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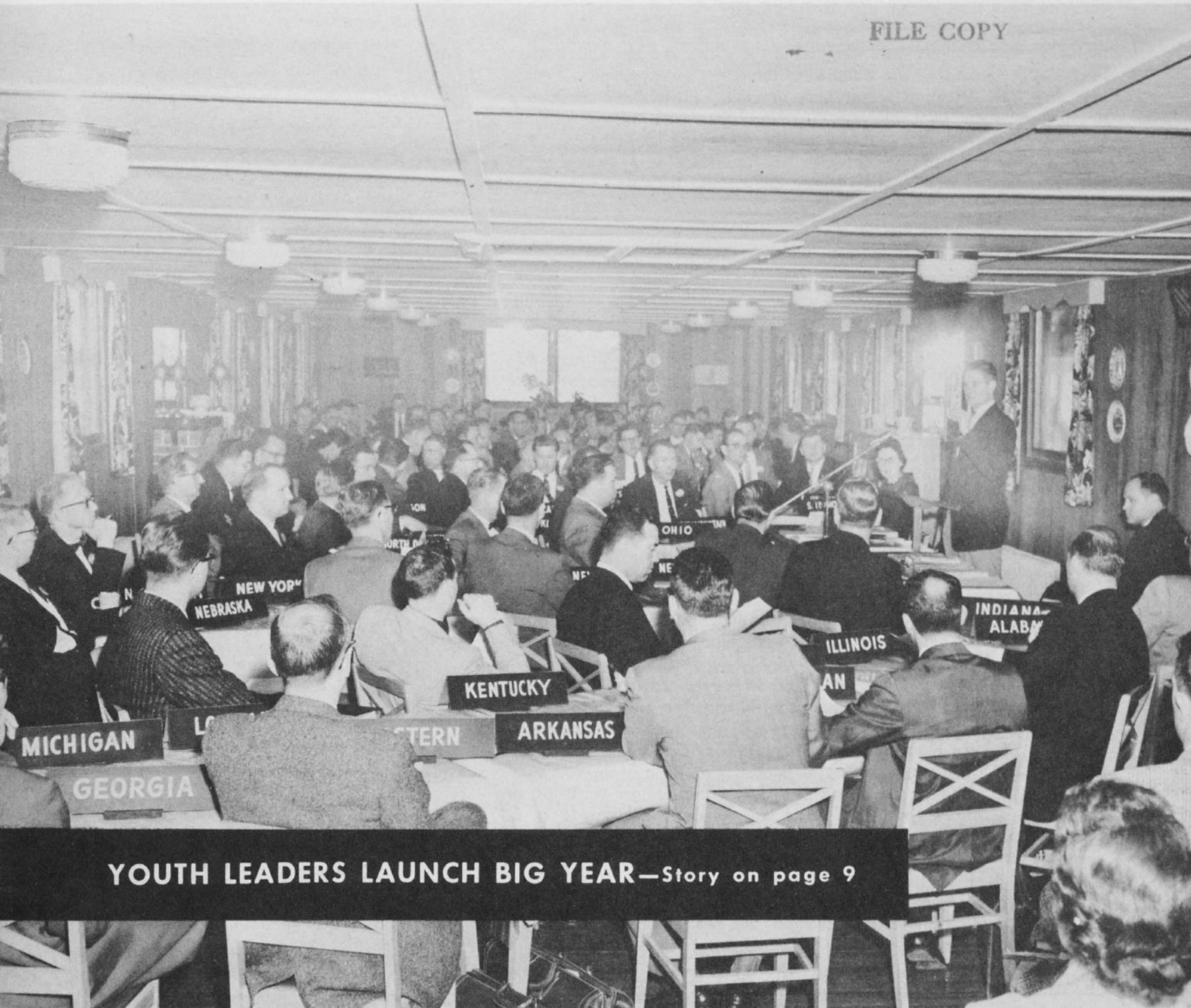
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BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
SAITH THE LORD

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The Voice Of Conscience

What has happened to the conscience of mankind? Has it lost its voice, or have men grown deaf to its appeal?

There was a time when men were governed by a deep sense of morality; when actions were weighed in the scales of right and wrong; but today it seems they are weighed in the scales of expediency. People pay very little attention to the laws of God. Their chief concern is to advance their own interests—indulge their own lusts—with no thought of eternity and no fear of the Judgment Day.

It is time the still, small voice of conscience was awakened to remind men and women that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). Private conscience and public conscience alike need to be reactivated. People need to get back into harmony with heaven.

Conscience is the compass that will give us the sense of moral direction we need. Of course, conscience alone is not a sufficient guide. No mariner can navigate the seas with a compass alone. He also needs a chart, and we need the chart of God's Word to show us where to find the safe channels and how to avoid the rocks and shallows of life. When our hearts and minds are enlightened with the Scriptures our conscience is able to serve as a monitor, either approving our course when we do right or condemning us if we do wrong.

We are exhorted to have "our hearts sprinkled from an evil [guilty] conscience" (Hebrews 10:22). Thank God, there is cleansing at Calvary for all our guilt. The precious blood of Jesus will "purge" our conscience if we confess our sins, and we need to confess without delay lest we grow careless and our conscience become "defiled." We are told that in the case of some people "even their mind and conscience is defiled"—that is, it is impure, unholy, and will let a person live in sin without protesting. In fact, a defiled conscience not only fails to protest against wrong-doing but actually approves of it. That is even worse than having a "seared" conscience—one that is callous, hardened, and inactive.

A man had a valuable watchdog, and whenever prowlers or dangers were near it would bark. The man's wife, however, was very nervous and could not stand the noise, so every time the dog barked she struck it. After a while the dog ceased barking. As a result, the man sold it, for when it ceased to bark it lost its usefulness. Conscience is a watchdog that God has put within us to warn us or assure us as the need may be. If it has ceased to bark we need to retrain it and pay attention to it. We need a great revival of Bible preaching throughout the land to make people God-conscious and spiritually sensitive. The Lord commands us to have a good conscience, a clear conscience, a pure conscience. We should strive, like Paul, to do right at all times so that we may always have "a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16).

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By Kenneth D. Barney

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THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS BEAUTIFUL in its simplicity. That is one reason the common people "heard him gladly." His message was free of the mass of rules, regulations, and clichés so prevalent in the religion of the synagogue. His words broke through to the common man and reached his heart. The Sermon on the Mount is a masterpiece of simplicity: "Blessed are the poor in spirit. . . . Blessed are they that mourn. . . . Blessed are the

The Simplicity of the Gospel

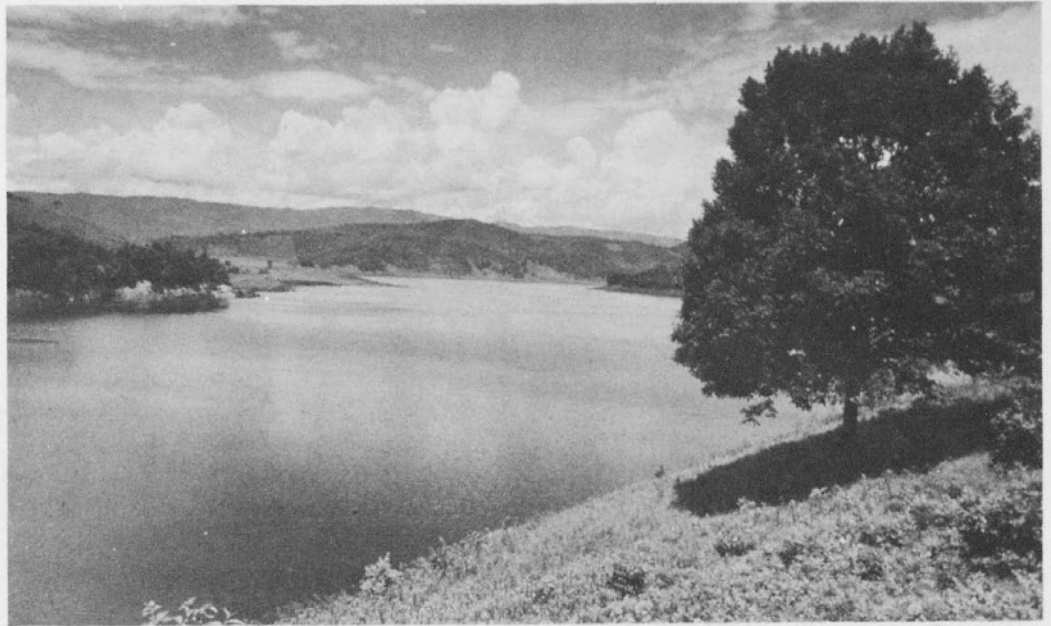
your minds should be *corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*" Like Jesus, Paul preached a gospel that was winsome in its simplicity. Nowhere does he set forth his message with more clarity than in 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." It did not take Paul long to explain *his* message; in this passage he does it in forty-one words.

