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Dying for Love

There is a gospel song which says, "The world is dying for a little bit of love." Each time we see a newspaper and read of "man's inhumanity to man" we are reminded that this is so. Hearts are starving for affection. God placed in all of us a desire to love and be loved, and He meant that desire to be fulfilled, but the devil has spread so many germs of selfishness, greed, suspicion, and ill will that humanity is sick unto death. All the crime, strife, and trouble of every kind are symptomatic outbreaks of the disease of sin which destroys love.

A "patent medicine" to combat this disease is offered by men who are untaught in the Word. They say, "You are a child of God. Act like one. Treat all men as your brothers. Love one another and you will conquer the disease of sin and produce the kingdom of God on earth." These "quack doctors" who preach "the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God" are violating the clear teaching of the Bible. The New Testament does not teach that all men are brothers in a spiritual sense. We do have a common Creator and we all sprang from Adam but God does not recognize all of us as His children. The New Testament says that God's children are those who have repented of their sins, have received Christ as their Saviour, and are "born again" by the Holy Spirit. It says that all others are "children of the wicked one."

Next month the nation will observe Brotherhood Week and many will be talking about "the brotherhood of man." The term is unfortunate. The need of brotherhood is very apparent but it is deceptive and cruel to ask men and women to show brotherly love without giving them the full gospel of God's redeeming love. For none of us can produce real love of ourselves. We are selfish by nature. We violate God's law of love because we are sinners at heart. Therefore God gave us a mighty demonstration of divine love by sending His only begotten Son to die as our Redeemer. By so doing He showed that the love He wants us to have is an unselfish love that seeks the good of others rather than of self. This love, though foreign to human nature, is available to all who will accept His Word and thus partake of His divine nature.

The only way to achieve real brotherhood is to preach the old-fashioned gospel. What can wash away the sin that blights human hearts and kills love? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can change hardened, selfish sinners into good, kind, and considerate citizens? Nothing but the New Birth.

But preaching alone will not do it. There must be practicing. We need more of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. The world is dying for a little bit of real love. The outworking of God's love in the lives of God's people would solve the problems of society today.

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MAY WE EXPECT A

GREAT REVIVAL?



The fact that God is reviving His work among His people in many places indicates His desire to send revival everywhere.

By JAMES STEWART

THERE ARE MANY SINCERE SAINTS of God who believe that the days of revival are past. They base their assertions on the scripture that "in the last days perilous times shall come," when there will be a wholesale departure from the faith. They admit that the gospel has lost none of its power to save, and that here and there a few souls will be gathered in, but they believe there will be no more great outpourings of the Holy Spirit before the rapture of the Church. This being so, they argue that it is completely out of harmony with the plan and purposes of God for the Church to pray for and expect a mighty revival. Such teaching has wrought incalculable harm to a sub-normal church and encouraged sleeping saints in their indolence when they ought to be claiming the promises of God for awakening in their midst.

It is true that one sees evidences of the denial of the faith all about him. Many are preaching "another gospel." Yet, in spite of all this, we assert that the day of miracles is not past. As long as the blessed Holy Spirit, Himself the great standing miracle, abides and works on the earth, the Church's potential is the same as it was in the Apostolic days. Our divine *Paraclete* has never been withdrawn, and He still waits to work gloriously through clean, obedient vessels.

The late Robert C. McQuilkin left us this warning: "Let us not limit God in His working, and let us not fail to be ready for new and great outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the closing days of this age. For the days are upon us when nothing shall avail to break through the overwhelming power of the enemy, except supernatural power beyond what most Christians have known anything about. If the Church was supernaturally blessed of God at its birth, who will say that, in the closing days of its witness here on earth before its translation, it will not be blessed in even a mightier way?"

The very fact that God is sending local revival in different parts of the world in answer to the heart-longing of His people surely renders false the doctrine that He does not purpose to send revival in these last days. If God is reviving His work and His people in other places, then why not in *your* church, *your* city, *your* area?

The greatest reason for my belief that God wants to send revival in these days has to do with His plans and purposes for the lives of His redeemed ones. No parent would be satisfied to have his children chronically in poor health. It would indeed be startling, upon asking a father concerning the health of his children, to hear him say, "Most of the time my children are weak and sickly, but that doesn't matter, because for a few weeks each year they come back to normal and are rather healthy." Far less can our Father be content for one moment to see His Church anything less than holy and powerful, living in vital communion

with Himself, according to His purpose. A sub-normal and backslidden church is an insult and disgrace to a holy, powerful God.

THE CONDITIONS ARE CLEAR

Let any group of believers who wonder whether God wants to bless them in a deeper, fuller way go aside and fast and pray in faith according to the divine formula as outlined for us in the prophecy of Joel: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar" (Joel 2:15-17).

Without a shadow of doubt, if God's people will meet His conditions in this way and for this cause, He will send them times of revival (Joel 2:18-26). This passage predicts a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit in the last days before the rapture. On the Day of Pentecost Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." What Peter was intimating was, "This Pentecost is only a foretaste; the great fulfillment of Joel's words are yet to come. There is to be a greater Pentecost, of which this is only the first few drops that precede the abundant rain."

The pages of Holy Writ abound with challenging statements direct from the Throne, which ought to drive us to

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The Judgment Seat of Christ

RUTH COPELAND

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH not only will signal our presentation at the wedding supper of the Lamb but will also be our summons to the judgment seat of Christ. For those whom He takes to be forever with Him it is inescapable. He must scrutinize our works—He must analyze our every attitude and motive in the light of His omniscience.

It is the highest court to which the Christian will ever go. From that judgment there can be no appeal. Our position and glory in heaven will be determined by what comes to light in that judgment. "We must ALL appear

before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

"Therefore, judge nothing before the time until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God" (1 Corinthians 4:5).

Our conversion and our reward for service are two separate matters. "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). Salvation is the free gift of God to those who believe upon the crucified Redeemer. But, once we have begun the Christian life, our works become very important. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," is an exhortation to the born-again child of God.

God has given to each person three resources—a few years of life, a combination of abilities, and a set of circumstances. These are never the same for any two individuals.

There is a great variation in the length of individual lives. Some lives are drawn out decade after decade to great age; others live only a few short years. The sobering thought here is that none of us can know how long our course will be. Suddenly the angel will say, "That day you just spent was your last one!" and all our wishing will not add one more day in which to finish the work He has given us to do. God, who measures our days, will judge us accordingly. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

There is a great difference in the abilities which God has divided among us. But the gifted will not be rewarded more nor the ordinary less, on the basis of their abilities, for all abilities are gifts. God will not reward His people for gifts He has given them. He will reward all of His children for the love, faithfulness, and devotion with which they have used His gifts—whether the gifts be great or small!

We who now "see through a glass darkly" are prone to accord great honor to the gifted workers. But who but the Lord Himself is to say just what creatures of His actually bring Him the most glory? There may be some great surprises for us at the judgment seat of Christ!

There is a great variation in the circumstances of our lives. Webster defines circumstances as being "the conditions environing and affecting a person." Spiritual life and service do not always thrive on affinities. Some of God's most shining saints have served Him out of the most heartbreaking circumstances. On the other hand, some who enjoy the greatest possibilities do the least with them! When God judges His people for their works of service to Him, the Judge of all the earth will do right.

The results of that judgment are entirely dependent on our use of the resources He has given us. The poet said,

*"Common folks like you and me
Are builders of eternity!
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of
rules,
And each must build ere life has
flown
A stumbling block or a stepping
stone."*

We do not need to be ignorant of the issues involved in the judgment. We may know in advance something about how Christ will judge His people. Some precedents have been set and some principles have been laid down which we may be sure He will consistently follow. Notice a few:

(1) Some workers plant; others water; but "God giveth the increase." When the awards for winning souls are given, we may be sure that the Judge with eyes as flaming fire will have determined just where the credit rightly goes!

We are prone to give greater honor to those whose works are more readily seen. But when Christ tests the works of Christians by fire, He will reveal all the hidden ministries which have entered into the saving of souls. At that time, many of His faithful children who were unknown to men will share equally in the joyous rewards of soulwinning.

(2) God weighs the cost of our service. Jesus said of the widow who gave two mites, "She hath cast in more than they all," for it was "all the living that she had." How differently man reckons than does God! Man

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gives praise for *what* is done; God gives praise for the sacrifice that is made in the doing. It would be well to ask ourselves occasionally, "Just what does my Christian service COST me?"

(3) God considers our judgments of each other. "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7: 1). Is it not strange that, when we demand so much of others, we are often satisfied with so little in ourselves? We might moderate our judgments of each other if we realized that God has promised to measure us by the same measuring stick we used on others.

(4) Faithfulness is paramount. You

have only to search your concordance under the words "faithful" and "faithfulness" to be reminded of the value which God places upon our firm adherence to His Person, Church, and work. Over and over again He promises to reward His *faithful* servants when He comes again.

(5) Christ will consider our *motives* when He judges us. "Every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13). The works that will shine as pure gold on that day will be those that were prompted by love for Christ. The fiery revelation of judgment will reduce some life-

times of work to mere hay, wood, and stubble because they were prompted by wrong motives.

With that judgment in mind, it would be wise to ask ourselves, "Why am I doing this Christian service?" We can be sure by what Jesus said in Matthew 6:2 that some folk are receiving now, in this life, all the reward they will ever have for their work.

These precedents and principles will be sure to influence Christ's judgment of His people. There are others in the Bible.

It is time for us to forget the praise or blame of man and to live in the light of the judgment which is to come. To do so consistently will revolutionize our lives and service! ◀◀



Johnny

A boy's amazing experience . . .

FIRE by Night

By Harriet P. Wilson

TRAGEDY WAS FAR FROM THE MINDS of Roy Thornbrugh and his wife as they took their three small children for an afternoon ride on a January Sunday a year ago.

After stopping at an ancient cemetery on the Gila River Reservation near Phoenix for some time, they called the children. The two younger ones responded, but seven-year-old Johnny had wandered off and was nowhere to be found. All efforts to locate him were in vain, so Mrs. Thornbrugh decided to take the younger children home and go for help, leaving the father to continue the search.

At midnight, sheriff's deputies and Indian police were still searching, along with the parents. Danger lay everywhere—in the abandoned wells, a canal, drainage washes from the Sierra Estrella Mountains, and from wild animals. Thick brush hindered any progress except on foot.

The Phoenix newspaper reported a

low of 35 degrees. The boy was wearing a flannel shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. At home the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anderson, put the younger brother and sister to bed and tried to rest. But the strain was too great. Grandpa Anderson threw back his warm electric blanket and declared, "I can't use this when that poor child is out in the cold!"

Then he prayed, "God, You're able to warm the air around him."

Pastor L. H. Gundlach and the congregation of the South Mountain Assembly in Phoenix also prayed earnestly for the child's safety.

By early morning the search party had swelled to over a hundred. A sheriff's posse on horses and in jeeps, workers from a cotton gin, and even upper-grade Indian students from the Laveen school combed the area. Then someone discovered tracks left by the boy's tennis shoes. They were followed to the river where they abruptly dis-

appeared. The heartbroken father knelt there and prayed, "O God, if you will give us back our boy, we'll go to church and serve you."

Twenty hours after his disappearance, seven-year-old Johnny walked up to a mountain cabin some eight miles from where he had last been seen. The owner of the cabin took him to a farmhouse and called the sheriff. Soon the child was reunited with his mother, although it was two hours before the father could be reached.

Grandma Anderson gave Johnny a hot bath and got his story. "Honey, didn't you get cold last night?" she asked.

"I did till that big light shone on me," he answered.

"How high was the light?"

"Higher than the airplane."

"Did you wake up in the night?"

"Yes, but that warm light shone down on me and pushed me right back to sleep."

"How did you cross the river?"

"On cement blocks."

There is no other explanation than that supernatural help was given to the child as he crossed the river and spent the night comfortably in spite of near-freezing temperatures. It was God's gracious answer to prayer.

Mrs. Thornbrugh says, "Our family studied all summer of Moses and the children of Israel, and of their journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan. God led them by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The cloud would cool them in the daytime and the fire would warm them in the dark. *Isn't God the same today?*" ◀◀



THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

BY P. C. NELSON



PART THREE: MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

MAN WAS CREATED GOOD AND UPRIGHT, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." But man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

This twofold subject is too large for adequate treatment here. The most we can do is to amplify the above brief statement and to indicate profitable lines of study:

1. MAN WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, good and upright, and endowed with intelligence, conscience and will, so that he could hold dominion over all living things on earth and exercise free choice (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:4-8).

2. THIS RICH ENDOWMENT OF INTELLIGENCE, CONSCIENCE, AND WILL LIFTED MAN FAR ABOVE THE ANIMAL CREATION, and into fellowship with God. Man's power to choose between good and evil involved the possibility of choosing disobedience and evil instead of obedience and good. His intelligence made him fully responsible for all his acts (Luke 12:47, 48; Joshua 24:15).

*The first paragraph of the article is a quotation from the Statement of Fundamental Truths adopted by the Assemblies of God.

3. THE DEVIL IN THE FORM OF THE SERPENT RAISED A DOUBT IN THE MIND OF EVE AS TO THE VERACITY OF GOD. "Yea, hath God said?" was the first question ever asked, and our question mark resembles the serpentine coil. "Ye shall not surely die"—a flat contradiction of God's decree (Genesis 3:1-4); "for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil"—a reflection on the goodness of God. Eve was enticed by these smooth words and by the inviting appearance of the fruit; she ate and gave her husband and he ate (Genesis 3:5, 6). Thus runs the brief historical statement of the fall of man.

4. THE FALL OPENED THE FLOODGATES OF SIN AND SORROW AND SICKNESS AND DEATH UPON THE HUMAN FAMILY. "Unto the woman he [God] said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of

it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:16-19).

5. ALL HISTORY AND THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE AND INTELLIGENCE BEAR WITNESS TO THE UNIVERSAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN.

