachers and teachers. The writers verily are "priests of the pen," ministering guidance, understanding, encouragement, comfort, and spiritual help to our souls. Let the literature minister to you and for you during this month of October. Read it and share it with others. In the words of the apostle, "Give attendance to reading."

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This truck driver says—

I Believe in MIRACLES

BY JAMES A. WRAY

(as told to ANNE SANDBERG)

A FEW YEARS AGO IF ANYONE HAD predicted I'd be working day and night without sleep to pay a \$150.00 church pledge I would have said he was crazy. And the fact that I did it was a miracle.

But then, I've seen a lot of miracles in the two years I've served the Lord. Like the time I was loaded with 7500 gallons of gasoline and skidded on the icy highway—but I'd better start from the beginning.

My parents were Christians, but their ways didn't suit me. It griped me when Mother would talk about God and harp on tithing. No one was telling me what to do with my money, or my life either!

So for forty-seven years I pleased myself. Got a job hauling petroleum. Was a real wicked sinner, no doubt about that. Smoked two packs of cigarettes a day, plus several cigars. Couldn't stop; had to have them. Drink, swear—well, you know the reputation of truck drivers. You'd never expect many of them to go to church, much less a healing service.

I never would have gone if arthritis hadn't crippled me. Got so bad my wife had to drag my feet out of bed every morning, put them on the floor and pull me up. At night she sat me on the bed, pushed me over, then hauled my legs after. The pain was so awful I couldn't stand it any more.

So when my wife begged me to attend the healing meeting in April, 1956, I went. I'd heard a lot from Mother about salvation, but this healing business was something new. I thought miracles ended in Bible days. But that first night in the healing meeting was sure an eye opener. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes—deaf, blind, cripples instantly healed.

Don't let anyone tell you that truck drivers are hopeless. You never can tell what's behind those hard eyes, that sarcastic mouth twisted around a cigar, that big chest. They've all got a heart, you know. Just let a guy see what I saw and it's bound to break him up.

Well, I made up my mind this was real and I was coming back. Next night when the healing evangelist asked the sick to stand, raise their hands and believe while he prayed, I figured, "What have I to lose? I'm full of pain and sin and need help bad." So I stood and believed.

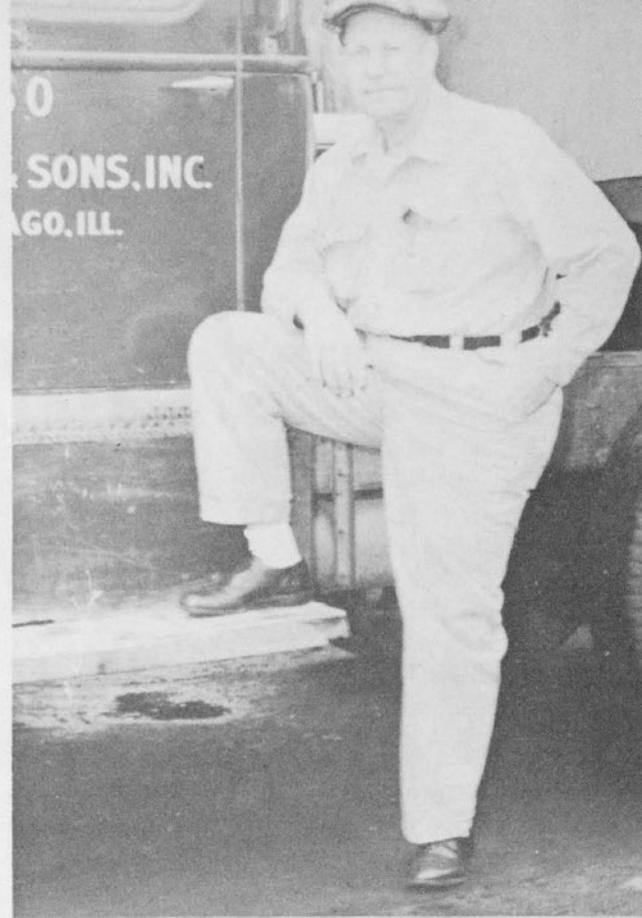
Man, I've seen a lot of power, but nothing like this. Not that I was knocked down or anything like that. But God came in such a mighty way that three miracles hit me at once: I was saved, healed, and delivered from tobacco all in a moment. My wife could hardly believe it. "Guess I shouldn't have been so shocked," she admitted, "because I had been praying so long. It was just a miracle, that's all."

That's the way I felt about it too. I sure was a changed man.

I never did believe in New Year's resolutions, but in that big healing meeting I made a resolution which I intend by God's help to keep. And that is, to serve the Lord with my whole heart as long as I live. I don't believe in doing things halfway. I served the devil hard, and mean to do the same toward God.

So I said to the Lord: "God, show me a church where I can do janitor work, make repairs, pass the collection plate; anything, Lord, just so I can do something for you."

The Lord sure was good to lead us to an Assembly of God church in Chicago. I'm not filled with the Spirit



Truck driver James A. Wray, saved and healed by the power of God.

yet, but I believe in it and am expecting to receive one of these days. Meanwhile, nothing I can do for the Lord is too small or too big.

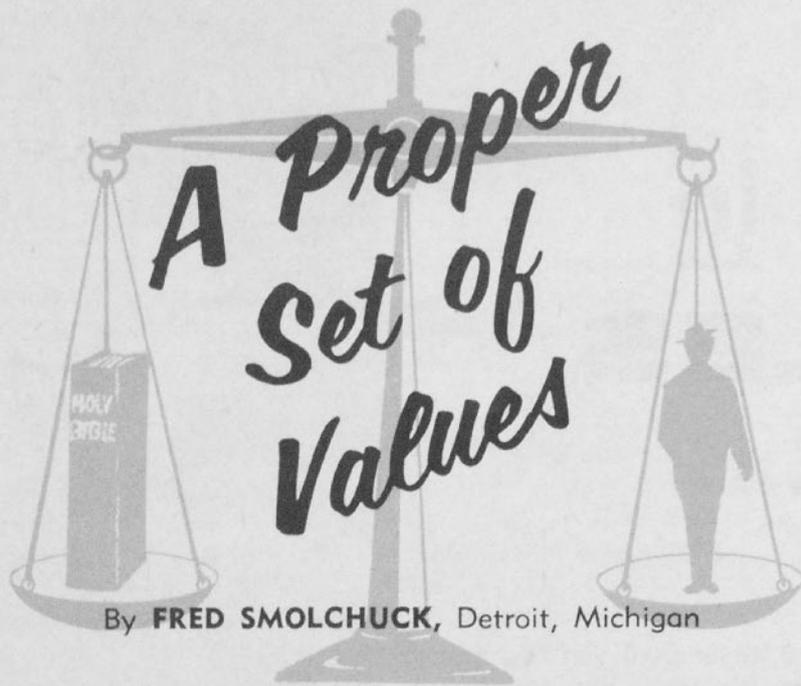
I mean it when I say my time is the Lord's whatever I can spare from my job. And so is my money. Remember I said it used to gripe me when Mother harped on tithing? Now I can't give enough to Him. And my wife is with me all the way.

Been an usher at different times and it always hurts to see people dropping in nickels and dimes. Sinners think nothing of spending up to \$5.00 a night in a tavern. And Christians waste a lot of money on foolishness. Then they put a few coins in the collection! Wife and I aren't bragging, but one way we feel we can show our gratitude is by giving all we can.

Fact is, we heard of so many needs in the Lord's work that we kept withdrawing our savings until we emptied the account. Then I got laid off for three months. We weren't starving, had something to live on; but couldn't give like before.

Then one Sunday night we heard a representative from Springfield, Missouri, tell of the miraculous way the Lord provided Evangel College. If the children weren't all married, I'd sure

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we placed more value on the matter of spirituality in the home. Let's recognize and establish true Christian values for our family to enjoy.

Whether or not we have spiritually discerned the value of the church as it relates to the Christian life is vividly shown by our faithfulness in frequenting the house of prayer. Some are just Sunday morning visitors!

Is the midweek service something that you feel you can get along without? We love the church and appreciate our pastor as a man of God, but are we consistently late for the service? Can it be that we do not really value worship as much as we thought we did? We wouldn't dream of being late to work. If necessary we would forego breakfast and dash out of the house while still putting on our overcoats, just so that we would not be late in punching our timecards. Then why are we tardy in coming to church? Why are we lax in worship? There's a reason, there must be.

There are people who have not as yet discovered the value of attending Sunday School. If everyone took that attitude there would be no Sunday School at all; the systematic study of the Word of God which is so vital to Christian living and which is taught in our Sunday Schools would be done away with. Staying away from Sunday School places a person in the category of those who consider this "evangelistic right arm of the church" as unimportant.

How valuable is a soul? Heaven rejoices when one is saved, but do we consider a soul important enough to witness to him about Christ?

Paul said, "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." He considered fellowship so valuable that he encouraged the young church to protect and maintain that association.

It is also imperative that we properly value the importance of cooperation in the Lord's work. In her song of victory, Deborah included the grim words, "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord; curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty" (Judges 5: 23). The inhabitants of Meroz did not see the value of cooperating with their brethren against a common enemy. They refused to lend assistance.

It is a shame if God's people do not finish what they have started for the Lord. Much needs to be done for God's Kingdom; it can be done and it

IT PAYS TO STUDY THE PRICE TAGS before you buy. We have all discovered, after making some purchase, that we paid too much for it. Had we examined the article more carefully we might have realized it was not worth the price, or had we compared the price with that of a rival store we might have saved some money.

No one likes to be "taken" when he shops. We need to keep our wits about us not only when we choose our purchases but also when we choose our friends, our interests, and our occupations. It is possible for a person to pay too much for too little, both in the natural and in the spiritual realm.

That is why God's people need spiritual discernment. If we lack discernment as to what is valuable in the Christian life it is shown by our attitudes. We may insist that we love the church and that we greatly appreciate the work of God in the home and foreign fields. But when the time for action arrives and we manifest a lukewarm and irresponsible attitude, then we show how little value we actually attach to the work of God.

The Lord must surely be disappointed at times with His people as He listens to their conversation, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Loose, worldly speech will immediately reveal the low value that a man has set on the virtues of holiness and on his contact with God. A careless tongue will forfeit many a blessing of God.

Do we value the importance of a good Christian example in the home? For some, the home is a place reserved for

"flying off the handle" and for airing out unorthodox views, usually with the children as a captive audience. This is dangerous, for your sense of values as a parent is highly contagious. The youngsters are very impressionable.

If, for example, while the children were listening you expressed your feelings about Brother Brown, just watch them the next time they see him in church. Notice how they stare at him; observe the questioning looks that they send in his direction. You have influenced your children to dislike a person and perhaps they don't really know why.

A poor example in the home can unwittingly train children to be gossipers, haters, irritable and impious. Ignoring the value of a proper Christian example in the home has opened the door to continued delinquency, confused families, irreligious and wayward young people. Most people don't think of it as being that serious, but it is high time

BIBLE VERSE

Hebrews 10:25
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

will be done if and when God's people put the right tag on cooperation.

It is possible to overestimate the importance of some things. We need to be careful that our home, relatives, friends, and possessions do not become so important to us that they obliterate eternal things.

Jesus said, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:39). Devotion to one's family is commendable, but carried too far it may become a spiritual enemy. When one stays away from worship simply to humor a member of his family, it is wrong. When a person yields to a practice that is not compatible with holiness, rather than offend his family, he demonstrates that he has placed relatives before Christ.

Many today feel that material possessions are the most important things in life. A sizable bank account, the latest car, a complete wardrobe, a summer cottage or camp, are among the things that they hope for, work for, and live for. Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

Let us learn to spiritually discern. Evaluate the things of God properly; don't underestimate the importance of God, His work, or His workers. Beware of placing too high a value on material and social gains. King Saul allowed his pride and arrogance to interfere with complete obedience to God. He was told that "to obey is better than sacrifice," and he paid a bitter price for his mistake in improperly evaluating the things of God.

On the other hand, Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of reward" (Hebrews 11:24-26).

Men usually reach for that which they value highly. When it is obtained it brings its own rewards or complications. Blessed is the man who puts God above all else. Let us pray with Solomon, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart... that I may discern between good and bad" (1 Kings 3:9). ◀◀



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Does Matthew 6:5 mean that we should never stand to pray?

What Jesus condemned was making a parade of prayer, seeking to draw attention to one's devoutness, seeking to impress men when the heart was not right before God. In Mark 11:25 Jesus endorsed the posture of standing in prayer, with the words, "When ye stand praying, forgive." It is not the position of the body but the attitude of the heart which counts with God.

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Of the apostle Paul we read, "From his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them" (Acts 19:12). Does this mean that an evangelist can pray over a handkerchief, which may be worn by a person in order to be healed?

I have no objection if persons wear handkerchiefs which have been prayed over. But I warn against regarding such objects as charms, looking to the kerchiefs for healing instead of looking to the Lord. We have record of only one occasion in the ministry of Paul where handkerchiefs or aprons were used, and this was in connection with "special miracles." Wholesale praying over handkerchiefs or healing cloths is likely to make commonplace that which was a special, sacred manifestation of divine power. It can become, I fear, an abuse similar to looking to relics as if they had healing power within themselves.

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Why do Protestants not regard marriage as a sacrament? Does God bless a civil marriage? Is spiritual adultery the result of a civil marriage? Ought those who have been married by a civil authority to be remarried by a minister?

Sacrament, as used in religious circles, means "an oath or solemn engagement." The Church has applied the term especially to water baptism and to the Lord's Supper. Marriage is also "a solemn engagement" to be regarded as sacred and is therefore, in the truest sense, a sacrament. But the marriage contract is also a *legal* transaction required by law, and any who have not been properly married are regarded as

living together in an unmarried state. Thus while it is well for the marriage to be performed by a minister, it is just as binding if performed by an authorized civil authority.

I see no reason why persons who have taken their marriage vows before a civil authority should have to repeat them before a minister. They are married in the sight of God wherever the ceremony be held. Why have a second wedding?