But the apostle encountered the same opposition that faced his Master. His

"corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ!"

"Corrupted" means "to spoil or ruin." And nothing spoils the attractiveness of the gospel sooner than the destruction of its simplicity. Perhaps our text will be clearer if we understand the meaning of "simplicity." The dictionary defines it this way: "The state or quality of being clear, easily understood, plain, unaffected, lacking cunning."

In warfare, an army has struck a telling blow at the enemy if it can create confusion in the ranks. Propaganda as well as military maneuvering enters into the strategy of confusion.



Tennessee Conservation Department

There is danger of being "corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ"

meek." Anyone could understand *those* words!

Actually this was the very thing that stirred up Christ's enemies against Him. His preaching was *too* simple! The scribes, priests, and Pharisees gloried in all the "extras" they had been able to add to God's revelation. They delighted in the vast maze of theology that had wound itself around the truth. When Jesus' message, with its refreshing simplicity, began to claim the attention of the people, the legalists at once began to plot His destruction.

That the Church is charged with preserving the simplicity of the message is evident from the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:3, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so

message was too simple. Very shortly he had to contend against divisions in Corinth over the personalities of the various preachers who had ministered there, and against fanaticism over spiritual gifts. He had to labor strenuously to salvage the Galatian church from the destructive work of teachers who were putting the yoke of the Law back on their necks. The Colossians were listening to ascetics who wished to impose man-made ordinances ("Touch not; taste not; handle not") on believers, and to mystics who talked of worshipping angels. Paul had to fortify Timothy's courage in dealing with men who were "forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats." No wonder the pressure of it all caused the great apostle to cry out against the danger of being

It seems the enemy has created an alarming amount of confusion among Pentecostal people today. Conflicting teaching, strange new "revelations," inordinate emphasis on personalities, a growing rebellion against authority—all these threaten to plunge us into a morass of disorder. Many voices are speaking without a Scriptural basis; many trumpets giving an uncertain sound. A departure from simplicity is dividing and weakening the church at a crucial moment.

In the realm of prophetic teaching, there has been so much speculation about what country the Antichrist will come from, how long the great tribulation will last, the number of resurrections, and a multitude of other issues, that many believers are seri-

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ously confused. The prophetic Scriptures are a source of great comfort. They shine as a light in a dark place to interpret our times. Without undue speculation there are certain principles that are set forth clearly: Jesus is coming to earth the second time; there will be a day of resurrection for both the wicked and the righteous; there will be a day of judgment; Christ's Kingdom shall finally triumph over all the thrones of men. There are signs that indicate clearly that we are now nearing the time of our Lord's return. But let us keep the simplicity, avoiding all the side tracks and by-paths that would lead us to a dead end of bewilderment.

What is more beautiful in a Pentecostal service than the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit? But what a pity if we be corrupted from simplicity in this matter. Many have valued the gifts above the Giver. Some have invented "gifts" that are not named in the Bible. Others have distorted the real meaning of some of the gifts—an example of this being the oft-repeated reference, by some, to the "gift of discernment." If you will check your Bible, you will find that there is no such gift mentioned. Rather it is "discerning of spirits" (1 Corinthians 12:10), which has an altogether different function from the "discernment" of so many other things commonly attributed to this ministry. "Experts" have arisen to show sincere believers exactly how to receive spiritual gifts in a few "easy lessons." But the "experts" often disagree! This corruption from simplicity has undoubtedly been hurtful to the spiritual usefulness of many.

Getting out further into the realm of the supernatural, we find confusion over teaching about demons and evil spirits. In recent years we have seen some who have tried to name every demon in Satan's host. Often disease or mental affliction has been labeled as demon possession when it definitely was not. Only God knows the number of believers whose minds have been thrown into turmoil and confusion by hearing and reading so much about demons. They need comfort, not condemnation. They need to be assured that "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

Nowhere has simplicity been so abused in recent years as in the matter of divine healing. What could be more beautifully simple than the in-

structions of James 5:14, 15: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." A brief but plain account of the healing ministry of the disciples of Jesus is given in Mark 6:12, 13: "And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." How simple, and yet how thrilling! There was an utter absence of fanfare. There were no exaggerated claims; no wild speculations—only a simple carrying out of the Saviour's command to minister to both the spiritual and physical needs of men. Let us never forget that signs are given always as a credential for the *Word*, not for the *worker*!

Many of us pastors have had to cope with an aftermath of disillusionment and confusion that so very often has followed times of special emphasis on physical healing. Thank God that we do have men who are endeavoring to exercise this ministry soundly and scripturally, but their work is made difficult because so much of an unsound nature has gone before. We need to realize that some of the greatest physical miracles are taking place in the regular services of local congregations, where the ministry of healing takes its rightful and scriptural place as an adjunct to gospel preaching, never beclouding the fact that the salvation of the soul is the chief mission of the church.

Sometimes even our distinctive Pentecostal testimony is lost in the haze of some new "method" of receiving


the baptism in the Spirit. The best method is to instill such a hunger in the believer's heart for the Baptism that he lays hold of God in mighty desperation, and when that happens you may be sure the infilling of the Spirit will not be long in coming—regardless of what "method" the seeker employs.

No small amount of division has arisen over the meaning of "holiness." God's command is plain and simple: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Unfortunately some have taken this command and declared, "Holiness means *this*," while others have just as vigorously insisted, "No, it doesn't! Holiness means *that*!" The definitions vary according to the section of the country one is in. Many rules and regulations have been made in an effort to keep men and women "holy," and we do not despise them, for we realize that back of it has been a fervent desire to keep our movement pure and godly. It is to be feared, however, that some of the teaching along this line has proved to be more confusing than helpful. Too often teaching concerning an outward holiness has not been balanced by emphasis on the danger of having an unholy *spirit*!

We cannot help but wonder, at times, if our labors in evangelism and in the Sunday School have not been marked by a departure from simplicity. Sometimes we seem to be engaged in a contest to see who can draw the largest crowds and have the largest numbers. Certainly we want the greatest possible numbers. We want to increase dozens to hundreds, hundreds to thousands, and thousands to ten thousands. But let it all be regulated and powered by a blazing passion for souls, with all the extra trappings reduced to a minimum!

I am not a prophet of doom. I am an optimistic Pentecostal preacher, overjoyed for the privilege of being in the greatest movement on earth. But I have observed, for a considerable period of time, the creeping departure from simplicity, and I am sure that my feeling is shared by many of my brethren, who undoubtedly could express the thought in language more eloquent than mine. A return to the simplicity of the gospel is overdue. Some burdensome "extras" that we have acquired need to be cast off. We need to be reduced to God. Our chief aim should be the exaltation of Christ and His saving truth. ◀◀

BIBLE VERSE



I CORINTHIANS 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

*This Remarkable Article by a Congregational Minister Has
a Message for Every Christian, whether Pentecostal or Non-Pentecostal*

Pentecost: Feast or Festival?

BY JOHN GARRETT

WHY ARE THE PENTECOSTALIST churches thriving? Some people say it is because they specialize in popular music and are not afraid to let their hair down. The worshipers feel at home because they can forget to be respectable and just enjoy themselves.

There are many ways of explaining why the popular "sects" grow and thrive all over the world; but no explanation is good enough if it leaves out their stress on the Holy Spirit and the coming of the Spirit on the assembled disciples. Pentecostals are dynamic, missionary. A real Christian is identifiable partly by his joy, controlled excitement, and missionary concern. Since Pentecost every Christian is called to be a "Pentecostalist."

What happened at Pentecost? Fifty days after the Easter appearance of Christ an international group of followers of Jesus met in Jerusalem. They were in low spirits; they had been waiting around for something to turn up. It did.

As they sat together and prayed, God came among them. Describing it afterwards they spoke of wind and fire and the power of speech. They were like Elijah, who had run away from his responsibilities into the desert. God had come to him like a gale that broke up the boulders, like a fire that burned out what was useless, like a "still small voice" that gave him power to speak to his contemporaries and yet remain calm within.

All this happened again in the Je-

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rusalem episode. God the Spirit, who visits man and gives him uncanny strength through all the Old Testament story, came in Jerusalem to the first followers of Jesus Christ. They had been either good, solid, church-going Jews or polite, inquiring foreigners who wanted to know more about the Jewish religion and the Law of Moses.

The whole group, those who took the God of Abraham as a naturally available and favorable aid to living, and the others, who thought of this God of the Jews as inviting them to become Jews themselves, suddenly met God direct. God came to them and gave them the possibility of understanding other men, speaking other languages, and becoming articulate prophets like Elijah. The whole crowd, mostly lay Christians, suddenly recognized that the Spirit of God was alive in their local congregation and that things were going to happen as they had never happened before.

