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



*Wishing You God's Best in the New Year*

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# Our Help in Every Tense

For our convenience God has divided life into three tenses—past, present, and future. We are prone to think of the present tense as being all-important, but the truth is that “now” is just a frail little vessel sailing across a vast sea of time. Behind us lies an eternal past. Ahead of us is an eternal future. We need help from heaven to preserve us in the stormy sea and guide us safely over the waves; and, thank God, we have that help. We can say with the apostle Paul that God has “delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us” (2 Corinthians 1:10). He is the God of every tense; our Help in ages past and our Hope in years to come. He is the great “I Am”—never changing, never sleeping, always watching over our lives and listening for our prayers.

As we look backward we can see many instances of divine grace and mercy working in our lives. We feel like erecting a memorial to remind us how good the Lord has been. The Israelites felt like that after whipping the Philistines. They planted a stone and called it *Ebenezer*, saying, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us” (1 Samuel 7:12). John Newton had this in mind when he wrote:

His love in time past forbids me to think  
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;  
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review  
Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite through.

Facing a new year we need not fear any situation that may arise, for the Lord is with us. The Psalmist said, “God is mine Helper”—present tense. The apostle centuries later repeated the thought in Hebrews 13:6—“The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear. . . .” He found God to be all-sufficient. He found Him to be *El Shaddai*, the All-Bountiful, the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us. He knew that the same Lord who helped him yesterday would help him today.

He who hath led will lead  
All through the wilderness;  
He who hath helped will help  
And never cease to bless.

No night shall be so dark that His love will not shine upon us. No need shall be so great that He will not supply it. One of the Lord's names is *Jehovah Jireh*—“The Lord will provide” (Genesis 22:8). The coming year may bring some tests. By His grace we can turn every test into a testimony of His love and power. We can sail on in confidence, knowing that we have a Pilot who knows every inch of the way. He is Jehovah, the One that always was, always is, and always will be. He is our Saviour, the same yesterday and today and forever.

Yesterday He helped me,  
Today He's just the same;  
How long will this continue?  
Forever, praise His name.

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# Unconscious Guidance

BY DONALD GEE

HEAVEN WILL BE FULL OF HAPPY RECOGNITION OF THE GUIDING  
HAND OF GOD IN MANY EVENTS ALONG LIFE'S PATHWAY  
THAT SEEMED AT THE TIME ALL TO HAPPEN BY MERE CHANCE.

ONE OF THE DISTINCTIVE COMPENSATIONS for advancing years in the life of the Christian is the ability to look back over a long stretch of experience and to note with gratitude and adoring wonder the way in which the Lord our God has led us.

Some of the most critical turning points in life are passed without any particular consciousness of their significance at the time. A casual meeting with some individual; the reading of a book or tract; a service attended in some strange mission or church when on vacation; a chance sentence overheard at an open-air meeting; an unexpected business trip: all these, and many similar trivial incidents, can afterward be seen as the true crises of a lifetime.

It is a fallacy to conclude that guidance from God *must* be spectacular, direct, and vivid; or to demand that life shall be full of controlling voices, visions, and messages. Divine direction does not always come to us through the Gethsemanes of agonizing intercession or Sinais of thunderous revelation.

Although there are times when a necessary decision seems almost to demand some unmistakable, special form of guidance, yet there are many stretches of our pathway that call for quiet faith that God IS guiding, even though there seem to be no open indications through either the Word, the Spirit, or circumstances. At such times it is positively dangerous to strain after conscious guidance when the Lord is calling us to blind trust. Such straining may easily produce counterfeits of the Spirit's operations that merely come from our own restless minds. True

victory is found when we are willing to sing:

*"So on I go, not knowing;  
I would not if I might;  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light;  
I'd rather walk by faith with Him  
Than go alone by sight."*

#### ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS

One night I traveled in a sleeper from the northern part of England to London. How many junctions we crossed on the way! Yet I was quite unconscious of the decisions that determined whether I found myself in the morning in the great metropolis or in some place far removed. But I was careful to get into the right coach before I retired to rest. A sleepless engineer was carefully watching all the signals as we sped through the night.

This illustration emphasizes one bed-rock principle for a restful faith in

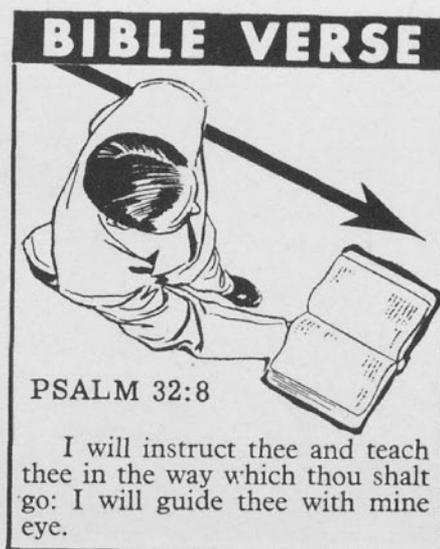
unconscious guidance—I *was careful to get into the right coach*. To justify a belief that the unseen hand of God guides our pathway requires that first of all we place ourselves willingly and freely in the place of surrender and consecration to His divine will.

The story of the Book of Ruth illustrates this in a charming way. With the finished story of her life in our hands we are impressed by the fact that everything depended upon the direction of her steps on that eventful morning when she started out to glean. But no prophetic word, no vision, no voice guided her to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz. The story is remarkably clear on this point: "her hap was" (literally, "Her hap happened") to light on that particular part of the field. It *looked* like mere chance; the world would call it "luck." The very, very real guidance of God given that morning was quite unconscious.

But the principle is strikingly evident in the first chapter. It is contained in Ruth's glowing words to Naomi, "Thy people shall be my people, *and thy God my God*" (v. 16). That was it. She had deliberately put herself beneath the wings of the Lord God of Israel (Ruth 2:12), and the Lord had accepted the trust and guided her.

That equally beautiful story of Eliezer's journey to seek a bride for Isaac is another illustration of divine guidance without anything very definite or spectacular, and when things apparently happened by chance. He traveled from Canaan to Mesopotamia with an open

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# Is Revival the Normal?

BY ARMIN R. GESSWEIN

*Normal Christianity is New Testament evangelism. The reason we need revival is to get back to the Bible standard of daily life.*

REVIVAL PRESUPPOSES A LOW STATE of religion, a decline in the spiritual life. Some sickness or disease or decay has set in. The church and the Christian people are either abnormal or subnormal. They are below New Testament par in their living.

As Vance Havner has said, "The church is so subnormal that if it got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to be abnormal!" If we were up to New Testament normal we would not need revival.

Revival is not the normal. The New Testament presents the normal. The reason that we need revival is to get back to the normal New Testament life as Christ offered it, as the disciples apprehended it, as the early church lived it. That means not just a few weeks of special meetings, but the normal level of everyday living.

## THE SNARE OF THE "SPECIAL"

This whole psychology of the "special" needs close rethinking. When we read, at the close of Acts 2, "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers," we are not reading of a revival campaign in the Jerusalem church; we are reading about their normal life. When we read further, "They, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart," we are not reading about a special meeting but of their normal level

of living day after day and week after week. And when we then read, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," we are reading about a constant evangelism that proceeded from a normal, praying, Spirit-filled church. *And the one reason why we need it so desperately is to come back to this normal New Testament level.*

Revival days are Bible days, and the Bible days are revival days! They are days in which the Bible becomes alive again, days when we take the vast areas of plain Scripture at face value. They are days in which we see happening before our eyes the things that we see taking place as we read the plain pages of the New Testament—all by the same Spirit.

## GRADUAL BACKSLIDING

"Ephraim is joined to his idols: let him alone" (Hosea 4:17). G. H. Morrison writes: "Watch! For it is not by one black and awful deed that a man shall sin away the grace of God. It is by the silent hardening of our common days, the almost unnoticed tam-

perings with conscience, the steady dying out of what is best under the pressure of a worldly city: it is by this that the Spirit dies, it is by this that men become castaways."

Backsliding starts in the heart. It is not that these people have not forsaken their old ugly sins; but that they have now also forsaken the assembling of themselves together (Hebrews 10:25). They have accepted a fallen standard as the norm.

This did not merely happen to them; it came about by a series of choices. They did not lose their first love, they left it. The Scripture is always keen to catch us at the point of our responsibility and conscience. Our backsliding does not come about by Adam's transgression; it comes about by our own.

## NEGLECT OF PRAYER

Backsliding starts at the knees. When the knees are not often bent the feet soon slide! If you do not believe me, look at our average prayer meetings in the land. Almost any other meeting of the church gets more attention and interest than the prayer meeting.



Present-day evangelists draw the largest crowds in church history

If we had revival our prayer meetings would be full again. If our churches were normal the prayer meetings would be the most important meetings of the church. Christians would be eager and would almost run to them. That is the way it has been for many a day in Korea. They have found the normal. Constant daily prayer on a vast scale; constant daily Holy Spirit living; constant daily conversions.

#### LOWERED STANDARDS

When Christians backslide and fall into a lukewarm state they begin to ask, "What's wrong with this?" or, "What's wrong with that?" They have accepted another standard. The Bible standard is, "Do all to the glory of God," but they have fallen from God to the good. There is a whole area of the good, of neutral things, of things neither right nor wrong in themselves, and Christians have fallen from the miracle level of a daily life in the power of the Holy Spirit to the level of the good.

Our lives are crowded, complicated, and complex. Simplicity is rare. Singleness of heart is stifled. It is an age of duplicity, of doublemindedness, of double standards; of two-toned, two-timed living. We are cursed with barrenness—the barrenness of busyness. Faces are pinched and drawn. Many are the new fears, anxieties, and frustrations. Aspirin is king!

*We crowd our lives with anxious cares,*

*Our thoughts are born unfree;  
We crucify our hurried prayers  
Upon a service tree.*

What an hour it will be when that centralized core of concentrated carnality, which now kills Holy Spirit action, is crucified in our churches, and we again see hosts of Christians walk in the newness of Christ's resurrection life!

Our need, our desperate need, is not only revival; but it is to get back to plain normal Bible living.

#### GOD'S WORD IS THE REMEDY

The tendency of fire is to go out, unless constantly renewed. The tendency of faith is to flag unless re-fed by the Word. The tendency of our zeal is to wane as the moon.

God's own Word is the one remedy for all forms of backsliding. What a blessed Word it is! "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous,

## UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

January 4-11

"Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord" (Lamentations 2:19).

As the new year approaches the shadows of trouble lengthen and deepen around the world. Suffering will come to some in 1959 and numbers will be lost in the darkness of sorrow and sin.

But the Church of Jesus Christ has the opportunity to "cry out in the night" in intercession for the lost, and to pray in faith for a new endowment of power from on high for her eleventh-hour task.

"In the beginning of the watches" of this new year we are aware that prevailing prayer will release God's power for the work of world evangelization.

The Universal Week of Prayer, beginning Sunday, January 4, unites the Assemblies of God and other Evangelical churches throughout the world in concerted prayer for the advancement of God's Kingdom on every front—through foreign missions, home missions, radio ministry, Sunday school and every division of our church.

Local assemblies are urged to give emphasis to the week of prayer in every way possible. Some churches will be kept open so that people may come and go as they have opportunity to pray. Other assemblies will have nightly prayer meetings conducted by various departments of the church.

If for some reason your church is not able to have special meetings, you can join the hosts that are interceding for the advancement of God's Kingdom by praying in your own home. "Pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord" and He will surely answer.

therefore, and repent." This is the mighty message of God to most of our churches at this hour. We must give this Word with such fresh anointing and power in the Holy Spirit that our churches will indeed repent.

The message to the churches in the opening chapters of Revelation is a "revival message." Revival means repentance. It is easier to say, "I want revival," than to say, "I need to repent."

These letters show how the Holy Spirit is still at work in the end to uphold the original New Testament standard of the Spirit, by calling fallen churches back to it, as at the first.

It may well be that at last we shall reach that which was "at the first," to find in the end of the age "that which was in the beginning." We may yet move on from evangelism to revival to full-orbed New Testament church evangelism, which alone has all the dimensions of Scripture on the one hand, and is sufficient for all the need on the other. It may well be that the apostasy will hasten the birth of the apostolic.

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#### CHRIST, THE ROCK

A story is told of a vessel that was wrecked one stormy night by crashing on the rocks off the coast of Cornwall, England. All hands hurled by the waves upon the jagged slopes perished but one lone Irish lad, who was on a great towering ledge, where he managed to find a place of refuge. In the morning, watchers on the beach spied him through their glasses, and a boat was launched and rowed out to where he clung. Almost dead with cold and exposure, he was tenderly lifted into the boat and brought ashore.

After restoratives were applied, he was asked, "Lad, didn't ye tremble out there on the rock in all that storm?" He replied brightly in his Irish way, "Trimble? Sure and I trimbled. But do you know, the rock never trimbled wanc't all night." If you have trusted Christ, you are on the Rock. While you may tremble, that does not invalidate God's salvation. The Rock remains firm and secure. Look away from self altogether and rely solely upon the Word of God."

—H. A. Ironside

No Christian would dream of stealing money from friend or foe, yet some believers will rob Him who is their Benefactor and Saviour.



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# Unblessed Money

BY E. M. WADSWORTH

**O**UR LORD WARNED ABOUT "TAINTED" money. We do not mean the kind Gehazi, Judas, Simon Magus, and Ananias and Sapphira possessed. We mean those funds out of which God's part has not been extracted and devoted to His cause as He desires. For this reason it is "tainted" and "unblessed."

Jesus said, "Give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you" (Luke 11:41). Through covetousness, the men to whom our Lord addressed these words had appropriated to themselves tithes and offerings which belonged to God, just as many seem to be doing today. In doing this they were guilty of robbing God. Consequently their possessions lacked the blessing of God.