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Some who claim the Baptism with the Holy Spirit say they still feel the old lusts in their hearts. Will the Holy Spirit come into an uncleansed heart?

No, the Holy Spirit comes only into hearts that have been cleansed by the precious Blood. But that does not mean that a person with a clean heart cannot be tempted. As long as we are in the flesh we shall be susceptible to the temptations of the flesh. We should not be surprised if some of the people who have been baptized with the Holy Spirit have inconsistencies in their lives. There were inconsistencies in the churches which were founded by the apostles themselves. Much of the teaching in the Epistles is devoted to correcting these inconsistencies and exhorting the people to be holy in thought, word, and deed.

Paul recognized the possibility of internal warfare of the Spirit against the flesh (see Galatians 5:17). He showed, however, that there is complete victory for those who walk in the Spirit. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (v. 16). It is possible to live above sin, but if any man sin there is an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (1 John 2:1) who will forgive his sin and cleanse him from all unrighteousness if he will confess his fault and repent.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

God's Antidote to **FEAR**

By **FORREST E. SMITH**
San Angelo, Texas



WE ARE LIVING IN THE CLOSING days of time. Even if we ministers never mentioned it, doubtless many would realize it because of the terrible oppression of the enemy, and through observation of the awesome acts of sin openly flaunted before a conscience-seared nation.

The battle between spirit and flesh has reached such a screaming pitch that once stable Christians are floundering. As nations pitted against each other work frantically to develop new weapons of horror, each struggling to produce the most devastating bomb or chemical, so the legions of darkness feverishly work against time bringing spiritual weapons to bear against the children of God. Into this bitter death struggle the devil has injected his most demoralizing weapon of the ages: **FEAR!**

Several years ago I heard a friend say, "I don't know what is wrong with me, but I have a feeling of dread in my soul. There's fear in my heart!" At that time it was my thought that the Holy Spirit was sending conviction into his heart, and that he needed to repent. I know now that my judgment was critical and unjust. This friend was being oppressed by a spirit of fear.

Many souls are being confused in these hours. We need to realize that there is a great difference between Holy Spirit conviction and evil spirit oppression. If the Holy Spirit convicts us, the heaviness of heart will depart when we have repented of the hasty word or thoughtless action that brought the conviction. God's Word plainly says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to

cleans us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

However, after we are cleansed the enemy may come along to dig up the matter again, and oppress us with a spirit of fear for our very salvation; he may cause us to doubt our Baptism in the Holy Spirit, or our healing. We may find ourselves pleading for forgiveness that was granted long ago. This is a spirit of fear, and should be recognized and combatted as such. It is the oppression of the devil.

Such oppression drives men and women to destroy themselves in despair. It causes them to mistrust each other, to doubt God and His Word, to question the reality of salvation and things spiritual. This oppression is a sharp, terrifying, accusing voice that threatens to smother prayer under a blanket of unbelief. And it is not from God!

For "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:6, 7).

God has given us the *spirit of power!*

Power over what? "Behold," Jesus said to the disciples, "I give you power...over *all* the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19).

In Acts 1:8 we learn that we shall receive *power to witness*. In 1 John 4:4 we learn that we are of God and have (already) overcome the devil, for greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. A person who is saved has already overcome the devil to the extent of being saved. If we can overcome the devil on one front, we can overcome him on all fronts.

God told Joshua, "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life!" And we have that same God within our hearts! We have better promises and a more sure word of testimony than had Joshua! If Joshua under the law could be strong and of good courage, how much more shall we who are under grace? For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power! Power to work, to witness, and to overcome the devil on every hand!

And God has given us the *spirit of love!*

Love is not one of our natural attributes. It is an attribute of God—"God is love." Galatians 5:22 tells us that love is a fruit of the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Love is a powerful force, greater than anything the devil has concocted. Love is the antidote to fear, for "perfect love casteth out fear." Not that we cease to reverence God, but that we cease to fear judgment on sins that have already been judged!

Love covers a multitude of sins. It covered our sins with Jesus' blood, and washed them away completely, so that

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there is no longer any record of them in heaven. And that same love will help us to be patient with a lot of things our loved ones and fellow Christians do! We won't mind the off-key singing of some anointed but untalented saint! We won't seek promotion, for "love vaunteth not itself." We won't be proud of our small accomplishments, for "love is not puffed up."

Love will send us out to visit people for God, and to witness for Him. Love will bring us to church and Sunday School and enable us to cooperate with God's program there! For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love!

And God has given us the *spirit of a sound mind!*

With the spirit of a sound mind we will recognize the tactics of the devil, and will measure every vision and revelation by the Word of God. A sound mind will realize that the "extra touch" required in the pulpit is simply more of God's Spirit, and not some spectacular program hatched up to exalt man and draw greater crowds. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "We are not ignorant of Satan's) devices." We are aware that we fight against principalities and powers, with which God alone can cope. Let us then steer clear of unscriptural and unsound practices, and live by the revealed truth of God.

Therefore, when the enemy comes in like a flood, let God lift up a standard against him! When he seeks to oppress, don't remain passive—rebuke him! Don't spend a lot of time arguing with him, for God has given us authority over the situation—God has given us the perfect antidote for fear. It is the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind! ◀◀

DELIVERED FROM ANEMIA

I praise God for His marvelous grace and for healing my body. A few years ago, after my teeth had been extracted, I was stricken with anemia. For nine years I used blood pills and vitamins regularly, and took liver shots all the time, some times three a week. My mouth and tongue became very sore and swollen. My tongue started bleeding constantly, making it very difficult for me to eat my meals.

My headaches were almost unbearable at times. No matter where I turned for help or what medicine I took I just grew worse, until at last I lost all faith. I felt helpless and hopeless. Death seemed near.

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT FAITH

Jesus insisted on *faith* for the same reason that a mathematician relies on the sense of numbers, or an artist on the sense of beauty: it was the one means of knowledge in His department.

He was the Prophet of God and must address the God-given faculty in man. Between faith and God there was the same correspondence as between the eye and light. Faith proves God; God demands faith. When anyone ignored faith and fell back on sight in the quest of God, Jesus was in despair. Before such willful stupidity He was amazed and helpless.

"You want to *see*," was His constant complaint, "when in the nature of things you must *believe*. There is one sphere where sight is the instrument of knowledge; use it there—it is not My sphere. There is another where faith is the instrument: use it there—it is My sphere. But do not exchange your instruments."

You cannot *see* what is spiritual; you might as well expect to *hear* a picture. What you see you do not *believe*; it is a misnomer; you *see* it. What you believe you *cannot* see; it would be an absurdity; you believe it.

Faith is the instinct of the spiritual world; it is the sixth sense—the sense of the unseen. Its perfection may be the next step in the development of the race.—*Ian Maclaren.*

I had been prayed for many times, but shortly before Pastor and Mrs. Herman Hagemester resigned the Assembly at New Ulm to go to Dodge Center, Minnesota, they prayed for me again, anointing me with oil, according to James 5:13-16. Not long afterward the Lord answered prayer. He spoke to me one morning, "You are no longer anemic." That was in 1956.

Since that time I have not taken any more shots or pills or vitamins or any other kind of medicine. Praise the Lord,

He needs no help from man. My healing is still good today, and my blood and mouth and tongue are normal. I give God all the glory for I received this wonderful healing from Him.—Mrs. Lloyd Carlson, Rt. 2, New Ulm, Minn.

(*Endorsed by Pastor H. L. Hagemester, Dodge Center, Minn. He states, "Truly Sister Carlson is a living testimony of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ."*)

BRONCHITIS AND DEAFNESS

In June 1956 I caught a terrible cold and sore throat. My voice left me so that I could not even whisper.

Just before our pastor, Otis Beshears, brought the Sunday morning message I was prayed for and was healed by the power of God. Instantly my voice came back, but I still had a terrible cough.

Over a week after that I lost my hearing; I could not even hear someone talking to me in the same room. I was prayed for again and could hear better. I received the assurance of my com-

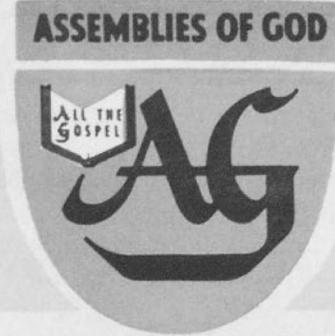
plete healing, yet it was about four days before I could hear really well. The devil would try to discourage me. But then (oh, hallelujah!) the sweetest assurance would come to me and I would raise my hands and praise God. I knew God had healed me and I was going to hear well again.

Now, thank God, I can hear as well as ever. Oh, how I praise God for His wonderful healing power. He has healed me so many times.—Essil Ennis, Box 4, Gentry, Ark.

(*Endorsed by Otis Beshears, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Gentry, Ark.*)

GENERAL PRESBYTERS MEET

*Annual Reports Studied by General Presbyters
Reflect Continued Growth and Progress*



NEARLY TWO HUNDRED MEN, REPRESENTING all districts and branches of the Assemblies of God in the U. S. and foreign lands, met at Springfield, Missouri, last month for the annual session of the General Presbytery.

The three-day session, held in the Central Bible Institute broadcasting studio from which REVIVALTIME originates each week, began with a devotional service at which the General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, brought the keynote address.

One of the first matters on the agenda was the consideration of Departmental Reports. Many evidences of God's gracious favor were seen in these reports. From the increased support of the Foreign Missions program to the good business of the Publishing House, all the operations have had the touch of the Lord's blessing upon them.

The General Secretary, J. Roswell Flower, announced that there are now 482,352 Assemblies of God church members in the United States. "If we were to compute our membership by adherents," he said, "rather than enrolled membership, as is customary with some denominations, our membership would be considerably greater." The increase in the past nine-month period is shown by the following figures:

	1957	1958
Churches	7,929	8,104
Church		
Membership	471,115	482,352
Ordained		
Ministers	8,878	9,295

This represents a gain of 175 churches, 11,237 church members, and 417 ordained ministers over a year ago.

BENEVOLENCES REPORT PROGRESS

Since the General Council at Cleveland the Department of Benevolences has seen new progress, Executive Director Charles W. H. Scott stated, especially in connection with the organization of Benevolence Committees in the districts. The Benevolence Committee has approved an annual scholarship of \$1,500 for worthy young people for

graduate work toward a Master of Social Work degree. Its purpose is to provide case workers qualified to staff a licensed child placement agency.

Property has been purchased adjoining the District Camp Grounds in Lakeland, Florida, to be used for a retirement home for aged ministers of the Assemblies of God. Approximately five acres of lake front property has been cleared for future construction of a 50-resident home. Building plans now hinge on the sale of the present property at Pinellas Park.

ALL-TIME HIGH IN S-T-L GIVING

Bert Webb, Executive Director of the Christ's Ambassadors Department, reported excellent progress in every phase of the C. A. program. The national active membership of the local C.A. groups is estimated at 95,000. The total weekly attendance would probably exceed 100,000. During the past fiscal year, printing of the *C. A. Herald* averaged 21,275 copies monthly—an increase of 2,375 copies monthly over the previous year. The *C. A. Guide*, a quarterly leadership manual, averaged 8,500 copies printed each quarter—an increase of 1,500 over the previous year.

During 1957 an all-time high was reached in Speed-the-Light giving. Our Christ's Ambassadors raised \$338,766.73 for new printing equipment, radio equipment, etc. By December 31, 1957, aggregate giving to Speed-the-Light had surpassed \$2,600,000.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PROGRESS

During the past year the administrations of Evangel College and Central Bible Institute were co-ordinated in the interest of economy and efficiency. Executive Director Charles W. H. Scott reported that a scholarship program was begun to enable our most consecrated and intelligent young people to attend Assemblies of God colleges. The "Mr. and Miss C. A." scholarship program was inaugurated this spring. From nearly 100 applicants a boy and a girl were selected to receive scholarships of a full year's tuition at any Assemblies of God college. Eight others received one-semester scholarships.

The total enrollment in our schools showed a slight increase over a year ago. Evangel College, America's only four-year Pentecostal liberal arts college, will present its first graduating class next May. The school now enjoys accreditation from the University of Missouri for its first two years and certificate privilege for its third year. Accreditation for the fourth year has been forecast by University personnel.

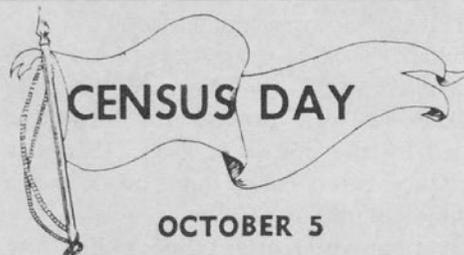
NEW MAGAZINE FOR MINISTERS

During June, Brother Scott said, 25,000 copies of the first issue of *Pulpit*, the new minister's magazine, came off the press and were distributed without charge to every minister in the Assemblies of God. Some 2,500 have subscribed to date.

ADVANCING ABROAD

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department, reported with joy a steady increase in offerings for missions in spite of economic difficulties in many parts of our country. As of March 31 there were 662 foreign missionaries on the active list, and 56 ordained Assemblies of God ministers serving on foreign fields without appointment. In addition, there were 34 superannuated missionaries, 49 who were carried on the temporarily inactive list, making a total of 801 whose names appear on the foreign list

**OCTOBER IS
ENLARGEMENT MONTH**



**GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
CRUSADE**

in some category. American missionary representatives are laboring in sixty-one fields or political areas, and the Foreign Missions Department maintains co-operative agreements with nationals in nine others. One missionary under special appointment is preparing Russian language broadcasts which are beamed behind the iron curtain.

In the interest of training national workers our missionaries have established sixty-one Bible schools, in which 2,309 young men and women are enrolled to prepare for ministry and leadership among their own people.

Brother Perkin brought heartening reports of revival throughout the world. In Africa hundreds are turning to God through the efforts of Nicholas Bhengu and Philip Molefe, and a great national church is in process of birth. In Southern Asia missionaries are concentrating more on the establishment of city churches, Bible schools, and literature programs.