By depravity we mean that man's moral, mental, and spiritual natures have been perverted and distorted by the fall. Instead of loving holiness, unregenerate man has a vicious bent toward sin and evil, and only the grace of God can overcome this evil nature, by making him a "new creature" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Greek word translated "creature" is significant. The literal meaning is "creation." Moffatt, in his free translation, renders it thus: "There is a new creation whenever a man comes to be in Christ: what is old is gone, the new has come."

The word "depravity" comes to us from the Latin, and its root meaning is "crooked, distorted, twisted out of shape," and from that it comes to mean "morally bad, wicked." God made man "good and upright." The devil came in and ruined, spoiled, defiled the beautiful work of God, and man became a degenerate, depraved being, unlike man in his original state.

This depravity affects man's mental or intellectual nature, which has been perverted, so that men became "vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:21, 22). They became men of a "reprobate mind" and "without understanding" (Romans 1:28, 31). Men have lost the power of distinguishing good from evil, and some have descended below the level of brutes and "glory in their shame" resembling the waters of the restless sea, "casting up mire and dirt" (Isaiah 5:20; 57:20).

The unregenerate state of man is portrayed with photographic precision in Romans 3:9-18.

6. THIS DEPRAVITY TOUCHES MAN'S WHOLE BEING—HIS MENTAL, MORAL, SPIRITUAL, AND PHYSICAL NATURES. It is absolutely universal. "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who

are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19). Man as we know him is not evolved from the animals but he came perfect from the hands of God, and is a depraved, degenerate creature, estranged from God, and in sin and rebellion, under the just condemnation of a holy God.

7. CHRIST OUR REDEEMER WAS TEMPTED IN ALL POINTS AS WE ARE (Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15). He paid the full price of our ransom (Matthew 20:28), became the propitiation for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2), was made sin for us, though He was sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21), and by His sacrificial death made a full atonement for all our sins (Romans 5:6-21; Ephesians 1:7).

8. MAN'S SIN AND SHAME AND GOD'S REDEEMING GRACE ARE THE SUM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE BIBLE. As man's iniquity is unfathomable, so is God's grace: "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20).

We praise God that the divine plan of redemption reaches the lowest sinner, and lifts the believer into a life of victory, happiness, holiness, and eternal bliss, and that it extends to spirit, soul and body, and even to nature, which came under the curse of sin (Genesis 3:7-19).

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:19, 20). ◀◀

Trust yourself to God, no matter who you are. He can make something out of you no matter what or where you are. He'll find you. He found many in a desert land. He led them out, He instructed them, He kept them as the apple of His eye, because He loved them. He can do that for you, if you let Him.
—T. F. Mayer



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What do people mean when they say, "Give your heart to Jesus"?

To give the heart to Jesus means to give one's love, one's life, one's all to Him. When a young woman gives her love to the young man of her choice, she gives to him her all. It is like this when we give our hearts to Jesus.

* * *

What is the sinner's prayer?

The sinner's prayer is not made of words only. It is the cry of the soul seeking peace with God. The publican prayed it in the words, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Zacchaeus demonstrated it in action when he confessed his willingness to make restitution: "If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold." When the repentant sinner prays in faith, God will answer through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* * *

May all believers expect to be taken up in the rapture, or will only a select company be taken?

The coming of Christ for the Church is our "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). In 1 Timothy 1:1 we read that our Lord Jesus Christ is "our hope." While it is well to emphasize the need for careful living and overcoming, it would be wrong to rob God's children of their hope through injecting fear and doubt along this line. A person is an overcomer if he lives for God in his everyday life. But at all times we must be sure that our hope is in our Lord Jesus and His grace, rather than in some experience or accomplishment of our own.

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It seems that in Bible days lots were often cast to ascertain the will of the Lord (Acts 1:26). Can we depend upon such a method when we are seeking God for the choice of a pastor or church officers?

Only God is infallible. Casting lots was a common practice among the Jews, as it was also among other people.

While the Jews determined many things by lot, they recognized that when they had done the best they knew they still must trust that the Lord would direct them. "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."

Our church decisions are usually made after the members have prayed for guidance and have voted by secret ballot. I think the purpose is much the same as casting lots. We trust that the Lord's will has been expressed in the majority vote; so we accept the decision and proceed accordingly.

* * *

Please explain the verse, "And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48).

This scripture is one of the strongholds of the Calvinists, who seek to prove that man's destiny is foreordained. They say that in eternity past God decided to create men, to determine their fall, to provide a Redeemer, and to choose some to election and all others to damnation. Moreover, according to this theory, God would predetermine every move of every life. Then, when life is over, He would cast the sinners into hell "according to His glorious justice."

This doctrine I cannot accept. I prefer to believe that those ordained to eternal life are those who have met the divine requirements concerning salvation. There are many scriptures which teach the responsibility of men; for this reason I cannot accept a doctrine of fate, a fate determined by divine decree before the world was. I believe it lies within the power of every individual to make a free choice, and I believe the Scriptures teach it is their privilege to be saved if they so desire.

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

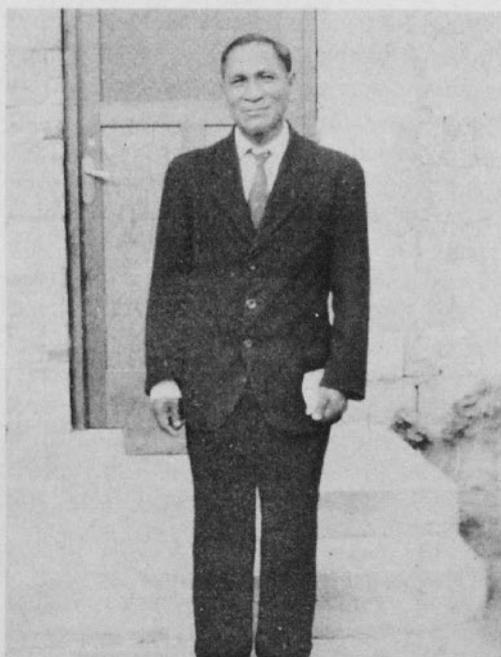
THE MAN WITH THE BIBLE

BY WALTER E. ERICKSON, PERU



IN THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF TAMBO, above the town of Huaylas in the Peruvian Andes, lives a man who was converted while on a trip to the capital city of Lima. He is a tireless walker; it gives him great pleasure to fill his pockets with tracts and go from village to village giving them out to whoever will receive them and listen to his testimony of the peace he found in the Lord Jesus.

One day while wandering he came to a humble Indian hut and found a man sitting on the floor reading a Bible. A short time later, knowing nothing about the incident, I sent several of our national preachers on a trip into the north country. There they met the intrepid tract distributor who told them about the Indian with the Bible. He begged them to visit him. It was quite a trip by foot; nevertheless they went and found him sitting, as usual, in front of his little house



Santiago Moreno, "the man with the Bible," as he appeared while attending our Assemblies of God Bible School.

reading the Bible. The man was Santiago Moreno.

Eight years previous, he told them, he had purchased a Bible from someone for a pittance. This Bible was originally sold no doubt by our veteran missionary, Forrest G. Barker, when he lived in this territory. At any rate, when Santiago came into possession of the Bible he was a dissolute drunkard. He reasoned that since he had spent good money on the purchase of the Book he ought to read it. He read that Book for eight years and it was beginning to fall to pieces. Little by little he realized that his desire for liquor was leaving him, and instead of being a sickly, drunken wretch he was becoming a healthy man with a hunger after the things of God.

Several weeks later the national ministers returned with an exciting story about the man with the Bible and begged me to visit him. They discovered that Santiago had so many deep, searching questions that they were unable to answer him and promised to get the missionary in touch with him. Would I visit him? That is what we are here for, so after traveling part way by truck and a short distance by train we climbed the rest of the distance by foot. Late in the afternoon we arrived at his humble little hut and found him, as usual sitting out in front reading his Bible. This seemed to be his only pastime.

One of the first things he asked me was concerning water baptism. He had read in the Book that "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He said, "It was not possible for me to believe when I was baptized as a baby." He wanted to know more about it and asked if I would be willing to baptize him.

"Are you married?" I asked. This is a common question since so many

people here take a companion without bothering to marry her.

"Yes," he told me, "this lady is my wife."

Neither of them had ever been in a gospel service, but both seemed to be genuinely saved through reading the Bible. I told them that if they wanted to accompany us back to the river we would baptize them the following day.

"There is a ditch running back of the house," he suggested hopefully. "Maybe we could make a small baptismal tank and be baptized right here?"

And so it was agreed. We talked on into the night of the things of God, and solved many of the problems which had puzzled him as he pored over the pages of the Bible.

The next morning they had arranged a tiny baptismal tank with not more than a foot and a half of water. Members of his family were the only people present but he testified of the saving power of the Lord Jesus as though ten thousand persons were there. His wife didn't speak Spanish, but in the Quechua Indian tongue she testified with the same fervor before being immersed.

"Now that I am baptized in water," he said, "it is up to me to do something for my neighbors." Accordingly, he went up to the little village above his place and started to hold meetings. It is hard to imagine what kind of gospel services he must have held, never having been in a service himself. Whatever methods he used, the results were excellent and a few months later he came down to a regional convention with thirteen converts.

Santiago Moreno is an old man now. He spent several years in Bible School and while there put on shoes for the first time in his life. He returned to his little village in the heart of the Andes, built a simple church, and is now helping his people to live for God.

Echoes of Praise From PARAGUAY

By Leonard and Betty Emory

OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO rejoice along with our Paraguayan brethren these past few months as we have seen the progress in the work here.

In August the main church in Asuncion finally got its first national pastor. A home for the pastor and his family is being supplied by a recently converted elderly woman. She has willed her home and property to the church in exchange for one room there and for care of her during her declining years. This was the hand of God, for property is very high here and the people are generally very poor.

In October we found a building that would be suitable for the main church, just two and a half blocks away from

this home. Previously we had rented a hall which was very expensive. The brethren were thrilled at the prospect of having their own building—but where would the \$3,000 come from? Superintendent Paul Hutsell wrote to the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, giving a detailed report and appeal. A few days later the answer came that \$3,000 had been sent to the department to be used for just such a project. It was granted to Paraguay. How we all rejoiced together! Now the brethren are busy converting the building into a church, meanwhile they are worshipping in it with more people attending.

In November we obtained a large loan to buy property on the outskirts of town for two missionary residences and a Bible School. This property cost between two and three dollars less a meter than all other property looked at, and it is far more beautiful. Surely God had already picked the spot and was waiting for us to find it. Before long the legal aspects will be settled and we can begin building the resi-

dences. The sooner we move in the more quickly we can begin paying back the loan, for we pay high rent at present.

Brother Aranda, pastor at Coronel Bogado, and Brother and Sister Medina have just returned from Buenos Aires to take over their work. We are happy that Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stawinski will soon be arriving. Mr. Stawinski spent one term in Paraguay some years ago.

Thank God for the way He has opened doors here. Now we are waiting upon Him for a real Holy Spirit outpouring which this city and land have never experienced. We ask your prayers. Pray also for the first Bible School term which we plan to begin in April, even though we will not as yet have a regular Bible School building.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7).

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Benintendi returned to their work in Formosa November 29, and word has since been received that they have arrived safely.



The Garland Benintendi family

The John J. Friesen family returned to the Belgian Congo on December 1 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Nyien and children sailed for Hawaii on December 4. They will spend some time there before going to Malaya.

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Marie Juergensen has arrived in Japan. Her address is 64-6 Chome Takinogawa Kita-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Wright have a new son, Mark Elwyn, born in India the latter part of November.



Mr. and Mrs. John Friesen and children

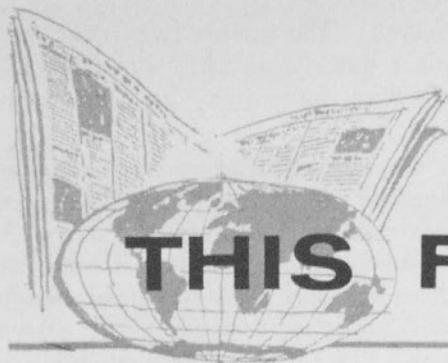


Mr. and Mrs. David Nyien and children

Church Participation In Missionary Giving

October 1958

District	Total Church	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Montana	65	63	97%
2. N. Dakota	49	45	92%
3. S. Dakota	49	44	90%
4. Kansas	165	145	88%
5. Nebraska	79	69	87%
6. Wis.-N. Mich.	136	117	86%
7. New Jersey	99	85	86%
8. Minnesota	147	124	84%
9. Rocky Mtn.	126	104	83%
10. Michigan	176	143	81%
11. S. N. England	62	49	79%
12. Potomac	180	142	79%
13. Northwest	273	215	79%
14. N. Calif.-Nev.	332	261	79%
15. W. Florida	138	108	78%
16. Tennessee	100	78	78%
17. West Central	224	174	78%
18. S. Idaho	57	44	77%
19. S. California	383	295	77%
20. N. N. England	56	43	77%
21. S. Missouri	333	255	77%
22. Ohio	180	137	76%
23. Oregon	200	152	76%
24. Wyoming	37	28	76%
25. Illinois	220	166	75%
26. Eastern	262	197	75%
27. W. Texas	128	94	73%
28. New Mexico	77	56	73%
29. Mississippi	94	68	72%
30. New York	162	117	72%
31. S. Florida	168	121	72%
32. Indiana	157	108	69%
33. N. Carolina	78	53	68%
34. Appalachian	71	45	63%
35. Oklahoma	496	314	63%
36. Louisiana	152	96	63%
37. Arkansas	443	263	59%
38. N. Texas	513	301	59%
39. S. Texas	266	154	58%
40. Alabama	257	147	57%
41. Kentucky	67	38	57%
42. Georgia	134	70	52%
43. Arizona	88	45	51%
44. S. Carolina	51	22	43%



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Schools

BIBLE READING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPHELD

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, testified before three federal judges hearing an injunction suit over the practice of reading the Bible and repeating the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

The suit was brought by Unitarian parents who contend the practice is unconstitutional. Dr. Weigle defended the practice, saying that in addition to helping to perpetuate high ideals that have become a part of the American way of life, Scripture reading has educational value in that it relates to "the experience of people who discovered the nature of God."