It is sad when "prophets divine for money," but it is just as bad when anyone withholds money from God which is His due. "Will a man rob God?" asked Billy Sunday. "Yes," he said, "he will rob God quicker than anybody else." This is a common sin and it has with it a common "taint."

Believers, if they want their money blessed, must honor the Lord first with their substance. "A cake for me first," demanded the prophet Elijah of the widow of Zarephath, as an act of faith that God's Word about the meal and oil would not fail. She made him the cake and God gave the increase.

So many Christians put their money "into a bag with holes." The Lord "blows upon it" and makes it fly away as if it had wings, or lets it be a means of heartache to them. The reason is usually that they have not given God His portion. But if like Job they stand uncondemned before the Lord, though Satan might be allowed to take from them precious possessions, their latter end shall be twice blessed; and meanwhile they know they have not robbed God. They will not have a tormenting conscience.

It is dangerous to appropriate the Lord's portion to ourselves. Yet this is a common sin of Christians. They let money get power over them, instead of being rulers over their riches.

No Christian can afford to let money rule his life. Increase of riches cannot make us happier if it makes us slaves. Contentment is the companion of godliness.

It is natural for our lungs to exhale after inhalation, and for the stomach to refuse food when satisfied: but appetite for money can never be satisfied with increase. Much wants more. Tens want hundreds, and hundreds thousands. Money cannot satisfy the growing desire for wealth.

But money *can* be an investment in soul-winning; as such it is *blessed* money. Solomon, the wisest of all men, said, "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:28, 30). And a "greater than Solomon" said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

We need to remind ourselves again that "we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7): All the money that we can accumulate will only be rusted, stolen or left to be squandered after our death. We can carry nothing out of this world, but we can send it out before us by investing it in the service of Christ. The fruits to be derived by such giving cannot be measured in dollars and cents but in souls won, in Christians strengthened, and in lives empowered for God's service. And our own reward for faithful stewardship will be riches in heaven, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

## The Tither's Six Surprises

1. At the deepening of his spiritual life.
2. At the ease of meeting his obligations with the nine tenths.
3. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
4. At the ease in going from one tenth to larger giving.
5. At the preparation that tithing gives for being a faithful and wise steward over the nine tenths that remain.
6. At himself that he had not adopted the plan sooner.

—Christian Digest

# Storms Will Come

"Yes, storms will come—fierce, prolonged, unexpected—and 1959 will be no exception. What is to be done about it?"

You cannot stop a storm by passing resolutions nor by circulating petitions. Neither can you stop it by ignoring it nor defying it.

As you read your Bible you will discover that God's saints were not protected from storms, rather they often lived their lives amid howling hurricanes of satanic hate.

Elijah lived in a day of fearful apostasy. Alone he weathered the storms of loneliness, of slander, of powerful and concerted opposition—but he rode home in a chariot of fire.

Jeremiah lived in the breakup of civilization. He himself was thrust into a terrible dungeon to die because of his righteousness. But he is the Old Testament prophet that writes more of hope than all other prophets combined.

If we say that the righteous will not suffer in the storm, we are mistaken. Go to the hospital and visit some suffering saint who there languishes in pain, and you will see that pain is no respecter of persons. Perhaps the most radiant person you know has had to overcome many heartaches and contend with terrible handicaps.

The storm, real and terrible, will come. There is no use pretending with an artificial smile that all is calm and peaceful. Everything but faith anchored to the Word will be swept away. Against such a refuge the worst storms that hellish hate can brew will beat in vain.

The periods of spiritual dearth have been the periods when everything went smoothly, when finance was plentiful, when the popularity train stopped at your door. But the periods of spiritual development were the times when misunderstanding, want and slander all stood pounding on your door.

He who gave way to self-pity, or to charging God foolishly, found his house collapsed around his head.

But he who sang while bleeding in chains—who through lips blanched with pain declared, "I will trust in the Lord forever"—his house became a land mark to every pilgrim on his way to the Celestial City.—Oliver G. Wilson in

*The Wesleyan Methodist*



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Atheists say there is no God. Is there not a scripture which says that God is planted in the hearts of all men?**

There is no such scripture, but we have reason for believing that when God created man He planted within him a religious consciousness. Even the darkest heathen feels within him a desire to worship.

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**Why did Jesus tell His disciples, "He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one" (Luke 22:36)?**

He said this that the prophecy of Isaiah 53:12 might be fulfilled, "And he was numbered with the transgressors." However, Jesus did not approve of making use of the sword, for He said, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matthew 26:52).

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**Please explain Isaiah 9:6—"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..."**

This verse sets forth Jesus as a child to be born of woman, a Son to be given by God. It says the government shall be upon His shoulders, indicating that in the coming kingdom age He will sit on the throne of David from which He will rule as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is to be the "everlasting Father," or Father of the ages, the One by whom all things were made that are made and without whom nothing was made that is made. He was, is, and ever will be the great I AM by whom God made worlds, "the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person."

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**Why, at the end of some of Paul's epistles, is there the notation that they were written by others than Paul?**

It is generally agreed that companions of Paul wrote these epistles as he dictated the messages, much as Baruch wrote for Jeremiah (Jeremiah 36:1-4).

Paul himself wrote the Epistle to the Galatians. In chapter 6:11 we read: "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand." We are told that this verse would read

more correctly: "Ye see with what large letters I have written unto you." Many think his writing "with such large letters" was because poor eyesight would make writing in smaller letters difficult for him to follow.

\* \* \*

**Does not Paul contradict himself when he first says, "Tongues are for a sign... to them that believe not" (1 Corinthians 14:22), and then says the unbelievers will say "ye are mad" (v. 23) when they hear speaking in tongues?**

If someone who is unfamiliar with speaking in tongues were suddenly to hear one speak forth in a language given by God, it would be most convincing. But if he heard a number of persons speaking at once (as is indicated in v. 23), the effect would be dissipated, and he would get the impression of confusion.

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**Since the angels proclaimed "on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14) at the birth of Christ, why did Jesus say, "I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34-36)?**

Jesus is the Prince of peace. He came primarily to bring peace, and those who accept Him find "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). But Jesus knew He had come into a hostile world, since "the carnal mind is enmity against God" (Romans 8:7). Because of man's in-born enmity against God, Jesus knew He would be rejected by many. This enmity would provoke strife in many homes. Those who believe in Him would not be stirrers of strife, but the victims of it. When the test comes, believers must decide whether they will choose to be faithful to Him or to turn from Him to please those who are against Him (Matthew 10:36-39).

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I'LL REMEMBER

# Aunt Mattie

BY BUSTER BARKER



THE WINDOW OF THE COTTAGE ON the corner banged up emphatically and I winced with guilt when a gentle voice called out, "Happy New Year, young man! That's the first time you've trampled my nice garden spot this year!"

There I stood in my trespassing tracks, apologetically explaining the rush to be ready for my part in the Sunday School opening exercise. This was not the first gentle jolt Aunt Mattie West had given me for pounding a path across the soft soil of her corner lot. But I made a resolution on the spot that never again would I try to conserve time by stepping over her tempting, shin-high evergreen shrubbery. Memory of the embarrassing moment helped me stay resolved.

Aunt Mattie was like that. Other folk have their shining hours. She made moments *momentous*; casual contacts were an occasion. She didn't just berate me for short-cutting across her property. She coupled it with a New Year's greeting, thus heaping coals of fire on my helpless head.

She was everybody's "Aunt Mattie," a real person and a real Christian. I never heard it put in plain words, yet I'm sure she was appointed chief greeter at the main door of our little assembly because of her uncanny tact. An inspiring "doorkeeper" once attempted to replace Aunt Mattie, suggesting to the head usher, in her presence, that the job required somebody with a pleasing personality. Aunt Mattie agreed with the lady and graciously nominated her for the position, generously praising her good qualifications.

So charmed was the nonplussed opponent by the rehearsal of her own merits that she decided nobody could meet people nearly as well as Aunt Mattie.

When I first knew her I was a sort of vagrant. Nobody in my family shared my interest in church. I sort of wandered into the fold. She adopted me, first figuratively, later almost literally. Nobody had noticed me much before. Aunt Mattie made a point of exploiting my favorable assets. "You've got bright eyes, Buster," she stated frankly, and affirmed, "You can set your sights on a good future." She set my bright-eyed sights rather high, inspiring confidence I had never possessed.

During depression days when I wanted a clerical job in civil service, I had no typewriter on which to prepare for a test. Her income was sorely limited, but she concentrated efforts on a nice, shiny typewriter that had been used as a demonstrator. She told the manager what an excellent house painter I was and bartered my talents as payment. My total experience with a brush was in the realm of water-color drawings, but she convinced me I could adapt the technique broadly. It must be admitted that the store manager's house emerged neatly done in pale green with smart, white trim. You just couldn't do a poor piece of work with Aunt Mattie counting on you. It was the same with beating rugs, mopping linoleums, or washing dishes. She was my employment agent, turning up all sorts of domestic jobs to keep me improving my business education. And I was not her sole client. She had schooled a long roster of budding preachers and other Christian youngsters.

Dorcas was her favorite Biblical heroine, even though Aunt Mattie was not nimble with a needle. Frustrated as a seamstress, she faithfully attended

Women's Missionary Council meetings anyway. And not idly. She went from door to door collecting boxes of fabric trimmings. Good muslin for setting blocks was hard to come by in those days, and Aunt Mattie made many friends among the "ungodly crowd" who smoked sacked tobacco. She had a regular route of the "roll-your-own" set who saved up empties for her. She righteously hated the weed, but she was practical. I recall at least one minister who was presented a fine suit from proceeds gained in sales of those dainty coverlets. And one threadbare relic still does service in my family.

Aunt Mattie had an independent mind and readily spoke it. Occasionally there were personality clashes in the sewing circle but these were triumphs, too. I heard her make a most adroit yet humble apology to a sister W.M.C. worker after a difference of opinion had resulted in unchristian retorts. "Forgive me for being so stubborn, Gladys," she said sincerely. "Let's help each other find our lost tempers. We may need them another time." Her eyes twinkled and happy laughter was enjoyed by all. Aunt Mattie knew how to turn away wrath with a soft answer.

Sick folk were also a specialty. She kept a corps of bedside-sitters on schedule when there was special need. If a family became destitute (and in those days many did) it seemed normal to find her urging those who were more fortunate to apply pure religion. Several pastors and many itinerant gospel preachers were helped along by her organized "poundings" and other deeds. Folk around her responded readily to her projects.

Not long ago Aunt Mattie went home to be with the Lord. Her departure was characteristic of her entire life. She rejected a lingering illness verbally and made a firm decision to be off in practical fashion. She was penniless, having spent all for Jesus. Her sight

As 1959 approaches people everywhere are resolving, secretly or otherwise, to "do better next year." Men whose families have suffered because of their misdeeds promise themselves that they will "mend their ways." Others whose lives are a sorry patchwork of failure and heartache look hopefully toward the new year, determining to "turn over a new leaf." And a host of ordinary people with average problems, bored with a humdrum existence, resolve that they will do something different in 1959.

People in all walks of life are planning to patch up their lives in one way or another with the elusive fabric of a brand-new year. They try to believe, at least for a little while, that the failures of yesterday can be mended with the magic of tomorrow.

Are you among those who are hoping for a new and better way of life with the coming of 1959? Perhaps it is because you have been trying to live without God at the center of your life. He alone can give the proper meaning and perspective to our lives.

Jesus said, "No one tears a piece from a new garment and patches it upon an old one; otherwise he will tear the new garment, and the patch from the new will not mend the old" (Luke 5:36, Centenary).

Think back over other times when you have hopefully torn a piece from an untried year and resolved to patch your life-garment with it. It didn't really work, did it? *The patch from the new did not mend the old.* The stitches of resolve were too weak and the new year gradually took on the familiar pattern of sin and failure.

Why not consider *more than a patch*

was badly impaired, yet she saw a few things none around her observed. She knew I needed a piano to give my children music lessons, so she made last-minute arrangements to have her old upright instrument passed on to me. She recalled some ancient photographs one of her "boys" had expressed a desire for years before and exacted a promise that they would be delivered. She spoke of some unpaid tithes to be placed in the next Sunday's offering.

I'll remember Aunt Mattie. I am richer for having known this choice servant of God. ◀◀



this year? This same Jesus who pointed out the futility of patching our lives also made possible a new kind of life for all of us. He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He knew that we needed far more than a patch on the old life.

You can't change yourself. You need divine help. And Jesus is alive right now, offering you not just the patch of a new year but a whole new life. It's so new that the Bible says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he is a new creature.*"

Jesus gave an illustration of what it would be like in the story of the Prodigal Son. This young man knew what it was to have much, and then to waste it, so that finally "he began to be in want." He tried to patch up his situation by going into the pigpen to feed swine. And it was there, at the bottom of the economic and social ladder, that he realized patching simply wasn't enough.

He came to himself. He faced the

facts. Instead of patching another year onto his wasted life in the hope that things would somehow get better, he made the best possible resolution. He would go where there was help for him. Then he didn't just sit there and say, "Some day I'm going home." He arose and went.

When he got home his father didn't say, "Bring out some needles and thread. Let's patch up his robe." He knew it was beyond mending, so he said, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him."

God knows you can't successfully patch up your life. He doesn't even ask you to try. All He asks is that you come to Him just as you are, confess your sin and failure, and believe Him for deliverance.