Graduates of the English-language Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore are now teaching in various vernacular schools of India, and soon the superior young people who are trained in this school will be able to take their place as leaders in the Southern Asia Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT GAINS

The total enrollment in our 7,599 Sunday Schools now stands at 835,890. This is an increase of 11,794 during the past year. Total average attendance has increased 11,922 during the same period, with a current total of 607,920 on March 31.

It is with great joy that we report 75,990 won to Christ through the Sunday Schools during the past year.

WMC'S ARE FAITHFUL GIVERS

This has been a good year for the Women's Missionary Council and its auxiliary, the Missionettes, it was reported by Executive Director Gayle F. Lewis. Local WMC groups now number approximately 4,900 with nearly 60,000 members. The Missionettes in a little over two years have organized 840 groups with a membership of 10,000. WMC cash gifts to the missionaries, district work, and benevolent projects this year amounted to \$1,241,779. Another \$25,345 was given to support the national WMC office.

Another interesting aspect of WMC work is the saving of pennies, nickels, and dimes in small coin collections. Through this method \$34,737 has been

brought in. Most of this money has been turned over to district treasuries to assist with the opening of new assemblies.

In practically all the countries of the Far East, the picture is bright and the work of the Assemblies of God is growing. We are blessed with prominent, capable national leadership. It was reported that in spite of great political unrest, a resurgence of Islam, and a growing spirit of nationalism with intensified resentment toward the West, our missionary program in the Middle East is moving forward, largely under national leadership. Over 6,500 national workers are registered as active in the Assemblies of God churches in Latin America. The development of the indigenous church in Central America is exemplary.

PROGRESSING AT HOME

G. F. Lewis, Executive Director of the Home Missions Department, reported that 205 new churches were started in 1957. The Church Building and Planning program is steadily growing, and many new churches are taking advantage of the low-cost blueprints that are available.

Home missionaries under appointment in Alaska, to the Deaf, to the American Indians, and to the Jewish people total 242.

Through an arrangement with a Braille printing firm, the Home Missions Department now offers the *Adult Student Quarterly* in Braille for the blind.

Over 5,000 prisoners have completed primary Bible Study Courses provided through the Prison Division of the department.

It was reported that we have churches in every Alaska town of 1,000 or more population. Four missionary planes are used by our workers to go into the interior to reach remote villages.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROWS

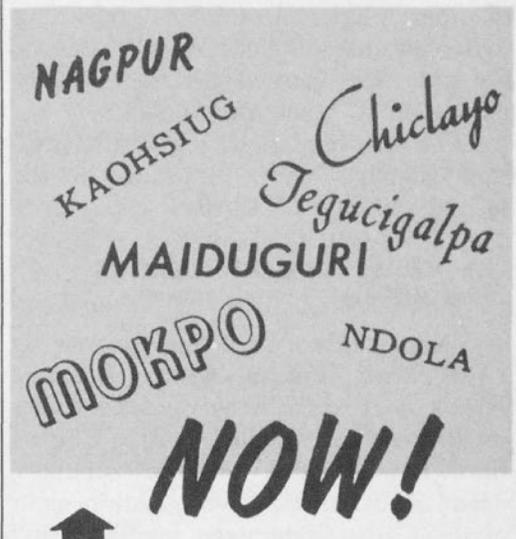
Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director of the Men's Fellowship Department, reported that the influence of MF is continually expanding. At present there are 1416 organized local groups of which 473 have been fully chartered by the national department. This represents an increase of 23% over a year ago.

PUBLICATIONS HAVE RECORD CIRCULATION

The Executive Director of the Publications Department, Thos. F. Zimmer-
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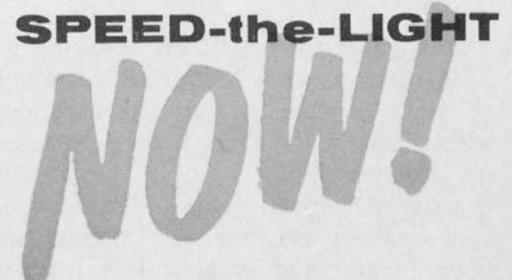


These cities are closed to the gospel. Some were open in years gone by. Some have even heard the gospel. Now their doors are closed. These are names on the tombstone of Christian Freedom.



These names cry opportunity. They are cities picked at random from the free places of earth. Some are at Communism's doorstep. The urgency of their situation is terrifying.

On Speed-the-Light Dollar Day this year we plead for you to enter the race against time. Our missionaries need all the equipment we can provide. Your sacrificial giving to this great youth missionary drive can mean the difference between reaching and not reaching.



OCTOBER 19 IS DOLLAR DAY



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Evangelism

ENGLISH EVANGELIST GLOOMY ABOUT CHURCH'S FUTURE

Canon Bryan Green, famous Church of England evangelist, speaking to a hundred ministers at Sydney, Australia, predicted that the next forty to fifty years will be a period of "almost unrelieved blackness" for the Christian church. Communism, scientific humanism and the increased missionary zeal of other religions are forces combining to lessen the influence of Christianity, he said. He charged that Christianity has failed to reach the masses.

"The only real light for Christians," said Canon Green, "is faith in the second coming of Christ."

THE "SMALL WOMAN" PREACHES ON KINMEN

Gladys Aylward, better known as "The Small Woman" in the *Reader's Digest* story, recently conducted a three-week preaching mission on Free China's first line of defense, the off-shore island of Kinmen. There, within sight of the China Communist mainland and its artillery, she experienced unusual open doors of opportunity among the troops of the Nationalist Army. She said that scores rose up in meeting after meeting signifying their desire to accept Christ as Saviour. As a Chinese citizen Miss Aylward received a warm reception wherever she went. Upon her return to Formosa she urged the churches there to do something about the desperate spiritual need on these constantly-threatened islands.

BILLY GRAHAM POINTS TO "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to 3,000 persons at a Methodist assembly at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, warned that if the Church does not meet its responsibilities in this generation it may go into an eclipse. This is so, said Graham, because "the communists have become the greatest missionaries and evangelists in history, having

reached the whole world in forty years."

Calling attention to the "signs of the times," he reminded his audience that Jesus forecast a situation like that of the days of Noah at the time of His second coming, and Graham cited these similarities: (1) "A world in which marriage is abused, immorality is widespread, and there is an undue emphasis on sex." (2) "A world in which violence prevails." (3) "A world in which spiritual influences are neglected. People today, as in Noah's day, just don't have time for God." (4) "It is a world under the inspection of God. He looked at the world in Noah's day and decided to start over. God may so judge us because of our great wickedness."

Morals

CHURCH MEMBERS CENSURED FOR BAD LANGUAGE

A columnist in the *Chicago Daily News* had a word of censure for church members who use profane language. Jack Mabley, in his daily column on the second front page of the August 7th issue, wrote: "What truly puzzles me about the flood of profanity and blasphemy is that much of it comes from people who attend churches and temples, who claim a religion of which the Ten Commandments is an integral part. One of the Commandments says, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.' This is broken several million times a day in Chicago."

CITY COUNCIL SCORES CHURCH MEMBERS FOR SUNDAY SHOPPING

The city council at Lima, Ohio, declined to act on petitions asking for an ordinance to close stores and places of entertainment on Sundays. Instead the city fathers laid the responsibility for the situation in the lap of the church members. One councilman said: "If church members would not patronize these places, we would have a quick solution; but instead we have many church people making possible violations of the state law. This council

cannot legislate respect for the Sabbath."

Foreign

JEWISH LEADERS FEAR ASSIMILATION WILL DESTROY THEIR RACE

Delegates from 28 countries attending the annual meeting of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, were told that many Jewish leaders fear that assimilation may achieve what persecution could not achieve; namely, the eventual disappearance of the Jewish race.

The delegates were informed that about 75 per cent of the world's Jewish population of 11,820,000 is living in three countries: the U. S. with 5,200,000; the Soviet Union with 2,000,000; and Israel with 1,760,000.

CANADA TO SEND "SONS OF FREEDOM" BACK TO RUSSIA

The Canadian government has agreed to pay the cost of transporting 3,000 members of the Doukhobor sect to Russia from whence it originated. The national government will spend two million dollars to emigrate the so-called "Sons of Freedom," whose lawlessness and immoral parades have been a thorn in the flesh of Dominion citizens for many years, on the condition that they renounce their Canadian citizenship.

ITALIAN LEADER COMMENDED BY NAE

During his recent visit to the U.S., Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani of Italy received greetings from the National Association of Evangelicals. The NAE greeting commended him for his country's "efforts in behalf of religious liberty." The letter, signed by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, commended Mr. Fanfani's Christian Democratic party for its attempts to be "completely divorced" from ecclesiastical control.

"Although there are other areas in the world where the church suffers injustices at the hands of government," Dr. Taylor stated, "we are delighted to see Italy's determination not to be

numbered among such nations. Permit us to wish you every success in your efforts in behalf of religious liberty."

LUTHERAN PAPERS BANNED BY COMMUNISTS

Two Lutheran weekly papers were banned after they dared to argue with the Communist government of East Germany. The editorial argument was over the issue of whether young people can refuse to participate in atheistic youth dedication ceremonies and still be loyal citizens.

Miscellaneous

CLERGYMAN REPORTS ON SUSTAINED A-BOMB SUFFERING

Radioactive effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima thirteen years ago are continuing to produce a death due to disease every 5½ days according to a minister, John W. Wilson, who recently visited Tokyo.

Mr. Wilson said there are 200,300 Japanese registered as needing medical treatment for atomic sickness. There were more than 200,000 fatalities in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings.

BAPTISMAL WATERS CLAIM LIFE OF YOUTH

The rapid current of rain-swollen Beaver Creek at East Liverpool, Ohio, swept away Cline Cogar, 21, in August just as his uncle, a pastor, immersed him for baptism. The Grantsville (West Virginia) youth could not swim.

The drowning occurred at a spot known to church members as "The Lord's swimming hole." The sheriff said baptisms were held there regularly—nearly every week.

MICHIGAN CHURCH OUTLIVES ITS TOWN

The town of Central, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, is dead but the community church has survived. The sturdy, brightly-painted house of God stands as the only respectable building in the ghost town, whose dilapidated homes and shops have long been deserted.

Central once boasted a population of 1500 but was abandoned in 1898 when a big copper and silver mine was closed there. In 1907 the former residents decided to repair the church and to conduct an annual reunion service in it each summer. And so the church has stood. Once a year, former townspeople of the abandoned mining village make a pilgrimage to attend a service in the old church. A great many of the original citizens have died but their children have kept up the custom.

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EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

415 NEW CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE U. S. DURING 1959 is the goal established during a recent conference of district home missions directors for the Assemblies of God held at Springfield, Missouri. Currently the Assemblies have 8,104 churches located in all states of the U. S. Nine foreign branches also have goals for the coming year, according to officials.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, observing its golden anniversary, announced at Kansas City, Missouri that for the first time in the church's history, it will mobilize all resources in a denominational Week of Witnessing, Oct. 5-12. Each of the denomination's 5,000 congregations has made plans to reach at least four times its membership in an effort to give one million persons a "vital Christian testimony."

CALIFORNIA MINISTERS ARE DIVIDED on support of a proposed law requiring ministers to obtain licenses before they could perform marriages. The state senate judiciary interim committee is debating the bill which was designed to outlaw "marriage mills." Arguments in favor of the bill may be summed up in these words of a minister, "The idea is to see that the person who officiates (at a wedding) is a legitimate clergyman." One committee member said the bill was getting "pretty close to the line" of violating the constitutional prohibition against interferences with freedom of religion.

AMISH PARENTS IN TWO OHIO COUNTIES have refused to send their children to public high schools on grounds that their religion requires the children to be at home during the "formative years." In Ashland County the superintendent of schools said the Amish parents face possible jail sentences.

AT PRESS TIME the beleaguered island of Quemoy was being shelled by Chinese Communist shore batteries but at the same time increased shipments of food and clothing were approved by Lutheran World Relief. These are to be diverted from regular shipments going to Formosa. U. S. government surplus stocks of food are being sent by the agency to some of the more than 5,000 islanders.

A QUAKER SCHOOL HAS STRUCK OIL. Officials of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, said the school would receive income from an oil find on its property. The well "came in" during recent exploratory drilling.

A SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARY DROWNED in September in the Azanian Sea near Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa. He was Winfred O. Harper, 37, who was on an outing with a group celebrating the arrival of additional missionaries.

THE NOTED GOSPEL SONG WRITER B. D. ACKLEY, 85, who had traveled all over the world as pianist for noted evangelists, including Billy Sunday, died at Warsaw, Indiana, September 3. Mr. Ackley had composed more than 3,500 gospel songs, including such hymns as "I walk with the King," "I Would Be Like Jesus," "Sunrise," and "I Shall See the King."

Meeting the Challenge of Literacy

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON



Nationals at work in the composing room of our South African press.

WITH 140 MILLION PEOPLE LEARNING *how* to read every year, our task is to give them *something to read*. The communists are doing it! Knowing the tremendous power of the printed page to sway the minds of adults who have just learned to read, they are spending 3.4 billion dollars annually on the printing and distribution of Red propaganda.

The Church is also alert to this unprecedented opportunity to influence millions through the printed page. Assemblies of God missionaries and national leaders are teaming up to meet the challenge of literacy. They are reducing languages to writing, translating, printing, and distributing gospel literature in vast areas where reading is a new and fascinating achievement. Much of their work is made possible through the C. A. Speed-the-Light pro-

gram and the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

AFRICA

We have six gospel printing presses in Africa and they are turning out millions of pieces of literature every year in approximately forty languages. The largest of these is Emmanuel Press in Nelspruit, East Transvaal, which has been in operation since 1930. Missionaries Merlin I. Lund and H. C. Phillips work with a staff of trained African writers, translators, and printers to produce an ever-increasing quantity of literature. This includes Sunday School materials for all ages, workers' training courses, textbooks, and hundreds of thousands of gospel tracts. The tracts are printed in more than twenty-five languages.

In Nigeria, Missionary Rex Jackson set up an efficient printing plant which is now under the management of Andrew Hargrave. Consecrated national workers produce Sunday School quarterlies, gospel tracts, and other Christian publications in five languages.