The 78-year-old Bible scholar said there is "nothing sectarian" in the Lord's Prayer. "Everything in the prayer has parallels in the Jewish Scriptures," he said.

84 PER CENT OF MINNESOTA SCHOOL SYSTEM PARTICIPATE IN RELEASED-TIME PROGRAMS

Eighty-four per cent of Minnesota's public school systems participate with local churches in weekday religious education programs, according to a recent survey. Nearly all of these programs are conducted on a released-time basis, one hour a week.

The survey also revealed that distribution of Gideon Bibles is allowed in 42 per cent of the state's school systems, and 74 per cent of the systems permit school observances of religious holidays such as Christmas and Easter.

Denominations

LUTHERANS GATHER REFORMATION MATERIALS

Dr. Ernest G. Schwiebert, executive director of the Foundation for Reformation Research, announced that search has begun for 16th century Reformation documents which will be micro-filmed and deposited in a special library to be established at Concordia

Theological Seminary. He said the Reformation materials currently are being gathered from the Library of Congress, the Wartburg Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, and the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana. The Aid Association for Lutherans, an insurance organization, has granted \$75,000 toward the cost of building a Reformation library.

CHICAGO CHURCH LEADERS PLAN BIG EXPANSION

In the next twenty years the Chicago metropolitan area will require 900 new Protestant churches at a cost of \$600,000,000, according to an estimate of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Dr. John A. Gardner, federation official, linked the estimate with a projected campaign to win a million new members for Chicago's Protestant churches by 1975. He termed the drive "an all-out effort to counteract the city's Protestant deficit." The membership campaign is scheduled to begin next spring with a city-wide visitation evangelism program with some 7,000 lay men and women calling on 100,000 unchurched people.

Missions

AUCA MEN SHOW CHANGE OF HEART

According to the latest word from Ecuador, four Auca men accompanied Rachel Saint and Betty Elliot when they returned to their mission stations after an extended stay in the Auca jungle territory. The group included Dabu, who is apparently a leader in the Auca village.

This is the first time adult Auca men have made a friendly visit to a mission station. The group that previously visited the Arajuno station and invited the missionaries to their village consisted of women and children.

The four men brought an interesting gift to Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilot Johnny Keenan: one of their barbed hardwood lances. They said it was the last lance they were going to make. Then Dabu admonished pilot Keenan by saying, "You be careful with that and don't kill anybody. You can kill an animal; but don't kill anybody."

Evidently the gospel has wrought a great change in the thinking of these Auca savages, some of whom killed five missionaries only three years ago.

NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE NOT TO AFFECT MISSIONARIES

The Moslem Premier of Northern Nigeria, Alhaji Ahmadu, gave assurance recently that the work of Christian missionaries will not be curtailed when the country becomes independent in October 1960. He gave the guarantee at a meeting held in Lagos (at his own request) with officials of the Sudan Interior Mission, the largest Christian agency working in Moslem areas of Nigeria.

The Premier paid tribute to the work of the missionaries and said they would continue to be welcomed.

Having long occupied the position of Sarduna, or ruler, of Sokoto province, Premier Alhaji Ahmadu reflects Moslem opinion in the predominantly Islamic north where the Mission has 547 missionaries.



The regional government meanwhile has issued a declaration of tolerance, stating that it "does not intend to place any curb on the religious activities of missionaries or their right to receive converts from among other religions."

PAGAN RELIGIONS MAKING COMEBACK

The pagan religions of Africa and Asia are making an "astonishing" comeback, Dr. Andrew S. Burgess of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, reported on his return from a year-long round-the-world trip.

He said that non-Christian religions have taken the tactics of the Christian church in their fight for survival and expansion.

In Buddhist schools, he revealed, children sing, "Buddha loves me, this I know," and added that other hymns in which the name of the idol replaces that of Christ are also becoming common.

In parts of Africa, new movements back to witchcraft and ancestor-worship were reported to Dr. Burgess by missionaries, but he said, "It appears that the bitterest opponent of Christ in Africa is not the witch doctor, powerful though he be, but Islam."

Miscellaneous

POLISH PARENTS REAR CHILDREN BY RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

A poll conducted among Polish radio listeners disclosed that the majority of those questioned prefer to bring up their children according to religious principles and not Communist or socialist "ethics." The parents, according to the Warsaw Radio, gave as their reason for preferring religious training the fact that it rendered their children less likely to become juvenile delinquents, engage in immoral conduct, or become drunkards.

One listener was quoted as saying: "Do not muddle our heads with Communist ethics. Before the war we had no Communist or socialist ethics, yet our children and youth were much better behaved than under Communist rule."

HUMAN SACRIFICE TRADITION CONFIRMED

In the excavated ruins of Carthage an ancient temple of Molech has been found. The tradition that babies were offered in human sacrifice to Molech has been confirmed by the discovery of hundreds of urns containing the ashes of children.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

A ROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR HAS BEEN COMPLETED by two Assemblies of God executives -- J. Roswell Flower, general secretary, and Bert Webb, an assistant general superintendent. They returned to Springfield, Missouri, after traveling approximately 30,000 miles in two months. The executives reported to the Foreign Missions Board on their conferences with the missionaries in India and other lands.

A PROJECT TO CURB JUVENILE DELINQUENCY has been launched by the Parent-Teacher Association at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The project calls for placement of illustrated copies of the Ten Commandments in the city's public schools. Idea for the plan was fostered by Judge Charles F. Greevy and a special committee that studied juvenile problems.

THE GIDEONS PASSED ANOTHER MILESTONE in their illustrious Bible crusade last month when they presented a beautiful red copy of the Word of God to the Morton House Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was the 40,000,000th copy of the Scriptures to be placed by the organization and the occasion was marked by an appropriate ceremony.

SINCE THE REPEAL OF THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT twenty-five years ago, crimes related to drinking have increased 28.6 per cent. A total of \$181.9 billion has been spent by the American public on alcoholic beverages since 1933 which is more than twice the amount we have spent on schools.

"PRAY FOR PEACE" STAMP CANCELLATIONS were used in more than 1,400 U. S. post offices during the past Christmas season. Under a bill passed by Congress in 1956 the slogan was to be made available to all first and second class offices, a total of more than 10,000. Postal officials at Washington, however, said they lacked funds to carry out the Congressional directive.

A BANK AT MILES, IOWA, gave cash Christmas presents to local churches last month. The bank said that instead of giving novelties to its customers it would give dollars to their churches. Each customer could decide which church would receive his Christmas dollar.

CABARETS AND DANCE HALLS WERE BANNED in an ordinance approved by the city council of Cabanatuan, P. I. The city is the first Philippine community to outlaw cabarets as public entertainment. The law was passed after civic and religious leaders joined forces in an effort to reduce juvenile delinquency and broken homes.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS RULED that Christian Churches henceforth must use two calendars to register births, marriages and deaths. The Saka calendar which starts from 78 A. D., the accession date of an Indian emperor, must be used as well as the usual Gregorian calendar.

YOUTHS MAY NOW BUY THEIR WAY OUT OF RED CHINA for about \$200.00 according to a Nationalist Central News Agency report. Formerly they were prohibited from leaving because their labor was needed, but the Peiping regime has ruled that a youth may exit from the mainland if he donates about \$200.00 worth of farming tools "to work in his place."

HELP WANTED!



BY OTTILIE S. LAGAN

TODAY, PERHAPS MORE THAN EVER before, the help of parents is needed and wanted by Christian teen-agers. While they do not feel that they can conscientiously attend many of the worldly social activities sponsored by schools or classes, they do need wholesome recreation of some sort. The problem is more acute in rural areas and in small towns or villages.

Parents can help a great deal. They can either get together and plan recreational activities for their young people or do it individually. A few years ago a minister's wife in Richmond, Maine, gave parties for Christian and other teen-age young people on the nights when there were school dances. They were interesting parties with plenty of good, clean fun in games, stunts, music, etc. These parties attracted some unsaved teen-agers who were surprised to find it possible to have fun at parties without dancing.

With this start, these young people formed an interdenominational high-school Christian fellowship. They had

parties, banquets, and other recreational activities, but in addition they had their own devotional meetings in which they helped and encouraged one another to stand true to Christ.

Another way we can help our teen-agers is by listening sympathetically to their problems. Because conditions have changed some since our own school days, we do not always realize how desperately the young folk need advice, help, and encouragement. We may think the problem small and laugh it off. As a result, future confidences may be withheld, and one of two things will probably happen.

Either the teen-ager may become withdrawn and introspective, or he may confide in someone else who will show some interest in his problems. If the one in whom he confides is a truly consecrated Christian, no lasting harm may result. However, there are some well-meaning people who are vitally interested in young people but who are not Christians. If such a one becomes the confidant, the results can be hazard-

ous. The teen-ager may be encouraged to participate in worldly amusements to get away from serious thoughts about his problems. Thus our young folk may become lukewarm or carnal Christians, and may even drift away from the faith.

It may seem difficult to treat some teen-age "problems" seriously; however, it helps if we think back to the time when we were the age of the one seeking help, and try to imagine our own reaction to such a problem at that time.

The amazing part in looking back is the discovery that, making allowances for some changes time has brought about, we faced the same problems. This helps us to understand how important the problem is to our teen-agers.

It is a source of deep satisfaction to have my teen-ager come to me with her problems. It is possible then for us to talk them over, pray about them together, and then with the Lord's help solve them. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

LINDA PAYS B

LINDA'S BIG YELLOW CAT, MITTS, slept in the sun every day while Linda was at school. But as soon as she opened the door the cat was there to greet her, purring and rubbing against her ankles. To Linda, no pet in all the world was quite as nice as Mitts.

But one day Mitts didn't come to greet her, even when she called. She went outdoors to search and call. Then she noticed Tim's dog barking fiercely in the yard next door. She heard Tim shouting, "Get her, Spud, get her!" Linda was there in a flash, for she saw that Tim had tied a cord around

one of poor Mitts' legs. He had fastened the cord to a tree, and now he was enjoying the fight between his dog and the cat.

"You mean boy! How could you ever be so cruel?" cried Linda as she drove the dog away and untied the cord. As soon as Mitts was free she streaked across the yard with Spud still barking after her.

Tim leaned against the tree and laughed. Linda went to find her cat.

That night at supper Linda could hardly eat. Mitts was lost; she couldn't find her anywhere. But the next day

when Linda came in from school she found her frightened kitty huddled in a corner by the porch. Gently she picked her up.

Mitts, dirty and covered with burrs, began to purr. Mother tried to help pull the burrs and mud out of the yellow fur, but it was quite a job. "I'm going to get even with that Tim. How will he like it when I do something mean to Spud?" Linda said.

"Did you know that Tim was hurt on his way to school today? He's in the hospital," said her mother quietly. "See how lonely Spud looks waiting

Praying with and for our teen-agers helps so much. The example of trust and faith will stay with them even after they become adults. How often one hears testimonies like this: "I thank God for a praying mother and dad who led me to Christ," or, "I praise the Lord for a mother who prays with me about my problems." Our prayer life often influences our children even more than what we say.

We can also be a help instead of a hindrance when the Lord is dealing with our teen-agers. It is natural to plan ahead and to be ambitious for them, but let's be careful we do not get in the Lord's way.

If our teen-ager comes home from a missionary meeting feeling that the Lord has called him to the mission field, let's keep our hands off. It may be just the reaction to the thrill of hearing a missionary speaker. On the other hand, God really may have spoken to him through that service. If so, and we oppose him, we will only be adding to the burdens that will be heavy in any case if he goes to the mission field. It is strange that people can sing, "All to Jesus I surrender," and then try to withhold their sons and daughters. Let's be ready to pray with and for our children that the Lord's will may be done, even if it crosses our own plans and wishes for them.

There are some indications of the possible calling of the Lord other than their telling us about it. At family worship about two years ago, our Sally began praying for the Ecuador and India mission fields every night. She prays for other fields too, but not nightly. This may be because we have

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there by Tim's back door. Do you think you'd be happy if you did something mean? Jesus had a better way of treating enemies than fighting them. He said we should love them."

Linda thought it over. Then she went to call Spud to feed him. Every day she fed the dog, and she found that she was much happier than if she had tried to get even. And the best part of it was that when Tim came home from the hospital they were no longer enemies. They became the best of friends.

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Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, January 19

Read: 1 Timothy 3

Learn: "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5).

For the Parent: The church is a most important institution in the world. God has given some definite instructions about it and about those who should be in charge of it. From this passage, point out some of the qualifications for church officers and their wives. Stress the idea that the church is important, and each person connected with it must give his best to the service of God and the church.

Question Time: Why must a church officer also be a good father? (v. 5) What is a qualification for a deacon's wife? (v. 11)

Tuesday, January 20

Read: 1 Timothy 4

Learn: "But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday, pointing out that this chapter complements it. It stresses the importance of Christian example in being an example both to believers and to unbelievers. It also points out the value of sound doctrine, of avoiding contentious disputes about trivialities, and of using the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Question Time: How is the Christian to be an example? (v. 12) Why do we work for God? (v. 10)

Wednesday, January 21

Read: 1 Timothy 6

Learn: "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

For the Parent: The first part of this chapter stresses the importance of Christian contentment. This includes: (1) respect for authority, vv. 1, 2; (2) respect for the words of Christ—it is pride and folly to disregard them, vv. 3-5; (3) godliness, vv. 3, 6; (4) freedom from the love of money, vv. 7-10. The latter part of the chapter (vv. 11-21) deals with things the Christian should seek after.