This new year can be the beginning of a new life for you instead of just another patch on an old garment. Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

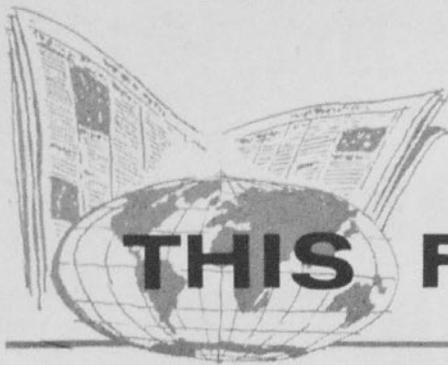
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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Elections

### BINGO WINS IN THREE STATES

Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo games operated by non-profit groups. The vote was about three to two. In Colorado an amendment was approved which will legalize raffles and bingo when sponsored by religious and fraternal organizations. The Protestant churches of both states had fought against these gambling measures.

In the state of New York, where bingo is on a local option basis, fourteen cities (including New York City and Buffalo) voted to have bingo while the measure was defeated in three smaller cities.

Gambling was defeated in one state, however. A proposal to legalize horse-race betting in Utah was defeated after church leaders had conducted a strenuous campaign against it.

### BRITISH PAPER BLASTS PAPAL ELECTION

The white-smoke, black-smoke, no-smoke, "cloak and dagger" proceedings at the recent papal elections "tended to spread the circus atmosphere over the whole of Christianity." So charged an editorial in the Church of England newspaper, an unofficial journal widely circulated among the Anglican clergy.

"Certainly some measure of privacy is necessary to protect the Cardinals from the incredible pressures that would be brought to bear on them were their conclave to be more open," said the editorial. "As it is, the public is left to imagine the intrigue and wire pulling that proceed behind their closed doors. Privacy has its importance but is the infantilism associated with it really essential?"

The clergy paper said, "The Cardinals were in danger of becoming a figure of fun. Unfortunately, their antiquarian antics tended to spread the circus atmosphere over the whole of Christianity as well as their own church."

The article added, "The millions who read the massive headlines are for the most part not in the least interested in whether the new Pope will be good, bad or mediocre. It is the comedy that fascinates them, not the faith."

## Assemblies

### BAPTIST CONVENTION SPEAKERS MONITORED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS

"Go" and "stop" lights monitored the speakers at the Massachusetts Baptist Convention last month. A device placed before the speakers flashed green during a speech, turned to white when the speaker had two minutes to go, and red when the speaker exceeded his time limit. The signals, developed by the Sprague Electric Company, were in full view of the delegates.

### TRANSFORMATION STRESSED AT REFORMATION DAY RALLY

One of the largest Protestant rallies held on Reformation Day was at Cincinnati, Ohio, where 14,000 persons turned out to hear an address by Dr. Theodore P. Ferrus, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Boston. Dr. Ferrus pointed out that the Church "is always in need of reformation or transformation, and never more so than right now."

Stressing that today's needs are quite different from those of the Reforma-

tion period, the rector said that people then "were scared to death of God and would pay almost anything to escape His punishment." But people today, he said, "are not frightened of Him at all, and what happens to them after death is of almost no concern to them."

"They are frightened of public opinion, of an empty life and a bare old age—most of all of the meaninglessness of existence," he added. "By and large they have lost the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; some have lost Him among the stars, and some in the complexities of the industrial world."

## Liquor

### PRESIDENT APPROVES WINDFALL FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS INDUSTRY

President Eisenhower has signed a tax windfall which will add millions and perhaps billions of dollars for the distilled spirits industry.

Approval of the tax advantage for the liquor industry came as the president signed into law HR 7125, an excise tax technical changes act, a major provision of which extends the tax-free bonding period on distilled spirits from eight to twenty years.

Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, finance committee chairman, fought the extension on the floor of the Senate.

## GASOLINE, MOTOR OIL . . . AND PRAYER

Passing motorists welcome the chance to rest and pray in the sanctuary at Erwin Tucker's gas station at Wynnewood, Oklahoma. The chapel is a boon to truck drivers, especially, who rarely have time to attend regular services. And, according to local police it helps prevent accidents by easing the strain of weary motorists. Mr. Tucker, shown cleaning a customer's windshield, refuses to accept donations for the chapel. Instead, he insists that funds be contributed to some church or worthy charity.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

He charged that the provision would permit tax deferral and result in revenue loss of \$525 million in the current fiscal year alone. He scored the "wind-fall" to distillers as unjust and unconscionable because of the present fiscal condition of the country and because uniform tax relief could not be provided to all taxpayers.

#### **METHODIST BISHOP SCORES EPISCOPALIANS ON SOCIAL DRINKING STAND**

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston scored the stand on social drinking which the Episcopalian Church has taken. Writing in a Methodist monthly, the bishop said many Christians were stunned by the report which said in part that Christians who drink moderately "can drink with thanksgiving to Him for these blessings."

Bishop Lord said, "We stand aghast at the action... which is bound to have as one result the encouraging and justifying of a social practice that is taking a terrible toll in America."

## **Foreign**

#### **EX-QUEEN SETS DATE FOR CONVERSION**

Several weeks before Christmas ex-queen Soraya of Iran, who was divorced by the Shah of Iran and will soon be married to a German baron, said she had "decided to become a convert to Christianity." So stated the Italian newspaper *Europeo*, which also reported that Soraya fixed the date of her conversion as December 25, Christmas day.

Many people would like to set the date of their conversion but God says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

#### **SCIENTISTS SPECULATE ON WHY THE NILE TURNED RED**

Scientists in London have found a deadly sea microbe that could turn the sea blood-red. They believe it could kill any living thing in the sea and even make the sea spray highly dangerous to human beings. They suggest this microbe could have been responsible for the Egyptian plague recorded in Exodus 7:20, 21: "All the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that were in the river died."

The microbe, a dinoflagellate, is regarded as dangerous only if it "blooms." The specimens found thus far in Plymouth Sound are in a "bud state," according to a botany lecturer at Bangor University in Wales.

# **EVANGEL DEADLINE**

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

FLORIDA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS at their state convention adopted a resolution opposing the election of any high governmental official who may have any "private or public oath of allegiance to any alien power." The resolution was apparently aimed at the possible Presidential candidacy of a Roman Catholic.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SET A NEW NOVEMBER RECORD totalling \$81,000,000 despite the usual seasonal decline because of weather conditions. The Department of Commerce and Labor reported a gain of 3 million dollars over the same month in 1957.

CHURCH PARKING LOTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CITY TAXES, according to a ruling by District Judge Tom Stovall at Houston, Texas. The city of Houston claimed \$25,000 in taxes on two parking lots belonging to the Second Baptist Church but the judge ruled they are tax exempt.

THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION has made an occupational survey of 51,639 disabled veterans of the Korean War. It reports that 22,516 of the vets have trained for professional, semi-professional or managerial positions---a remarkably high percentage. Some 3,900 prepared themselves for high-school or college teaching positions and 255 have become clergymen.

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION said that 1958 would be the worst year in history for crime in the United States. During the first nine months of the year, the crime rate increased 11 per cent, the FBI said. Greatest increase was in robberies which were up 18 per cent. Rape increased 13 per cent and burglaries 14 per cent. Murders increased 3 per cent. The crime rate is increasing faster in small towns than in large cities.

A MEMBER OF THE AMISH SCHOOL BOARD for Hardin County, Ohio, entered his eight children in the Ridgeway public school at Kenton, Ohio, in a step which may break the longstanding Amish school controversy. Alvin Lambright said he was "tired of lawsuits, fines and jail sentences."

A NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY is now official in Argentina. The government announced that, beginning this year, the last Thursday of November would be officially recognized as Thanksgiving.

ITALY'S CONSTITUTIONAL COURT at Rome has ruled that non-Catholic religious groups may open churches, oratories, and other places of worship from now on without prior government permission. The high court, a 15-man tribunal modeled after the Supreme Court of the United States, was instituted in 1956 to rule on interpretation of the nation's Constitution. The "freedom of religion" issue was raised before the court by Francesco Rauti, an Assemblies of God minister, who allegedly had been harassed by local authorities for opening places of worship without previous authorization from the police. Three lawyers appeared before the court and claimed for Evangelicals the right of "strict application of constitutional principles" granting freedom of religion to all groups.

# EVER-BURNING FIRES

BY ARTHUR PETRIE  
*Seattle, Washington*

it never went out. Always and everywhere He did the will of God.

God seeks for such today. He desires that there shall be in every Christian heart this burning fire, this utter and complete devotion to Himself. There have been such Christians; there can be more. When the consecrated and devoted missionary, Henry Martyn, received word from the woman he loved that she would not share his life as a missionary, he wrote in his journal, "Now let me burn out for God." And he did.

God wills that our life of consecration shall be as a flame of fire, ever burning and never going out. Andrew Bonar, that godly Scottish minister, said that few ministers keep up the first keen edge of their zeal and consecration to God. The same may be said of Christians in general. God says, concerning this life of consecration, "The fire shall ever be burning... it shall never go out."

Years ago, when Christianity was new to Japan, a number of young students were converted to Christ. Soon afterward they went one evening to the top of a hill and dedicated their lives to God and to His service. They pledged themselves to preach Christ to their compatriots. They went everywhere they could preaching the gospel. Years after, looking back on those days, one of their number said, "We never heard the word 'revival'; we knew nothing, theologically, of the working of the Holy Spirit; but we wondered why our spirits *burned like a fire* and why we preached the gospel like mad men."

The famous Bible commentator, Matthew Henry, had in his heart this fire of consecration to God and to His service. It never went out. When he was only fifty-two years old he became ill and realized that the end of his life on earth was near. He called a companion to his bedside and said to him: "You have been used to take notice of the sayings of dying men. This is mine: that a life spent in the service of God and communion with Him is the most comfortable and pleasant life one can live in the present world." This dying testimony came from a heart in which was the ever-burning fire of consecration to God.

## THE FIRE OF PRAYER

God wills that the life of prayer shall be in our hearts as a burning fire, ever burning and never going out. He wills that prayer, as a fire, shall always ascend from the altar of our hearts to His throne in the heavens.

James Montgomery, writer of spiritual hymns, apprehended that prayer is as a fire and wrote:

*"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast."*

A. B. Simpson expressed it most fully in these words:

*"Like a golden censer glowing,  
Filled with burning odors rare;  
All my heart is upward flowing,  
In a cloud of ceaseless prayer."*

Madam Guyon, the well-known French Christian, had prayer in her heart, ever burning and ascending to God. She was instrumental in leading Archbishop Fenelon into the fuller and deeper experience of life in Christ. She often prayed for him for she knew by experience, long before John Wesley said it, that "God does nothing but in answer to prayer."

After praying for Fenelon she would write to let him know of her soul travail for him. In one letter she wrote: "For seven days past I have been in a state of continual prayer... My mind presenting continually its object before God, that God's will might be manifested in it, has been *like a lamp that burns without ceasing*. The prayer which I offer for you is not the work of the creature; it is not a prayer self-made, formal, and outward; it is the voice of the Holy Ghost uttering itself in the soul, an inward voice man cannot prevent or control. The Holy Ghost prays with effect."



LEVITICUS 6:9-13 SPEAKS OF THE law of the burnt offering, setting forth the method of its presentation. The most significant thing about the fire which was kindled beneath the burnt offering is found in verse 13: "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." This is what God seeks for and desires in every Christian heart—an ever-burning fire, an ever-ascending flame.

## THE FIRE OF CONSECRATION

The burnt offering signifies the life offered completely to God. It typifies our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." The fire ever burned in His loving and loyal heart. It never burned low;

The next day she wrote Fenelon another letter. In this again she showed that prayer is as a fire burning in the breast: "So deeply absorbing has been the application of my soul to God on your account that I have been able to sleep but little during the past night; and at this moment I can give an idea of my state only by saying that my spirit, in the interest which it feels for your entire renovation, burns and consumes itself within me." Is the fire of prayer ever burning within our spirits, and ever ascending to God? If not, we may pray with A. B. Simpson in the words of the last verse of his hymn already referred to:

*"Sweet as breath of spices burning,  
Keep our hearts like incense rare;  
All our beings heavenward turning  
In a cloud of ceaseless prayer."*

#### THE FIRE OF PRAISE

Praise is sublimated prayer. It is the warm expression of a grateful heart to God. We must emit our warm breath in order to say a true "Hallelujah." We cannot read the Psalms of David without noticing the fervent heart of praise toward God that was in him when he wrote them.

Again and again the Word of God exhorts us to have within us this heart of praise and never to let it lose the fervor. "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually" (Hebrews 13:15). Praise was as a fire in the heart of David. It never went out. "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

This was also the experience of Paul and Silas in their dismal prison in Philippi. "And at midnight Paul and

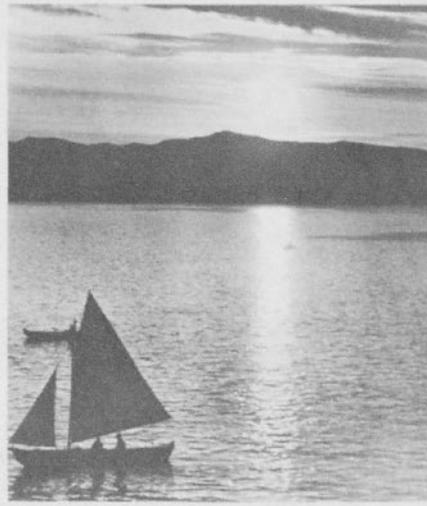


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#### The Time Is Short

*The time is short!  
If thou wouldst work for God,  
it must be now;  
If thou wouldst win the garland  
for thy brow,  
Redeem the time.*

*With His reward  
He comes; He tarries not; His  
day is near;  
When men least look for Him  
will He be here.  
Prepare for Him!*

—Horatius Bonar

Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God." The fire of praise was ever burning upon the altar of their hearts; it never went out, not even in prison, nor at midnight, when most other fires had gone out.