The *Nigerian Evangel*, monthly magazine for Nigerians, now has a paid circulation of 38,000 and is expected to reach 50,000 by next year.

Missionary Paul C. Wright is in charge of the printing press located in Nyasaland, and is responsible for printing all the literature for the Assemblies of God work in East Africa. Sunday School literature, songbooks, Bible School textbooks, gospel tracts, and organizational forms are produced in quantity on this press.

In Belgian Congo, a multilith press operated by Melvin Jorgenson and J. J.

Friesen is used to print literature for Bible Schools, Day Schools, and Sunday Schools. Visual aids are also printed here, and the materials are used by other denominations as well as our own in the area.

In Ghana our literature is printed in five languages.

The newest printing venture in our African work is at Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. A printing plant is now under construction and the press has already been purchased. Tracts and Sunday School literature in a number of vernaculars will be printed soon.

HONG KONG

Over ten thousand sets of Sunday School lessons in Chinese are printed each quarter on the Assemblies of God press in Hong Kong. Other publications include songbooks, tracts, and gospel booklets.

This work was begun a few years ago under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Spence of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. A. Walker Hall is now in charge of the press and book room. A Chinese artist and translators assist in the work.

BGMC funds from both the United States and Canada make it possible to supply Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials as well as books at low cost to Chinese churches not only in Hong Kong but also in Macao, Formosa, Malaya, and Indonesia.

LATIN AMERICA

If present trends continue, the population of Latin America will be 500,000,000 by the end of the century. Coupled with the economic expansion



Colporteur distributing books printed by the Emmanuel Press in South Africa

and a crucial clash of ideologies, this presents a tremendous challenge to the Church.

Six million people learned to read in Mexico alone during a six-year period recently. Uruguay claims ninety per cent of its population is now literate.

The Communists have already produced four pieces of literature for every person in Latin America.

Assemblies of God presses in Peru, Brazil, and in Springfield, Missouri, are turning out Spanish and Portuguese gospel literature in large quantities.

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 14,000,000 pieces of literature have been printed by the Assemblies of God Publishing House. The official church paper *Mensageiro da Paz* (Messenger of Peace) has a circulation of 52,000 bi-weekly. Two Sunday School quarterlies have a combined circulation of 76,000 per quarter, and a songbook has an annual sale of 30,000 copies. In addition, thousands of Pentecostal books, tracts, and pamphlets are printed and distributed.

This publishing plant is managed by a Brazilian, with a board of directors elected by the National Convention.

In Lima, Peru, a printing press was established to meet the growing need for Christian literature there. Main

products of the press are the national Pentecostal paper and the hymnbooks used in the assemblies.

Bookstores where Bibles and Christian literature are sold are being established in various Latin American countries as quickly as possible.

In El Salvador our Bible Book Store handles a large variety of Christian literature and Bibles. Approximately one-third of all Bibles sold in El Salvador are purchased through this store.

Also in El Salvador Assemblies of God missionaries have published and distributed thousands of tracts with the aid of Bible students and other Christian workers. Many nationals have been saved as a result of the distribution program.

The Spanish Literature division of the Gospel Publishing House under the direction of H. C. Ball produces a large number of publications for Latin America. The Sunday School literature includes quarterlies for all ages, Sunday School papers and workbooks.

Several hundred thousand copies of "Himnos de Gloria" a Spanish hymnbook, have been printed. Eight textbooks for Latin American Bible Institutes are now being published. The correspondence courses offered by the General Council Correspondence School have also been translated and are made available to students in Latin America who cannot attend regular Bible Institutes.

Poder (Power), Spanish counterpart of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, is a sixteen-page magazine which carries the main features of the *Evangel* plus other articles of particular interest to its readers.

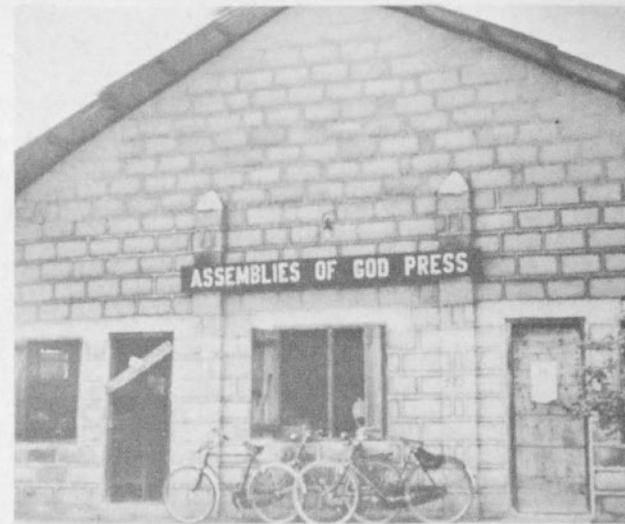
God is blessing this effort to get out the gospel through the printed page. A man in the mountains of Peru was crippled and ill and not expected to live long. One day on a mountain road he found a copy of the tract, "Seven Things God Wants You to Know." Where it came from he did not know, but he read and believed its message. He was saved and healed as a result, and became a minister of the gospel. He led hundreds of others to Christ.

Hands around the world are reaching eagerly for something to read. *And they will believe what they read.* Will it be the Communist lie or the Christian Truth that reaches them first?

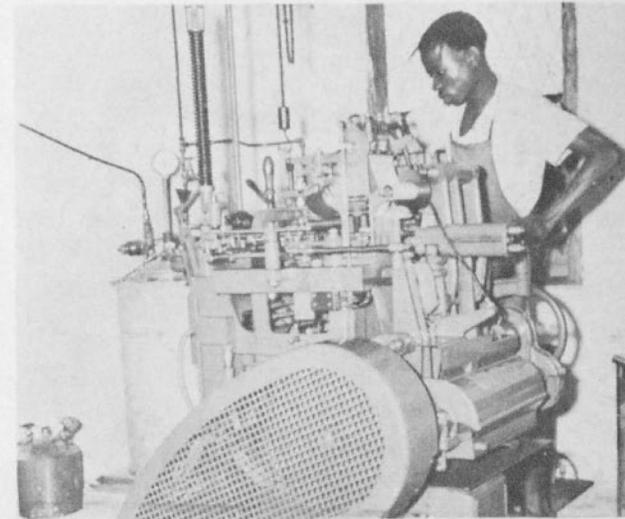
Our missionaries are doing their best to give them the Truth. Their success depends upon our faithfulness in prayer and financial support. ◀◀



Brazilians at work in the bindery



Publishing House in Nigeria, West Africa



Nigerian at a Monotype casting machine

A translator at work in Hong Kong



Some Assemblies of God press publications in Chinese

Do Home Missions Pay Off?

BY R. L. BRANDT

National Home Missions Secretary

IS MONEY SPENT FOR HOME MISSIONS really well invested, or would it be better to spend all our money on foreign missions? That is a fair question and deserves a studied answer. No one wants to see God's money wasted.

There is perhaps no better way to arrive at a reasonable conclusion than to examine a case history.

On August 3, 1954, the doors of a new Assemblies of God church in Tioga, North Dakota, were opened for the first service. The church was a

basement-type structure, having a seating capacity of over 100, with living quarters in the rear. It had been built through the combined efforts of a number of ministers and laymen, and was financed largely with district Home Missions funds.

Part of the money invested in the church is being returned to the district each month, according to an established agreement. The actual district investment in the property stands at \$3,798.94. That is a sizable amount, but let us examine the record to see whether or not the investment has paid off.

According to a financial report dated May 13, 1958, here is what happened. In less than four years of existence the church has contributed \$2,286.89 to Foreign Missions and \$306.19 to Home Missions. In addition it has given \$394.37 to Speed-the-Light, \$260.82 through its WMC, \$131.29 to BGMC, and \$26.00 to Revivaltime, for a total

of \$3,355.56. This does not include \$50.00 given to the District Sunday School Department, \$225.00 to Camp, \$550.00 to the District Bible School, and an additional \$140.00 given to District Home Missions for building new churches.

But the story doesn't end there. On May 7, 1957, work began on the superstructure. Brother A. V. Gustafson, one of our Assemblies of God regional architects, drew the plans and Brother C. L. Strom, the local pastor, headed the project.

Today the beautiful new church is all completed. It was dedicated April 21, 1958. Cost of construction was surprisingly low, with a total of \$11,500 spent for material and labor.

Of course, the whole story is not told in dollars and cents—nor is the Tioga case history a complete report. It says nothing of the many souls saved, baptized in water and filled with the Holy Ghost during the four years since the new church first opened its doors.

Do Home Missions investments pay off? Is money spent for Home Missions well invested? The record speaks for itself.

The National Home Missions Department has a fund designated for needy districts. Offerings will be gratefully received. The coupon below is for your convenience in sending your contribution.



Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Strom (left) pastors at Tioga, North Dakota. The completed church shown at bottom.



HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my offering of \$ _____
for the **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND**.

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____



First Sunday School congregation in Willards Chapel



Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Buchanan



Indian Mother and her boy

Revival Among North Carolina Indian Assemblies

BY R. W. BUCHANAN

WE CAME HERE TWO YEARS AGO TO work among North Carolina's 65,000 American Indians. The Cherokee Indian Reservation (the only one in North Carolina), with a population of about 5,000, is located in the hills of the western part of the state. The largest part of the Indian population (Cherokee or Lumbee Indians) lives in the eastern part of the state. This is the section in which we are now working and we are witnessing a great ingathering of souls for the Lord.

When we came here we were faced with several problems, the greatest of which were lack of finances and no building available for use. As we sought the Lord for help He began to undertake for us. We were soon able to build a brush arbor in which to hold services. The Lord met us and blessed our efforts from the start. We opened our first Sunday School in the arbor with eighteen present. The arrival of winter and cold weather presented still another problem as we could not stay in the arbor any longer. We again went to the Lord in prayer for our need. God opened the way for us to secure an abandoned church building in the area with the assistance of the North Carolina District's Minute Man Plan and a loan from the Home Missions Department. With this our first Assemblies of God Indian Church was established here in North Carolina.

We have seen a continued growth and expansion of work. During the first year an independent church at Sandy Ridge came in as a co-operative assembly with Brother and Sister A. W.

Searles, Iroquois Indians of New York State, as the first pastors. This spring Brother and Sister Charles Hadden accepted the pastorate there. In the beginning of the second year we were able to open our third work which is known as the Raynham Indian Assembly. It is pastored by Brother and Sister Charles Hunt, Cherokee Indians of Robeson County, North Carolina. The Lord has blessed their efforts and the work continues to move forward. We held our first Indian Camp Meeting this year on our Willards Chapel church grounds (where we pastor) and witnessed a mighty move of the Lord in our midst. During this meeting we saw all previous records in attendance broken and on the last Sunday our combined attendance in Sunday School was 375. We have seen a greater move



Charles Hadden, pastor at Sandy Ridge

of the Lord in this area than we have ever witnessed before.

About 2:00 a.m. one morning recently one of our workers called to tell us that a revival had broken out in his church and that he was going to continue services each night. Three had been filled with the Holy Spirit that night. How we did rejoice with them as we assisted in the services during the week to see the Lord pour out His Spirit so wonderfully from night to night. One night upon our return home from the meeting, we had word from the Hunts that the Lord had baptized three with the Holy Spirit in their prayer meeting. Last Sunday we saw Sandy Ridge, the last of our three churches, reach the 100 mark in Sunday School attendance. Eight weeks prior to this they had 23 in attendance!

We are truly in a field that is ripe for harvest and we realize that we must move in step with the Lord. We are now trying to purchase another building so that we can open our fourth Indian church here in the state. Do you want to have a part in this? Our most urgent need at the present time is finances. We need funds with which to purchase this property. We are anxious to start a church on the reservation, too. Recently we have learned of the deficit in the Indian Missions Fund of the Home Missions Department. Our hearts were made heavy as we learned of this for the Home Missions Department has been one of our main sources of help in the past year. They came to my assistance during my illness and confinement in the hospital last fall. Again this spring they helped when we were in urgent need. Let us do our part to get our Indian Fund out of the red so that we may go forth and meet the challenge that is before us *in a field that is ripe unto harvest.* ◀ ◀



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Never Return An Empty Plate

BY HAZEL E. HOWARD

I PICKED UP THE PRETTY HAND-PAINTED plate and started for the door. "I'll take this back to Mrs. Larson," I said.

"Wait a minute," my mother called, coming into the kitchen. "Be sure to tell her how much we enjoyed her orange rolls and ask her if I may have the recipe."

"Okay," I answered, watching my mother fill the plate with still warm, spicy ginger cookies. She covered them with a napkin. "Never return an empty plate." She smiled as she handed it to me. "It looks so bare."

I have never forgotten those words. Occasionally when I have taken something I have baked to a neighbor and have dropped in to chat with her a few days later, she would say, "I'll give you your plate to take home while I think of it. We enjoyed the fruit cake very much." I have left, clutching the empty dish with an indescribably letdown feeling. It wasn't that I

wanted the plate heaped with goodies, or that I expected something in return. It was, rather, a sense of cold, ungracious emptiness.

Perhaps that is how our heavenly Father feels when, in return for His bounty, we render a polite, "Thank you," or lip service. The day after Jesus miraculously fed five thousand people with the little lad's five barley loaves and two small fishes, the people sought and found Him.

"Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled" (John 6:26), He told them. They had not returned to thank Him for His thoughtfulness and compassion in providing for their hunger. They came like a pack of hungry dogs, looking for crumbs or material things. They were on the receiving, not the giving, end of the line.

David cries out in Psalms 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord

for all his benefits toward me?" He had the desire to do something for God, not to return an empty plate. Jesus tells us, "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

Two questions suggest themselves. First, What has God given to us? and, second, What can we give in return?

Answering the first, our Father has blessed us with both material and spiritual gifts. We may buy a loaf of bread at the bakery, but if we trace it back to its origin, the flour, the wheat, and the seed, we must concede that the Creator gave the seed in the beginning. So in reality our "daily bread" comes from Him, as do our clothes and other commodities.