Question Time: What is "great gain"? (v. 6) How would you define godliness? What should the man of God flee? (vv. 9-11) What should he follow after? (v. 11)

Thursday, January 22

Read: Matthew 16:13-18; 1 Peter 2:1-8

Learn: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Peter Confesses Christ" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the passages point out: (1) the situation in which Peter's confession of Christ was made, vv. 13-15; (2) the substance of Peter's confession of faith, v. 16; (3) the subject of his confession—Christ, v. 16; (4) the source of Peter's faith, v. 17; (5) the stature of his faith—a special reward was given to him. The passage from 1 Peter emphasizes the continuance of Peter's faith.

Question Time: Why do you think Peter's confession of faith is so important?

Friday, January 23

Read: Genesis 6:8-22; 7:17-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil" (Proverbs 1:33).

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of the Flood, pointing out: (1) the reason for it, 6:11-14; (2) the reason Noah and his family were saved 6:8; (3) the method of salvation, 6:14; (4) the method of judgment on sinners, 6:17; (5) God's faithfulness and love demonstrated to those who trusted him, 7:23. Draw a parallel showing that Christ is our "Ark."

Question Time: Why did God send the Flood? (6:11-14) Why and how was Noah saved? (vv. 8, 14)

Saturday, January 24

Read: Mark 9:14-29; 10:13-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Suffer (let) the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not" (Mark 10:14).

For the Parent: Children need to be reminded of Jesus' love for children. These two passages emphasize that love in bringing deliverance and in blessing. Review both stories. Emphasize that because Jesus loves us so, we should give ourselves completely to Him and love Him with all our hearts.

Question Time: What did Jesus say would be possible to believers? (9:23) How did Jesus react when children were brought to Him? (10:13-16)

Revival in Las Vegas

IN JUNE, 1957, CECIL M. ROBECK was called to be the pastor and help in the formation of a new church in the Twin Lakes area of Las Vegas, Nevada—an area including hundreds of new homes but no church of any kind. Revival started when nine adults and sixteen children began to work dili-

It is in the process of being remodeled to seat 225 people. They were able to purchase used upholstered opera seats through a miraculous answer to prayer.

The church was incorporated and chose the name of Assembly Bible Church because of the desire to emphasize it as a Bible-believing congregation.

A Boys' Choir of twenty Juniors was started, and during Christmas they were asked to sing for the *Railroad Engineers' Wives*. This large group of women then contributed to the church building fund.

The pastor and his wife have five sons, four of whom are enrolled in the nearby school. Mrs. Robeck gave each son a school class get-acquainted party. She made it a point to ask how many attended church. From one boy's class (eighth grade) there are now ten teen-agers attending the church. One Sunday a lady, long a member of another church, attended the services and was converted in the morning service. In gratitude to the Lord she has contributed liberally to the church and has given some furnishings for the parsonage.

Every house in the Twin Lakes area has now been canvassed and during recent weeks over 300 personal contacts were made for the church. As



Assembly Bible Church, Las Vegas

gently for the Lord. Everyone who entered the doors of the church was given a task.

Property consisting of one and one-half acres was purchased. Five different people tried to buy it after the church had made the down payment, although it had been vacant for some time with no one wanting it. This encouraged the group to believe that God was leading them. A 32 by 62 foot partially completed concrete block building was already on the property.



The Cecil M. Robeck family. Brother Robeck pastors the Assembly in Las Vegas.

a result, on Easter the Sunday School attendance reached 122 and the morning service 135. Each month the attendance average has increased ten. Only God can cause a work to grow like this.

One lady from a formal church wanted something more from God so she started attending the Assembly. Two weeks after her first visit she received word that her brother-in-law was dying of cancer in Washington State. She asked prayer in a Sunday morning service. God healed him and he was discharged and told to come back for a check-up after a year. This former Lutheran lady seems to have been set aflame to witness and has brought in three families and ten children.

One girl has brought ten children, all living within one block of the church. They have not missed Sunday School since they started last March. Two boys in the Junior class had never heard of John 3:16 before attending the Sunday School.

A Missionette group was organized in September, and the teen-age girls have been equipping a nursery. The C. A. group was started in February, and they have had as many as twenty-two in a single service.

The men of the church have built four new class rooms and framed and stuccoed the sides of the church. More class rooms are needed to care for the growing Sunday School. The church has been fully carpeted and a furnace and cooler have been installed.

The congregation is determined to reach as many people as possible with

URGENT! . . .

WORKERS NEEDED for Alaska Children's Homes

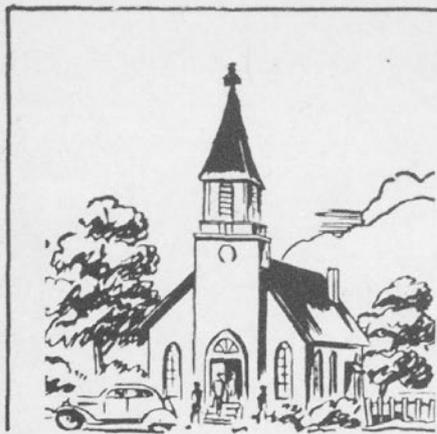
An urgent need for workers, especially consecrated women over twenty-five years of age, has arisen in the Alaska Children's Homes of the Assemblies of God. The National Home Missions Department would be happy to consider applications for appointment.

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Children at Juneau Children's Home



Reverence in God's House

By Lyle E. Curtis

THE LIBERTY IN THE SPIRIT WHICH characterizes Pentecostal services is a welcome change from the dry, ritualistic type of worship in which many of us had previously participated. This spontaneity of worship and praise should never be allowed to disappear from our midst or in any way be quenched.

We know that it is quite possible to pray and even to sing hymns of praise without worshipping. The result is that many people have attended church services for years without ever really experiencing the joy of worship. Jesus said, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4: 23, 24).

Not only is it true that no other worship satisfies God, but no other

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the gospel. Las Vegas has a population of 50,000. While there are many churches in the city (one for about every 750 people) so few of them preach the Bible as the Word of God. The ten largest and most beautiful churches in the city are Mormon, and there are six Roman Catholic churches.

During the peak of the tourist season 50,000 people a week visit Las Vegas from many parts of the world. The Assembly Bible Church is alert to the opportunity to witness to these visitors, reaching them through tracts and gospel services. Many of them visit the church during their stay and are encouraged to look up an Assemblies of God church when they return home.

kind of worship can really satisfy the worshiper. One may try to get along on the tinsel of formality, but the glory and edification that comes from wholehearted, spontaneous worship is the inspiration and stimulus that satisfies the soul.

Some mistake silence for reverence, but a gravestone may be mute and in its place without being either worshipful or reverent. Spontaneous adoration, worship, and praise from an overflowing heart is what the Lord is seeking.

There are some who mistake Pentecostal liberty in worship for irreverence, and we protest. On the other hand, we would do well to ask ourselves whether we have abused certain liberties and blessings of our informal worship. Is there not a lack of genuine reverence in some of our services? Have not folk a right to criticize us severely if they come to our churches and see us chewing gum, whispering, or even talking out loud during a service? What has this to do with freedom of *worship*? It is time for us to give attention to some things that have stumbled our visitors and encouraged irreverence.

It is well to ask the children to close their eyes and fold their hands while prayer is being offered. But when the pianist or organist moves about during prayer to take her place at the instrument or to return to her seat in the audience, is it any wonder if the eyes of the little folk are open and watching? Parents sometimes are guilty of waiting purposely until prayer time to take a little one out of the room!

Some pastors and leaders of the worship service whisper and plan for the remainder of the service during prayer. I attended a youth meeting recently where the evangelist called upon a pastor to pray, then said, "The choir

and orchestra will take their seats in the congregation while our brother leads us in prayer." I could hardly believe my ears!

If a group were to bring a petition or request to a governor, or president, or any earthly dignitary, would such disrespect be shown while the duly delegated person presented the petition? Would some of the suppliants be whispering and planning, and others walking in and out of the room, while he presented the supplication? Such disrespect would neither be allowed nor tolerated.

Do we realize whom we are petitioning when we pray?

Ushers can help solve the problem by refraining from seating anyone during prayer or Scripture reading. A few words of instruction from the pastor to a congregation may also improve the situation. Though we may not have considered this matter as vitally important, it is noticed by visitors. Our freedom of worship, which might attract them, may be overshadowed by our seeming lack of reverence. We will be held accountable for souls lost through this means as surely as if we had neglected them completely.

In addition to offending strangers in our midst, we are offending the Lord. Let us remember that when we delegate someone to present our needs to God the Father, "holy and reverend is his name." (Psalm 111:9). We should be reverent and respectful when He is entreated or worshiped, and when His Word is read. Let us remember that we worship in *His* house.

God's severe judgment fell upon the irreverent in times past. In 2 Chronicles 13:10 we read that "the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and he died before God." Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire to the Lord and they, also, "died before the Lord."

Uzziah, who went into the temple in the place of the priest to offer incense before the Lord, was stricken with leprosy for his irreverence.

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of them that are about him" (Psalm 89:7). Let us worship the Father in spirit and in truth, and obey His Word which says, "Reverence my sanctuary" (Leviticus 19:30). The Lord is "to be had in reverence" in the "assembly of the saints" (Psalms 89:7). ◀◀



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Over 600 men at the Men's Fellowship "moose meal" in War Memorial Auditorium in Turlock

Northern California Pushes Men's Fellowship

BY DON MALLOUGH

National Men's Fellowship Secretary

IN RECENT WEEKS AND MONTHS, the Men's Fellowship officers in the Northern California-Nevada District have crisscrossed that area by plane and car in a series of MF banquets. A strong emphasis has been placed on winning men to Christ, and it has paid off in the salvation of souls and in bringing to a new high the interest in Men's Fellowship and its task.

Walter T. Hanson, president, and Gunnar O. Sondeno, vice-president, have spearheaded the program with the help of many men throughout the district.

PALO ALTO

Over 400 men gathered in Palo Alto on October 28 for a tri-sectional MF



President Walt Hanson and Vice-President Gunnar Sondeno fly to all parts of Northern California in directing Men's Fellowship

banquet. The women of the Gospel Lighthouse Temple served a delightful ham dinner. Good reports and inspiring exhortations were given by Sectional Directors Leon Hays, John Quiring, and Harold Gilmer, and by Vice-President Gunnar Sondeno.

A thrilling testimony was brought by Fred Greisinger, Real Estate Commissioner for the State of California. The male sextet from Bethel Temple in San Jose, provided the music. Walter Hanson was master of ceremonies and District Superintendent Leonard Palmer led in prayer.

The rally was climaxed with a challenging message from C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME speaker. At the conclusion, twelve men accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

TURLOCK

The War Memorial Auditorium in Turlock, California, was the scene of a great Men's Fellowship banquet on November 3. It embraced the area of the North, Central, and South San Joaquin sections of the district, and 603 men were in attendance. Pastor Robert Carrington was master of ceremonies. Excellent messages were brought by Walt Hanson and Jack Kuykendall of Eugene, Oregon. About twelve men were saved.

The mayor of the city welcomed the



Speakers table at the Palo Alto rally. Left to right: Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent; F. W. Griesinger, State Real Estate Commissioner of California; C. M. Ward, Revivaltime Speaker; Walt Hanson, MF President; Gunnar Sondeno, MF Vice-President; Lewis Hurst, MF Secretary-Treasurer; and Ralph Wilkerson, Host Pastor.

visitors, and reports of sectional MF activities were given by Leon Hays, Leon Terry, and John Quiring. The district office was represented by District Superintendent Leonard Palmer. Special music was provided by the Turlock church.

An unusual feature of the meeting was the fact that a speaker of the evening, Jack Kuykendall, was also responsible for the major part of the menu. While hunting in Alaska he had killed moose and caribou, and 300 pounds of the meat was flown to Turlock for this banquet. In addition to speaking, Brother Kuykendall showed pictures of the Alaskan hunting trip that produced the meat.

SACRAMENTO

For six years Pastor Clyde Henson of Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California, has provided elk meat for his annual Men's Fellowship banquet. The big event was held on November 4 this year and over 1200 men were in attendance. The Hensons took their usual trek into Idaho and shot enough elk for the entire group. Moving pictures of the hunting trip were shown and humorous incidents and recollections were given by hunting companions of the pastor—Halgar Christofferson, Larry Smallwood, and others.

Jack Kuykendall was a guest, and he told of his Alaskan hunting trip and gave his testimony. Walt Hanson presented the district MF program. Joseph Gerhart, district secretary-treasurer, led in prayer. Music was provided by the Bethelaires and the trumpet trio of the local church under the direction of Earl Johnson.

Pastor Henson brought the evening to a close with a pointed salvation message, and twenty persons raised their hands indicating a desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

ROSEVILLE

The women of the First Assembly of



Pastor Clyde Henson and Jack Kuykendall, speakers at the Sacramento MF dinner



Over 1200 gathered for "elk stew" at the annual Men's Fellowship dinner in Sacramento

God in Roseville, where Robert Pirtle is pastor, catered an excellent dinner for the Men's Fellowship on November 5. Kenneth R. Conrad from the California Department of Wild Life showed pictures of salmon fishing in Alaska. Art Thompson, sectional MF representative, reported on the work in the Redding section.

Walt Hanson brought a gospel message challenging men to be up and at the job of winning other men to Christ. In the closing minutes of the message, one man spoke out and said, "This is for me." That remark broke the meeting wide open. Men wept before the Lord making a complete dedication of their lives to Christ to be used as soul winners.

OTHER MEETINGS

The officers of Men's Fellowship are reaching into all parts of Northern California. Recent rallies and banquets were held in Winters, where two accepted the Lord, and in Watsonville, where every man was on his knees seeking the Lord at the close of the rally.