We are the same. Just think for a moment of our conventional steady ways. We all troop into church on Sunday hoping for something to happen. God has provided the minister and the building. We treat them as permanently available public installations, to which we contribute and from which we receive stated services.

The Spirit? Do we think of the Spirit as Him, as God, the judging, purifying maker of our lives, who destroys evil, and therefore cannot tolerate us as we are—self-important, self-satisfied, self-absorbed? Or are we like many twentieth-century Christians to whom the Spirit means trying to be good, sweet, true, and reliable—"spreading the Spirit of Jesus"?

The energy of God that came at Pentecost is quite different from the effort of "good Christians" to do their best every day. A church of "do gooders" is inclined to try to save itself by its own efforts. A church that

takes Pentecost seriously knows that it must wait for God Himself to change it from a church of Pharisees into a church of witnesses.

What is a witness? He is a man who says, "I saw this happen." The early disciples said: "Christ was murdered by our hostility to God. We saw it happen. We are guilty. Christ was dead, but He is Risen and has come to us, the guilty people, to say that we are forgiven and that we must give all we have and are to serve Him. Christ is alive. He is the Man God has designated to gather the whole world and all nations back into the Father's Home. Christ has sent us the Spirit so that we shall never be tired any more when we serve Him; so that we can receive 'power from on high' to give all our money, our time, our training, our future to Him—and to nobody else."

Perhaps the Pentecostals have understood this sometimes better than some others? Is it possible they have a central truth of the Christian religion at the heart of one side of their success story? In any case Pentecost 1959 is a time for Christians to become once more the revolutionary members of a subversive society. Jesus Christ came to turn those who are "conformed to this world" into people much more dangerous than communists. When whole congregations as conformist as Peter or as self-righteous as Paul become as revolutionary as they were, established customs are in for a shock and men will learn again that the Holy Spirit is not just light, but a fire that is hard to put out. ◀◀

The work of the Spirit is to impart life, to implant hope, to give liberty, to testify of Christ, to guide us into all truth, to teach us all things, to comfort the believer, and to convict the world of sin.
—D. L. Moody



Three Fears of Man

BY GEORGE E. HOLMES

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ACCORDING TO MANY COMPETENT students of the inner life, man has three basic fears. Whatever their circumstances or environment, these three fears are common to men. Because of this, they find their best illustration in the Bible. The wisdom and penetration of this Book are incomparable.

In scenes of idyllic loveliness our first parents must have anticipated with boundless delight that supreme moment when they heard "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."

The gentle rustlings of the evening breeze were the approaching steps of their Creator. We who are privileged to know a little of the meaning of fellowship with God often wonder what must have transpired in those high moments when the perfectly suited pair enjoyed perfect communion with their loving God.

But that fair scene was spoiled by the subtle entrance of sin. The tryst with God was no longer the eagerly awaited moment of the day. The first evil effect of the Fall was soon seen in that they "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:8). Here is seen coming into being the first of man's basic fears—the dread of being found out and its consequences. The first fear is that born of *guilt*.

Consider the second. No tax-collector could be termed popular, even though he be an honest one, but Zacchaeus was known and despised for his craftiness. He was as much loved as a fox. Any conversation with him would be restricted to the fewest words. Shunned by the public, the sly little henchman of Rome lived his own little life in his own little way. But did never a

thought of his approaching old age trouble him? While he was able to hold down his job he could get by, but how the days would drag by when, deprived of the ability to move around, he would be on his own with never a neighbor to visit him or a friend to smile at him. Surely the dread of all this lurked in his mind and seized his thoughts at unguarded moments. He may not have been able to define it, but it was man's second basic fear—the dread of *loneliness*.

The unfortunate thief dying on Golgotha doubtless had witnessed many brutal sights during his wicked life and dismissed them with a shrug. But now it was different for he was the victim. The waters of death were waiting to claim him. With a show of indifference he put one foot in the cold sea, but with a shock he realized its first chilly foreboding. If only he could see to the other side. If only the swirling fog of uncertainty would stop tantalizing him. His hardened attitude began to disintegrate as the waters of death rose higher. The *fear of death*, so long repressed, now submerged him. What of eternity—the great beyond?

Are these fears preying on you? Does your uneasy conscience send you into hiding from the searching presence of God? Are you crouching behind first one excuse and then another, hoping you will not be noticed by the One who will call all men to judgment? Have you tried to convince yourself that it is only an imagination that "the wages of sin is death"? This guilt-fear is so prevalent and people do many things to escape it, but it comes from inside you and you carry it about with you.

Not a few are haunted by the specter of loneliness. Maybe your partner has passed on. The children have moved away, or, perhaps they just haven't time for you in their own busy lives. Do you sometimes long for the sound of a cheery voice or the help of a strong arm? Perhaps you are like the lonely soul I once visited who said, "If only someone would call me by my name!"

A certain young widow found it necessary to earn a living, but she was without special qualifications. However, she placed an advertisement in the newspaper to the effect that she was willing to listen to anybody who would talk to her about anything. The charge would be two dollars for a half-hour. Her scheme was such a success that within two years she had a staff of almost fifty people who simply listened to others who wanted to talk to *someone*. Loneliness!

Maybe you sense the approaching shadow of the Reaper. You wish you could sing with the fervor of others:

"There's a land that is fairer than day:

And by faith we can see it afar. . . ."

"If only I could see it afar," you muse.

Guilt, loneliness, death. These are fearsome and unavoidable realities. Yet, it seems that God inspired Isaiah with a special promise that in one movement of faith can silence these three fears. "Fear not," he cried to fearful Israel (Isaiah 43:1, 2). Israel, suffering badly from the fears common to men,

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is given the total answer: "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee."

An acceptance of Christ's redemption will erase the fear born of guilt for you. This fear arises from your sin, but sin—your sin—has been borne away by Christ on the cross. Turn to Him; believe Him; accept Him. If your sin is swept away, the guilt goes with it; and so the fear sloughs off.

"Fear not... I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Who could assess the emotions of Zacchaeus when, thinking he was safely hidden by the branches of the sycamore tree, he heard

the Saviour calling him *by his name* to come down. Does not this show Christ's regard for the individual—for you? In your loneliness do you long for someone to call your name? Christ will do it. The friendless Zacchaeus had a visitor on that never-to-be-forgotten day. Why not ask Christ to be your Saviour and Friend and to enter your heart and home?

"Fear not... When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." Here is a promise that deals with the fear of death. We may not be spared the experience of death, but

Christ has deprived death of its sting and His triumphant resurrection promises can deliver us from fear of the unknown. Death, for the Christian, is the entrance into the fuller life of eternity. This hope is as an anchor to the soul.

"It will safely hold in the floods of death,

When the waters cold chill our latest breath,

*On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil."*

Angels in Disguise

BY MARJORIE LOOMIS, VIENNA, OHIO

THE SNOW IN THE MOONLIGHT glittered like bushels of diamonds, but since the winter market seemed to be glutted with the white stuff, I shoveled it quickly aside to clear the back door. "Now a refill from the drum for the oil stove," I reflected, "and I will have my chores done for the night."

From inside the house I could hear the laughter and teasing of our two children, Stuart and Diana, and the excited barking of Captain Midnight (and sensed, without seeing that Figaro, our multi-colored cat, was probably getting the worst of the "fun" treatment).

On this night when God so wonderfully took care of us that we still love to tell of it, the thermometer had plummeted to forty below zero and in days ahead was to reach fifty-two below. We lived in a Minnesota town, bordered on one side by North Dakota and on the other by Canada. My husband was in Chicago on an extended business trip, leaving us with unaccustomed duties. Sensing my responsibility, I winged another prayer for protection to the Lord, knocked the snow from my boots, and went inside.

The melee of cat, dog, boy, and girl stopped. Bibles were gathered and we read together, concluding with a season of prayer. The younger of the two children prayed that Daddy would come home soon, and "please, God, bless Captain Midnight and Figaro." The older one prayed, more practically, "Please, God, don't let us catch on

fire." This latter request stemmed from fire drills I had been giving them since the town had no running water, only a small volunteer fire department, and huge old homes, difficult to save should fire break out.

As we prepared to mount the narrow, twisting stairway to the second floor, I was seized with an imminent sense of danger. Again we knelt to pray and we were reassured. Then from outside came the silvery crunch of boots on frozen snow, followed by a knock at the back door.

Surprised that callers should come to us so late, I opened the door a crack to see a strangely assorted trio, though later I realized it was a quartet, the Fourth unseen. John (not his real name), whom I knew only as everybody knows everybody in a small town, was there. He was an amiable fellow, well-liked by everyone, and pitied too for his alcoholic weakness. John was drunk, but the two others, whom I later learned were his cousins from Minneapolis, were quite sober. The woman wore a Salvation Army lassie's bonnet and a heavy coat that obscured her uniform. The other man was dressed in black and wore the "turned-around-backward" collar used by some of the clergy. He was an Episcopal minister.