He created the sheep that give us wool to be spun into cloth and sewed into garments. He created the trees from whose bark come many products in use today.

It is estimated that each American eats four pounds of salt annually, or 320,000 tons if every American consumed his full share. And yet, that adds up to only 5 per cent of the 20,000,000 tons mined in 1954! Practically every important modern industry depends upon salt for its production. Were man to be deprived of this precious substance, he would soon perish from the earth. God created the salt, or the compounds from which it is formed. He realized our need. In fact, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

Turning to spiritual benefits, we have salvation and subsequently eternal life offered to us freely through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, on Calvary; and, with salvation, come that inner peace, joy, and love.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17).

But what can we give God to show our appreciation? Not much in comparison to what He has given us, but He neither asks nor expects much. We may give a "cup of cold water" to a thirsty man or even an animal in Christ's name. We can share our abundance with the poor and visit the sick and lonely. There is much to be done in the church, many niches to fill from a friendly smile and handshake to the stranger in our midst to teaching a Sunday School class.

We will find a peculiar joy in giving our plateful of time, talents, and

strength because there is pleasure in God's service. To this we can add praise to our thanks, and if it springs from our hearts and not from our lips alone—then we have not returned an empty plate! —Herald of Holiness



A Picture Puzzle

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Proverbs 28:13

Monday, October 6

Read: Psalm 138

Learn: "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off" (Psalm 138:6).

For the Parent: This is a psalm of praise to the Lord. Point out that we should praise God with our entire beings and in all circumstances, vv. 1, 2. The psalm also points out some reasons for praise: (1) for God's Word, v. 2; (2) for answered prayer, v. 3; (3) for strength, v. 3; (4) for His great glory, v. 5; (5) because He honors the lowly, v. 6; (6) for deliverance from enemies, vv. 7, 8. There is much to praise Him for!

Question Time: What are some reasons why we should praise God? What encouragement does v. 3 have for us?

Tuesday, October 7

Read: Psalm 139:1-12

Learn: "There is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether" (Psalm 139:4).

For the Parent: "There's an all-seeing eye watching you"—that is the theme of this passage. It is a graphic reminder that God knows all about us—every thought, every word, every deed. This should cause us to: (1) be very careful of what we say and do; (2) rejoice that we serve such an all-powerful God; (3) remember that He also sees our trials and knows how to help us.

Question Time: What is the theme of this passage? (See above) How much does God know about us? (vv. 1-5)

Wednesday, October 8

Read: Psalm 139:14-24

Learn: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

For the Parent: This passage points out: (1) the human body as a wonder of God's creation, vv. 13-16; (2) the wonder of God's great concern for us, vv. 17, 18; (3) God's judgments which will be poured upon the wicked, vv. 19-22; (4) the need for a personal inventory to be sure we are what God wants us to be, vv. 23, 24. Repeat vv. 23, 24 together as a family prayer.

Question Time: How does the psalmist describe the human body as a wonder of God's creation? (vv. 13-16)

Thursday, October 9

Read: Luke 5:1-11

Learn: "And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Call of Christ" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the stories of how Jesus called some of His disciples (see Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9; John 1:35-51). Show how Jesus used the vocation of some—fishing—to call them to a higher vocation—fishers of men. When Christ calls us to follow Him, it is a call to serve others and to bring them to our Lord.

Question Time: What happened when Simon let down the net at Jesus' word? (v. 6) What happened when they got to shore?

Friday, October 10

(Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

For the Parent: This lesson is on why a person needs to be saved. Have various members of the group read the following scriptures, then comment briefly on each: Genesis 3:4-6, 8; Romans 5:12; 3:23; Isaiah 53:6; Ezekiel 18:20; Ephesians 2:1; John 3:36; Deuteronomy 5:29. Review the plan of salvation, using John 3:14-18 as a basis for your remarks. Then have a decision time, giving opportunity for any member of the group to accept Christ.

Question Time: How did sin enter the world? (Genesis 3:4-6, 8) Does this make all sinners? (Romans 5:12) How can we be saved?

Saturday, October 11

Read: John 2:1-12 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: " whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

For the Parent: Review this story, stressing: (1) the necessity of obeying Jesus if we want Him to do great things for us, vv. 5-8; (2) the great miracle that Jesus performed, vv. 7-10; (3) the important purpose of this miracle, v. 11. Jesus has all power—He is able to do all things. But He wants us to obey Him, doing whatever He tells us to do. Then we can have His blessings upon us.

Question Time: What did Jesus' mother say to the servants? (v. 5) What was one purpose of this miracle? (v. 11)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE CALL OF CHRIST

Sunday School Lesson for October 12, 1958

LUKE 5:1-11

In our lesson today are recorded the events which led to the calling into His service of the disciples of Christ. Great crowds were thronging Christ to hear His Word. In order that He might better satisfy that hunger and more rapidly and efficiently reach the multitudes, Christ enlisted the help of His first followers. Today Christ is still faced with the problem of reaching the unevangelized multitudes. And He can reach them only as men and women respond to His call, place themselves and all they have at His disposal, and in simple faith in His Word launch out into the deep of human need and let down their nets.

I. THE POWER OF CHRIST. Christ had been preaching to the multitudes on Galilee's shore, using as a pulpit a boat belonging to Peter.

(1) *The Challenge.* "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." This command was Christ's first step in preparing Peter and the others for their own future ministry. Our success in service for Christ will depend on the extent to which we ourselves have launched out in faith in Christ. As long as we are content to dabble near the shore, our influence for God will be limited. Timidity, indolence, and fear keep us from realizing His power.

(2) *The Confession.* "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing." What a picture of the futility of human effort in the realm of Christian service! Two feelings, common to us all, seem to stand out here: (a) Weariness. Fishing is hard work. Peter and the others had spent a fruitless night in hard labor, and their failure only increased their weariness. (b) Discouragement. To work all night and receive no pay is disheartening.

(3) *The Obedience.* Christ's command seemed foolish, unreasonable. It cut across the human feelings and reasonings of these worn-out men. They were experienced fishermen; they knew the habits of fish and the significance of the weather and the time of day.

"NEVERTHELESS," said Peter. Though he was dubious as to the outcome, though reason and feelings argued against it, Peter obeyed! In like manner, if we will obey God and turn a deaf ear to the clamorings of an offended body and an insulted intelligence, we, too, shall be amazed at what Christ's power will accomplish!

"NEVERTHELESS"—here is a wonderful motto for life. For, in a sense, each act of life is a little "nevertheless." Each new day calls for fresh usage of the attitude of implicit faith and obedience which it indicates. It seemed so useless for Israel to march around Jericho thirteen times; *nevertheless*, the people obeyed God and the insurmountable walls fell flat! It seemed futile for Elijah to

pray for rain in the face of a cloudless sky; *nevertheless*, he sent out his servant seven times to look for rain—and down it came at last! It seemed foolish to Naaman to dip seven times in the muddy Jordan; *nevertheless*, he swallowed his wounded pride, ignored his natural reasoning, obeyed God—and came up healed of his leprosy! There may be many times when we are tempted to become "weary in well doing." But if we add, "Nevertheless at thy word," and in obedience let down our nets, we shall in due season reap a rich reward.

(4) *The Reward.* "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes." The miracle reveals Christ as the Lord of nature. It was a prophetic symbol of the spiritual success these men would have later on, when once again in obedience to His command, they waited until they were filled with the Holy Spirit and consequently won three thousand converts.

II. THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES. The revelation of Christ's power brought to Peter and the others a realization of His divine power and glory and a realization of their own personal unworthiness.

"And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." These men did not have a great deal to give up in order to follow Christ in full-time service. Yet because it was their all it represented entire consecration. He surrenders much who surrenders all, however little it may be; he surrenders nothing who holds back anything. The glory of serving Christ and witnessing for Him is so great that it compensates a thousandfold for any sacrifices and difficulties which we may undergo for Jesus sake!

—J. Bashford Bishop

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP"





Why Run If You Are Free?

The wicked flee when no man pursueth

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

A THIN, TIRED, BEATEN OLD MAN gave himself up to Wichita (Kansas) police recently, only to learn that he had gone through the agonies of four years of hiding for nothing.

Ten years ago he embezzled some two thousand dollars from a now non-existent insurance company, and fled. Four years ago his case was dismissed "for failure to prosecute." But he didn't know this, and continued his dreary flight from justice.

He worked at jobs which he said "would tend not to reveal my identity." Finally illness forced the frail man to give up his quarters in a Wichita rooming house, and since that time he had slept in box cars and other makeshift shelters. It was only when he gave himself up, saying he preferred jail to another night in a box car, that he learned that his last four years as a

fugitive had been for nothing in the eyes of the law.

No doubt his sense of guilt and the loneliness of separation from his family, coupled with the constant fear of discovery, had brought their own punishment.

Actually this man has millions of spiritual counterparts in the world today. The guilt of sins committed rests heavily upon the conscience of the individual who knows he has done wrong but has never confessed his sin to God.

Some go bluffing their way through life, living so fast and blustery that there isn't time to consider the guilty secrets of a sinful heart. Others manage to keep up a good front of respectability, consoling themselves with the thought that they are probably as good as a lot of church members, and leaving their own personal sin problem unsolved.

The guilt of some (who can afford it) drives them to the psychoanalyst's couch where the past is dredged up and examined in an attempt to explain and thus make tolerable the load of sin.

But no matter how they shift it, cover it, blame others for it, or examine it, sin continues to grow into an intolerable burden from which there is a universal need for relief.

And you, friend, have you found the real Burden-bearer, the Load-lifter, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?

Had that man in Wichita never given himself up to authorities, he would have died without knowing that he carried an unnecessary load. And it is only as you come to God, against whom you have sinned, that you can find relief from sin and its punishment.

Your case is not dismissed. You have been judged and found guilty: "For all have sinned and come short of the

glory of God." But the same God who pronounces us guilty, has also provided a means of pardon.

The Bible says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16, 17).

Stop hiding, stop running. Stop excusing yourself! You are free! A new life awaits you! It only remains for you to accept your liberty.

Jesus said, "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 12:28-30). ◀◀

Is Alcoholism a Disease?

As the monkey has some appearances of a man but is not a man, so alcoholism has some appearances of being a disease but is not a disease. If a disease, it stands alone, apart and different from all other diseases.

If a disease, why do not its victims become immune after the first attack? Why does the victim call for a policeman instead of a nurse? Why is it the only disease which blacks out the judgment and memory and attacks the whole body? Why does it go deeper and depose the moral sense and moral inhibitions? Why does this particular disease cover all times, climes, and classes? If a disease of which alcohol is a known and only cause, why does not the government stamp it out as is done with malaria and yellow fever by stamping out the swamps? —Lee Ralph Phipps

'GIVE HEED TO READING' 1 Timothy 4:13



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OCTOBER IS GOOD READING MONTH

Taking the Gospel to the Fair

BY CHARLES A. THOMAS
Sectional Presbyterian



A lady registers for a new Bible.



'Gospel bombs' ready to be loaded in plane.

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR the Western Section of the New York District has sponsored an Assemblies of God booth at the Erie County Fair in Hamburg. This year a permanent booth was constructed of vertical pine panels with a natural wood finish, having sides hinged so that an extra six-foot frontage could be obtained. The materials for the booth were donated by a local lumber company.

The booth was stocked with a complete line of Assemblies of God literature and adorned with posters boosting Revivaltime, Sunday School, and other Assemblies of God projects. A record player with a wide variety of gospel records was used alternately with a tape recorder playing Revivaltime programs.

A new Bible was attractively displayed with the announcement that it would be given away following a drawing of applicants' names at the conclusion of the Fair. There were 1,848 applicants who filled in slips indicating their name and address, the denomination they favored, and whether they wished a visit from the nearest Assemblies of God pastor. Many good prospects were realized from this feature.

Another interesting feature of this effort was the dropping of 5,500 "gospel bombs" by plane over the fair grounds. Fred Upton, a minister of Gowanda, New York, who is interested in the ministry of evangelism by plane, offered his services. Another 4,000

bombs were handed out from the booth. These bombs are tracts rolled in brightly colored cellophane and have an attraction for both young and old.

Nearly 2,000 Evangels were distributed, each copy containing an insert of the REVIVALTIME radio log, a Sunday School paper, and a subscription blank for the Evangel. We obtained most of our Evangels and other literature from the Gospel Publishing House, and our churches in the area gathered the rest of the material used.

As a result of this effort two souls were definitely saved. The gospel was preached and gospel literature was widely distributed. We obtained the names and addresses of many fine prospects. This booth was splendid publicity for the Assemblies of God and our churches in the area—and the twenty-five workers who helped at the booth received the deep satisfaction of Christian service.

Primarily responsible for initiating and carrying through the project was Maurice E. Cudmore, pastor of our pioneer work in Hamburg, New York, where the fair was held. He certainly did a splendid piece of work and is to be commended for it.

The benefits which our churches received from taking the gospel to the fair are more than worth the \$200 to \$300 which the project cost. A larger effort for next year is even now in planning, with more features and wider outreach. ◀◀

Posters describe Assemblies' activities.



Free tracts and Evangels were always available.



Even children were interested.



I Believe in Miracles

(Continued from page three)

like to send them there. So why not help other people's children, I figured.

It came time for pledges—but wife and I just looked at each other. It was tough. We wanted to give, but I'd just got back on the job—bills had been piling up, and I had to keep up payments on the home. Couldn't spare anything! Well, we believe in miracles, so we pledged \$150.00 by faith.

That night wife and I prayed, "Lord, we know nothing is impossible with you. Please provide the money. You don't have to let me find it on the street; but give me an extra job so I can earn it."

I do night work, so next evening the boss says, "Jim, I got a call from Curley. He needs a man who knows trucking. Can you give him a hand for a while?"

Right away I knew God was answering my prayer. So I worked days for the other company and nights on my regular job. First week I made \$130.00 on the extra job, so I said, "I'm quitting; can't keep working day and night without sleep." But he begged me to help a couple more weeks, so I did. People said I was a fool to work so hard earning money to give away; but I knew what I was doing.