Northern California is taking seriously the motto of Men's Fellowship, "To Enlist All Men." ◀ ◀

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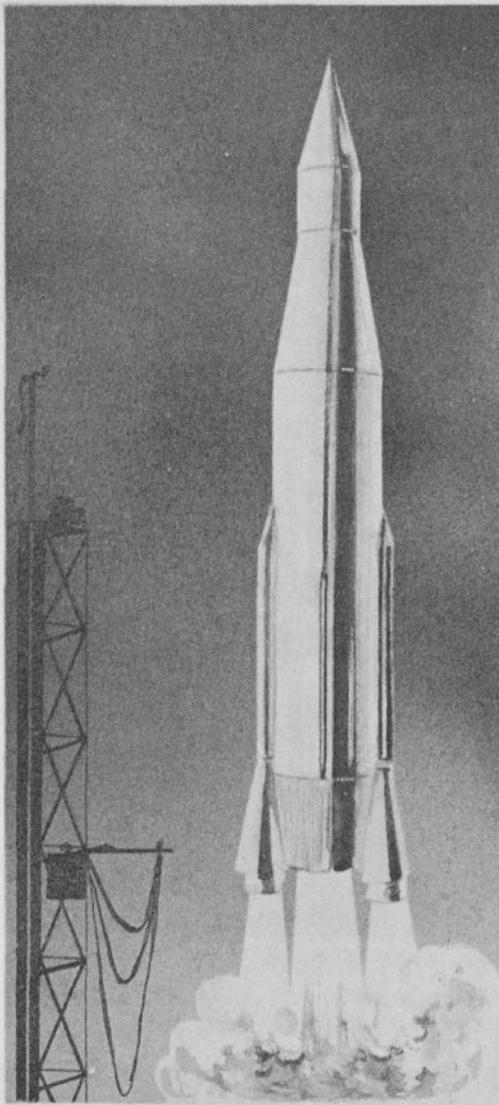
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The Last Count-Down

By G. TOM WILLEY

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT things about missiles is the firing. We call it the *count-down*. Usually we try to get this vital phase of a missile testing into a few hours and *everything* must be right.

The last few minutes of a count-down is like walking the maternity ward when your first child is born. You wonder if everything is all right. The minutes seem like hours, and you wait, and wait, and wait. It seems like years.

This is typical configuration of a

modern satellite missile or rocket: It is about sixty feet high, weighs from two to twenty tons, and probably has two or three engines. The second part contains the brain. At about seventy miles up, the brain tells the first part to blow itself off. It is traveling about 12,000 miles an hour at the time. Another engine is now started, and that continues to rise until it gets about 300 miles up. Then the end pieces and other excess baggage are blown off until only a comparatively small ball or projectile is left. This is what orbits from 500 to 2,500 miles out, at about 18,000 miles an hour, and we expect it to stay up there for anywhere from five months to 200 years. From these orbiting spheres or projectiles we accumulate scientific information.

Some have said that the man-made satellite proves there is no God. To me it proves the exact opposite. The only reason we can orbit a satellite is that God has set up some regulations and laws. The same force that keeps the stars going keeps the satellite going when it is set in its right orbit. Only when it picks up a lot of dust and develops a drag and slows itself down does it come back to earth again.

This proves one thing: that God in the beginning created the heaven and the earth, and He did it by the Word of His power. And, as we have a count-down in the missile business, God also has had many count-downs in this world. Let us consider two or three of them.

In Genesis we read how God gave Abraham a son in his old age. And then one day God said to him, "Take your son to Mount Moriah and offer him to me for a sacrifice." This truly began a count-down for Abraham.

We lost our only child, a son, at nine years of age. If God had ever said to me, "Now look, Tom, take this boy of yours and go out and offer him as a sacrifice," I am afraid I would have had to turn around and say, "I don't understand this, God, what is it? What are you saying?" But we read that Abraham took his son and started for Mount Moriah.

As they came to the last few miles, the last few minutes, the count-down was just about over. Abraham was wondering, and tense, and perhaps bothered—as we would be today. He didn't realize that God was going to intervene as He did, but he had faith. And God met him.

As those last few seconds ticked off, Abraham raised his hand to slay his

son, and then a voice from heaven said, "Stay now thine hand." Abraham had met the count-down of faith successfully. There are also times of testing in our lives, times when God is counting down for us. Let's be faithful.

Pharaoh faced a count-down because he would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt. God had dealt with him severely, but Pharaoh refused to change. Finally God said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel to put blood on the lintels and on the doorposts of their homes. Tonight the death angel is coming over." And every firstborn child in Egypt was slain that night, even to the crown prince in the royal palace, because Pharaoh had refused to listen to God; that is, every firstborn except in those families that had sprinkled the blood on their doorposts.

God had moved in on Pharaoh. There always comes a time when God moves in on Christ-rejecting nations and governments. We have seen it in the past and we will see it again. I believe that eventually God will move in on our own country unless we give heed to His Word. God is counting down.

In Daniel we read that King Belshazzar sat in his banqueting house having a wonderful party—wine, women, and song. Then suddenly the king saw a hand writing on the wall. He became frightened. None of the wise men could tell him what it said. Finally Daniel was called in to read the writing for him.

"Belshazzar," he said, "you did not heed the warning of your father. You did not listen to the God of your father. The handwriting on the wall—MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN—means this: you and your kingdom are weighed in the balances and found wanting. God is counting down on you."

Belshazzar had faced his final count-down and had failed. I believe that today God is weighing us in the balances. May He not find us wanting.

Now let us consider the most serious count-down in world history, as recorded in Matthew 27:35, 36: "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there."

The Son of God! The One who created heaven and earth; the One who put the moon 280,000 miles out there

in space; the One who set the earth up so that it travels more than six million miles a year, more than eighteen miles a second. In perfect balance it goes around. And "he was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." He walked on this earth for thirty-three years, and then men began to count down on Him. They called Him a blasphemer, and finally they arrested Him and crowned Him with thorns. Then they led Him out of the city of Jerusalem and nailed Him to a cross.

And finally we hear the last moment of the count. Then He says triumphantly, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Salvation's work was finished; God's beloved Son had atoned for sin.

They buried Him in a borrowed tomb, and three days later God picked up the count. Jesus was raised from the dead by the same power that created the heavens and the earth—the power of God. Then Jesus went away into heaven. But that was not the end. The angel said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." He's coming again, "and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him." The count

continues, and the day of His return is near.

The last few seconds in a missile count-down are very tense. You've put in many hours of work; you've tried to make everything perfect. But sometimes, in spite of everything, there is a failure.

When God sets up His judgment throne and begins the last count-down, there can be no failure. Unless we put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, all we do and all we say to save ourselves will be useless, for "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

May God in His love and mercy help you to make your decision for Christ now.

*"What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be;
Some day your heart will be asking,
'What will He do with me?'"*

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

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Help Wanted!

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friends in Ecuador and India; but, on the other hand, it may be an indication of the Lord's plan for her.

In January, 1956, came the news of the martyrdom of the five missionaries in Ecuador. Her prayers started to concentrate more and more on the Auca Indians there. Like any fond mother, I had to battle this out on my knees before the Lord. Now by His grace I can say, "Amen, Lord," even if He calls her to the dangerous ministry of being a missionary to the Aucas.

By readiness to help either by action or sympathy, we can encourage our young people to enjoy their youth and still remain true to Christ. Withholding this aid which is so desperately wanted and needed, often brings unnecessary pain. We are responsible before God for the rearing of our families for His glory. We must give them the help they

need, or like Eli of old we may live to regret our neglect in this matter.

This can even apply to parents in full-time service for Christ. A wonderful preacher and Bible teacher once confessed that his absences from home had caused his children to grow up without being really acquainted with him. He realized his mistake when it was too late to do anything about it, and saw his oldest son go into a worldly life. He was busy seeking to win others to Christ while failing his own children! This need not be the case if we put first things first. The children God has put into our homes are our first responsibility.

Today's Lesson

Today I looked at yesterday;
It did not look the same to me
As when it was tomorrow and
I dreaded its perplexity.

So now I'll trust each day to God,
No more deceived, for I have found
His grace sufficient for each day—
Today with Him is holy ground.

—Mildred Allen Jeffery



WHERE DID YOU BURY YOURS?

You know the parable of the unfaithful steward and his hidden talent as well as we do. But have you ever really thought about it in relation to your own money and property? Have you considered that the "nest egg" you have banked or invested may be buried in so far as God's work is concerned? That's right. Just as truly as if you'd wrapped it in a napkin and hidden it away!

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PETER CONFESSES CHRIST

Sunday School Lesson for January 25, 1959

MATTHEW 16:13-18; 1 PETER 2:1-8

THE QUESTIONS OF JESUS

Christ was about to break the sad news to His disciples concerning His coming sufferings and death. Before doing so, He sought to strengthen their faith and thus to fortify them by calling forth from them a positive declaration of their faith in Him.

"Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" As it was then so it is now. According to popular opinion Christ was a good man, far above the religious leaders of His day, and comparable to the great prophets such as John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. But they would not believe that He was the virgin-born Son of God!

"But whom say ye that I am?" This is an eternal question, a personal question which each of us must face, a question upon which the destiny of every man's soul depends!

PETER'S CONFSSION

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." We can hardly realize what a tremendous confession this was. It is true that John the Baptist had spoken of Christ as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It is true that Satan (Matthew 4:3) and demons (Matthew 8:29) recognized Him. But Peter was the first man, after observing at close range the life and ministry of Christ, to give such a full and complete testimony as to the nature, office, and person of Jesus. In saying what He did Peter was recognizing this Son of man as the Messiah, the Anointed One promised by the prophets of old—as the Son of David and the very Son of the Living God.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

In His reply to Peter's confession, Christ set forth some important truths:

(1) Spiritual truth is revealed by the power of the Holy Spirit to honest and open hearts and is not arrived at through intellectual perception. See also 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:6.

(2) The Church is composed of individuals called out of the world who, like Peter, recognize Christ as their personal Saviour and as the Son of God.

(3) The Church, while built upon Christ, may just as surely be said to be built upon men. The statement, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church," has been the subject of raging controversy. Some take the position that the rock of which Jesus spoke was Peter's testimony. Others believe Christ was referring to Himself. It seems to the writer that both of these interpretations render meaningless and unnatural the whole statement of Christ. The simplest explanation is that Peter was indeed the rock upon which Christ would build, and, further, that one can accept this interpretation without at all ac-

cepting all the unscriptural implications and assertions which have been drawn from it by the Roman Catholic Church. Peter was indeed the leader of the first church and may be said to have laid its first foundation on the Day of Pentecost. In Ephesians 2:20 Paul tells us the Church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. In Revelation 21:14 the foundation stones of the heavenly city are "the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Summing up, we may say that Christ is the chief Cornerstone of the Church, so that it is built upon Him; Peter's testimony which contains the truth vital to salvation and the kernel truth of gospel preaching may also be said to have a part in the foundation of the Church; yet, again, the Church is built upon the ministry of chosen men who are empowered by the Holy Spirit under the direction of Christ the living Head.

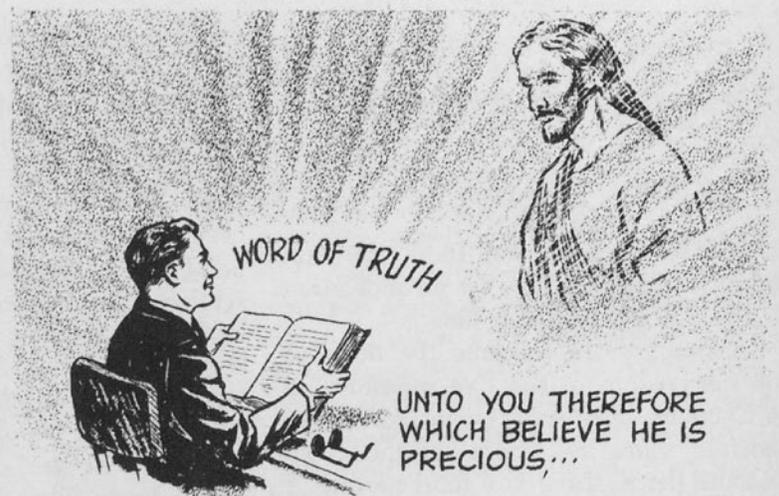
CHRIST THE LIVING STONE

In 1 Peter 2:1-8, written years after the incident described in the first portion of the lesson text, Peter speaks of Christ and His followers' relationship to Him in terms of stones. Christ is a "living stone," ignored and despised by men but chosen of God. Christ is the "chief cornerstone," precious to those who believe upon Him and are in living relationship to Him. To those who refuse the truth He is a "stone of stumbling, a rock of offense."

Reader, what think ye of Christ? Have you recognized Him as the Son of God and accepted Him as your personal Saviour? If so you have found Him to be the Rock of Ages, the Rock of refuge and safety. If not, do so at once, for some day He will become the Rock of Judgment to those who believe not. Matthew 21:44.

—J. Bashford Bishop

AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE



BUT UNTO THEM WHICH BE DISOBEIDENT, THE STONE... IS MADE... A STONE OF STUMBLING. 1 Peter 2:7,8

May We Expect a Great Revival?

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our knees in prayer and expectation that they may become facts in our lives. And when God answers such prayers of faith and fulfills His Word to those who claim them, revival has come! Among His challenges to us are these: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Some, of course, will object that since the above-mentioned portions come from the Old Testament they are not really for us today. Mr. Finney wonderfully answered such objections: "I could go from one end of the Bible to the other," he said, "producing an astonishing variety of texts that are applicable as promises; enough to prove that in whatever circumstances a child of God may be placed, God has provided in the Bible some promise, either general or particular, which he can apply, that is precisely suited to his case. Many of God's promises are very broad on purpose to cover much ground. None is broader than the promise, 'What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.' What praying Christian is there who has not been surprised at the length and breadth and the fullness of the promises of God when the Spirit has applied them to his heart? Who that lives the life of prayer has not wondered at his own blindness, at not having before seen and felt the extent of meaning and richness of these promises, when viewed under the light of the Spirit of God? At such time he has been astonished at his own ignorance, and has found the Spirit applying the promises and declarations of the Bible in a sense of

which he had never before dreamed.