Once, when in India, the writer went with a friend to visit a godly missionary who was an invalid. Soon after we entered the room the missionary

asked, "Well, have you anything to praise the Lord for today?" My friend answered, "No, nothing special today."

The missionary replied, "'Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!'" It was a lesson to us both. After that we always felt there was something for which we could praise God. There are enough of the mercies of God in the lives of each of us to keep us praising God through all eternity.

#### THE FIRE OF LOVE

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, he would utterly be contemned" (Song of Solomon 8:7, R.V.). This quotation alone would show that love is as a fire. Love in the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ was always burning toward God and toward mankind. Nothing could quench it; nothing could put out that fire of love that burned continually on the altar of His loving heart. May it be so with us.

Augustine, in his famous work, "The City of God," said in answer to the opponents of the Christians: "To Him we offer on the altar of our hearts the sacrifice of humility and praise, kindled by the fire of burning love." May the Lord grant that we shall all keep these spiritual fires ever burning on the altars of our hearts.

*"May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee,  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire."*

## Something New For The New Year!

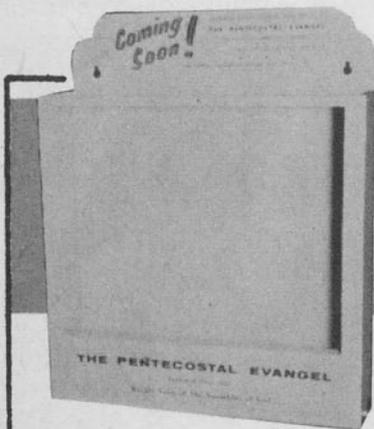
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# Annual Field Fellowship in East Africa

BY J. PAUL BRUTON

AT HOME THE WORD "CONVENTION" often provokes only a groan at the thought of "another meeting." On the foreign field, however, it has a different meaning. Very often this is the only time of the year when one sees his fellow laborers, rejoices with them in victories, and discusses mutual problems.

The convention of the East African Field was held jointly at Dowa and Limbe, Nyasaland. This necessitated a trip of 3,000 miles for some of the missionaries.

Growth and progress seemed to be the theme of the reports. New churches in main centers have been constructed at Limbe, Nyasaland, by the H. B. Garlocks; in Lilongwe by the Paul Wrights; and in Dowa by the Ernest Joneses. New missionary residences have been constructed at Njombe by the Charity Harrises; at Mbeya by the Wesley Hursts; and at Tukuyu by the Delmar Kingsriters.

It was an additional thrill to see the wonderful new buildings at the Nyasaland Bible School in Dedza and new

additions being made to the Bible School at Mbeya.

Five years ago, four missionary couples strove to compass an area which covered 1,800 miles from north to south and nearly 1,000 miles from east to west. During the past year six more couples joined their forces, and at this convention there were thirteen couples present.

H. B. Garlock was elected on the nominating ballot as superintendent. Because of the great distances involved, executive secretaries for both Nyasaland and Tanganyika were added this year to assist the superintendent. These additional offices were needed also because of differences in political administration of the two colonies. Morris Williams and Wesley Hurst were elected to fill these positions.

The convention welcomed ten new missionaries to the East African Field: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hasch, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Correll, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Downey, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bruton. All of these had previous

missionary experience in other parts of Africa with the exception of the Corrells. Brother Correll had served as C.A. president of the Nebraska District. He was elected recording secretary of the convention.

Other missionaries in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Kingsriter, Mr. and Mrs. Charity Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Udd. ◀ ◀

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore sailed from New York for West Africa on November 14 on the SS *African Pilgrim*.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dean sailed from New York on November 17 for France, where they will study the language before proceeding to Africa.



Superintendent H. B. Garlock (center) and two Executive Secretaries, Morris Williams and Wesley Hurst.



Missionaries at convention in East Africa. Front row, left to right: Charity Harris, S. Vandermerwe, H. B. Garlock, Wesley Hurst, D. Kingsriter. Back row: Norman Correll, Harry Downey, D. L. Hasch, Ragnar Udd, Paul Bruton, Morris Williams, Ernest Jones, Paul Wright.



Photo at right: Nyasaland workers who received certificates to preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Peterson and family sailed on the MV *Ferngrove* for Liberia, West Africa on November 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dortch and children sailed on November 17 for Belgium.

#### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Miss Trella Hall is home from Colombia. Her address is Route 1, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Mrs. J. B. Wiles and daughter arrived on November 2 from West Africa. Their address is 134-03 Justice Road, Rockville, Maryland. Brother Wiles will remain in Ghana for a few months longer.

#### SAFE ARRIVALS

Word has been received from the Louis Richard family in Seoul, Korea, telling of their safe arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Downey and children have arrived in Tambacounda, Senegal.

The Vivan Smiths arrived in Ghana on November 8 after a pleasant trip.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar R. Guynes have a new daughter, Janette Kay, born July 19 in Malaya.

Daniel Philip was born October 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Bedell of the Philippines.

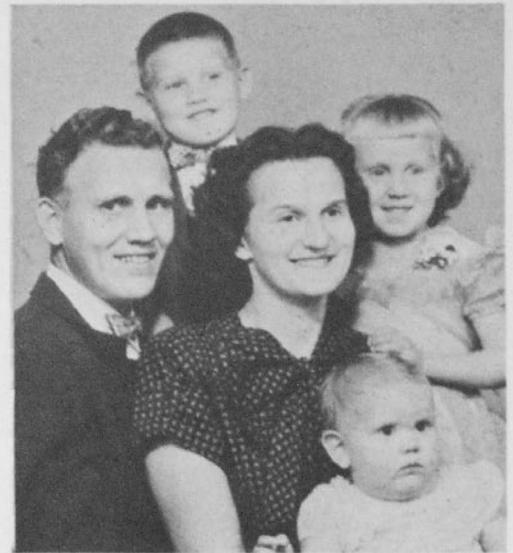
Jennifer Elizabeth Nolin arrived November 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens Nolin, now home on furlough from Malaya.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dean



Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Peterson and children



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dortch and children

## Relief Funds Sorely Needed

BY G. KINDERMAN

*Secretary for Relief and Rehabilitation*

ALTHOUGH THIRTEEN YEARS HAVE passed since World War II terminated, the struggle to gain freedom from want remains a daily task for millions. The destruction caused by war is still keenly felt in many parts of the world.

Earthquakes, floods, and droughts have multiplied the suffering in many lands. Multitudes do not have adequate food and clothing due to under-development of natural resources and over-population.

Fires and floods continue to harass the refugees in South Korea.

As many as ten thousand refugees enter Hong Kong monthly. Most of them need help.

The recent typhoons in Japan damaged or destroyed over three thousand houses. Many children were made

orphans. There are more orphans today than ever before.

There is a continuing need in Europe. While there is a marked improvement in economic conditions in western countries, there is urgent need of clothing and food in Eastern Europe, particularly in Poland, Austria, Greece, Italy, and Yugoslavia. We must not stand idly by but extend a helping hand in the Name of Jesus.

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, through its Foreign Service Committee, is shipping relief to the suffering people in these various lands. Surplus food commodities are obtained as a gift from the U. S. Government. However, it requires considerable money to distribute this food among the hungry people

abroad. Used clothing is generously supplied by the WMC's, yet the processing and packing of the clothing, the storage, insuring against loss, transporting, and distributing all entails great expense which must be borne by the Foreign Missions Department. This amounts to several thousands of dollars annually.

In order to perpetuate this important ministry, we depend on the gifts and prayers of our friends upon whose hearts God has laid this burden. Kindly send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and clearly designate them for "Emergency Relief Account." ◀◀

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This Year You Can

# Live Better for Less

BY MRS. MOSES COPELAND

ARMED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL KNOW-how advertisers are systematically breaking down consumer resistance. They are busy persuading us to purchase the most exciting array of commodities and luxuries ever dreamed into existence by man.

According to radio and newspaper ads every problem of home and family could be solved simply by acquiring the things that are available today. On the list are such items as a private swimming pool, a second car, a family game room, a motor boat, a deepfreeze, bigger insurance, and other possessions guaranteed to result in carefree and "gracious" living.

And many parents accept the challenge. "If the children need it," they resolve, "they shall have it!" So everything from a new brand of toothpaste to a new ranch home goes into the family budget.

Children are often denied the experience of wanting and waiting for something. Sometimes a personal car is planned for Junior before he has quite mastered the use of his bicycle minus outrigger wheels. A formal

dress is on the schedule for young sister before she can balance herself on her first tiny heels. "Everyone's doing it!" is the excuse.

But everything has its price, and eventually the average family awakens to find that it is spending more than it is making. So Mother hires a "sitter" and goes to work. Dad takes some extra employment on the side.

Everyone becomes over-tired and frustrated, home life becomes disrupted, everyone is on edge, and the children are neglected. Parents salve their consciences by saying, "We just must meet the payments on these things needed to make our home happy." It would be comical if it were not tragic. It is a great mistake to think that things can make a family happy and successful.

It would do us all good to determine that in 1959 our families will live better—for less. Here are some unadvertised bargains in happiness that are available to every family.

COMPANIONSHIP has no Dunn and Bradstreet rating, but it can be the source of some of the greatest

pleasures any family can enjoy. Anyone can prepare an inexpensive picnic lunch and enjoy its attendant fun.

An hour with a ball and glove and Dad on the receiving end will do more for a boy than a pocketful of cash to spend at the corner drugstore.

An occasional walk and heart-to-heart talk with Dad will often do more for a girl's self-confidence than a shopping trip or a session at personality school.

You have only to try playing with the little ones to realize how much they want fellowship and an audience. "See me, Daddy!" they cry. "See what I can do!"

Try giving yourself instead of things. The gift will be infinitely more satisfying and the monthly payments no trouble at all.

One of the most pitiful sights in our day is that of a man who has nothing in common with his family except that he pays the bills. He is not acquainted with his children. When alone with them, he can think of nothing to say. He doesn't know how to play and laugh with them. So he just buys them things. But things are a poor substitute for companionship!

HAVING MOTHER IN THE HOME is a blessing without money and without price. The modest home into which a child can run confidently when school is out, and say, "You here, Mom? Say, guess what happened at school today!" far out-classes the lonely, tomblike house, however lavishly furnished, where only the "sitter" waits, impatient to return to her own home. "Mom" may seem to be doing "big things" as she earns the money to pay the "sitter" and the increased

## FOR THE JUNIOR READER

### SOMETHING NEW

Look up the Scripture verses listed below and fit the missing words into their proper places in the puzzle. When you have completed the puzzle you will find three words vertically in the gray squares. They represent something new which Christ has for all of us. If you don't have this new thing, ask Jesus for it now.

1. "Righteousness exalteth a .....  
....." (Proverbs 14:34).
2. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and ..... of the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

3. "Now we exhort you, brethren, ..... them that are unruly" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

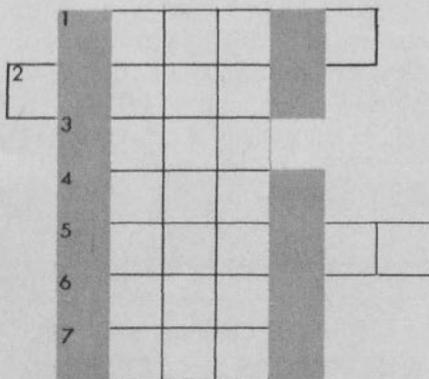
4. "For as his name is, so is he; ..... is his name, and folly is with him" (1 Samuel 25:25).

5. "I beseech ..... , and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord" (Philippians 4:2).

6. "And they shall ..... at the kings" (Habakkuk 1:10).

7. "The ..... which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner" (Luke 20:17).

ANSWER: ..... of Romans 6:4. If you have solved the puzzle correctly, you will find three words in the gray squares which are also the last three words of the puzzle.



income tax and the delicatessen bill. But any small boy can tell you that nothing from the delicatessen is to be compared with the sheer delight of watching his own mother mix up cookies or cinnamon rolls and then smelling the sweet, spicy fragrance while they bake!

There is no price tag on LAUGHTER either. Every home can have it, no matter how small the income is. Someone wrote a learned doctor for his opinion on the best heart medicine yet discovered. The substance of his reply was that LAUGHTER not only does the heart good like medicine (as the Bible puts it) but is also a tonic to the stomach, liver, glands, kidneys, arteries, and blood pressure.

It doesn't cost money to TELL STORIES to your children. And no entertainment is quite as satisfying as a good story (maybe a Bible one) well told by Dad or Mother with all the expression and color they can put into it!

It doesn't cost money to teach children GOOD MANNERS. And good manners will make them far more acceptable in later life than knowing how to wear the newest fashions.

There is no high price connected with teaching your children DISCIPLINE and RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. And yet the lack of either will do more to frustrate them in their relationships in later years than any lack of material things.

PEACE has no price tag in dollars and cents. There is a little upkeep cost in self-denial (in withholding the sharp retort or saying, "Yes, Dear," or "I'm sorry; I was wrong") but peace in the home will not increase the monthly payments.

SHOWING LOVE is one way to have a higher standard of living with no increase in bills. Not long ago I counselled with a young lady who was in desperate need of help. After conversing at some length I sensed that the young lady had not uncovered the basic cause of her insecurity and confusion. Later she wrote that her greatest childhood regret was that her mother and father had shown her no affection. The sequel was that the young lady gave all her heart to the first young man who showed her any affection. We hope he is the right one!

*Love is needed in the home.* It costs nothing in dollars and cents, but it must be nourished with little attentions,

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# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, December 29

**Read:** Genesis 2:4-17

**Learn:** "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

**For the Parent:** While the creation of man is mentioned in Genesis 1:26-30, further details are recorded here since man is God's most important creation. Discuss the creation of man, showing: (1) the work God gave Adam to do, v. 15; (2) the commandment of God regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, vv. 16, 17; (3) the penalty of disobedience, v. 17.