All this time I was so tired I could hardly keep my eyes open. Wife was worried. She said, "Jim, you can't keep this up." So I prayed, "God, I'm doing this for you. Please give me strength." Well, every day the Lord gave such strength that I'd feel as rested as though I had a good night's sleep. The Lord kept on doing that until I quit the extra job. People wondered how I did it. Well, it's just another one of those miracles.

I've had a lot of thrills in my day. But one of the biggest came when I received a letter from Evangel College thanking me for the \$150.00 and saying they put my name on a plaque. Praise the Lord, that was reward enough!

Let me tell you one more miracle.

I was driving a truck on March, 1957. The weather had been bad, and when I went around a curve I hit a patch of glassy ice. I knew I was in for trouble, especially when a glance showed trucks, cars, trailers off the road for miles ahead.

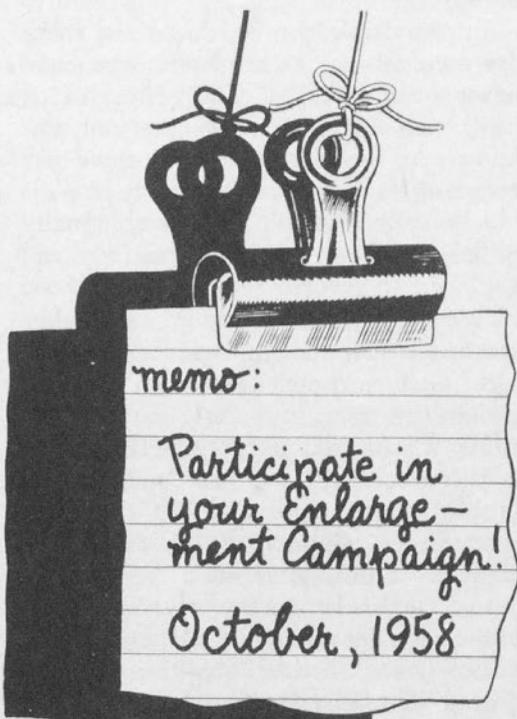
Of course I prayed, but I also did my best to straighten out. The truck had jackknifed and was heading for a semi-trailer. I was carrying 7500 gallons of gasoline, and if you happened to read about the one that hit the street car in Chicago and exploded you know what I was facing.

I tried to steer it onto the shoulder of the road. Did everything I knew, but it was absolutely out of control. I was certain we would hit the semi-trailer broadside.

Since there was nothing I could do, I decided just to trust God. I took my hands off the steering wheel, laid them in my lap and said, "Okay, Lord, you take over. I can't do any more." I kept my foot on the accelerator, that's all, *but the Lord did the steering*. He sure did an expert job! That truck righted itself, got over into the middle lane, passed between the other cars and went right on through. When I saw everything was safe, I put my hands back on the wheel and drove on, thanking and praising the Lord.

Miracles—I sure do believe in them! I've seen many in the last two years and expect to see a lot more as I continue to serve the Lord. Meanwhile, I want to keep on giving God all I've got: time, money and strength. He sure deserves it! ◀◀

Dim eyes cannot read fine print. Let your testimony for Christ be written in large letters that the world may see.



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Among the Districts

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Announcements to keep you informed of progress and changes among the districts.

KENTUCKY—W. Roscoe Russell, 823 Linwood Ave., Louisville 17, Ky. replaces Lee H. Porter as Assistant Superintendent.

MISSISSIPPI—The additional office of Assistant Superintendent is filled by R. C. Davis, Box 1002, Meridian, Miss.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND—Address of L. Bernard Hinman, District Secretary, has been changed to 243 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine.

NORTH TEXAS—E. R. Anderson, 1207 Marshalldale Drive, Arlington, Tex., now occupies the newly-created office of Assistant Superintendent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The district office has been moved to 721 West Haven, Mitchell, S. Dak.

SOUTHERN IDAHO—Paul Fleming, Box 524, Nampa, Idaho replaces C. A. Slaughter as Superintendent. Also the office of Treasurer has been established with C. G. Roberts, Box 1126, Jerome, Idaho, in the position.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND—New address of Clifford A. Browne, Secretary-Treasurer, is 27 Westernview St., Springfield 8, Mass.

TENNESSEE—The district office address has been changed to: P. O. Box 855, Nashville 11, Tenn. Earl E. Blythe, 215 Newton St., Jackson, Tenn., replaced Earl W. Weech as Assistant Superintendent.

WEST CENTRAL—The district office and mail address has been changed to 2122 E. University, Des Moines 17, Iowa.

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN—Assistant Superintendent Darwin H. Heuser's address is changed to 1227 N. 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

POLISH—John Motdoch, 5601 Trenton St., Detroit 10, Mich, is the new Superintendent of this Branch. John T. Nichol, 17 Berry Wood Lane, Beverly, Mass. is Secretary.

SPANISH EASTERN—312 E. 138th St., Bronx, N. Y., is the permanent district office address. At the recent annual meeting Jose Cruz was re-elected as Treasurer but changes were made in all other offices, as follows. Superintendent: Alejandro Perez, 312 E. 138th St., Bronx, N. Y. Assistant Superintendent: Vincent Ortiz, 46 Hamilton Place, New York, N. Y. Secretary: Jose Caraballo, 312 E. 138th St., Bronx, N. Y.

The Dignity of the Ministry

—BY GEORGE HOLMES



One Thing

**One thing I have on earth which I
Can never have in heaven,
A rare and blessed privilege
Which He to me has given:**

**A chance to preach His wondrous
Word,
To save a soul from dying.
(Hark, far off in the dark and cold
The little lambs are crying!)**

**A chance to win a starry crown,
Not for my own adorning—
A gift to lay at His dear feet
Some bright eternal morning!**

—Martha Snell Nicholson

THE DICTIONARY SHOWS THAT DIGNITY means "a state of being worthy or honorable." Surely every Christian should be willing to acknowledge the true worth of Christ's ministers. There is a dignity associated with the work of the ministry that is to be given full recognition by God's people: "Acknowledge the worth of such men as these" (1 Corinthians 16:18, Weymouth).

In the visible church, doubtless, there are men serving as ministers who have never been called of God. Most of us have met them and they are not unknown in the Scriptures. But we are referring to men who obviously are divinely called to the work, spiritually gifted for the work, and fruitfully engaged in the work. We write of those whose dignity lies in certain invaluable, unmistakable, and indispensable qualities. God acknowledges such and so should the flock.

He whom God puts into His service is there because God has "judged him faithful and given him needful strength" (1 Timothy 1:12, Weymouth). Proven faithfulness in a servant of Jesus Christ is worthy of sincere acknowledgment by every believer. But notice what further qualities are required in ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ:

"The church-overseer, then, ought to be of irreproachable character. . . . He must be a man of sobriety, of self-

restraint, of well-ordered life; must be hospitable, and have a gift for teaching. He must not be excitable and violent over wine. He must be courteous, uncontentious, not avaricious. He must rule his own household decorously. . . . He should not be a new convert. . . . He ought to bear an exemplary character among non-Christians" (1 Timothy 3:2-7, Way).

The sterling value of such men, not only in the Church but also in the world in general, cannot be denied and should not be ignored or taken for granted.

The Pentecostal movement and other nonconforming minorities of the Church rightly rose up against a prevailing attitude of mere respect for the "cloth" manifested in a vain, usurping spirit of clericalism. But nothing is easier than to be carried too far in reverse by the momentum of such a protest, until little if any acknowledgment is made of those gifted, authorized, and placed by God in the Church as leaders.

Under the guise of a spiritual brotherhood that at first was a delightful relief from ministerial exclusivism, there may have crept in a cheap familiarity against which Paul warns: "Now I beg you, my brothers, to appreciate those who are toiling among you, who are your leaders in the Lord's work, and who give you admonition. Accord them a high place—the highest place of

all—in your love, in recognition of their services” (1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13, Way).

The pendulum that swung in the direction of clericalism can easily swing too far in the opposite direction. Either extreme is wrong, and the one is as wrong as the other. Either attitude displeases God and is harmful to the fellowship and witness of the movement.

In 1 Corinthians 16, reference is made to Stephanus, Fortunatus, and Achaicus (v. 15). These men were early converts to the gospel. They were not only members of the local church, but had “devoted themselves to the service of the saints.” The report they gave to Paul, based on their sincere interest in the assembly, greatly refreshed him. It was as if he himself had visited the church. Men who faithfully foster the well-being of the church without seeking supreme control should be honored by its members.

Apollos is beautifully described as one who “watered the slips that Paul had planted” (1 Corinthians 3:6). Teachers among us whose ministry has this healthful effect ought to be recognized and appreciated. It is well to remember that God has set teachers in the Church as well as miracles and gifts of healings.

Timothy was a pastor, young and somewhat retiring, yet often chosen for work requiring special qualities. His ministry included consoling the persecuted church at Thessalonica, giving a period of ministry to the conceited and rather immoderate church at Corinth, and taking the oversight of the Ephesian church in order to charge some to preach no other doctrine. None of these tasks was either easy or spectacular, but they were all necessary. Christian people should readily and practically acknowledge the worth of such pastors and bear them up in daily intercession.

It is not by assuming a title or taking a position, but by gift and commission of God, that a man engages in such work. To state this is to express a truth well known among us. Office recognized is to be office respected. Disrespect of office is, ultimately, disrespect of the God who created and filled it. It was obedience to this principle that restrained David when he had opportunity to slay Saul. “The Lord forbid that I should . . . stretch forth my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord” (1 Samuel 24:6). Is there not room for an improvement in our attitude toward and considera-

tion for the ministers of our fellowship?

In the chapter before us are indications as to how the worth of such men may be acknowledged:

“Submit yourselves to such.” This submission to spiritual leaders is not without justification for “they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will have to give account” (Hebrews 13:17, Weymouth). The deference expected is not servile, as to a dictator, but loving and humble as to the Christ who possesses His servant by His Spirit.

“Let no man despise him.” This was especially applicable to a young minister, but then as now it was true that growth in grace and usefulness were not to be measured by years since conversion. While a youthful pastor, for instance, would have no grounds for adopting a dictatorial attitude, he was not, on the other hand, to be slighted: “If Timotheus come, let there be no attempts at overbearing him. He is as efficient a laborer in our Lord’s work

as I am.” Such were the sentiments of Paul himself.

“In order that you may help me forward.” All the ministries of Christ, exercised through faithful brethren, are to help the saints in their progress to maturity. So the helpers-forward are, themselves, to be helped forward by those they help. It is not only on itineraries that such help is needed.

Imaginative and thoughtful prayer for worthy brethren will often bring to mind ways in which they can be helped forward. Sincere words of appreciation, earnest and understanding prayer, and practical or financial help are a few ways that come to mind. The Lord accepts service and kindness shown to the least of His brethren as being rendered to Himself.

The Pentecostal movement is richly blessed with men of Christian character, spiritual and ministerial gifts, and faithfulness to Christ’s cause. Let Pentecostal people acknowledge in every way possible the worth of such men as these.

—Redemption Tidings

Arthritic Victim Healed

Following an attack of virus pneumonia in 1953 I had severe pain in my back which was diagnosed as arthritis of the spine. I was hospitalized five times and underwent various tests and treatments, but the condition grew steadily worse. A myelogram showed that there was a lumbar herniated disc and that removal was necessary.

In January, 1958 I underwent surgery for this condition. However, upon returning home I still had pain. I had to take pain-relieving injections because the sciatic nerve in my left leg was affected. I could not walk without limping. The pain became more acute, and my blood pressure at times was so high that the doctor feared I would have a stroke.

In May the pain was so severe that I did not care to live any longer. In my distress the Lord plainly told me to get in touch with someone who believed in divine healing. I felt He wanted me to call the Bethlehem Church. We did not even know the pastor’s name, but we found the telephone number of

the church in the directory and my husband called.

That afternoon Pastor William J. Behr visited me. He listened with compassion to my story, saw my distress, and with the anointing of the Lord upon him read Scripture, anointed me with oil, and prayed for my healing. The Lord certainly heard and answered prayer. The pain left, and as I started to walk the limp was gone. Praise the Lord!

My doctor signed a statement that this was a miraculous healing wrought by the Lord in answer to faith and prayer and that it has not been necessary to administer pain-relieving drugs since then. Twice since my healing I have been examined and my blood pressure remains normal. “To God be the glory, great things He hath done!” —Mrs. Emma D. Skinner, 102-33 91st Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y.

(Endorsed by William J. Behr, Pastor, Bethlehem Church, Assembly of God, Richmond Hill, N. Y.)

“By My Spirit”

THE STORY OF A 20TH CENTURY SPIRITUAL
RESURGENCE COMPARABLE TO
THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH

THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH enjoyed a buoyant spiritual vigor in her life and work. This is clearly portrayed in the Bible record. Of those Spirit-filled Christians it is written: “With great power gave the apostles witness...and great grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:33). In her pristine health the Church had great power for witnessing and great grace for living.

Most Christian leaders today agree that during the course of centuries the Church has lost much of her native strength. Her youthful power has too often been impaired by compromise, worldliness and apathy. Restoration to a robust spiritual state is the heart-cry of many men of God the world around.

At times it has pleased God to send new streams of power and holiness to the Church. These revivals have often been strongly doctrinal, as in the Lutheran Reformation. At times they have brought a resurgence of holiness and a strong emphasis on personal salvation, as in the Wesleyan Revival in England. Our own land has known revivals that have brought holier and happier times to God's people and to the entire nation.

At the turn of the century Christians of various backgrounds the world over had this one common craving—a spiritual revival in their own lives and in their churches. As a natural result they banded together in prayer meetings. Over a period of time they experienced an intense heart-searching and humbling before God.

The answer, in the gracious will of God, was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that met many of the descriptions of the Book of Acts. From

points in the United States, Scandinavia, and India reports began to circulate of Christians experiencing a “Baptism in the Holy Spirit.” This experience was attended by some of the sign-manifestations that theologians had assigned only to the early Church period.