"The manner in which the apostles applied the promises and prophecies and declarations of the Old Testament, places in a strong light the breadth of meaning and fullness and richness of the Word of God. He that walks in the light of God's countenance, and is filled with the Spirit of God as he ought to be, will often make an appropriation of promises to himself and application of them to his own circumstances that a mere professor of religion would never dream of making."

GOD STILL REWARDS FAITH

One great obstacle that hinders the working of God is the attitude of pastors and other Christian workers that their particular situation is "different." Many an evangelist has been told by the leaders, on the day of his arrival for a series of meetings, "We do not want to discourage you, but we feel it is only fair that you should know the facts about our city. It is the most gospel-hardened city in the world. The situation here is like nowhere else in the nation. The conditions are peculiar. We are afraid there is not going to be much blessing."

These so-called "graveyards" are wonderful places in which to cry, "Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live" (Ezekiel 37:9). I have found that these "graveyards" have in many instances given God a chance to exhibit His mighty power in the resurrection of "dry bones."

Nazareth was the most privileged place in our Saviour's lifetime. He spent nearly thirty of the thirty-three years of His earthly life in that town. One would think that in no place would the mighty God want to manifest His power as in Nazareth. But the people of that village are known the world over for their unbelief. The evangelist Mark said, "He could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them" (Mark 6:5). To heal a few sick folk was not accounted as any

mighty thing. Christ longed to do greater things for them. What was wrong? A chilling fog of unbelief had swept over the whole community. "He marvelled because of their unbelief." They saw no mighty works because the necessary conditions for their performance were lacking.

HIS PROMISES ARE TRUE

We sing lustily in our gatherings, "Standing on the promises of Christ, my King," but we cannot stand on the promises until first we have fallen on our knees and claimed them before the throne of God. And once we have claimed them for ourselves and asked God to make them real in our experience, we must arise and virtually walk over all the unoccupied, unclaimed, untrodden territory of God's promises until they are truly performed in us.

Before the Land of Promise could become theirs, the children of Israel had to walk through the length and breadth of it and measure it off, foot by foot. It is interesting to note that they only measured off one-third of the territory God had given them, and consequently they never possessed more than that. How glorious are the precious promises of God to His people! They are as true in these days of apostasy as they were in the days in which they were spoken. How very few of us have conceived the wealth and extent of the land, and how very few of us have ever taken possession of the promises of God in the all-conquering Name of the Lord Jesus!

In my ministry over the years I have known both individuals and groups of believers to search the Scriptures diligently for some bright hope to enlighten their spiritual darkness of defeat and discouragement. Again and again they have been led by the Spirit to see that all God's promises are "Yea and Amen in Christ Jesus," and that these promises are for them today, even though they may have been addressed to God's people in bygone days. They have discovered that the whole body of Scripture contains a divine set of principles which govern all God's dealings with His people.

These believers did not mutilate the Bible. They merely embraced all the promises. They stood on them and humbly yet fearlessly proclaimed in faith that God was going to send a mighty spiritual awakening. They believed that the moral lessons taught by

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OUR SERVICEMEN



THERE IS an Assemblies of God military chaplain or pastor at each of these locations (and dozens more) who makes personal contact with young men stationed nearby. Continue to watch the EVANGEL for other installations not listed here.

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the Lord to His disciples in olden days had a deep spiritual significance for them in these latter times. Over and over, I have seen the Lord work mightily in answer to the believing prayers of these dear saints in many lands.

INTERCESSION BRINGS RESULTS

Wherever revival has broken out during the course of our own ministry, we have searched quietly to discover what individual or group of believers had been embracing the promises. One day in a certain city in Europe I was concerned because, for no apparent reason, God had suddenly sent revival. On the fifth day of the meetings the heavens were rent asunder and we were deluged with spiritual blessing. The meetings had begun on a Friday evening with some seven people in a prayer service. Soon one thousand believers packed the church building each morning for Bible study. Thousands heard the gospel each evening in a large auditorium. So great was the hunger for the Word among the unsaved that there was no room for the believers in the evening service. I asked them to go to their own churches and pray and not take up the seats which should be occupied by the unsaved. The spiritual distress among sinners was great as the Sword of the Spirit pierced their hearts each night.

I was at a loss to explain the revival. I had arrived unheralded and unknown, only by the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Then one evening the Lord allowed me to discover the secret of the blessing. I had gone to the basement of the auditorium before service to pray, and knelt in the darkness. I had not been there very long before I felt an overwhelming sense of the majesty of God. I knew right away there was someone else in the large basement praying. I quietly turned on the light and there I saw at the extreme end of the basement some twelve sisters, flat on their faces before God! They were totally unaware of my presence. They were "inside the veil," touching the Throne, by the power of the Spirit, while upstairs God was working mightily among the unsaved.

Revival is the supernatural, spontaneous work of God, which commences in the secret place of intercession where some Christians dare to believe that God can fulfill His Word even today.

Radio Man Engineers Revivaltime

BY STANLEY

NORMAN WOODRUFF, ANNOUNCER FOR KRCK in Ridgecrest, California, writes: "I am the announcer on duty during REVIVALTIME each Sunday. There are two others on the staff at that time and we just wanted to write and thank you for the many inspiring messages you have delivered during the past months that we have carried your program."

There are many radio engineers, announcers, managers, and other radio associates who are hungry for the "old-time religion." They appreciate religious radio programs that declare to the world that Jesus saves. They have expressed appreciation for the expert manner in which the message of REVIVALTIME is presented. But more than all the mechanics of broadcasting, they have enjoyed the spirited singing by the choir and the anointed ministry of REVIVALTIME Evangelist C. M. Ward.

These key men in radio business are interested in reaching their communities, and those with a spiritual desire are also happy to present a spiritual and wholesome program that will lead men and women to Christ. They know

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS (KBTA)
1340 Kc.—250 Watts

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (WYLD)
600 Kc.—1,000 Watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

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Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

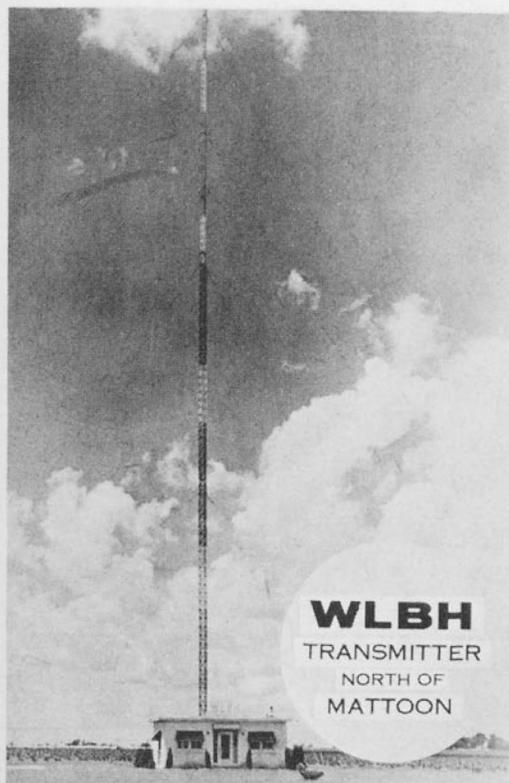
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA
(KRNO)
1240 Kc.—250 Watts
Sundays, 7:15 a.m.

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that when people find Christ, the community will be a better place in which to live. We want to share a few of their remarks about the ministry of REVIVALTIME with you.

YORK-CLOVER BROADCASTING, COMPANY, INC., WYCL, YORK, SOUTH CAROLINA: "We have just finished broadcasting your program and I might add I enjoyed it very much. We have been running your program for several weeks now, and have had many, many compliments on your fine program, REVIVALTIME. We at WYCL wish you much success. May God bless you and your co-workers as you work for the Kingdom of God. I hope that REVIVALTIME will be with us at WYCL for a long



time to come."—Larry Bungardner, Program Director.

RADIO O MROEP, DUTCH GUIANA, SOUTH AMERICA: "We heard your radio program, REVIVALTIME, over Radio Demerara (British Guiana) and were so impressed that we would consider broadcasting same at a very special rate over our station RAPAR in Suriname (Netherlands Guiana). We are convinced that your programs will be very beneficial."—W. H. Lionarons, General Manager.

WIZE, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO: "I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your gospel program on Sunday nights. As a radio engineer I am very busy with different programs, but I always take time to listen to yours."—Jack Hamilton, Engineer.

WAVO, AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA: "We will do our best to help promote REVIVALTIME in this area with all the promotion possible. May His richest blessings continue daily on the broadcast which I consider the greatest evangelistic program in America."—L. E. Latham, Manager.

MATOON BROADCASTING CO. WLBH, MATTOON, ILLINOIS: "It is a pleasure to welcome your program to WLBH and all East-Central Illinois. I know that your weekly message will be of great spiritual benefit to thousands every Sunday throughout our listening area. May God bless the wonderful missionary work of your fine organization through radio."—J. R. Livesay, President and General Manager.

WSLS, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA: "I have been a Christian for but a year and three months, and I have had the pleasure lately of hearing many of your network shows. I have been given the opportunity to witness for Him to many souls within the radio business. May God continue to use you."—T. E. Dela Court, Jr.

KGGF, COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS: "I am an announcer at the radio station in Coffeyville, and have a part in the programming of REVIVALTIME. Your messages have helped my life a great deal, and I look forward each Sunday to hearing the program. It has truly helped me become a better Christian."—Gaylord W. Plummer, Announcer.

WCHV, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA: "It is a real joy to have such a fine program on our station. We feel that the program performs a real service to the people in and around Charlottesville. I can truthfully say it is one of the best religious programs that we carry. We hope that REVIVALTIME will be with us for many years to come."—Robert C. Walker, Manager.

REVIVALTIME contains a message for this hour. Brother Ward's "down-to-earth" preaching has brought inspiration and blessing to millions. Men and women around the world have discovered Christ to be a Saviour and Friend through this ministry.

The REVIVALTIME staff is anxious that many thousands more may hear this glorious message of salvation. You can have an important part in spreading the wonderful story of God's love for fallen man. As you pray and as you give, REVIVALTIME will continue to reach many millions that have never heard that Jesus can save, heal, and baptize. Send your letter today for this ministry to **Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Mo.**

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Ministry to the Aged

By Ruth Nourse

A WEEK'S VISIT TO PINELLAS PARK Home is just about the most rewarding experience that can happen to a person. When you have time to become acquainted with the residents and personnel, you are more convinced than ever that ministry to the aged is one of the important missions of the church. You also gain a new perspective by catching a backward look at life through the eyes of folk who have served the Lord for many years.

The aged person has not changed into a *different* personality than the young minister, the hard-working missionary, or the ardent lay worker he once was. Although he is many years older, he is exactly the same person—only more so. The things he has valued most he values still. His love for God's work has increased rather than diminished. In fact, one of the greatest problems of age is to find that while you have the same passion to serve, there is suddenly no place for you. You may know full well you are physically unable, or humbly accept

the verdict that "it's time to turn loose and let a younger man take the reins"—maybe you are never fully reconciled to the limitations of age—but the hurt is very real no matter how clear to you the facts may be.

As though this were not hard enough for God's aged people to face, life is made even harder by the fact there often is no place for them to call home, and no work for their hands to do. Unable to do their accustomed work or to maintain their own households, they may seek entrance into a Home for the Aged. All too often they find the waiting list too long or the rates too high. And if perchance admission is found, life may be made more painful by drab surroundings, idle hours, crowded bedrooms, a dearth of Christian fellowship, loneliness to see an "outside face."

A visitor at Pinellas Park Home is gratified to find that these conditions do not exist in our Assemblies of God Retirement Home. He is first impressed by the friendliness and cheerfulness of

the staff and the kindly concern of Brother Ramby, the Superintendent, for the welfare of each resident. Menus are thoughtfully and skillfully planned to provide wholesome and appetizing meals. The needs of the sick are served by a competent nursing staff.

The "homey" atmosphere is most evident in the dining room. As the residents gather for breakfast they come with a cheery smile and a "Good Morning" for others at the table. After grace there is a pleasant buzz of conversation. If you listen carefully you will find much of it concerns the shades of toast being made at each table.

"Is this too dark?" "No, dear, that's just the way I like it!"

"You can make mine just a shade lighter," comes the order from the other end of the table." "And remember, Miss Irvine likes hers almost burned!" When the toast is finished, conversation turns to current events, doctrinal discussions or some mission field.

It is remarkable how the simple rooms take on the personalities of their residents. While basic furnishings are similar, the atmosphere is fraught with the spirit of the occupant. Entering a different room is almost like walking into a different house. Mrs. Schoonmaker has a large family and many grandchildren, so there are numerous photographs. Along with pictures of her family are lovely scenes from India where she served so many years, and where some of her children serve now. Sister Schoonmaker converses calmly and quietly. She has a wide range of interests—world affairs, her missionary children, Christian publications.

The Mudgetts' apartment is a place to work. There is a sewing machine which Mrs. Mudge uses to make beauti-

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mudge on sunporch



Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ramby, the business managers



Family gathers for portrait (three members absent)



ful little dresses for the WMC's. Brother Mudge is skillful in doing many things—he showed me a beautiful coat he had hand-tailored for himself, some dainty place-markers for parties, and realistic artificial flowers. He is also kept busy in church work—as organist at First Assembly and secretary of the Sunday School. Sister Mudge is not so well and is often confined to her room.