The callers, when invited in, moved gratefully to the chairs nearest the stove. The two from Minneapolis were eager to talk of their work, their recently-aroused search of the Scrip-

tures, and of their longing for a deeper work of God in their souls and in those of the people whom they served. Especially did they want to know the Scriptural reasoning for our belief that the Pentecostal experience is for us today. For the second time that night Bible study was held, and for the third time we had a prayer meeting.

God wonderfully met us, sobering John, and putting into the hearts of the other two a determination to seek God's best.

It was very late when they arose to leave. I had just opened the door to the utility room through which they must go to reach the outside door, when John let out a shout and grabbed up a rag rug from the floor, with which he began to beat at the flames that covered the top of a workbench.

Soon the fire was extinguished. Paint splatters on the wall and a lid from a paint can on the floor told the story. Combustion had taken place and the paint had ignited.

We stood and praised God together for His protection, and the eyes of the adults as well as of the children were wide with wonder. From somewhere out of remembrance came the words from Psalm 34:7—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." I knew that had we gone to bed earlier, we might have perished, but by entertaining these strangers, we had actually "entertained angels un-
awares." ◀◀

BY BERT WEBB

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God-Called Leadership

*A challenging article by Bert Webb,
based on his keynote address at the
District C. A. President's Conference*

GOD PUTS A TREMENDOUS PREMIUM on leadership. There are many ways by which the Almighty God could operate this universe, but from the time of creation there has been a place for man. Whatever God does, people are always involved. One of the most solemnizing facts that face us is that we stand before God and are responsible to Him.

When we read in Scripture of tremendous events that affected great parts of the world, inevitably we find a man or a woman in the forefront, guiding the destinies of a race for God Almighty. I seldom arise in the morning without the feeling as I pray, "Oh, God help me to sense the tremendous implications of my faithfulness or my lack of faithfulness; for eternal verities are ours."

It is my hope that today we may sense a fresh consciousness of the responsibilities that lie upon every child of God, and particularly upon those who stand in places of leadership.

There never would have been the rebuilding of the walls had there not been a Nehemiah. He was so concerned about his people and his city that it actually became part of his inner being. The capacity to feel with a concern that moves the soul is a mark of leadership in the work of God.

Israel would have continued to grovel in ignominious defeat had not Moses stopped to see the bush that burned yet was not consumed. When God saw that Moses turned to see, then He spoke to Moses. Oh, the capacity of leadership—to be quick to recognize the divine presence, to pay deference to the supernatural power of God, to learn to give place for God to move in and

take precedence over the ordinary pursuits of life. Moses had a herd of sheep; he had duties to perform, but they became insignificant when he sensed the divine presence of God. Leadership was born there because he developed that capacity to say, "God is in this place."

We who lead men for eternity ought to make much of the Word of God. My opinions and yours—valuable to us and some few others—really matter very little. The truth of God's Book is what counts.

There is a tendency to become oratorical. There is an inclination to repeat pet phrases. Certainly, we ought to speak properly. Certainly, we owe it to the work of God to be capable in presenting truth. But let us ever remember the message that moves people is the Word of God—anoointed by the Holy Ghost.

You will get a more enthusiastic response preaching *against* something than *for* something. There are people wherever you minister that will rise to the bait of a militant harangue—opposing something. But God help us to be against what the *Word* is against. God help us not to indulge in "playing to the gallery" by speaking against an imaginary something so that we might get this sort of response from a segment of the people. Paul said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." He said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God." The Bible is God's voice to the people to whom we minister.

Thank God that the Book will deal with the souls of people to a depth

far beyond anything we can comprehend. I declare to you that this Bible can delve into our souls and minds, convict of our wrongs and imperfections, and bring us up with a challenge to walk more closely with our Lord. Let's make much of the Word of God.

We read in the fourth chapter of Luke that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. After that fearful buffeting from hellish opposition, He returned *in the power of the Holy Spirit*. Oh, the wonder of an overcoming power based on the Word of God. Christ used no resources other than those that are at your disposal. When buffeted by Satan, our Lord said, "It is written," and He conquered the enemy.

Luke 4:16 tells us that Jesus went to the synagogue as His custom was, and they gave Him the Book. He began to read at the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Not only are we privileged to be called into leadership; not only should we remember that this Book is our message and our life; we also must be aware there is a spiritual awakening that comes from God—the anointing upon His Word and upon each of us.

God help us to live in this anointing. You can achieve a spectacular approach. You can latch on to causes to champion, and you can attain an attitude that excites the response of some. All these have their temporary, questionable reward. But the lasting, eternal thing is to live in the anointing of God's Spirit upon the truth of His Word. That is an eternal pursuit.

We are privileged as ordinary people to be lifted out of the realm of the natural and to be anointed of God. We are forgiven our sins and brought into a place of responsibility second *only* to that of the Lord Himself. He came and ministered; and when He went back, He left these responsibilities for us to carry.

It was my privilege to go down from Jerusalem to Jericho not long ago. Maybe you have wondered why the Bible says "down to Jericho." Well, Jerusalem is approximately 3,000 feet above sea level, and Jericho is over

600 feet below sea level. You can coast practically the entire thirty miles down steep, winding roads around those hills. We went three or four miles northwest of the new city of Jericho where, for some years now, archaeologists have been excavating around portions of the walls of the old city. Some sections of the walls of the old city are thirty to thirty-five feet wide. In places they are sixty to seventy feet high—great stone piles, boulders rolled into place and cemented there.

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session for sectional youth leaders was also held. Its primary purpose was to provide information on the national youth program and to help sectional representatives in their respective programs.

Climaxing the four-day gathering was the annual Speed-the-Light dinner, an emphasis upon the denomination's youth missionary program of providing transportation, radio, and printing equipment for Assemblies of God missionaries.

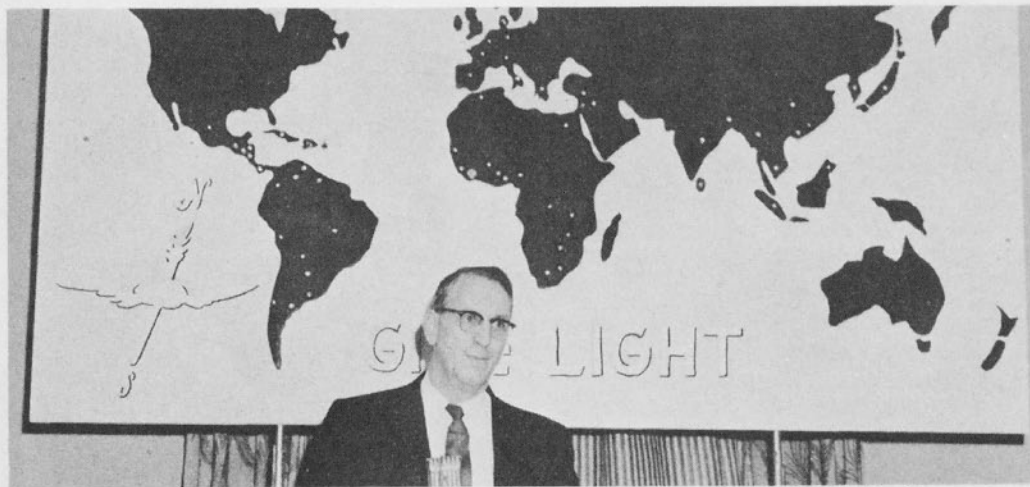
The banquet featured a double surprise. Through the co-operation of several ham radio operators in Springfield, contact was made with Assemblies of God Missionaries Bob Renfro and Jim Barnard in Liberia, West Africa. The live transmission was piped into the public address system of the banquet room and came as a complete surprise to most of the guests. Missionary Renfro, overdue for a furlough, gave a firsthand report of some of the problems of the mission field and appealed to youth leaders to keep speeding the Light.

The other half of the surprise was on Missionary Jim Barnard, who recently arrived in Africa to fill Bob Renfro's post. Brother Barnard desperately needed a boat and motor to carry on his work. Unknown to him, the Southern New England C. A.'s had taken this project and had sent the boat and motor two weeks earlier. Southern New England D-CAP Harold Hanson took the microphone long enough to tell Brother Barnard that the boat was already on its way. The missionary was overjoyed!

Besides the business and fellowship, youth leaders enjoyed a number of spiritual treats during the conference: Executive Director Bert Webb's report of C. A. work around the world; National Secretary Dick Fulmer's report of advances in C. A. work and challenge to move forward. ("We are on the verge of a great expansion," he said); former General Superintendent E. S. Williams' fatherly counsel and help; Pastor Owen Carr's challenging message on Speed-the-Light; and the annual communion service.