A study of the Scriptures confirmed these experiences as genuinely Biblical. With this infilling or baptism of the Holy Spirit came a new hunger for the Scriptures, a renewed joy and power in witnessing and an intense love for prayer.

The revival movement soon became known as “Pentecostal.” The term was not new, having been used for hundreds of years to describe the experiences of the Church on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was originally poured out. Now it became a natural means of identifying these who had received a twentieth-century Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The movement rose above a mixture of determined opposition and disinterested scorn in the religious world and grew phenomenally.

Churches or assemblies of like-minded believers sprang up within a few decades all over the United States and in several foreign countries. The resurgence had a strong missionary emphasis from its inception. Today there are more than 2,500 Full Gospel missionaries among the more than 25,000 Protestant missionaries in foreign lands. It is estimated that there are about ten million Full Gospel believers in the world today.

Of particular interest is the fact that the movement had no strong leader at its center when it was born. It was a revival sent from heaven into

the hearts of men and women the world over.

On fundamental truths concerning the authority of the Scriptures, the Godhead, the Person and atoning work of Jesus Christ and the necessity of personal salvation, Pentecostal believers join hands with all evangelicals.

In addition, they feel they can make a contribution to the over-all life of God's people by means of their “distinctive testimony.” This relates to truths such as the infilling of the Holy Spirit, divine healing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Scriptures teach an infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit as an experience distinct from conversion, by means of which the believer is given an entrance into the potential of the Spirit-filled life. Christ said, “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.”

This experience is plainly described in the Book of Acts, chapters 2, 8, 10, and 19. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is given the believer as a normal endowment for witness and work and as a fountainhead of strength for daily Christian living.

The Full Gospel ministry places emphasis upon divine healing. Medical men and Christian leaders are now becoming increasingly aware of the untapped resources and provisions for physical health and healing in the gospel. In the Great Commission, recorded in Mark 16, Christ promised healings as a sign to accompany the missionary advance of the gospel. The Book of Acts has many instances of healing as a fulfillment of this promise. Healing is listed as a “gift-manifestation” of the Holy Spirit in the

Church (1 Corinthians 12). A promise of healing for believers in answer to prayer is given beautifully in James 5:14-15.

A ministry such as divine healing holds the possibility of extremes and abuses. The vast majority of Full Gospel people are aware of this.

The movement as a whole does not support the extravagant claims and commercialized methods of some men along this line. In most Full Gospel churches a sound, scriptural ministry of divine healing is carried on rather quietly from week to week. Many wonderful cases of healing miss the public eye.

To abandon a truth because of its abuse by some is a mistake. Here the scriptural reminder is true: "Where no oxen are, the crib is clean." A Biblically-guided ministry of divine healing is the only answer.

Certain helps of the Holy Spirit are enumerated and described in 1 Corinthians 12-14. These gifts provide the New Testament Church with an enablement above that of dedicated talent. They give the Church supernatural help for a task which is supernatural. These gifts the Full Gospel people cherish, while they desire to see them exercised under the guidance of the Scriptures.

A strong emphasis upon the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and related prophetic truths gives any Christian people a renewed desire for holy living and evangelism. The glorious hope of Christ's literal return (Acts 1:11) thrills the heart of the true Christian. This is a strong emphasis among the Full Gospel people.

The Pentecostal movement can best make its contribution to God's people by serving them faithfully with their testimony. There is now a growing conviction among many Christian leaders that the experiences of the Spirit-filled life should be the normal blessing of every true Christian, no matter what his affiliation. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). ◀◀

Many people who pray do all the talking. A great prophet once said, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Most people, when they pray, say in effect, "Listen Lord, for Thy servant speaketh." God gave a man two ears and one mouth, so why don't we listen twice as much as we talk?

—Bremer Hofmeyer

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **BELLEVILLE, MICH.**—Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Paul R. Wood conducted one of the most successful revival campaigns this church has experienced. There were 197 first-time visitors to the church during the two weeks of the meeting.
—*Sanford Cook, Pastor*

► **MARINETTE, WIS.**—Despite the mid-summer heat, large crowds attended the six nights of meeting recently conducted by Evangelist Christian Hild. Many souls knelt at the altar during the meetings for salvation and reconsecration. The all-time Sunday School attendance record was broken, with 219 present.
—*M. E. Hayes, Pastor*

► **SCRANTON, KANS.**—One of the greatest revivals this town has witnessed was conducted here recently by Evangelist Max Manning. The services continued for 22 nights and 27 souls were saved from many churches. Eighteen were filled with the Holy Ghost. One night Brother Manning raised \$555.00 for a building fund project. He also raised enough for 65 new songbooks. God is being praised for what has been accomplished, and the church has a greater vision for the future than ever before.
—*Paul Lewis, Pastor*

► **UNION, OREG.**—This small town has just concluded a Salvation-Healing meeting of eight nights' duration with Evangelist H. E. May of Albuquerque, New Mexico. During the meeting six were saved, three filled with the Holy Spirit, and several reclaimed and refilled. A number testified to definite healings. The ministry of the evangelist was a blessing to all. Without much advertising, the people were attracted to the services from other churches. Two

girls from another church were filled with the Holy Spirit. A contributing factor to the success of the services was the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. People who had been praying for such a move of God saw their prayers answered, and victory continues in the church.
—*Chester Mardock, Pastor*

► **E. CHICAGO, IND.**—Evangelist A. F. DiMusto and family just recently concluded a three-week campaign here. Over 200 new visitors came to the services, souls were saved, and the spirit of revival prevails among the people. Four of the new families have now chosen to affiliate with the church. In addition to the preaching, the paintings and consecrated music were a blessing to everyone. The Sunday School has increased in attendance.
—*Dwight P. Hamilton, Pastor*

► **CONWAY, MO.**—The church here has just concluded a very successful children's revival with Evangelist Charles Millhouser of Springfield, Mo. Three came forward for salvation and many were reclaimed. The meetings were actually planned for children, but they were so interesting that the entire church enjoyed and profited from them. The Sunday School attendance reached a new high.
—*Gordon Zercher, Pastor*

► **CEDARVILLE, ARK.**—Evangelist Charles L. Ogdon of Muldrow, Okla. recently concluded three weeks of revival here. The Spirit of the Lord was present each night to save and fill. There were 25 saved and 15 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed and edified by the anointed preaching of Brother Ogdon.
—*Ray Hood, Pastor*

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—The Cottonwood Road Assembly just closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Dave Harris. The church is small, but eight were saved and reclaimed and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. Eight were added to the church roster, and the same number were baptized in water. The power of the Lord was so great on some nights that sinners rushed to the altar even before the preaching. The congregation recently purchased four lots and some building material and soon will enter a building program.
—*W. J. Cherry, Pastor*

► **FRESNO, CALIF.**—The Pinedale Assembly here enjoyed the special meetings that were conducted in the church some time back by Evangelist and Mrs. Ken George and Evangelist and Mrs. Don George. God blessed in a gracious way, and the church was encouraged and inspired as souls sought the Lord. The results have proved very beneficial.
—*Ray F. George, Pastor*

► **LEXINGTON, S.C.**—The Hi-Way Tabernacle Assembly of God enjoyed a week's revival with Evangelist John Eller of Greer, S.C. The blessings of God were in every service. There was a good spirit prevailing throughout the meeting as people drew closer to the Lord. The preaching and singing of Brother Eller was a great inspiration to those who attended.
—*J. L. Dutton, Pastor*

► **KAMAY, TEX.**—Dora Lane, pastor of the First Assembly in Iowa Park, Tex. recently held two weeks of revival here. There were twenty-five blessed of God either by being saved, reclaimed, refilled, or receiving the Holy Spirit.
—*Weldon Griffith, Pastor*

► **FORT WORTH, TEX.**—For five weeks Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn labored faithfully in special meetings in Faith Temple. The meetings were originally scheduled for two weeks only, but there was such spiritual momentum that the people wanted the campaign to continue. God saved, filled, and blessed hungry hearts and nightly the sick were healed. A man who had been an alcoholic for 25 years was saved the first week and in each service thereafter testified to God's goodness. One high light of the revival was "Pew Packing Sunday." The response was most gratifying; the church was filled with many new people.
—*J. C. Thompson, Pastor*

► **HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.**—Three weeks of meeting were conducted recently in the Assemblies of God church here by Evangelist and Mrs. Paul J. Graban of Vineland, N. J. Twenty-four came to the altar for salvation, and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. A Salvation Army lady re-



Crowd at Faith Temple in Fort Worth, Texas on "Pew-Packing Sunday." Foreground, left to right: Bob Nichols, associate pastor; J. C. Thompson, pastor; and Glen Shinn, evangelist.

ceived a beautiful infilling of the Spirit. Numerous sick folk felt the power of God as Brother Graban prayed the prayer of faith. Deaf ears were opened, and others were instantly freed from pain. A Methodist lady who was the wife of a colonel at the Air Base testified to being healed of a head tumor. A water baptismal service followed a week after the campaign.

—Steve Durasoff, Pastor

► **CLEBURNE, TEX.**—The church here has just concluded a revival with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and also healed. The church itself was greatly blessed by the ministry of this man of God.

—Thomas A. Braziel, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CROWDS ATTEND MAINE CAMP MEETING

BRIDGEWATER, Maine—The 1958 camp meeting was the greatest ever held here. Hansel P. Vibbert, Evansville, Indiana, was camp evangelist and was mightily anointed by the Spirit to preach.

It was estimated that over a hundred were at the altar for salvation and that twenty-five were baptized with the Spirit. A number testified of being healed. The thousand-seat tabernacle was packed repeatedly and some were turned away on weekends.

—C. A. Crabtree, Camp Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRI-STATE C. A. RALLY AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Nov. 11 at Gospel Tabernacle, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. R. Alan Davis, afternoon and evening speaker. Richard Tufte, South Dakota District C. A. President, presiding.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING—The 51st annual camp meeting of the Pleasant Grove Assembly of God, Durant, Fla., will convene at Pleasant Grove Camp Grounds, Oct. 9-19.

Speakers include O. H. Virgin, Sullivan, Mo., evening speaker; and Paul W. Brewer, Kansas City, Mo., morning speaker. Gladys Voight will conduct children's services. C. A. vesper services will be directed by Dick Beavers, Clewiston, Fla. There will be six services daily.

Dormitory space available; cafeteria and concession stand on grounds. For reservations write M. L. Blount, Durant, Fla. or Miss Jessie Pierce, Durant, Fla.—by M. M. Brewer, Pastor and Camp President.

WITH CHRIST

ROSCOE F. CASS, 83, St. Cloud, Florida, passed into eternity July 23, 1958. Brother Cass was ordained in 1924 and superannuated in 1951.