Mrs. Ira Shakley was working at her quilting frame when I stopped by their apartment. Her husband came in from his work in the yard. As I talked with them they brought out pictures of their Kroo people. As they talked I came to know the black people they once served not as unlearned savages of a far-away land but as warm-blooded folk who live and work and think much the way we do here in the U.S.A. I saw them transformed from ignorant tribesmen doing lowly chores on the waterfront and aboard ship to Christian leaders who were sought out by ship owners to become masters of other native boatmen because they were the most honest and dependable boatmen to be had.

When, during a visit in the infirmary, I asked Mary Stribling the secret of her bubbling cheerfulness, she told me with her eyes atwinkle, "I've just kept my Pentecost!" And she has, in the face of almost total physical helplessness. Her portrait hangs in the Mary Stribling Library at South-Eastern Bible Institute where she is remembered with respect and affection as Bible teacher and scholar.

The eldest resident in the Home is Mrs. Georgiana Cleveland, now eighty-nine. She welcomed me into her immaculate room with the grace of a

noblewoman—which she is, in Christ. During our conversation she expressed her deep concern at not being able to read the Bible as much as she had in the past due to failing eyesight—but she said, "It seems that the Lord makes the little I am able to read mean much more to me than it has meant before. I am becoming more and more hungry for God." She has discovered the prayertimes of several Pentecostal churches nearby and faithfully attends week after week.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve a few of God's elderly saints at Pinellas Park Home. At present there are seventeen ministers and missionaries and four laywomen in the Home. Every room is filled. We are looking to the Lord for means to expand this good work in the near future.

Recognizing the inadequacy of the facilities at Pinellas Park, the General Presbytery instructed the Department of Benevolences to sell the property and to purchase suitable land elsewhere for the Home. A beautiful site was selected on a small lake adjacent to South-Eastern Bible Institute at Lakeland, Florida. This land has now been cleared. Building plans have been drawn for a 50-bed Home, including a 16-bed infirmary.

The cost of the new building is estimated at \$175,000. This cost is to be covered by funds from three sources: The sale of the Pinellas Park property, cash contributions, and a long-term loan, the size of which depends on *you* and your church. We hope to receive as much as \$100,000 in cash contributions designated for the Retirement Home Fund during 1959. This will make it possible to build with only a small

indebtedness which can be paid from the proceeds from the operation.

The cost of care for each resident is to be paid on an individual basis. Laymen entering the Home will pay according to the prevailing rates for the type of care offered. Ministers and missionaries will also pay as far as is possible from personal resources. Since many have served long and faithfully without accumulating anything for retirement, provision for care will be made when necessary through the Aged Ministers Assistance Fund, and from the Missionary Pension Fund. Ministers and missionaries will be received on the basis of their individual need for retirement or nursing home accommodations.

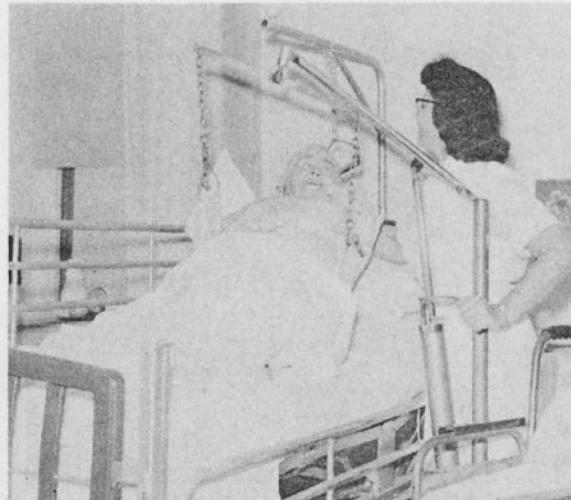
Care of the aged is certainly a ministry of the church. The Assemblies of God cannot turn away from those who have laid the foundation for the work we enjoy today. If we are to offer the kind of service they need, we must have a place for them to come when they are unable to keep their own houses—when physical infirmity prevents them from continuing as before. In Lakeland we can provide such a place for fifty, but we need your help.

It is our suggestion that each church and interested individual make "a down payment" on the Lakeland Home. Our goal is \$100,000 in cash offerings by the end of this year. This means only \$15 for each church—or 25c per individual member. Send a liberal "down payment" offering designated for the "Lakeland Home" and thus have a share in this important ministry. The address is: Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

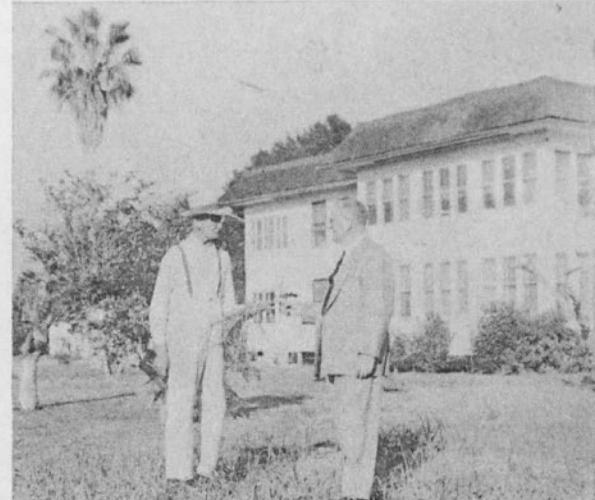
Mrs. Georgiana Cleveland, eldest resident



Mary Stribling demonstrates use of the porto-lift



Harry Landis (left) works in the yard





Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **HAMLIN, PA.**—The Quanabush Evangelistic Team recently conducted one of the most fruitful meetings in the history of the First Pentecostal Church. The crowds were consistently large. The auditorium was well filled each night and completely packed out on Sundays. Sinners were saved each night and believers baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—George W. Clement, Pastor

► **NASSAU, BAHAMAS**—Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kans., recently concluded a successful campaign in Evangelistic Temple. Some 51 knelt to accept Christ and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. After the meetings in the church Brother Barnett spent a few nights at the mission in the city and visited outlying islands where several souls were also saved. Brother Barnett's ministry was a real blessing to the Assemblies of God work in the Bahamas.

—John M. Wilkerson, Pastor

AMARILLO, TEX.—The San Jacinto Assembly recently concluded three weeks of meetings with Evangelists Leslie and Oleta Eldridge. Twenty came forward for salvation and nine received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many were healed of various afflictions. One woman who was on crutches was prayed for, threw down her crutches, and danced in the Spirit. She did not need her crutches after that. The average Sunday School attendance has been 160. Six were baptized in water as a result of the meetings.

—J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor

► **SALEM, OREG.**—The Central Assembly of God recently closed a very successful revival with Indian Chief Thum and the Musical Sunshine Party of Indianapolis, Ind. Brother Thum preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit each night. Souls found Christ each night and a total of 75 came forward for salvation during

the meetings. The evangelist prayed for the sick, and many were healed, including a young boy who had been blinded when playing with a bow and arrow. He could not see a thing before he was prayed for, but afterward he could see people sitting in the back row of the church. The largest crowds in the history of the church attended the meetings. The Sunday School record was broken. Many new families are now attending the church.

—Fred Versolenko, Pastor

► **BATTLE CREEK, MICH.**—The Church of the Four Fold Gospel here enjoyed a very successful evangelistic meeting recently with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Canteleon and their daughter Sharon. During the course of the two weeks close to 150 new folk visited the church. Several of them came to a decision for Christ.

—E. A. Manley, Pastor

► **STATE COLLEGE, PA.**—The church here recently closed a very profitable series of meetings with Evangelist Sara Sharp of Dallas, Tex. The people were quickened by the timely and Spirit-anointed messages from the Word of God. Souls were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Leo S. Starner, Pastor

► **UNION CITY, TENN.**—The Central Assembly here has just completed one of the finest revivals in its history. Evangelist Earl E. Blythe of Jackson, Tenn., who is the District Sunday School Director, stirred the hearts of the people night after night with sermons on Calvary and the Holy Spirit. The sound presentation of the Word did the church much good. The weekend following the revival the church celebrated its fourth anniversary and annual missionary convention. Evangelist Charles Eldon of Miami, Fla., was the guest speaker. Many of the churches of the Dyersburg section attended.

—Wesley Payne, Pastor

► **ROYAL OAK, MICH.**—Calvary Temple is still enjoying the spirit of revival from recent meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. DiMusto and daughters Sharon and Rachel. There were 14 definite conversions and many testified to being healed. Six received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, including a man from another church who spoke in tongues for over four hours. A musical program and oil paintings attracted 429 first-time visitors. The Sunday School record was broken, and after the meeting new members were received into the church and baptized in water. In the opinion of many individuals this was the best revival the church has had.

—Carl R. Strength, Pastor

► **GRANTS, NEW MEX.**—Evangelist and Mrs. James Burkett of New Johnsonville, Tenn., recently ministered in one of the most wholesome Pentecostal revivals ever conducted here at the First Assembly. Some were saved, a number reclaimed, and others received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many testified to definite healings. A Baptist lady was slain under the power of God's Spirit and was baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. One outstanding healing was that of a young lady who had a serious blood disease in which the white corpuscles destroyed the red ones. She had required nine blood transfusions, but received a definite touch from God as prayer was offered for her deliverance. There were other miraculous healings.

—Albert Snell, Pastor

► **MERRITT ISLAND, FLA.**—The church here just closed a very successful revival with the Eskelin family of Lakeland, Fla. At least 22 were saved, and one lady who had been seeking God for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for ten years was marvelously filled. Record crowds attended almost every night and the Sunday School record was broken with 201 present on the last Sunday. It was one of the finest meetings the church has ever had.

—Thomas Shields, Pastor

► **SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.**—The First Assembly here just completed four weeks of revival with Evangelists Smith and Rogers of Granite City, Ill. The meetings were an old-fashioned revival with a spiritual uplift for every department of the church. One night as the minister began to preach, the Holy Spirit fell and manifested Himself in various ways. A newer Christian said, "I have heard of services like this for years, but now I have actually seen such a service with the Holy Spirit in complete control." Brother Smith did some outstanding preaching.

—Louis H. Hauff, Pastor



Part of the crowd attending the meetings of the Eskelin family in Merritt Island, Fla.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **GOLDONNA, LA.**—Evangelist J. A. Clement of Summerfield, La., recently conducted a revival here. God blessed his anointed ministry and 17 were saved, 16 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. Some were also healed by the power of God. The church rejoices in such a Holy Ghost revival. Almer Robertson is pastor.

—Mrs. G. H. Deese, Secretary

► **BURT, MICH.**—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a "Crusade for Souls" with Evangelist Bill Sharp of Warren, Mich. The presence of the Lord was felt in each service, and the preaching of the Word caused hearts to be stirred and brought to God. Many people in the community were reached by Brother Sharp's ministry who could not have been reached otherwise. The Sunday School attendance nearly doubled.

—E. G. Monroe, Pastor



Indians attending meetings in Neah Bay



Evangelists Manuel Cordova and George Effman playing for the Indians

► **NEAH BAY, WASH.**—Indian Evangelist George Effman of Sacramento, Calif., recently conducted an eleven-day tent revival here among the Makah Indians. Eight decisions were made for Christ, and the church was greatly enriched by the good Bible preaching. Manuel Cordova of Heilsburg, Calif., assisted with the music and preaching. His drum-playing was a real joy to all in attendance. The tent was located in the center of the Indian village, and a loud speaker reached many people who did not attend the meetings.

—Harry L. Leid, Pastor

► **CONNEAUT, OHIO**—For two weeks the Assembly here enjoyed the outstanding ministry of the Culpepper-Shultz Evangelistic Team and the services will be long remembered. Attendance grew from night to night, as did the spiritual tenor of the meetings, until on the last night the church was comfortably filled and a good number of visitors were present. It was most gratifying to see the number of people, old and young, who knelt at the altar to receive Christ as personal Saviour. Three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others testified to being healed

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Arcata	** McKinleyville	Jan. 18-Feb. 1	Paul Brannan	B. F. Hickman
	El Centro	First	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Arnold Segesman Team	V. L. Hertweck
	Lynwood	Metropolitan	Jan. 25—	Hance Evang. Team	Walter Larson
	Pasadena	Trinity	Jan. 25—	J. G. Hall	H. M. Smith
Fla.	Taft	Taft Heights	Jan. 20—	Glen Shinn	Earl Davis
	Palmetto	* A of G	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Dick Stevens Family	L. B. Johnson
	St. Petersburg	First	Jan. 6-18	Wm. H. Kautz	Kenneth Wright
	Sarasota	First	Jan. 11-25	Nate Killian	H. H. Jenkins
Ill.	Taveres	First	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Ernie Eskelin	Clyde Wasdin
	Quincy	Bethel	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	Musical Vanderploegs	E. M. Clark
Kans.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	Jan. 19-23	T. J. Jones	Henry Greenwald
	Lyons	A of G	Jan. 25-30	Charles Senechal	J. C. Musgrove
La.	Newton	A of G	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Garfield J. Unruh	Clare Rose
	New Orleans	First	Jan. 18—	J. Middlebrook & wife	C. S. Craighead
Mich.	Bellevue	A of G	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	The Roland Hasties	Clarence Pedersen
	Ecorse	Metropolitan	Jan. 20—	John Higginbotham	Carl Ausbury
Mo.	Mercer	A of G	Jan. 17—	Jesse Shaw Family	C. M. Smitley
N. Dak.	Springfield	Central	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Robert Watters Team	James Van Meter
	New England	** A of G	Jan. 4-18	Bob Muir	Oliver W. Johnson
Okla.	Duncan	First	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Haskell Rogers
	Miami	First	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Fred Carrington & wife	L. J. Choate
Oreg.	Hood River	A of G	Jan. 18-Feb. 1	Warren D. Combs	Ernest Bedwell
	Independence	A of G	Jan. 21—	Leo Wood	Chas. W. Shaw
	Portland	Bethel Temple	Jan. 18—	L. H. Sheets	C. W. Ahalt
	Salem	Keizer	Jan. 21-Feb. 1	Eric Johnson & wife	K. C. Grant
Pa.	Sutherlin	A of G	Jan. 20—	Johnny Hoskins	Donald Trimmer
	Pittsburgh	Evang. Tem.	Jan. 27-Feb. 15	Wm. H. Kautz	Fleming Van Meter
Tex.	Waynesboro	Calvary Tab.	Jan. 20-Feb.—	Ralph A. Creider	George Hatchner
	Austin	Grace	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Leon Morrow	J. T. Bayless
Va.	Dalhart	A of G	Jan. 19—	Roy L. Lee	Fred Ball
	El Paso	First	Jan. 20—	Don George	Wm. F. Hageman
W. Va.	El Paso	Valley	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	John Everett	Wesley J. Lange
	Lubbock	Central	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Bill Newby	Kenneth Barney
Wis.	Belvoir	A of G	Jan. 13—	Roy W. Frazier	J. B. Heck
Canada	Weston	A of G	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	James West & wife	George Van Riper
W.I.	Adams	A of G Tab.	Jan. 13-25	Joel Palmer & wife	John V. Ohlin
	Kingston, Ont.	Pent. Tab.	Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Wm. F. McPherson	T. Gordon Mill
	Dominican Rep.	Missions Sta.	Jan. 23-Feb. 1	The Quabush Team	Verne Warner, Chm.