**Question Time:** What is God's most important creation? (See above) Why? What commandment did God give Adam? (vv. 16, 17)

## Tuesday, December 30

**Read:** Genesis 2:18-25

**Learn:** "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man" (Genesis 2:22).

**For the Parent:** This is a further amplification of the creative act of Genesis 1:26-30, and shows specifically the creation of woman. Stress: (1) God's concern for man, v. 18; (2) the first "operation" in history showed the great power of God, vv. 21, 22; (3) God sanctified marriage in the Garden of Eden; (4) husbands and wives are to help each other, v. 20. Stress also the unity of the family group.

**Question Time:** Why did God create woman? (v. 18) How did God create woman? (vv. 21, 22) Why was she called "woman"? (v. 23)

## Wednesday, December 31

**Read:** Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 112:1-10

**Learn:** "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments" (Psalm 112:1).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Joseph, the Carpenter" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Frequently, little is said about Jesus' foster-father. Yet Joseph played an important role in the early life of Christ. Stress his fairness and his faith in God's Word, Matthew 1:18-25. Then discuss Psalm 112, showing how it applied to Joseph's life. There are blessings for all who obey God.

**Question time:** Who was Joseph? (See above) How did he know that Jesus would be born of the virgin Mary? (Matthew 1:2-25)

## Thursday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Read:** 1 John 2:1-11

**Learn:** "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

**For the Parent:** The beginning of a new year is a good time to consider new things. Discuss the "new commandment" Jesus gave, (John 13:34), showing how it is stressed in this passage from 1 John. Emphasize the importance of loving one another. Have a time of special prayer, asking God's help in this important aspect of life.

**Question Time:** What is the "new commandment"? (John 13:34) What did John say of the one who hates his brother? (1 John 2:9)

## Friday, January 2

**Read:** Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14, 15, 17 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

**For the Parent:** To be victorious in battle, one must know his enemy. This lesson is designed to acquaint the group with their spiritual adversary, Satan. Besides the above verses, read and comment on: John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 13:19; Revelation 20:10; James 4:7. Emphasize that we can have victory through Christ.

**Question Time:** Why was Lucifer (Satan) cast out of heaven? (Isaiah 14:12-15) How can we have victory over Satan? (James 4:7)

## Saturday, January 3

**Read:** Matthew 14:22-36 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of how Jesus walked on the water, pointing out: (1) the command Christ gave His disciples, v. 22; (2) the importance He placed on prayer, v. 23; (3) the miracle of Jesus walking on the water, v. 25; (4) the disciples' fear, v. 26; (5) Jesus' encouragement to them, v. 27; (6) Peter's experience, vv. 28-31. Stress the importance of keeping our faith in Jesus, ever looking to Him for help and strength.

**Question Time:** What test did Peter propose? (v. 28) What lesson did he learn? (v. 31)



R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary

# There Is an Answer

*The early church is the  
true pattern by which the  
kingdom of God is extended*

BY R. L. BRANDT

**T**HE BOOK OF ACTS IS NOT ONLY a glowing historical account of the activities of the Early Church; it is also a book of precedents to which the Church today may look for guidance in the execution of its affairs.

Acts is vibrant with home missions. Nowhere else can a record of such intense effort to spread the gospel and such glorious accomplishment be found. Here is the history of the first thirty years approximately of the Early Church's activities. It indicates that in so short a period of time practically all of the then-known world had heard the gospel. From Jerusalem the message had traveled in every direction and had invaded every habitation of man; from the horrible dungeons of the accused to the lofty palaces of the earth's potentates, and from the simple homes of peasants to the proud mansions of the wealthy.

This glowing success prompts the question, "Lord, to what great factor can we attribute such devotion to a cause, such consecration to a purpose, such undying zeal, such sublime attainment?" We seek by many means to reach our world. We go; we send; we plan; we spend; we preach; we build; and yet it seems we are so very slow in reaching the ever-increasing masses.

But there IS an answer to our cry.

There was a reason for the rapid spread of the gospel by the Early Church. There was a reason for the fiery zeal of those early followers of the Nazarene.

Hidden in the many thrilling accounts of the Book of Acts is a pattern of procedure which made the Early Church so effective in reaching and winning its own generation. If we are to emulate the Early Church in her success it is evident we will have to follow her pattern.

Our mere reliance upon earthly devices will not accomplish the missionary advance we so earnestly desire and long for. We are sadly lacking in genuine results whenever we depend wholly on natural means to gain spiritual ends. Even the best schemes and plans of men are entirely inadequate when it comes to the effective propagation of the gospel. The answer is in the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, in Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit."

The Holy Spirit Himself is the underlying reason for the triumphs of the Early Church. The statement has been made that God's method is men, and in a sense that is correct; but let us settle it in our hearts once for all that God's method is not *just men*, but *men "full of the Holy Ghost."* The followers of Christ in the Book

of Acts were filled with the Spirit and as a consequence a holy, unquenchable fire swept them everywhere on the greatest crusade for souls the world has ever witnessed.

The pattern of procedure followed by the early Christians was simple, yet undeniably effective. They prayed earnestly; they were genuinely filled with the Spirit and unmistakably energized by Him; and they were led forth to minister to the lost. Invariably when this pattern was followed it produced a glorious harvest.

Over and over again this order is repeated in Acts. They prayed; they were filled; they were empowered; they went forth to minister; they brought men into the Kingdom.

The Book of Acts is full of prayer. There is substantial evidence that every mighty home missions advance recorded in its pages is prefaced with a volume of fervent prayer. The praying of the early Christians was followed by mighty infillings with the Spirit. Repeatedly the expressions, "filled with the Holy Ghost," and "full of the Holy Ghost," are used. See Acts 2:4; 4:8; 31:6; 3, 5; 7:55; 9:17; 13:9. Those words are always the introduction to action. They are followed by dynamic ministry to the lost and almost unparalleled victories for the Kingdom of God.

For an apt illustration of the pattern of procedure employed by the Early Church consider the case of Peter in Acts 1 and 2. For ten days prior to Pentecost he had prayed with an earnest, believing band of Christ's followers (Acts 1:14). Then on the Day of Pentecost he, along with all who were present in the upper room, was filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4). The mighty phenomenon which occurred attracted the multitudes who were gathered in Jerusalem; and when they had crowded around to behold the strange events of that unprecedented hour Peter, energized and empowered by the Holy Spirit, ministered to them in such a manner that three thousand souls were swept into the Kingdom (Acts 2:41).

There, for the first time in the history of the Church, a pattern of procedure was laid down and a precedent was established. From there on through the Book of Acts the order is basically the same, with minor variations. Sometimes the circumstances differed and the size of the audience fluctuated, but

always the pattern was similar.

In Acts 4 the pattern is beautifully illustrated again. Persecutions had begun to beset the infant Church, but rather than accept defeat the company of believers gathered for prayer (v. 24). In essence they prayed that God would enable them to become better missionaries—"that with all boldness they may speak thy word." And God met them! "And when they had prayed . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (v. 31). Then followed their ministry to the unsaved. "They spoke the word of God with boldness," and by the time verse 32 is reached the pattern has run its course, for we read that the multitude *believed*.

Does the pattern work today? Yes, indeed! Across America there are thousands of Assemblies of God churches which exist simply because some folk prayed until they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and then, empowered by the Spirit, they went into those communities with the message of hope for lost and dying men. God worked with

them mightily and new churches sprang up everywhere.

A lady evangelist entered the state of North Dakota a number of years ago. She had prayed until she was aflame with a zeal for God. To community after community she went with the message and many were saved and filled with the Spirit. On some occasions enough folk were saved within a short time to organize a new church. Years have passed by and this sister is now with the Lord, but across the state a number of churches still stand as a testimony to the fact that the pattern still works.

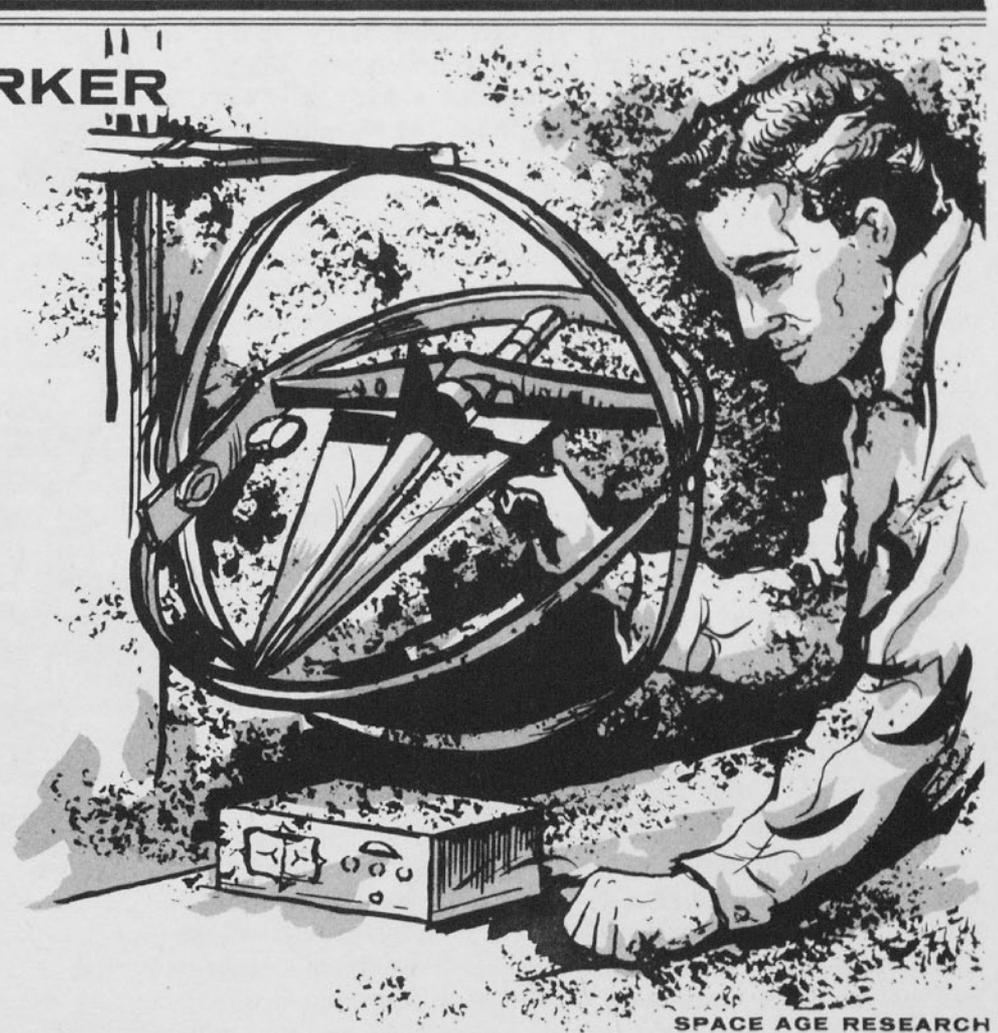
The lost of America present the great home missions challenge of this hour. It is estimated that there are one hundred eight to one hundred ten million people in the United States who are unreached by the Church. If we are to meet this challenge and reach our generation for Christ, we too will have to follow the pattern; and we can be assured that if we follow it we shall see our mission accomplished. *This is the answer.* ◀◀

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## JOSEPH, THE CARPENTER

Sunday School Lesson for January 4, 1959

MATTHEW 1:18-25; PSALM 112:1-10

On the first Sunday of the new year we begin an entirely new cycle of lessons having as its theme, "Personalities in the Purpose, Plan, and Program of God." The first quarter's lessons have to do with persons who were closely associated with Christ. Our first lesson is devoted to Joseph, the husband of Mary the mother of Christ!

### I. JOSEPH'S PROBLEM.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." "Espousal" or "betrothal" was in those days as sacred as marriage, and represented a waiting period during which time husband and bride did not see each other. These were wonderful, tender, and sacred days to a young couple in love as Joseph and Mary were. Then apparent tragedy occurred. Mary discovered that she was "with child." But not until the angel Gabriel brought her the well-nigh incredible news that her child was not humanly conceived but "of the Holy Ghost," and furthermore that her child would be the Messiah, the Saviour of the world! Joseph, however, was sorely perplexed when Mary shared with him her secret. Though he had confidence in Mary, what he was asked to believe seemed too much. Who can imagine what anguish of heart and mind Joseph must have endured at least for a season?

### II. JOSEPH'S CHARACTER.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily." We are told that Joseph was a "just" man, and how emphatically the description is borne out by his actions. He must do right, but he was concerned about doing it in the right way! He must be just, but he tempered justice with kindness and mercy! According to the Law he might have prosecuted Mary for adultery (Deuteronomy 22:23, 24), and might have humiliated her publicly as would the Pharisees (John 8:1-11). Instead, he chose to divorce her secretly so as not to expose her to undue shame or suffering (see Deuteronomy 24:1). A host of lessons are suggested here—

- (1) It is not easy to decide what is right when other people are affected by our decision.
- (2) It is very difficult to judge the actions of others.
- (3) It is a Christlike spirit which seeks to shield another rather than one's self.
- (4) We ought never to expose or broadcast the sins or mistakes of others, since doing so only further damages the person and makes spiritual recovery more difficult.
- (5) The just character and the spirit of love always has in mind the well-being rather than the destruction of others.

### III. JOSEPH'S REVELATION. Matthew 1:20-23.

It was as necessary for Joseph to receive a revelation from God as it was for Mary. So, in the midst of his anguish, heartache, and perplexity, an angel appeared, confirming the testimony of Mary. "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

### IV. JOSEPH'S OBEDIENCE. Matthew 1:24, 25.

Faith is always demonstrated by obedience; obedience is always an indication of faith. Joseph's obedience was threefold:

(1) "He took unto him his wife." It mattered not what the world at large thought now. He would pay any price of scorn, criticism, or misunderstanding.