WALTER RAYMOND McDONALD, 69, Hoodspott, Washington, went to be with the Lord August 16, 1958. Brother McDonald was ordained in 1939 and spent much of his ministry as an evangelist. He was superannuated in 1956.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Tuscaloosa	A of G	Oct. 1-10	Calvin Melton	R. H. Spence
Ariz.	Somerton	* A of G	Oct. 10-27	Richard E. Jeffery	Dale Walker
Ark.	Cabot	A of G	Oct. 13-26	Bob Swaim & wife	George Woods
	Rowell	First	Sept. 28—	Tommy Lofton	Fulton Jones
Calif.	Bakersfield	Niles	Oct. 12-26	Eric & Pearl Johnson	Ernest Friend
	Lodi	First	Oct. 14—	Stanley P. MacPherson	Gene Forrest
	Los Angeles	Bethel Temple	Oct. 1-19	Warren Litzman	Arne Vick
	Oakland	First	Oct. 12-26	Denny Davis	Henry H. Ness
	Upland	Evangel Temple	Sept. 21—	Eric Johnson & wife	Frank Lummer
	Westmoreland	A of G	Sept. 21—	Charles Harlin	Eugene Boone
Colo.	Akron	A of G	Oct. 5—	N.B. Rayburn	Raymond W. Raley
	Pueblo	First	Sept. 30—	Don George	R. D. Emerson
	Salida	A of G	Oct. 5—	W.V. & Aloha Bentley	D. B. Arnold
Del.	Lewes	A of G	Sept. 24-Oct. 5	Buckwalter-Brose Team	LeRoy W. Wiley
Fla.	Bartow	A of G	Oct. 7-19	Leslie Addison	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
	Crestview	Auburn	Oct. 6-19	Wesley Weekley	Aaron Gillman
	W. Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Oct. 7-19	Ernie Eskelin	Roy Harthern
Ga.	Moultrie	First	Oct. 5—	Forrest Whaley	Rossie Palmer
Ill.	E. Moline	First	Oct. 13-26	Paul Wood	Novin Buntentbach
	Robinson	A of G	Oct. 12-26	Cox-Brown Team	Oliver Knell
Ind.	Indianapolis	Trinity Chapel	Oct. 12—	J. Earl Douglass	W. F. Duncan
Iowa	Bettendorf	**Riverside CC	Oct. 12-20	Dedelow-Friederici	Edna Watson
	Eldon	First	Sept. 29-Oct. 12	Paul Wood	Clinton D. Spilman
Kans.	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	Oct. 5—	Gene Martin & wife	H. W. Barnett
	Leavenworth	A of G	Oct. 8-22	O. E. & Hallie Gaddis	Howard Shelton
Mass.	Springfield	Bethany	Oct. 8-19	Busse Evangelistic Team	David W. Flower
Mich.	Fennville	A of G	Oct. 12—	Glenna Byard	V. L. Barker
	Flint	Bethel Tab.	Oct. 12-26	B. R. Minton	Edwin E. Eliason
	Grand Rapids	Woodmere GT	Oct. 14-26	Jim & Louella Hance	Herbert Meppelink
	Royal Oak	Calvary Gospel	Oct. 7-19	A. F. DiMusto Party	Carl Strength
Minn.	Minneapolis	Bloomington Temp.	Oct. 7-19	Paul Sandgren & wife	J. M. Strand
	St. Paul	Full Gospel	Sept. 24-Oct. 5	Abraham Solomon	Melford A. Olson
Mo.	Bell City	First	Oct. 14—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Kathryn Baughn
	Nevada	A of G	Oct. 1-12	Christian Hild	Marvin Haley
	St. Louis	Evangelistic	Oct. 5—	Bob & Jeri Winford	Cecil L. Collins
	Steelville	First	Oct. 5—	C. C. Robinson & wife	Marvin Nichols
Nebr.	Hastings	A of G	Sept. 30—	Bob McCutchen	H. W. Lebsack
	Omaha	Glad Tidings	Oct. 12-26	Harvey McAlister	L. E. King
N. J.	Mt. Holly	A of G	Sept. 28-Oct. 5	D. J. Paglia & wife	Chas. Scrimale
	Trenton	Capitol	Sept. 28—	J. Earl Douglass	John Cairns
N. Y.	Rochester	Glad Tidings	Oct. 15—	Bill Sharp	David M. Carlson
N. C.	Kannapolis	A of G	Oct. 12—	Grant Daniel	William Tims
N. Dak.	Kulm	A of G	Oct. 14-26	Paul Clark & wife	Lloyd Jorgenson
Ohio	Wadsworth	First	Oct. 14—	Lolita Thompson	Chas. Celentano
Okla.	Bartlesville	First	Oct. 12-19	Velmer Gardner	J. Paul Holdridge
	Chickasha	First	Oct. 12—	Fred Carrington & wife	David Roper
	Sapulpa	South Heights	Oct. 12—	David Essary & wife	E. R. Roberts
Oreg.	Corvallis	A of G	Oct. 1—	Don Gossett	Nels Lien
Pa.	Allentown	A of G	Sept. 24-Oct. 12	Musical Vanderploegs	David Berquist
	Brookville	First	Oct. 5-19	H. E. Hardt	Vernon Boyer
	Chambersburg	Bethel Pent.	Oct. 15-Nov. 2	William H Kautz	Samuel Weidler
	Freeport	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 7-19	The Singing Rotherts	Chas. Shaffer
	Hazleton	Faith	Sept. 28-Oct. 5	Byron D. Jones	Arthur R. Hontz
	Norwood	A of G	Oct. 14—	Jim Collins	C. E. Lewis
	Wellsboro	Calvary Tab.	Oct. 12-26	G. A. Snively & Team	Robert Kulzer
	Wilkes-Barre	A of G	Oct. 9-19	Allan A. Swift	Albert Lazar
S. C.	Spartanburg	First	Sept. 30-Oct. 12	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	K. L. Claycomb
Tenn.	Chattanooga	First	Oct. 13—	D. L. Jolley	W. O. Boheler
	Brazoria	A of G	Oct. 12-26	F. D. Davis	R. Bownds
	Mesquite	First	Oct. 14-26	M. C. Allen Party	H. W. Hood
Va.	Catlett	First	Oct. 5—	Fisher-Cheek Team	Alden A. Yates
	Culpeper	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 26-Oct. 12	J. B. Woolums	Paul E. Boyce
	Orange	A of G	Oct. 5-19	Charlotte Rodgers	J. M. Rayner
	Phoebus	Calvary FG	Oct. 7-19	Willie M. Stevens	B. W. Fox
Wash.	Bingen	A of G	Oct. 7-19	Warren D. Combs	Marvin E. Foredyce
	Seattle	Evangel Temple	Oct. 14—	H. C. MacDonald	John M. Tappero
W. Va.	Beckley	First	Oct. 8-19	Robert Watters Team	T. M. Waldron
Wis.	Tomah	** A of G	Oct. 6-12	Bob Olson	James Bailey
Bahamas	Nassau (B.W.I)	A of G	Oct. 12-26	Tommy Barnett	John Wilkerson

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General Presbyters Meet

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man, reported continuous expansion in all phases of production and distribution. New equipment in production includes a Macy Gathering Machine to handle our visual aid materials. The major advance this past year was the completion of the equipment for offset plate making. We are now able to produce offset plates for all our presses.

Our new songbook *Melodies of Praise*, introduced at the General Council in Cleveland, has experienced a phenomenal sale. In eight months it had sales of about 100,000 copies, and the comments from users have been most gratifying. A companion publication *Melodies of Praise Orchestration*, is now available.

J. R. Flower, Executive Director of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, stated that in spite of the business recession there has been no curtailment of circulation of the *Evangel*. In fact there has been a slight gain—from 163,000 in June 1957 to 164,000 in March 1958.

A number of new publications have come into existence since the last General Council, Brother Flower said, referring to the Church School Literature Division. In the fall of 1957 the *Large Print Adult Student* quarterly appeared for the first time. This publication has been eagerly received, but it is interesting to note that the sales of the regular size *Adult Student* have not declined as a result.

Other new publications are the *Beginner Handwork* and *Nursery Handwork* Packets. The visual aid materials, which are now being completely revised, will be ready for ordering by January 1, 1959. While there are about 8,000 Sunday Schools in the Assemblies of God, we serve with our Church School Literature almost twice that many customers. The total circulation of all our Church School Literature publications is now over two million.

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N. D. DAVIDSON CHOSEN TO SERVE ON EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY

Due to the resignation of D. H. McLaughlin, who moved from the northwestern section of the nation to the southwestern when he accepted a pastorate at Bakersfield, California, it was necessary to fill a vacancy on the Executive Presbytery. The General Presbyters nominated N. D. Davidson, Oregon District Superintendent, to fill the vacancy. He will serve as a non-resident Executive Presbyter during the coming year representing the northwestern section.

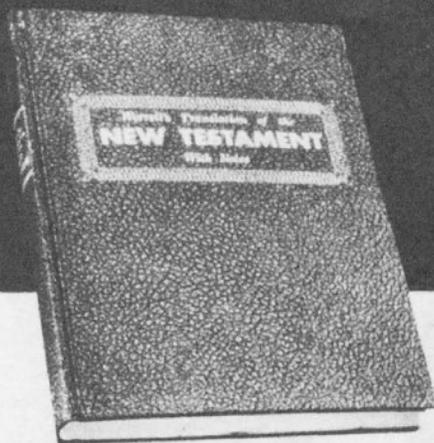
E. L. Newby of Fort Worth, Texas, who served as a General Presbyter for many years, was made an Honorary General Presbyter. Two former Executive Presbyters, now retired, participated in the sessions; namely, E. S. Williams of Springfield, Missouri, and Fred Vogler of Belleville, Illinois.

A number of very important matters were considered during this meeting of the General Presbyters. They will be given further consideration at the General Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas, next year. ◀◀

We Need a New Experience

I have no fancy name for it but the one thing needful is a brand-new experience of God among His people. I do not care what your favorite name for it may be. We have named it enough, but most of us have never known it. The filling of the Spirit, full surrender, consecration, the victorious life, perfect love, revival—whatever you call it—most of us don't have it.

Too much of our orthodoxy is correct and sound but it's like words without tune, statues without songs. It does not stir the wells of the heart. It has lost its hallelujah, it is too much like a catechism, not enough like a camp meeting. We may smile at our spiritual forebears, call some of them primitive and antiquated, but they had a vividness and vitality, a fervor and fire that makes us look like fireflies beside their flaming torches. —Vance Havner



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—Ernest S. Williams



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Cash Your Checks

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

FIFTY ERRORS WERE PLANTED IN THE payroll of a southern city to see if officials checked them before affixing their signatures. The mayor signed his payroll reducing the salary of his Administrative Assistant from \$287.50 to \$267.50. That one was easy to overlook. But the Police and Fire Commissioner gave himself \$250 instead of \$375, and the Finance and Revenue Commissioner gave himself \$7.50 instead of \$375. Some thought it amusing; others, ridiculous. But the Finance and Revenue Commissioner was very definitely not amused!

Now these payroll errors were only a trick—no one actually lost money. But in the spiritual realm do we sometimes sign checks for less than what we are entitled to? Do we limit God?

God places the resources of heaven at the disposal of His children. T. L. Cuyler said that God "issues promissory notes and then pays them when faith presents them at the throne. Each one of us has a checkbook." It is our privilege—yes, the Lord expects us to draw from His boundless provisions a supply for our every need.

In the morning our check presented to God in prayer should cover grace—not for an hour or two, but for the whole day. People have said it is impossible to keep from sinning daily. That attitude sometimes stems from false humility. An acknowledgment of our weakness and insufficiency is surely in order, but God is all-powerful and He wants to be with us each moment of the day.

That short little book *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence revolutionized the life of John Myers. Brother Lawrence wrote, "If God left me one moment to myself I should be the most wretched man alive. And yet I know not how He can leave me alone, because faith gives me as strong a conviction as sense can do that He never forsakes us until we have first forsaken Him." And the title of the book *The Practice...* suggested to John an effort on his part. John Myers began to remind himself during the day of the Lord, His Word, gospel hymns, and God's provisions. He lost the attitude that sinning was an inevitable part of daily life. Every day he signs a check for abundant grace.

Do we sign a check for healing? Church conferences and many individual Christians are re-examining their position on divine healing. It is a fact that Christ Jesus delivers man from physical infirmities today. But the man who thinks he must go to a shrine or travel hundreds of miles to have a certain minister pray for him is shortchanging himself of time and traveling expenses which can better be used in his local church. Since it is the Lord who heals, healing is no further away than our prayer of faith united with that of our pastor and/or the elders of our church.

Even people who say, "I am not sick now," can present a check to the Lord in faith to keep themselves healthy. Why should we wait till we are

sick to pray for health? This requires our co-operation. I can pull poison ivy with no ill effects, but I do not flaunt that immunity—I pull it when there is no way to avoid doing so. And the person who knows he has hardening of the arteries or a weak heart would be foolish to overexert himself presumptuously just because he has not had a heart attack yet.

I like cucumbers, but several years ago it seemed I was going to die of indigestion after eating them. So now I avoid cucumbers. In all cases where adverse eating habits are a contributing factor in illness, we will be wise to practice proper diet if we expect God's help. Surely the Lord will do what we cannot, if we co-operate by doing what we can.

Are we shortchanging ourselves by neglecting to trust God for the salvation of all our loved relatives and friends? Even though some of them are "hard cases"?

Joe Robison transferred into another shop about six years ago. He learned that one of his new acquaintances had stopped going to church. The former Christian surprised Joe with the dogmatic assertion, "There is no God! He never revealed Himself to me!"

The man explained that he had prayed for salvation, believed as well as he knew how, and lived a consistent Christian life for more than a year—even speaking in youth services. "Ask anyone in that church; ask the fellows I work with if I didn't live a Christian life during that year!" he said. "But when other people rejoiced in the presence of the Lord, when they talked about His guidance, it was a foreign language to me. I never felt or sensed His presence and guidance. I prayed. I read the Bible. I trusted. I did all I could. If there is a God, He did not reveal Himself to me. So the only conclusion I could come to was, 'There is no God!'"

Joe's reasonings and pleas fell on deaf ears. Time after time he prayed for his newfound friend. Then his friend transferred out, and they didn't meet till recently. Immediately Joe asked if he had the same attitude. "I have prayed for you," Joe said.

"Well, God answered prayer," the friend replied. "I know there is a God. Christ saved me four months ago."

How wonderful the Lord is—He allows even the sinner to present a check.

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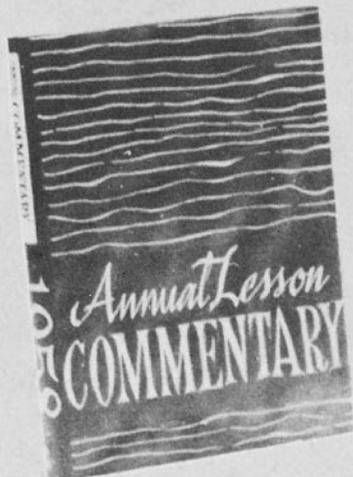
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Hang Out the Key

BY OLIVE EVANS

BEFORE GOING ON A RECENT business trip, I gave a house key to my daughter so that she might have access to my home. My business was finished sooner than I anticipated so I wrote a hurried note asking her to hang the key in a secret place where I could find it.

The train was due to arrive at 2:00 a. m., and often on that long trip home an anxious thought would worry itself into my heart and cause me to wonder if the key would be out. What would I do if it were not? The neighbors would all be sleeping at that hour and I could hardly impose on them. There was no public telephone near so I could call one of the children to come for me. It would be too chilly to sit on the porch and wait for the dawn.

I knew the key would be out *if* she got my letter, but sometimes letters are delayed for one reason or another. Again and again the worrisome thought returned.

Weary and tired I arrived home in

a downpour of rain. The cab that brought me to the door drove away in the darkness. I stepped over and put my hand into the secret place and felt for the key that could admit me to my home. What a relief swept over me as my fingers closed on that tiny cold piece of metal!

I lifted my heart in thanksgiving to God. Lois had received my letter. She had read it, believed its message, and acted upon it. She had hung out the key! The act was quietly done. It was unobserved, a hidden ministry for me alone, simply because she loved me. It was a silent token that she cared.

What a beautiful lesson this brought

to my soul! God yearns for us to respond in that same way to His requests and desires! His Word will reveal them to us. His Spirit will prompt us concerning them. Can we not believe our heavenly Father and "hang out the key?"

Somehow we have gotten the idea that unless we do something spectacular for God with the masses we are failing! We dote on display and despise the simple, hidden ministries of the Spirit. We compare ourselves with others and become restless and discouraged.

My daughter could have had an armful of roses waiting for me when I stepped from the train. She might have had a band playing a welcome for me. There could have been an escort to take me home, and people might have said, "How she loves her mother!"

But when they were all gone away, and I stood alone and reached out to the secret place, the key would be the most important thing of all. If the key had not been there, and I had been left out in the cold and darkness, I would have said as God said to Israel, "I despise your sacrifices and offerings. I only want your obedience."

Somehow, I feel sure that God yearns for those humble acts of obedience and service which show Him we believe His Word and love Him enough to act upon it. It is by these hidden acts of obedience that an intimacy of fellowship and understanding develops and a happy communion is maintained. It is today, in this day of Time, that we need to "hang out the keys"—making it easier for others to find the way Home.

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