* Kids Crusade

** Youth Campaign

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

in answer to prayer. Alta Culpepper's ministry of the Word was edifying to the church and was used of God to awaken many to their need of a Saviour. Her encouraging counsel and advice around the altar made every sermon become an experience to hungry hearts. Rosemary Shultz served as the soloist and contributed much to the meetings.

—Earl E. Hart, Pastor

► **AKRON, PA.**—The Hance Evangelistic Team of Detroit, Mich., just concluded three weeks of revival in the Pentecostal Tabernacle. From the very first service to the last there was a glorious move of God's Spirit. Both the preaching and the singing were a great blessing and stirred the hearts of the people. The meetings were well attended. Ministers and people from other denominations came and enjoyed the spirit of revival. All Sunday School records were broken with 134 present. The young people were especially stirred as Brother Hance spoke on the subject, "The Tragedy of Being Young." A goodly number consecrated their lives to the service of the Lord.

—R. F. Rainbow, Pastor

► **FREEPORT, PA.**—Evangelist Ralph Peterson, Jr. of Augusta, Maine, recently conducted a good series of meetings in the Gospel Tabernacle here. Several backsliders were reclaimed.

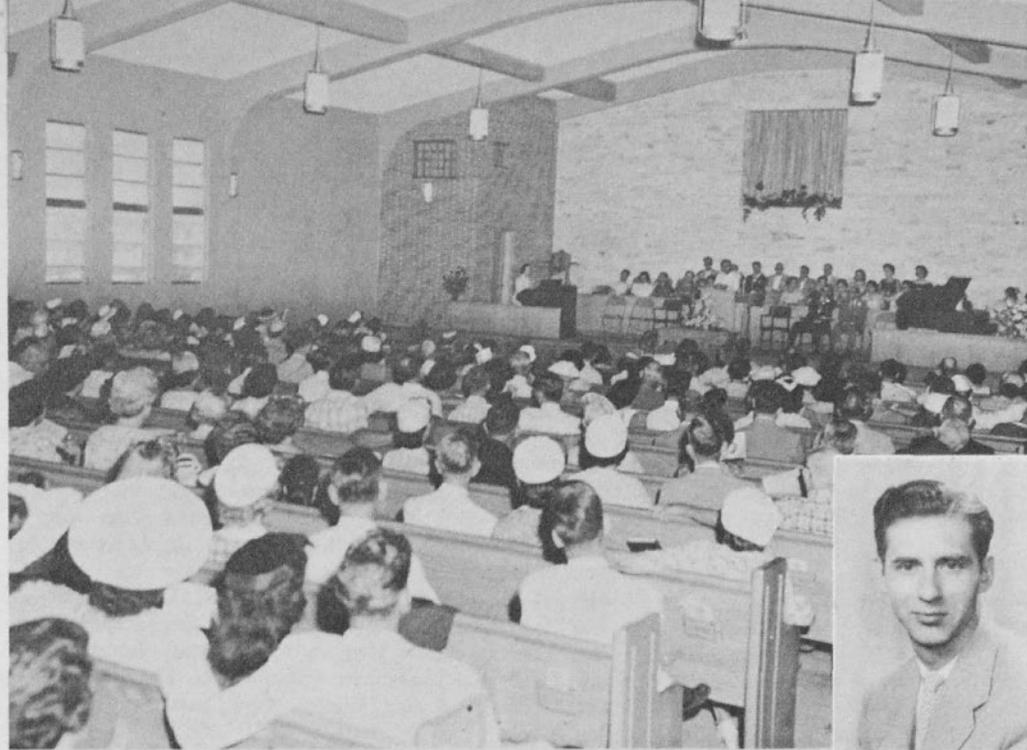
—Charles Shaffer, Pastor

► **BASTROP, LA.**—The Assembly here enjoyed two weeks of outpouring of the Spirit of God under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and the church was refreshed. The special singing and music was enjoyed by all.

—James Allen, Pastor

► **OAKLAND, CALIF.**—First Assembly of God has been enjoying an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for several months. During the evangelistic crusade held in October with Evangelist Denny Davis, 22 persons came to the altar for salvation. Many were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. People testified to the spiritual blessings received as the evangelist preached on holiness and separation. At a special youth rally held on Sunday, November 2, seventeen were baptized in water.

—Henry H. Ness, Pastor



Inside view of Calvary Temple. Pastor Harold Schmitt (inset).

Delivered From Drink and Gambling

One Sunday morning about nine o'clock, after being out all night drinking whiskey and gambling, I came home as I had hundreds of times before—broke, disgusted with myself, and friendless as far as worldly friends were concerned. My week's wages were gone. I did not have any decent clothes.

I had left my wife and children years before. I did work, but my wages went for drink and gambling, and I could not stop it. I had vowed time after time that I would not go back to any of those joints again. But there was a power that was so much stronger than my will power that I just could not stay away. I don't believe anyone by his own strength can stop gambling and drinking after he has sunk as low as I was.

On that Sunday morning in November 1949 I stopped outside and before going to my room I contemplated suicide. It seemed that was the one thing that would stop me from gambling and drinking. I decided that I would kill myself that day and thought of a way to do it.

Although I certainly was not a church man, I realized suicide would send my soul to hell and torment. God began to deal with me to go to church. I decided I would go to church that night just out of curiosity and then I would go ahead and kill myself.

I went to an Assemblies of God church. What I wore for clothes I do not remember; they must have been ragged and dirty. I surely was a pitiful sight but I am so glad that God looks on the inside instead of the outside. I believe that God knew I would love Him dearly after He had saved me and delivered me from my life of sin. Anyway, when the invitation was given I went to the altar and confessed my sins and my need for Jesus. God saved my soul. He healed my body and gave me complete deliverance from the desire to drink and gamble.

It will soon be nine years now and I have never had the least desire to drink whiskey or beer or to gamble since that night.

These few years that I have been saved have really been happy years. It is wonderful to be saved and to have the love of God shed abroad in my heart. I am now living with my wife, after having been separated over twenty years.

God is merciful and will not turn away those that come to Him in sincerity and with an honest determination to live for Him. But you must come to Him. Today is the day to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. You are not promised a tomorrow.—Austin Owens, 119 N. Madison St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(Endorsed by Pastor John R. Keith of the Lewis Avenue Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who says, "I have known Brother Owens for many years and know his testimony to be true. He takes copies of The Pentecostal Evangel and other gospel literature downtown and hands them out every week.")

THIS WEEK'S COVER

Beautiful New Calvary Temple Replaces Building Burned in Jacksonville, Florida

The congregation of Calvary Temple in Jacksonville, Florida, has built two new churches within the past eight years.

The first building program, under the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Cyril Homer, was begun in 1950. The beautiful new sanctuary was completed three years later, and was dedicated but it lasted only two years.

Harold Schmitt became pastor of the church on November 11, 1955. Exactly one month later, on December 11, the new pastor and his congregation stood helplessly by in the early hours of a winter Sunday morning as the new church was completely destroyed by fire!

With great courage and sacrifice the congregation turned to the task of rebuilding. It was decided to purchase lots for the new church two and a half miles northwest of their former location.

The people worked diligently and gave sacrificially to erect an all-new Calvary Temple. The building was completed at a cost of \$250,000 and is equipped with heat pumps giving year-round seasonal temperatures.

Recently the church observed its first anniversary with Assistant General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman as guest speaker. The above picture of the interior was taken on this occasion. There were 522 in Sunday School.

This congregation has proved that the latter end can be better than the beginning, and that the Lord does give "beauty for ashes."

Calvary Temple has an unusual record of radio broadcasting. For ten consecutive years the church has aired "The Healing Hour Broadcast" each mid-morning (10:00 to 10:30), Mondays through Fridays. The program is now aired by remote control originating in the new studio facilities in the church. Besides the daily half-hour broadcast Calvary Temple also airs its complete Sunday morning worship service directly from the sanctuary. The broadcast has a city-wide following and frequently has come up with some amazing listening ratings. It has done much to influence the city regarding the ministry of healing.

The Sunday School is currently averaging 375. Concerning the spiritual progress of the church, Pastor Schmitt says: "While we have experienced many wonderful blessings in recent years and months, there is yet much to be done for the full gospel in this growing Florida city. God has given us a beautiful, commodious and comfortable church plant, a working congregation, a stimulated and energetic interest, and a keen spiritual hunger. This wonderful combination of circumstances has us excited about the unlimited potential in the immediate future."

Gospel Literature Needed in Southern Asia

February 1 is BGMC Day. This special day is annually set aside to give particular recognition to the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, the Assemblies of God missionary program for children 12 years of age and under.

Each year a different area is designated for emphasis. The 1959 area of emphasis is Southern Asia which includes India, Burma, Ceylon, East Pakistan, and Nepal.

A goal of \$20,000 has been established for the BGMC Day offering. The money will be used in translating, printing, and distributing Christian literature in Southern Asia.

"The Word for the World," the BGMC slogan, describes the ministry of BGMC—supplying Christian literature for the various mission fields. Equally important is the fact that this crusade provides a program of missionary education for our children.

Students who otherwise would have been unable to graduate have used loans from these moneys to purchase books and pay tuition.

The majority of students who have been helped through the fund have gone into the ministry. Since the program was established in 1950 no graduate has ever defaulted in repayment.

Loans are free of interest if paid within 90 days after graduation. After that period 5% interest is charged.

ASSEMBLIES' SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

The Assemblies of God Education Department reports enrollment of the eight Bible Colleges and one liberal arts college totals 2,672 this year. This represents an increase of 140 students or over 5% more than the 1957-58 school year.

WITH CHRIST

H. WESLEY COOKSEY, 74, passed away in England on December 4, 1958. Brother Cooksey was affiliated with the Assemblies of God in the U. S. A. for a number of years. He was principal of Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco for twelve years. Prior to that time he was associated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. In 1938 he transferred to the International Church of the Four-square Gospel. Our departed brother is survived by a daughter, Olive G. Cooksey of Los Angeles, and by a son, Douglas H. Cooksey of Santa Cruz, Calif.

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VBS WORKSHOP ITINERARY

Staff members of the National Sunday School Department will conduct VBS workshops as follows:

Jan. 17—Elizabeth, N. J. (First Assembly; Werner M. Johnson, Pastor) Alex Hunter, leader.

Jan. 19—Los Angeles, Calif. (Bethel Temple; Arne Vick, Pastor) Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 20—Phoenix, Ariz. (West Indian School Road Assembly; Lester G. Searles, Pastor) Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 22—Dallas, Tex. (Bethel Temple; Albert Ott, Pastor) Zella Lindsey, leader.

CBI STUDENTS ASSISTED BY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—A \$3,000 bequest to Central Bible Institute has been added to the revolving student loan fund, Business Manager Fred Lessten has announced.

The legator, the late Mrs. Minnie Skirvin, Bloomington, Ind., will be permanently memorialized through the fund.

Recipients of loans from the revolving fund are currently limited to seniors in B. A. or three-year diploma programs. As the fund grows through additional gifts it is hoped that loans can be made to underclassmen.

WILL THE PICTURE BE DARK OR LIGHT?

That depends on you! Some churches face a dark Sunday School picture. The reason? They are depriving their workers of needed training by not having workers' training courses. The end result of this failure to train workers is a scarcity of effective, soul-winning teachers. A workers' training course is a must for every Sunday School that desires to make its influence felt for Christ.

January is Training Month. There is still time to plan for your training course. If a close schedule forces you to omit it during January, have one later in the year. Don't let the picture be dark—be sure and conduct a workers' training course.

The picture is light for the church which conducts a workers' training course. Workers gain valuable Sunday School know-how. They are inspired to be faithful and loyal. The direct effect of a training course is seen in the techniques and methods which improve the entire School.

The Training Month book selection for 1959 is "The Ministry of Visitation." Written by an experienced Sunday School leader, this book is one of the best in the field. *The Ministry of Visitation*, the correlated instructor's guide, and visual aid are available from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

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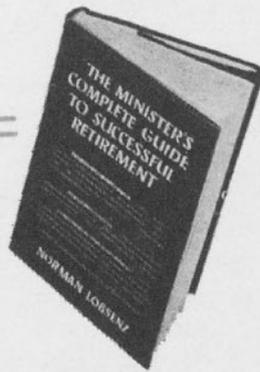
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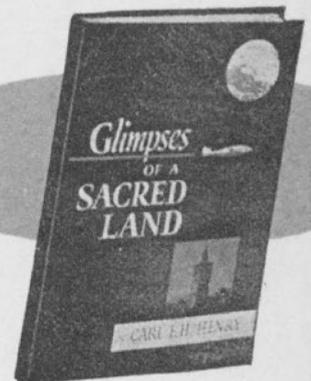
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