(2) He "knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn," thus demonstrating not only obedience to God's Word but nobility of character and self-restraint as well.

(3) He named the child "JESUS," thus signifying that he fully believed the message from God; namely, that the child was indeed the Messiah, the Anointed of God, and the Saviour of the world!

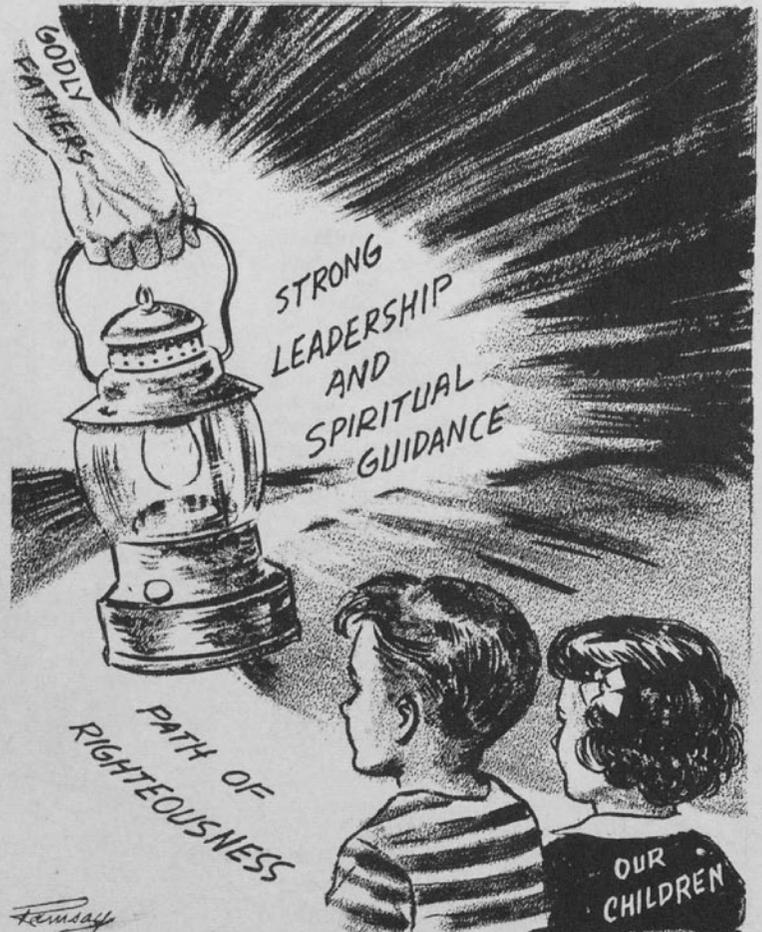
Again, we may gather up a wealth of suggestive lessons:

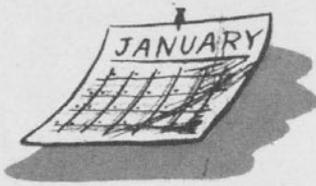
(1) God always has a message in times of darkness, trial, and perplexity for those who, like Joseph, seek to do His will, think seriously upon their ways, and pray earnestly for guidance.

(2) Because of his faith, consecration, and obedience Joseph played a most important part in the plan of God, having entrusted to him the care of the infant Christ from infancy to manhood.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### HOPE OF A NATION





# Not Janus But CHRIST

By William B. McCafferty

Waxahachie, Texas

**J**ANUARY IS THE MONTH THAT opens the door of the new year. It is named for the old Roman god Janus who had two faces, looking two directions—on the past and on the future, on the old and on the new. His name was derived from a Latin root meaning “to go,” and is connected with the thought of a door or passage.

Janus was likewise considered to be the god of new beginnings and happy endings. The eastern and western doors of his temple indicated the beginning and ending of day—sunrise and sunset.

However, we know that it is not Janus of the Romans but Jehovah of the Hebrews who is *truly* the God of beginnings and endings. We read in Holy Writ, “In the beginning God. . .” And Isaiah wrote of Him, “Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he” (41:4). And again, “Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel and his redeemer the Lord of hosts. I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God” (44:6).

This God has revealed Himself to us in His Son Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is the great Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, to whom we look for life and immortality. By Him we may turn from the evil of old days. By Him we may have a new beginning

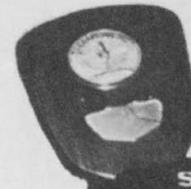
and walk “in newness of life,” which new life is obtained not by any new year resolutions inspired by a powerless Roman god but by the grace and power of the ever-living Christ. Janus, according to Roman superstition, looked on the beginning and the end, but it is God only who declares the end from the beginning.

*“We are standing on the threshold,  
We are in the open door;  
We are treading on the borderland  
We never trod before.  
Another year is opening, and  
Another year is gone;  
We’ve passed the darkness of the  
night;  
We’re in the early morn.”*

Not Janus of the Romans but Christ of the Christians is the God of doors and passages. He closed the door of the old dispensation and opened the portals of the new when He died on Calvary and arose from the dead. Open doors in the temple of Janus stood for war, but in the temple of grace they stand for life and peace. Said this Jesus: “Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” It is open for our safety, for our peace, and for our salvation. It will be opened in the hour of rapture when the Church shall be caught away to meet Him when He comes. Yes, He it is who on Calvary opened Eden’s closed gates so that lost souls might return to God. And now the gates of Paradise stand open for all who “keep his commandments” (Revelation 22:14). It is by Him that we may safely make the passage from earth to heaven; from mortality to immortality; for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The old year is gone; the new is beginning. The tears of yesterday must give place to the sorrows of today. Likewise the blessings of the past are repeated in the joys of the present. The old year was filled with both joy and sorrow; and the new year will bring its share of tears and triumphs. Let us not weep over joys departed, nor seek to live by the blessings of the past, but forget the things that are behind and reach forth in faith “unto those things which are before.”

Sufficient unto the day—and the year—is the evil thereof. Our joys and our blessings far outweigh the sorrows and tears that are our portion in this world. Let faith look not at the things of time but at the things of eternity; for all the things that we see are



# LEADING

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Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wis. ....	1,297.42
1st Assembly, Madison, Tenn. ....	1,278.77
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temporal, while the things that are not seen are eternal.

For “eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” To faith only are the hidden mysteries revealed—the mysteries of grace, of love, of the benefits of trial and tribulations, and of heavenly things. ◀ ◀

Life is not salvage to be saved out of the world, but an investment to be used in the world.

# How We Chose a New Hymn Book for Our Church

BY LAWRENCE W. MALONE  
*Petoskey, Michigan*



Pastor Lawrence Malone (center) joins with organist and singers at the Petoskey Assembly of God to initiate use of their new "Melodies of Praise" songbooks.

THE CHOICE OF A HYMNBOOK IS just as important as any other step the church takes. The congregation will pray much over the choice of a new pastor. They will plan and pray at length regarding a building program. It seems logical then that we should follow the same procedure in the selection of a hymn book, since most hymn books outlast the average pastor's term of office.

Knowing that we would soon need to purchase hymn books, we gave it a matter of definite prayer for several weeks.

When we arrived at the point where it was imperative that we purchase new books, we called together the board of trustees, the officers of the Women's Missionary Council, the Sunday School executive committee, and the Christ's Ambassadors officers. As the pastor, I felt this group would well represent the entire church.

This group of ten persons included the organist, the pianist, the choir and orchestra director, and others who knew a good deal about music as well as people who knew very little. I felt that the individual who may not know a note of music should have some voice in the selection of a book from which he shall worship his God in song.

We first chose four different song books including the recently published *Melodies of Praise* from our own Gospel Publishing House at Springfield.

We then proceeded to select 100 songs which we felt would be the kind of songs our congregation would appreciate the most.

We centered our selection around the following classifications of songs which we felt our church required in singing: salvation, healing, second coming, Holy Spirit, youth, consecration, devotion, and worship. Each member of our committee then proceeded to choose ten songs, making a total of 100 songs. They chose not less than two or more than five from any one book. When the songs had been chosen we listed the titles and the song books in which they could be found.

We had five things in mind as we considered the selection of a book. First of all, we wanted the largest variety of songs possible, including the songs most in harmony with our Pentecostal doctrine. Then since we have both a choir and orchestra, with members playing instruments of various keys, we needed to choose a book which would meet the need in this department of our church most effectively. We also had to consider the cost; we wanted the best book possible for the amount of money we had to invest.

The binding of our former books had broken down, and because of this we gave consideration to sturdy binding and durable construction. We also had in mind the older persons who attend the services, and felt the printing should be as clear as possible. And we further wanted the appearance of the book to blend in well with the furniture and design of our church.

We also felt that the hymn book should have some of the most favored Christian hymns, such as, "What a

Friend We Have In Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Rock of Ages," "Amazing Grace," and others which, when sung, would give the visitor a sense of being on familiar ground in our services.

With all these things in mind, we weighed carefully and prayerfully the merits and demerits of each book from which we had to choose. After considerable discussion, one of the group suggested that a vote be taken. A secret ballot was cast, and each of the committee members voted for the new publication of our own Gospel Publishing House, *Melodies of Praise*.

Of the four colors offered (maroon, green, blue, and white) we chose maroon for the congregation and white for the choir. We also purchased some spiral bound copies especially adapted for use at the organ, piano, or on music stands. We further purchased the four different orchestration arrangements in the keys of B. C. E. and Bass Clef.

The first day in use we received almost \$100 in offerings designated for the payment of the new books.

We chose *Melodies of Praise* because it offered for our use the widest variety of songs, including those setting forth our own Pentecostal doctrine. The various bindings offered are sturdy and durable. The versatility of bindings makes it especially suitable for use by our choir and orchestra. The orchestration arrangements meet a definite need. We were very happy to find such a hymnbook priced within our budget. ◀ ◀

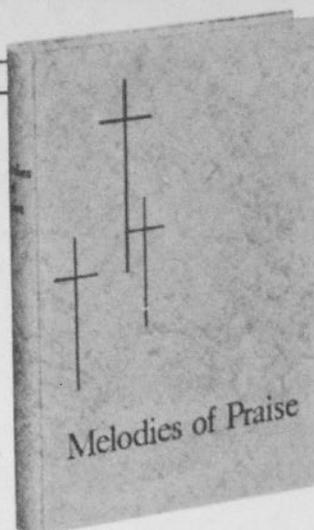
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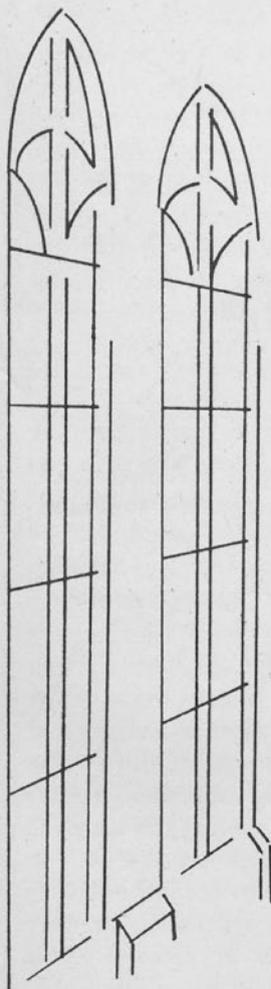
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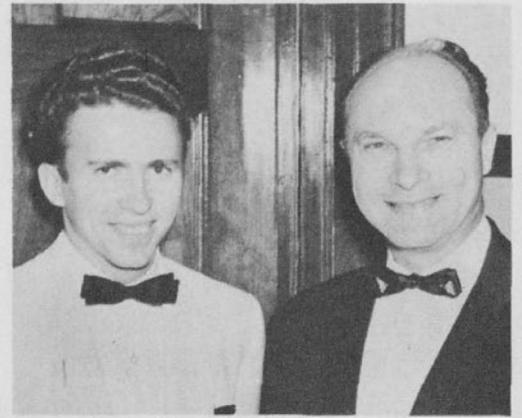


Some of the shut-ins who attended the service.



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rouviere, superintendents of the Home Department of the church.

## Battle Creek Church Holds Annual Shut-in Service



Pastor E. A. Manley (right) and Anzel Shoults, minister of music.

Each year the Church of the Four Fold Gospel (Assemblies of God) in Battle Creek, Michigan, conducts a special Sunday morning service for the shut-ins of their community. Pastor E. A. Manley reports that this year the service was attended by more than forty shut-ins, most of them elderly men and women.

Members of the congregation cooperated in providing transportation and in making other necessary arrangements

for the comfort and convenience of their guests of honor. Some guests came on crutches. Several were in wheel chairs or other special chairs.

Much to the delight of the visiting shut-ins, Anzel Shoults, minister of music, directed the choir and congregation in the singing of the old familiar hymns. The pastor's special message brought comfort and inspiration that will not soon be forgotten by these dear ones to whom the privilege of

attending church is rare indeed.

Some of the guests had not been out of their homes since the shut-in service the year before. But they are not neglected by the church between these annual services. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rouviere, who have served as superintendents of the Home Department of the church for twenty-three years, carry on an active visitation ministry among those who cannot attend the services regularly. ◀ ◀

## Unconscious Guidance

(Continued from page three)

commission from Abraham, except that the woman was to be from his kindred. He stood by the well as the damsels came to draw water, and his wonder at the providential guidance of God in causing the daughter of Bethuel, Abraham's brother, to come to fulfill the secret sign which he had purposed prayerfully in his own heart, is lovely for its artlessness. It provoked him to spontaneous worship (Genesis 24:26). How often have some of us worshiped also at some specially wonderful bit of equally unconscious divine guidance!