Youth leaders left the conference convinced that there are greater things in store for Assemblies of God youth in the coming months. They expressed a determination to do all they can to reach youth for Christ. ◀◀

You do not believe what you do not live.



E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, speaker at Speed-the-Light dinner

Youth Leaders Launch Big Year

A RECORD ATTENDANCE OF 106 Assemblies of God youth leaders gathered in Springfield, Mo., Feb. 23-26, 1959, for the 14th annual District Christ's Ambassadors Presidents Conference. This conference defines, refines, and plans much of the Assemblies of God youth program.

Of those attending, 39 were district Christ's Ambassadors (C. A.) presidents, known in Assemblies circles as D-CAP's. Also in attendance this year for the first time were the D-CAP's of the Spanish Eastern Branch and the Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God. These are foreign-language branches of the denomination in the U.S.A.

Attending the conference as a guest was James Montgomery, youth and Sunday School director for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Other youth leaders attending included district C. A. officials and sectional C. A. representatives.

In business sessions, the youth lead-

ers carefully evaluated the C. A. GOAL program, seeking to determine what adjustments, if any, were needed. They heard reports that GOAL is becoming widely accepted as a measuring device among C. A. groups in the U.S.A. and in several other countries as well.

The youth leaders enthusiastically approved plans for National Youth Week and C. A. Day, 1959, and laid the groundwork for similar observances in 1960, urging a personal evangelism emphasis for that year.

These leaders also carefully reviewed finances, publications, Speed-the-Light, the Servicemen's Division, and other phases of the national youth program. In each area they made recommendations and observations which will guide the entire national program.

In addition to business sessions, the leaders enjoyed panels, round-table discussions, and other presentations designed to help them improve their own district youth work.

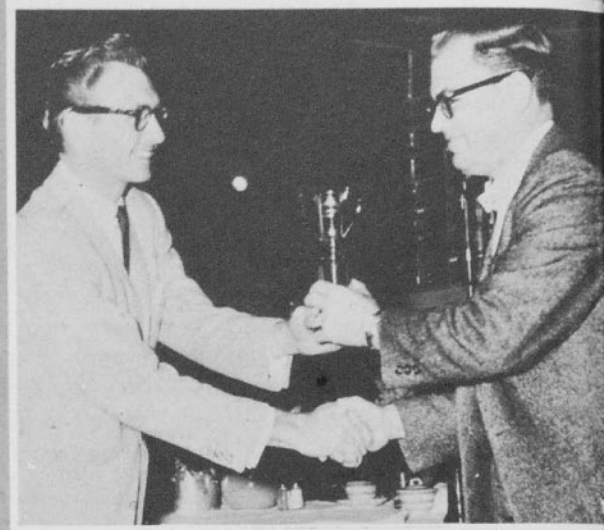
During the conference, a two-day

YOUTH RALLIES

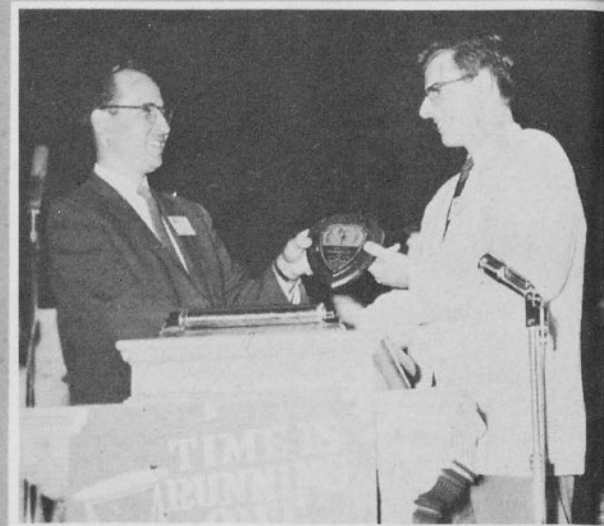


Panel of Youth Directors Discuss C. A. Rallies at D-CAP Conference

National Christ's Ambassadors Secretary Dick Fulmer (standing) directs a seven-member round-table discussion on state-wide rallies and conventions. Members of the panel, each a district C. A. president with a successful convention program, shared experiences, suggestions, and problems with the other 32 D-CAP's and the 67 registered youth leaders at the annual D-CAP Conference held in Springfield, Missouri, February 23-26. This is another way in which the National C. A. Department serves the youth of our constituency. Additional photos on these pages show scenes from recent C. A. conventions.



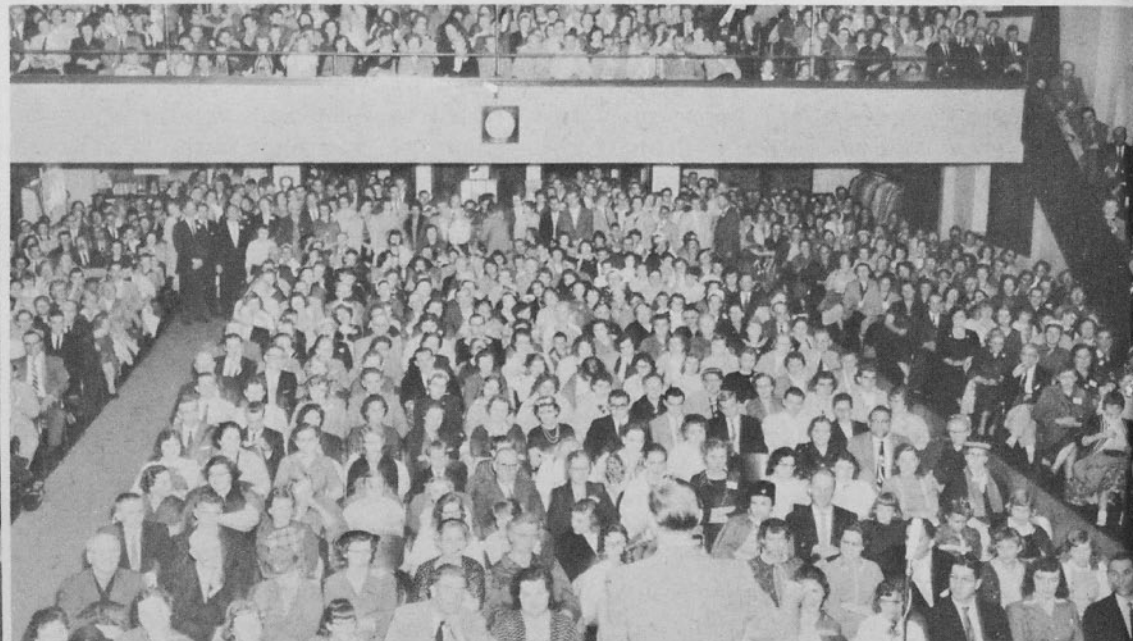
Howard Cummings presents trophy to C. Huckfeldt for most delegates at Wyoming convention.



David Campbell (right) of Minneapolis receives award as state quiz champion.



Some of the 1,022 C.A.'s who registered for the Kansas District Convention, held in Wichita during Thanksgiving week, 1958.



Crowds of over 1,000 attended each evening rally during the 1958 Minnesota C. A. Convention at Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle. Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward was guest speaker. Theme of the convention was, "Youth Reaching Out With the Gospel."



Wyoming District C. A. Convention king and queen—Billie Knight and Leone Cullum.



Ira Stanphill, gospel singer and composer, sings at South Florida District C. A. Convention. Jimmy Brown was guest speaker.



Girls' sextet of Coffeyville, Kans. (with Pastor Rohde and pianist), winners of vocal contest at Kansas District C. A. Convention.



Rolph Bergman, second-place winner in Minnesota Gospel of John quiz, accepts award.

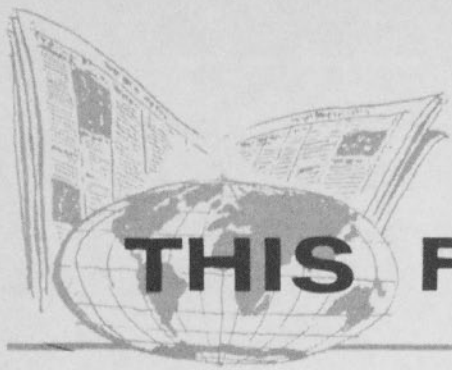


↑ Lake Bonny Tabernacle where the annual South Florida District C. A. Convention was held in 1958. Over 1,000 attended the meetings.

← Winners of the South Florida C. A. quiz on the Book of Acts line up to receive recognition at the convention.

↓ Kansas young people get acquainted during a "Chat 'n Chow" session at their convention in the Broadview Hotel.





THIS PRESENT WORLD

Statistics

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SETS NEW RECORD

The Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., reports that church construction sets a new February record. About \$70,000,000 worth of new religious edifices were started which was \$6,000,000 higher than the figure for February 1958.

TEACHER MAINTAINS 27-YEAR RECORD

Mrs. Ward Merritt, Humbolt, Nebraska, had not missed teaching her Sunday School class for 27 years. When she was taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy, it looked as though Mrs. Merritt's teaching record was in danger; but when Sunday came her entire class was with her—in her hospital room. They had driven thirteen miles from the church neighborhood to attend the class.

Legislation

NEW LAW TO PROTECT MINISTERS

Governor Buford Ellington of Nashville, Tenn., signed into law a bill recognizing the confidential nature of a minister-communicant relationship when ministers are called to the witness stand.

The new law should prevent a re-

currence of last year's incident when a Baptist minister was sentenced for refusing to divulge confidences given him by parties in a divorce suit.

RELIGION ENTERS TEXAS POLITICS

Four Texas legislators have introduced a bill to require all teachers in state-supported schools and colleges to acknowledge belief in a Supreme Being or lose their jobs. Ben Lewis of Dallas, Texas, one of the representatives signing the "Supreme Being" statement bill, said the controversial legislation would not be an infringement on religious liberty.

"Our bill doesn't require that a man be a member of a church or of any religious denomination," said Mr. Lewis. "It merely makes sure that any teacher says simply that he believes in a Supreme Being. That is required of others on the state payroll, so why should college professors be exempt in state-supported schools?"

Crime

U. S. CRIME UP 8 PER CENT, SAYS FBI

Church leaders voiced deep concern over the latest report from the FBI to the effect that major crimes in the nation's cities went up 8 per cent in the last year.

The only major crime category that showed a decrease throughout the country in general was forcible criminal assaults against women. Even in that category the situation is alarming. Los Angeles reported 1,028 such assaults against women while New York City had 725 such offenses and Chicago reported 532.

New York City led the nation in aggravated assaults with 10,636 during the past year, while Los Angeles had 6,354 and Chicago 3,962. The number of murders and non-negligent homicides hit a new high with 345 in New York City, 305 in Chicago, and 136 in Los Angeles.

EXECUTIONS LOWEST IN CENTURY

The death penalty has been discontinued in many states due to demands from liberal religious organizations and civic groups. Penologists believe this to be the reason that only 48 executions were carried out under civil law in the United States in 1958 which is probably the lowest number in the past hundred years.

Seven were put to death for rape (all Negroes). Forty were executed for murder (half of them Whites) and one for kidnapping. The median age

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAINS MEET

Ten of the sixteen Assemblies of God chaplains on active duty met with members of the Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Commission in Springfield, Mo., Feb. 27-28. Purpose of the meeting, first of its type, was to discuss the ministry and responsibilities of both the chaplains and the commission.

Many helpful items were discussed to enable the chaplains to minister to the servicemen more effectively. The chaplains recommended that the meeting become an annual event. Shown (left to right in each row) are: Maj. John A. Lindvall, Fort Polk, La.; Capt. Orville L. McCormack, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.; Capt. Talmadge F. McNab, Fort Benning, Ga.; 1st Lt. Richard W. Hartman, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Lt. Stanford E. Linzey, San Diego, Calif.; 1st Lt. Jules Ballas, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Capt. Wayne Rowland, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.; James H. Woods, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; Maj. Walter Tashnick, Amarillo Air Force Base, Tex.; Capt. Elton E. Curnutt, Fort Hood, Tex. Thomas F. Zimmerman and Bert Webb, assistant general superintendents of the Assemblies of God; Warren F. McPherson, servicemen's representative for the Assemblies of God; and Dick Fulmer, national secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department, youth arm of the denomination. The last four named are members of the Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Commission.



at execution was 28.3 years. Only six of those put to death were 35 or over.

A church-backed plan to add West Virginia to the list of states without capital punishment was defeated last month by a resounding 83-17 vote in the State House of Delegates.

Morals

YOUTH LEADER SPEAKS OUT AGAINST STEADY DATING BY TEEN-AGERS

Too steady dating by teen-agers will produce marriage partners "sadly disillusioned and with all their fuses blown," the former president of Youth for Christ International told a Minneapolis audience.

Dr. Robert A. Cook of Wheaton, Illinois, said teen-agers "can find utmost satisfaction only when Christ is invited in on a date. When He is along there is a wholesome threesome."

He blamed lack of parental convictions for part of the difficulty facing today's teen-agers. And today's automobile, he added, has complicated teenage lives by opening a further door to moral and emotional situations. "The best thing my dad ever did for me was to keep me away from my own car until I had finished high school and was old enough to pay for one myself," he said. "And the insurance, too," he added.

UNITED CHURCH IS FIRST TO ENDORSE RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA

Recognition of Communist China by this country and the United Nations was endorsed at New York by the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ. Various liberal groups have favored the action, but the United Church is the first Protestant denomination in the U.S.A. to officially call for recognition of Red China.

The Council, representing the new three-million-member church body, said that before China is recognized there should be "a settlement in Korea, and international agreements protecting all the people on Taiwan (Formosa)."

The statement added: "We take for granted that diplomatic recognition of Red China will not carry any implication of approval of the regime, any more than approval is implied in the U.S. recognition of a number of other governments."

The United Church is a merger of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Do the Scriptures permit women to anoint with oil when they pray for the sick?

The Scripture says that the disciples anointed many with oil and healed them (Mark 6:13). Are not believing women disciples? The only persons for which the Scriptures give specific instructions concerning anointing with oil are the elders (James 5:14).

Does Romans 7 describe Paul's experience before, or after his conversion?

Romans 7 describes the awakened man under the law. He would like to obey the commandments of the law but finds in himself a stronger law, the law of sin and death. He wrestles against this stronger law but has not the power to overcome it. When he finds that his deliverance is in Christ Jesus he steps over into the experiences described in chapter 8, where "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

If doubts exist in one's mind, is not this an indication that the soul is not really saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit?

Doubts must be resisted by all. Satan attempted to make even Jesus doubt when he said, "If thou be the Son of God." There is no experience which we might attain that can make us immune to attacks of doubt. The evidence of salvation is not in the absence of temptation, but in the determination to cling to the Lord in spite of doubt. In the face of doubt the believer's victory is in "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Since it is evident that wine was used in Bible times, why do we teach total abstinence instead of temperance?

The Bible says, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Romans 14:21). Today there are in the United States five million alcoholics—persons in helpless bondage to strong drink. In addition, there are two million "problem drinkers," on the border of complete alcoholism. To safeguard ourselves and others from the danger of alcoholism we should oppose the liquor traffic with all our powers. We cannot do this if we ourselves are drinkers of intoxicating liquors.

Are there scriptures which teach "eternal security"?

There are many such scriptures. When Christ gave Himself for us, He provided salvation which is eternal. All His promises are positive. "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" is one of many promises and assurances.

The trouble with many who teach "eternal security" is that they ignore the many warnings of Scripture, which are as positive as are the provisions for security. It was to the Galatian *believers* that Paul wrote, "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." It was to *believers* that it was written, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." These are only two of many warnings. If we choose to serve God we are secure; if we choose to follow the flesh our security is in danger. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

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).



THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
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BY P. C. NELSON



Part Fifteen

The Lake of Fire

THE PUNISHMENT OF IMPENITENT sinners is described in such terrible language that it brings a shudder to every thoughtful soul. That an indescribably horrible doom awaits the sinner who dies without hope in Christ is clearly taught in the Scriptures, and the most graphic descriptions of the torments of the lost are from the lips of the loving Saviour Himself. He knew too well to be mistaken. He was too righteous to deceive us. He was too kindhearted to conceal the truth from us and to fail to warn us of the impending doom of the lost.

The whole subject has been beclouded by failure of the translators of the Authorized Version to distinguish between different Greek words, translating "hades" and "gehenna" by the word "hell."

1. *The Hebrew Word "Sheol" Is Indiscriminately Translated "Grave" and "Hell."*

2. *The Seventy Who Translated the Hebrew Scriptures Into Greek (Septuagint Version—two or three centuries before the coming of Christ)—rendered the Hebrew word "Sheol" as "Hades." In the Greek New Testament, this word occurs in Matthew 11:23; 16:18; in Luke 10:15; 16:23; and in Acts 2:27,*

31; also in Revelation 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14. It clearly means "place of departed spirits," both good and bad. It was in two compartments, separated by a great chasm, translated "gulf" in Luke 16:16. The righteous dead were in paradise, also spoken of as "Abraham's bosom." This designation is from the Talmud. It was adopted by Jesus (Luke 16:22). The reference is to the ancient custom of reclining at feasts and the place of honor would be next to Abraham, the father of the faithful.