Once again, however, there are fundamental conditions to be noted. The

whole journey was made in order to maintain an unsullied standard of separation from the world (v. 3); in loyalty to the sure Word of God (v. 7); and the whole undertaking was steeped in prayer (v. 12). Fulfillment of the same conditions may justify any one of us in expectation of sure guidance from God, even if granted unconsciously.

### WHEN WE MUST MAKE A DECISION

A word of practical counsel may be helpful to those who *must* make a decision, though all prayer for definite guidance seems unanswered, and even the Word seems to leave the matter open.

In such cases we believe the child of God is safe in taking the line of straightforward duty. It may offer nothing thrilling; it may even have in

it some elements which are distasteful; but it is always a safe path to follow, pending more light.

Ruth set out on that critical morning of her career to do nothing more exciting than to glean after the reapers—surely a wearying task under the hot sun. But it was a means of support for herself and her mother-in-law, and it represented a pathway of duty. She followed it and God met her in it.

Eliezer set out on a long and arduous journey over the desert because it was his duty as a servant to obey the wishes of his master. But it was a journey guided by the hand of God.

There are normal duties in life: obedience to parents, honorable self-support where possible, observance of public laws and regulations, recognition of the claims of marriage and family life, faithfulness in business responsibilities;

all such things indicate the kind of pathway in which we may confidently expect God to guide us aright even when we do not feel any particular touch of His Spirit upon us.

And we can always pray along the negative line if necessary, asking the Lord in faith to keep us from a wrong move. The gracious promise that "thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it," is specially given for the times when we would "turn to the right hand" or to the left. The mere fact that we hear *no* voice of direction can often be taken as a sign that we are in the right way, if we are truly endeavoring to know God's will.

DIVINE LOVE AT WORK

Heaven will be full of happy recognition of the guiding hand of God in many events along life's pathway that seemed at the time all to happen by mere chance. For so many of us there have been wayside meetings like that of our Lord with the woman of Samaria at the well.

"*He must needs go through Samaria.*" Only the heart of God knows all the force of divine providence, grace, and love behind that word "needs." Commentators may suggest excellent reasons why our Lord "must needs go through Samaria," and reverent souls may ponder on how much was "conscious" and how much "unconscious" in the urge that led our Lord to take the route which was "off the beaten track." But there remains the equally wonderful bit of dove-tailing that led the woman herself to the well at just the right moment. One thing we do know: it all resulted in Living Water coming to many weary, sin-sick souls. Faith rejects the idea of mere *chance* and recognizes a divine love at work in that incident, and in our own lives also.

For the guided life must always be, essentially, the faith-life. Guidance does not demand continual interferences from heaven; it is based upon a quiet attitude of surrender and trust in the constant care of our Heavenly Father. If we truly seek God's guidance, we must be careful to walk in the light of all that we *know* to be His will, and leave the result with Him.

*"I'll bless the Hand that guided,  
I'll bless the Heart that planned,  
When throned where glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land."* ◀◀

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# Spotlight on Evangelism

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►WINK, TEX.—The Assembly here enjoyed a wonderful time of spiritual blessing during two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Lee of Madera, Calif. Souls were saved and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was greatly refreshed and inspired.

—Dovie Harms, Pastor

►SAN ANGELO, TEX. — Evangelists Quentin and Dwight Edwards of Garland, Tex., recently concluded a successful campaign in the First Assembly of God here. Their outstanding ministry of preaching and singing is still bearing fruit even though the revival has officially closed. The interest of the evangelists in souls and their deep consecration brought a great response. This is unquestionably one of the best revival moves in the history of this church.

—Jimmy Phillips, Pastor

►GARY, IND.—The blessing of the tent meeting conducted in the Calumet area recently with Evangelist Morris Cerullo cannot be told in a few words. In the opinion of many, it was the greatest meeting to come to this area in a long while. Thousands of people attended the meetings and hundreds were saved. Many miracles were witnessed. Blind eyes were opened, deaf ears unstopped, and short limbs were lengthened. Ruptures were healed and braces removed and left as a testimony of the miracle-working power of God. One of the outstanding miracles was that of a woman who had worn a brace on her neck for several years. After prayer she removed the brace and could move

her head every way. While doing so she shouted, "I can see. I can see." Brother Cerullo asked, "What did you say?" She said, "I was blind in my left eye and now I can see." This woman returned to all the meetings afterward and testified to her healing. On Sunday afternoon, at a service given over especially to the receiving of the Holy Spirit, many received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the speaking in tongues. On the closing night of the meeting over 300 people came forward to receive the Lord as their Saviour. The group of workers in the meeting, Morris Cerullo, Gordon Lindsay, Ralph Bender, and Sven Bjork, made a marvelous team under God. The budget was met by the eighth night and over ten thousand dollars was pledged for getting out the gospel. All of the churches will be strengthened because of the meetings. Any efforts that were put forth and expenses incurred were small in comparison to the great amount of good accomplished.

—Anthony Vigna, Pastor

►SPUR, TEXAS — Recently Evangelist Mary Miles of Snyder, Texas, came here to conduct three nights of Youth Revival and the blessing of the Lord was so great the services continued for seventeen nights. At least four were saved, six received the Holy Ghost, and a great number rededicated their lives to Christ. One man about thirty-five years of age, who had been in Pentecostal churches almost all of his life, was saved for the first time. Two men who are heads of families were baptized in water and also two young girls.

—Vernon Hagar, Pastor

►HAMILTON, ILL.—The Lord graciously met with the people during a revival conducted by Jeri and Bob Winford of Cape Girardeau, Mo. The new addition to the church building will soon be dedicated.

—Maude Deyo, Pastor

►UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO—Two men and three children were converted in the meetings recently conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell. Several persons were healed. One woman testified she was going to start tithing following a divine healing message in which obedience to this command was mentioned. The church as a whole was stirred to renewed consecration. Many new people visited the services.

—James M. Bryan, Pastor

►CAROLINA, W. VA.—God used Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio, in a most remarkable way during services in the church here. The preaching of the Word was enjoyed by all and many testified to being physically healed. A young lady who had been deaf in one ear for four years received her healing and now hears very well. The church was greatly blessed during these meetings.

—Olan Knotts, Pastor

►SANDUSKY, OHIO—In the mercy of the Lord the Assembly of God here has experienced a genuine uplifting and reviving under the anointed preaching of Evangelist Ken Haddaway of New York City. After two weeks of seeing backsliders rededicate their lives to the Lord, souls seeking the Holy Ghost, and sinners converted, Brother Haddaway closed the campaign by preaching from Isaiah 12:1, "And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee..." God again confirmed His Word by saving souls. Thank God for the families that were added to the church as a result of this meeting.

—A. L. Garlock, Pastor

►EDMONTON, ALBERTA—A spirit of real revival characterized the recent three-week meeting with Evangelist Watson Argue in the Pentecostal Tabernacle here. After one week the Tabernacle was crowded out, and although extra chairs were brought in, many had to stand and numbers were turned away. On the last two Sunday nights the meetings were held in a downtown theater which seats 1,429 people. The doors to the theater were locked by the management before the starting time of the service and hundreds were turned away. There were 125 decisions for Christ, with as many as 37 answering the call to salvation in one service. The spiritual tide was high, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—R. W. Taitinger, Pastor



A part of the crowd that packed out a downtown theater in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to hear Evangelist Watson Argue.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	Jan. 4—	M. C. Allen Party	H. P. Trawick
	Prichard	Full Gospel	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	H. Syvelle Phillips	Edward Grant
Ariz.	Sylacauga	First	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Joel Palmer & wife	Kenneth Byrd
	Mammoth	A of G	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Leroy Cloud	Hugh R. Middleton
	Mesa	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Oran & Audrey Duncan	W. Clyde Powell
Ark.	Phoenix	Southside	Jan. 4-18	John Everett & wife	B. H. Russell
	Blytheville	First	Jan. 4—	Louie Shultz	A. J. Frank
Calif.	Chowchilla	First	Jan. 4-18	E. C. Briggs	T. W. Carlton
	Lamont	First A-G Tab.	Jan. 4—	Glen Shinn	E. L. Shaffer
	Paramount	A of G	Jan. 4-25	Gene Martin & wife	Ted Singleton
	San Pedro	First	Dec. 28—	Christian Hild	Ralph Salzman
	Upland	Evang. Temple	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Tommy Barnett	Frank Lummer
Colo.	Woodland	Full Gospel	Jan. 4-18	Fred & Sarah Byers	R. A. Wilson, Jr.
	Cortez	A of G	Jan. 4—	E. L. Surratt	Jack D. Brock
Fla.	Greeley	First	Dec. 31—	Ken George	H. I. Maley
	Ft. Lauderdale	Evangel	Jan. 1-11	W. Clifford Nelson	Jack Starbuck
Ga.	Columbus	Riverview	Dec. 31—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Raymond Wetzel
Ill.	Carthage	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Jess & Judy Hammer	D. E. Skiles
Ind.	Elkhart	Bethel	Jan. 4-18	Eugene Petroski	G. A. Uldin
	Hammond	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 6—	J. Haskell Wooldridge	Gordon Matheny
Iowa	Nevada	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Frank Martin & wife	Leonard Franz
	New Sharon	A of G	Dec. 31—	G. A. Snavely & wife	Oscar Hamilton
Kans.	Oswego	First	Jan. 4—	Carl Walker, Jr.	Clyde F. Hayes
	Topeka	Highland Park	Dec. 28-Jan. 4	Jim Collins	A. M. Selness
La.	Downsville	Point	Dec. 28—	J. Middlebrook & wife	H. F. Wallace
Mass.	Everett	Glad Tidings	Dec. 30-Jan. 2	C. M. Ward	H. C. Bither
Mich.	Albion	A of G	Jan. 4-18	The Roland Hasties	H. L. Jansen
N. Y.	Corning	Calvary	Jan. 1—	L. K. Dodge	Norman Love
	Geneva	A of G	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	Paul Graban	George Hubbard
N. Mex.	Farmington	Faith Tab.	Jan. 4-18	Bill Newby	Melvin Sasse
Ohio	Akron	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	Robert Watters Team	Gay G. Benson
	Covington	A of G	Jan. 4-18	John Higginbotham & wife	James Gaver
	Defiance	A of G	Jan. 3-25	Smith-Rasmussen Team	A. W. Lawrence
Okla.	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Jan. 4—	Harold W. May, Jr.	E. P. Cooper
	Cyril	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Billy Albritton & wife	Tomy Jacobs
Oreg.	Vinita	First	Jan. 4-18	Bob Swaim & wife	O. B. Hunnicutt
	Lebanon	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Eric Johnson & wife	H. D. Robeson
Pa.	Newport	A of G	Dec. 28—	Don Gossett	Russell Emerson
	Clearfield	A of G	Jan. 1-8	D. J. Paglia & wife	R. W. Rainbow
	Poland Mines	A of G	Dec. 30-Jan. 18	James West & wife	Charles Morris
S. Dak.	York	Taxville FGC	Dec. 31—	Ron Ripley	Elwood S. Bell, Sr.
	Winner	A of G	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Max Francis & wife	W. E. Teter
Tex.	Amarillo	San Jacinto	Jan. 4—	Chas. Chambers & wife	J. E. Burkhalter
	Baytown	Trinity Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	W. M. Stevens	W. S. Graham
	Dallas	Grace	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	C. H. E. Duncombe	Fred Davis
	Denton	Faith Tab.	Dec. 28—	J. W. Farmer	Herbert Johnson
	Gainesville	First	Dec. 31—	Don George	Elmer Barnes
Wash.	San Angelo	Campus Blvd.	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	W. A. (Bill) McCann	E. A. Pack
B.W.I.	Centralia	First	Jan. 4-25	Wesley W. Fleming	A. W. Nelson
	Jamaica	Mission Stations	Dec. 19-Jan. 15	The Quanabush Team	C. C. Huckerby, Chm.

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offered for his eyes and God gave him his sight.

Richard J. Bergstrom, New Jersey district superintendent, who held a revival in the church recently, says, "This man is a builder but could not work before due to blindness. His healing is perhaps the greatest miracle I have ever seen."

A wonderful move of God was experienced under the ministry of Brother Bergstrom. The Sunday School broke all previous records with 96 in attendance. Two weeks after the revival the school was still averaging 90. Missionary offerings have increased from an average of \$80 to \$90 per month to \$300 per month, and membership is the largest in the history of the church.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORKERS TRAINING COURSE**—Jan. 19-23 at Assembly of God, Westwego, La. J. C. Seymour, pastor. Three churches co-operating. L. O. Waldon, New Orleans, instructor.—by J. C. Seymour

### WITH CHRIST

**FRED HOMER HARP**, 70, Vienna, Illinois, passed to his reward November 18, 1958. Brother Harp was ordained in 1954. He was superannuated in 1958.

**RUFUS C. NICHOLSON**, 84, Fort Worth, Texas, went to be with the Lord November 16, 1958. Brother Nicholson affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1928 and was ordained in 1937.

► **AULANDER, N.C.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Reginald Stone recently conducted a very successful revival campaign here. Eight testified to having been saved, and four of those were received into the church as members. Others were baptized in the Holy Spirit. These meetings gave the church a good spiritual uplift.

—L. V. Pierce, Pastor

► **PAYETTE, IDAHO**—Many were filled with the Holy Spirit and a goodly number saved and reclaimed during two weeks of revival meetings here with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. Brother Hoskins is a real Bible preacher.

—A. E. Rainwater, Pastor

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS



John Passaretti, who was healed of blindness, stands between the pastor, Gerard Morriello (left), and the district superintendent, Richard Bergstrom.

### CHURCH OBSERVES DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

**VALLEY STREAM, N. Y.**—On October 5, 1958, Bethlehem Assembly of God here celebrated a double anniversary. It was the sixth anniversary of Gerard D. Morriello as pastor and the second anniversary of the relocation of the church which moved from South Jamaica to its present address just two years ago.

The building now occupied in Valley Stream was formerly a Jewish Temple which was purchased by the congregation for \$35,000 (about half its assessed value). The property is free from mortgages despite the fact that when it was purchased the church had only around 30 members and an average of 22 in Sunday School.

Pastor Morriello reports that home visitation, street services, and some all-night prayer meetings contributed to a Holy Ghost revival. Souls have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and there have been some outstanding healings—two of blindness.

John Passaretti, who was blind, had attended a salvation-healing campaign but due to the large crowds he was not prayed for. However, he did go forward to indicate a decision for Christ. Subsequently his name and address were sent to Pastor Morriello by the crusade chairman. A personal visit was made in the home and an invitation to the church was extended.

John Passaretti and his wife attended several meetings and both were saved. Later, during a regular service, prayer was



# Misplaced Values

BY ROYAL W. ABE

MARY HAD TO DECIDE WHICH TREASURE WAS THE DEAREST TO HER HEART—HER PRECIOUS OINTMENT OR HER LORD.

CHRISTIANS ARE SOMETIMES GUILTY of placing other things ahead of God. Because of a wrong sense of values we esteem the earthly more important than the heavenly, the temporal than the eternal.

We may wonder why many people are absent from the church services, but is it not often because they are guilty of misplaced values? They would rather visit friends or relatives or perhaps indulge in some innocent recreation. Many feel that rest and sleep are more important than worship.

A distorted sense of values in the matter of church attendance reveals misplaced values in the whole sphere of the Christian life. We are quick to comment on the increasing trend toward worldliness, but we forget how much we could slacken its pace if we would only "seek . . . first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

This lack of concern as to what is most important is not a new thing—it goes back to the days of Adam and Eve. Eve regarded the shallow words of Satan of more value than the commandment of God. We cannot defend our first parents by saying they didn't know better, for they had talked with God face to face.

Their son Cain considered the carrying out of his own desires more important than obedience to God—and he became a murderer.

Consider how the children of Israel

looked back toward Egypt with yearning hearts, craving the leeks, onions, and garlic of the land of bondage in preference to Canaan's milk and honey even after God had so miraculously delivered them from that bondage and had promised to go before them all the way.

Saul of Tarsus placed supreme value on education and looked forward with great eagerness to a position of leadership in Jewish circles. His misplaced values even caused him to take the lives of those who dared oppose him in what he thought was right.

A few years ago toy manufacturers estimated toy sales would top the billion-dollar mark during the Christmas season that year. And the figures are increasing every year. This is more than all the Protestants in America have given to missions in any ten-year period!

But there is also a positive side to the picture. Even though there have been many whose sense of values have been far off center, there are others who have come to view things in their proper perspective.

When Saul of Tarsus met Christ on the road to Damascus, he became a new creature; he got a new sense of values. He counted his reputation, his education, and his worldly ambitions as nothing compared with the privilege of serving Christ and the joy that awaited him in glory.

Stephen served God regardless of the

cost and gave his life for his testimony. Through his faithfulness he was instrumental in bringing Saul to Christ, and hence the many who were converted through Saul's (Paul's) preaching. Like John the Baptist, Stephen believed that his decreasing would bring increase for Christ's Kingdom, even though he did not live to see it.

See Mary as she breaks the box of precious ointment for the Master. See her as she sits at His feet, eagerly drinking into her thirsty soul the wonderful words of life from His lips. She recognized that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and she esteemed the Word of the Lord more valuable than her precious ointment.

In Old Testament days Job, who suffered the loss of all things and endured great bodily affliction, was able to say, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." He knew his soul was more important than his body.

Daniel chose to be true to his God even though he knew the consequences. His sense of values had not been distorted either by captivity or by flattery. He had purposed in his heart that he would put God first.

Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are only a few among those whose sense of values remained clear in spite of strong temptation. But now it is *our* turn to make the decisions. What is most important to us?

A young physical education instructor in an eastern high school was discharged for refusing to teach dancing to teenage girls. The teacher realized the terrible end of this sinful pleasure and valued souls above his job. But about that same time we read of a church-going mother who gave her daughters dancing lessons so that they would have more poise and more graceful figures!

As Christians, Sunday School teachers, leaders, pastors, and parents we need to look to God for guidance in teaching and interpreting His Word. We need the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we will be able to tell others the gospel story both in word and in deed. We tell a great deal about our real convictions or lack of them when we reveal what we consider important. We must continually seek to do God's will rather than our own, place God's business before ours, and look at everything we do with eternal rather than temporal values in view. ◀◀

## Live Better for Less

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loving words, and constant encouragement. The way you accept and return a confidence and the way your face lights up with a smile can satisfy a gnawing heart-hunger of someone right in your own family, from Dad right down to the baby!

It doesn't cost money to have GOD in the home. He draws near wherever He is wanted and honored. A daily gathering of the family to read the Word of God and to pray is the means of grace that men have always employed to bring God into the home. And any home where God truly dwells is as near to heaven-on-earth as society

can approach in this vale of tears!

When the Son of God was upon earth, He graced the humblest homes with His presence. He blessed the bread on their tables, stroked the heads of their little children, and solved their problems. As the Unseen Guest in our homes He will do the same today.

Yes, there are so many wonderful things that can be had without money that we cannot mind too much if we are not rich. A few years from now, should Christ delay His coming, the amount of money we had will make little actual difference. But the well-being of a generation will depend upon whether our homes provided companionship, laughter, discipline, peace, and love, and whether God ruled over all family life.

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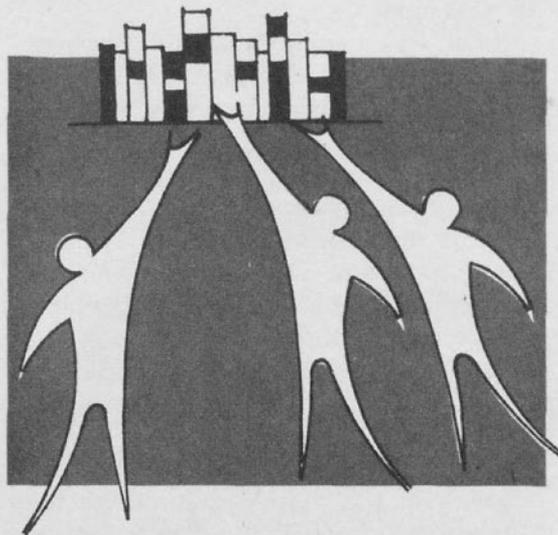
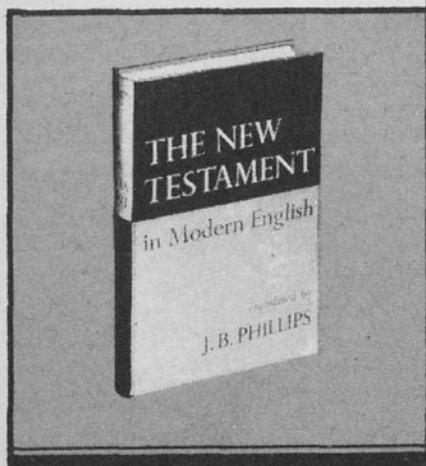
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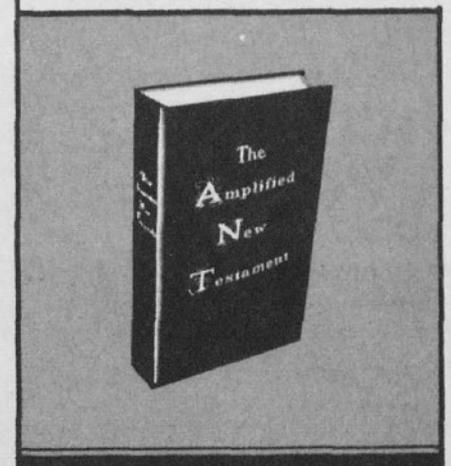
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# God Spared Our Baby

BY S/SGT. FRANK A. GREEN

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**O**N AUGUST 28, JUST AFTER WE HAD finished our evening meal, I decided to wash the family car. What happened in the next couple of minutes could have been a catastrophe if it had not been for the mercy of the Lord.

I had started to back the car out of the carport when two of our small children came out of the house in front of the car. I told them to go out on the lawn where I could see them. Watching them, I backed the car, but I did not see Paul, our year-old baby, who had come out of the house behind the other two children. He followed the car as I backed it up. Then as I moved it ahead about four feet I felt a little bump. Dennis, who is three, cried, "Daddy, that was Pauly!"

The car had knocked him down and the right front wheel had run across his back.

My wife Gracie came out of the house and tried to pick the little fellow up, but he was still pinned under the wheel and I had to drive the car ahead in order to free him.

We first took little Paul to the Fairfield Hospital. He was not crying and he acted as if he wanted to go to sleep. Although I had drifted from God, both Gracie and I were praying desperately that God would spare the child.

The doctor at Fairfield suggested that since I was stationed at Travis Air Force Base we should take him to the base hospital eight miles away. We prayed all the way.

As soon as the doctor at the base hospital examined Paul, he sent for Dr. Richard Hood (Major) who is

one of the best chest specialists in the country. Meanwhile X rays and blood tests were made.

No one told us at the time but we learned later that the doctor who admitted the baby to the hospital did not expect him to live through the night. They said the baby had five fractured ribs and a punctured lung, which they were afraid would collapse. They were prepared for an emergency operation if necessary.

Paul was placed in an oxygen tent and a nurse assigned to watch him for any change. They suggested that we call a chaplain.

My wife tried to call our minister, D. E. Parks, pastor of the Assembly of God in Fairfield, but was unable to contact him. Next she called our Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Tingle, and although it was past 10 p.m. Mrs. Tingle called other members of the church and they banded together in prayer.

Shortly afterwards the pastor and a member of the church came out to the hospital and prayed for Paul. As we prayed I could feel the presence of God in that room.

About 3 a.m. Paul showed a remarkable improvement. Dr. Hood said it was a miracle and added that it must have been the Lord's will for the baby to live.

Another doctor who looked at Paul the next day told me he didn't see how I could have run all the way over the baby without hurting him a lot more than I did.

By Sunday the baby was able to go home. However, he was kept until the following Tuesday as the hospital does not release anyone on weekends or holidays and Monday was Labor Day.

Paul was a little weak at first but after the first couple of days he was running around the house as if nothing had happened. Thanks be to God.

This experience brought me back to

fellowship with God. About two years ago I started staying home from the church services to "take care of the youngsters so that they would not be bothering other people." I gradually lost contact with Christian people and started drifting into the world. I remember thinking about these things on the way to the hospital and during the long hours of waiting.

Now that Paul is home and we know that he is going to be all right, I am thankful for this experience by which God has brought me back to Himself.

*(Endorsed by D. Edward Park, pastor of the Assembly of God in Fairfield, California. Brother Park says the child was miraculously healed and he has been perfectly well since.)*

## Assemblies Urged to Expand Mission Work in Africa

Dr. George Mabile, executive director of the Evangelical Federation of French West Africa and Togo, has called on the Assemblies of God to double the number of missionaries serving these areas by 1960. Expansion of the mission work by evangelicals is a must if the area is to be reached, Dr. Mabile emphasized.

Expressing the challenge in figures, Dr. Mabile requested the Assemblies of God to increase its 43 missionaries in French West Africa to 86 by 1960



Dr. George Mabile

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Significant photos may be submitted. Kindly ask your pastor to endorse your testimony with his signature; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

to keep pace in the overall increase requested of evangelical missionaries in the area from 520 to 1,000.

During a recent trip to the United States, Dr. Mabile visited Assemblies of God churches and spent several days in Springfield conferring with Foreign Missions Director Noel Perkin. He pointed out that expansion of the work of the denomination in French West Africa is desired not only by the Evangelical Federation but by the High Commissioner of French West Africa as well.

Soon after accepting the position of government minister for Overseas French Territories, Cornut Gentille asked Dr. Mabile to request evangelical denominations to increase their efforts in French West Africa. In a letter to the director of the Evangelical Federation, Mr. Gentille called evangelical missionaries "artisans of the work of civilizing and emancipating the people under the French flag."

The French minister of territories asked the Evangelical Federation to convey his feelings of gratitude for faithfulness of the missionaries. As a result of Mr. Gentille's interest, the High Commissioner of French West Africa requested Dr. Mabile to visit the United States to confer with mission boards on behalf of the missionary work in Africa.

"I have been asked to present the high appreciation of the French authorities for the faithful and effective labors of our missionaries. As executive director of the Evangelical Federation, I was also asked to press on the churches of America and Europe to send more missionaries to that part of the continent of Africa while the door is still open and while African governments are still friendly," Dr. Mabile told the Foreign Missions Department.

"The door of French West Africa is wide open. What a challenge to our Christian communities of America and Europe," Dr. Mabile stated.

The missions official indicated that governments of Senegal, Sudan, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Nigeria, Dahomey, and Togoland are thankful for the help of the evangelical missionaries to their people.

Wherever you ripe fields behold,  
Waving to God their sheaves of gold,  
Be sure some corn or wheat has died,  
Some soul has there been crucified;  
Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed  
And fought hell's legions undismayed.



### Local P. F. N. A. Chapters Organized in Southern California

Furthering and strengthening the fellowship among Pentecostal churches in Southern California, membership charters were presented to three local chapters in the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America by that association's national secretary, Dr. Howard P. Courtney, at a breakfast in Los Angeles recently.

These three groups (who often work and cooperate together as a unit in large area projects) had applied for membership as local chapters of the P.F.N.A. shortly before the World Conference in Toronto, Canada. The applications were considered

by the Board of Administration and unanimously and enthusiastically approved.

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