3. *Paradise Was Transferred From the Underworld to a Place Near the Throne of God and this change was made at the ascension of our Lord. This seems to agree with Paul's words (Ephesians 4:8-10) in which he speaks of the descent of Christ into hades and His ascension, "carrying captivity captive." The dead in Christ are absent from the body and present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:3). Paul was "caught up to the third heaven . . . into paradise" (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). "Caught up into paradise" shows that paradise has been moved. He desired to depart and be with Christ. The wicked dead are in *hades*, but not in *hell*. This statement, which is contrary to popular belief, is not made for the*

purpose of toning down the horrors and sufferings of the impenitent dead, for our Lord describes in the most horrifying words the torments of lost souls in hades. Read again the familiar account in Luke 16:19-31 and our statement which follows, showing that we are not trying to evade the Bible teaching concerning future punishment.

4. *Gehenna Was a Place in the Valley of Hinnom Where Anciently Human Sacrifices Were Offered* (2 Chronicles 33:6; Jeremiah 7:31). This Greek word occurs in Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 32; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6. In every instance except the last, the word "gehenna" falls from the lips of Jesus Christ in the most solemn warning. We identify "gehenna" and "hell" with the "lake of fire" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15). Death and hades are to be cast into the lake of fire. The sufferings of the lost in the lake of fire are described as the second death (Revelation 20:14, 15; 21:8; see also Revelation 20:6). The lake of fire will be the *final prison of the devil*, who will be "cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

5. *The Duration of the Punishment Appears From Several Scriptures to Be Endless.* The words "everlasting fire" (Matthew 25:41), "unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17), and the "fire that never shall be quenched" (Mark 10:43, 45), the "torment" which continues "day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:10), and many other similar expressions force us to the view that the punishment of the wicked dead, who share with the devil and his angels in rebellion against God, will likewise share with them in the everlasting fire which was prepared for the

THE LAKE OF FIRE

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15.

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devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

6. *Hell, or the Lake of Fire*, as intimated in the scriptures which we have just quoted, *was not prepared for man*, but for the punishment of the arch-enemy of God and man, and for the demons which are in league with him. Man goes to hell not *by* the will of God but *against* the will of God, who cries out after the sinner, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

7. *We Cannot Explain, to the Satisfaction of All, the Severity of God's Eternal Judgment*, neither can we fathom His love and mercy to lost sinners who deserve nothing but punishment, and yet through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ are exalted to sit with Him in heavenly places (Romans 11:22; Ephesians 2:6). When we see the

price paid for our redemption, we know that man's doom without Christ would have been too awful for our feeble words to describe or our imagination to depict. No man is compelled to go to hell, but all are entreated to have mercy on their souls and flee to Christ for refuge. Men do not go to hell because they are sinners, but because they do not want to be saved (John 3:36). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

"Knowing therefore the *terror* of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Corinthians 5:11). "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, *be ye reconciled to God*" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

It Can't Be Done!

BY MARY L. MILES

NEEDING A LIGHT TO HUNT FOR something in a dark cupboard, I turned on my flashlight, but beneath the glass covering there was only a sickly pinpoint of light which slowly died out as I stood staring at it.

Remembering that I had two brand new batteries in my desk drawer, I proceeded to make the change. Then a thought struck.

"Why use *two* new batteries," I said to myself. "If I put one nice new one in first, and an old one on top, surely my flashlight will throw a bright beam."

Carefully I placed the new battery in first, then an old one. I screwed the cap on tightly and snapped the switch.

But alas, no bright beam shone from my flashlight. Only that same pinpoint of sickly yellow light, no brighter than the two worn-out batteries had produced.

When I discarded both of the worn-out batteries and put in two new ones, the flashlight threw a bright light in-

to the dark recesses of my cupboard.

But I didn't only see into those dark corners! I saw a spiritual truth that I shall not soon forget. Paul says, in 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" When the children of light yoke up with the children of darkness, the inevitable result will be the dimming of their witness. This may not be evident at once, but the deterioration, though gradual, will be sure.

Do not be deceived, Christian friend; "evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33). "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Our business is to illuminate the dark corners of the earth, whether they be in our own home, or on our street, or across the sea in foreign lands. So let us have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, nor be yoked in any manner with the children of the night, lest our light be dimmed.



"These modern kids are such a PROBLEM..."

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Tragedy Strikes

Flood Destroys House of Worship. Christians Lose Their Possessions

BY P. HENRY HALL
Missionary to Peru

The recent flood disaster which almost destroyed the town of Matucana near Lima, Peru, left our Assemblies of God Christians in a state of dire need. Not only did many lose their personal possessions, but their house of worship was completely destroyed also.

For many months a withering drought had left the entire area without water. Crops could not be raised, cattle were dying, and many families had abandoned their small farms to find work in the cities. Then suddenly it happened! The rains came and precipitated one of the greatest floods in the history of Peru.

We quote P. Henry Hall's letter of March 2:

"Our pioneer effort in this town is quite young, but God has blessed



Only a few houses of cement and brick withstood the waters. Others of adobe brick were dissolved and washed away.

and souls have been saved. Before the flood, we had high hopes that this church would be a good center for reaching the rest of the valley towns. Even though we have suffered this tragedy, we can still do an even greater work if we can get a new church built right away.

"I appeal to our *Evangel* readers to come to the rescue at this time. Money is needed to buy a piece of ground and build a new place of worship. Then, too, we must help those who lost everything in the flood."

The need is urgent! Please send your generous offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "*P. Henry Hall—Peru Flood Disaster, Matucana.*"



Path of river along the side of sagging railroad track. At this point the angry swelling river went out of bounds and billowed over the mountain town of Matucana.



Henry Hall made a special trip to Matucana, and left food staples with the student pastor (left) and some of the Christian people to share with others.

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

January 1959

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,339.27	N. Texas	9,414.62
Appalachian	488.52	Northwest	22,245.49
Arizona	6,062.82	Ohio	9,079.32
Arkansas	2,967.21	Oklahoma	13,872.52
Eastern	10,985.28	Oregon	9,517.45
Georgia	2,123.61	Polish Br.	18.00
German Br.	1,496.64	Potomac	8,415.54
Greek Br.	72.00	Rocky Mtn.	5,033.75
Hungarian Br.	130.50	S. Carolina	1,321.30
Illinois	9,587.11	S. Dakota	2,354.54
Indiana	4,108.64	S. Florida	5,821.64
Italian Br.	314.69	S. California	37,164.05
Kansas	7,007.61	S. N. England	3,747.90
Kentucky	746.22	S. Texas	10,608.87
Lat. Am. Br.	140.61	S. Idaho	907.60
Louisiana	2,425.67	S. Missouri	9,670.71
Michigan	9,031.39	Span. E. Dist.	332.71
Minnesota	11,599.01	Tennessee	3,056.63
Mississippi	1,241.99	Ukrainian Br.	40.20
Montana	1,939.25	W. Central	4,519.28
Nebraska	3,268.84	W. Florida	1,816.60
New Jersey	6,038.40	W. Texas	3,639.70
New Mexico	1,453.15	Wis.-N. Mich.	5,305.42
New York	9,109.43	Wyoming	596.68
N. Carolina	1,137.63	Alaska	366.30
N. Dakota	2,325.18	Canada	1,514.90
N. N. England	818.48	Hawaii	430.03
N. Calif.-Nev.	28,352.81	Foreign	15.57
		Miscellaneous	40.20

Total Amount Reported	\$298,179.48
District Funds	\$10,676.41
National Home Missions	2,428.37
Office Expense	3,800.95
Given Direct to Missions	
aries	2,353.15 19,258.88

Received for Council Missionaries	\$278,920.60
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	2,991.84
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	21,497.95

Total Receipts \$303,410.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$146,235.57
Missionary Equipment	40,584.50
Missionary Work	65,794.13
National Workers Abroad	9,045.49
Deputational Returns	75.25
Buildings in Foreign Lands	35,887.77
Missionary Transportation	53,367.06

	\$350,989.77
Transferred from "Hold Accounts"	47,579.38

\$303,410.39

NEWS NOTES

BACK TO THE FIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burgdorf and son left for Jamaica on February 12.

Esther B. Harvey returned to India on February 12.

May Garner returned to Nigeria on the "African Glen" on February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens Nolin and daughter returned to Malaya on February 18.

Laura Pape sailed from New Orleans, La., for Liberia on February 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klahr and children left for Japan on February 16.

Christelle Evans and Alta B. Hodge

sailed for South India on February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kessler and family left New York for Ghana, Africa, on February 26.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hymes and children returned to Japan on March 4.

Charles Greenaway left for Senegal, Africa, on March 2. His wife and chil-

dren did not accompany him at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Fox returned to Upper Volta, Africa, on March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goomas and son sailed for Greece on March 11.

Mrs. Charles B. Anderson and son left for South India on March 14 to join Mr. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kensinger and son returned to Costa Rica on March 7.

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A letter received from the J. J. Friesen family tells of their safe arrival in the Congo.

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Paul Mark was born on February 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Barker, Hong Kong.



Charles Greenaway



Esther B. Harvey



Alta B. Hodge



Christelle Evans



Laura Pape



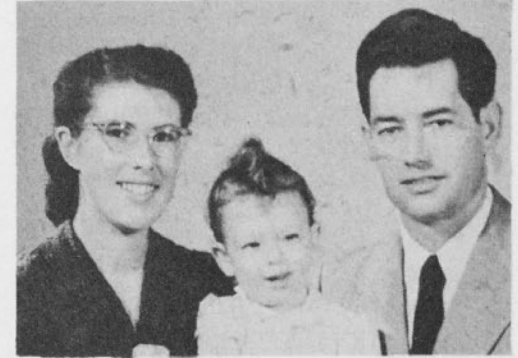
May Garner



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burgdorf and son



The Paul Klahr family



Mr. and Mrs. Stevens Nolin and daughter



The R. A. Hymes family



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox



The Charles B. Anderson family



The James Kessler family

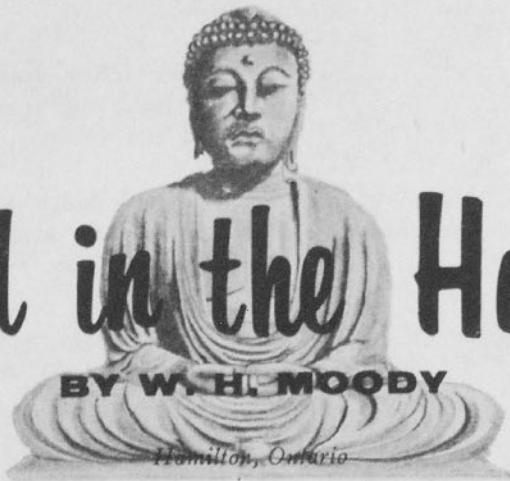


Mr. and Mrs. George Goomas and son



Mr. and Mrs. David Kensinger and son

God in the House



A JAPANESE STUDENT IN AN AMERICAN college was invited to the home of one of her classmates for the Christmas holidays. As she was leaving, her hostess said, "I hope you had a happy time with us."

"Oh, yes," the girl replied. "I had a beautiful time—except that I have missed the god in the house."

"The god in the house?" asked the puzzled hostess.

"Yes. You see, in my country each home has its god shelf, and we worship every day; but you have no god in your home!"

Although we do not believe in worshipping idols, yet it must truly be said of many homes in our land, "You have no God in your home—you make no place for Him in your everyday life." Is this true of your home? Perhaps you have no family altar where you gather the whole family for Bible reading and prayer each day. The

radio or television has a place of importance; friends are welcome to gather for times of social enjoyment; members of the family enjoy many daily activities; but there is no place for God in many homes!

God's Word declares in Deuteronomy 6:6, 7: "And these words, which I commanded thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them *when thou sittest in thine house.*" A Christian home is the first and best institution for the proper training of children.

Someone has called the home the "nursery of the soul." Neither the public school nor the Sunday school can wholly make up for the lack of proper home training.

The father should be the spiritual leader in his home, as well as the breadwinner. The mother's responsibility also includes spiritual concern

for the family as well as deciding what to cook for them each day.

Spiritual neglect in the home is causing more of the world's troubles than we realize. The divorce mills are grinding day and night because those who signed the contract of love and loyalty have failed to allow the Prince of peace to rule in their homes.

Juvenile delinquency often can be traced to a faulty home life where the principles of good moral and spiritual character are never taught. Instead of exalting Christ as "the head of this house," thousands of families allow selfishness, greed, hate, and strife to run their defiling course. Filthy literature is eating away at the core of many a home while the Bible lies unused in a trunk or upon a dusty shelf!

What can we do about this? First of all, our hearts and lives must be surrendered to Christ, and He must be enthroned there as King of kings and Lord of lords. Then we must institute family worship in our homes. We can attend Sunday school and church services as families. We can supervise radio and television programs seen by our children, and examine all literature that comes into our homes. We can exalt God in such a manner that when outsiders come in, or when our children are grown, none will ever be able to say to us, "I missed God in *your* house." ◀◀

QUIET WAYS

"I ask no place of prominence
Where all the world can see;
But in some needy corner, Lord,
There let me work for Thee.
No task too great, no task too small—
Sufficient is Thy grace;
The darkened heart my mission field;
My light, the Saviour's face."

START

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

JUST THINKING

Right thoughts play an important part in our Christian lives. The Bible tells us some specific things we should think on as an aid toward Christian victory. Eight of those things are in the puzzle. Can you find them? Begin with the "T" at the top. Then go to the right or left, up or down, letter by letter, until you have a word. Shaded squares indicate the end of a word. *Do not move diagonally.* Use each letter only once. Seven of the eight items are one word each. One of the eight contains three words. If you have solved the puzzle correctly, your list should match the list found in Philipians 4:8.

Lunchroom Incident

The Atlanta lunchroom was quiet except for the occasional sharp crack of an eggshell in the counterman's expert hand, the sputtering of frying bacon, and the bored voice of a customer, ordering more coffee.

More than twenty citizens were lined up on the stools. There were college students, a man with a brief case, two young nurses, a family with a little girl, and a sullen teen-ager.

And then at the end of the counter the little girl said in a carrying voice: "Mother, don't we ask the blessing here?"

The counterman stopped wiping the already spotless counter and grinned at her suddenly.

"Sure we do, sister," he said. "You say it."

She bowed her smooth little head. The young counterman turned and glanced firmly at his customers and bowed his head too. Up and down the counter heads went down.

The breathless little voice was loud in the room:

"God is great; God is good. Let us thank Him for our food. By His hand we all are fed; He gives to us our daily bread. Amen."

Heads went up along the counter. Eating was resumed, but somehow, the atmosphere, had subtly changed.

God give us homes!

Homes where the Bible is honored and taught;

Homes with the Spirit of Christ in their thought;

Homes that a likeness to heaven have caught.

God give us homes!

God give us homes!

Homes with the father in priestlike employ;

Homes that are bright with a far-reaching joy;

Homes where no world-stain shall come to annoy.

God give us homes!

God give us homes!

Homes where the mother is queenlike in love;

Ruled in the fear of the Saviour above;

Homes that to youth most inspiring shall prove.

God give us homes!

God give us homes!

Homes with the children to brighten the hours,

Budding and blooming like beautiful flowers;

Places of sunshine—sweet, sanctified bowers.

God give us homes!



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, April 20

Read: Psalm 19

Learn: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright" (Psalm 19:13).

For the Parent: Discuss the three main divisions of this psalm: (1) the wonder of God's creation, vv. 1-6; (2) the greatness of God's Word and what it accomplishes, vv. 7-11; (3) the Psalmist's view of his own condition and his prayer to God for spiritual help, vv. 12-14. Stress making verse 14 a prayer for every day.

Question Time: What are some of the things the Word of God does? (vv. 7-11) What does God's Word accomplish in our lives? (v. 11) How does it do this?

Tuesday, April 21

Read: Psalm 20

Learn: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners" (Psalm 20:5).

For the Parent: The Christian has the great confidence that God will be with him in times of trouble, helping him to emerge victorious. This psalm emphasizes that truth, indicating: (1) a faithfulness to God on our part in past times, v. 3; (2) praise to God for what He has done, v. 5; (3) confidence and faith in God and in His power to deliver, trusting completely in Him, vv. 6-9.

Question Time: What part does faithfulness to God in the past play in our expecting God to help us in trouble? (v. 3)

Wednesday, April 22

Read: Psalm 21

Learn: "Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power" (Psalm 21:13).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Then show that when God sends deliverance, we must remember to praise Him for what He has done for us. This psalm is a psalm of praise to God for His blessings. Discuss some of these as they are related to the Psalmist (David). Stress especially the gift of eternal life, foreshadowed in verse 4. Show also how God will conquer all those who oppose Him, vv. 8-13.

Question Time: What are some of the blessings the Psalmist received from the Lord? (vv. 2-7). What should we do when God helps us?

Thursday, April 23

Read: Acts 8:4-13; Romans 8:14-17

Learn: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Philip, the Spirit-Led Layman" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of Philip, stressing: (1) the great revival that came to Samaria as the result of his preaching and the miracles that accompanied the preaching, Acts 8:4-13; (2) Philip's obedience to the Spirit and its result, Acts 8:26-40. Emphasize the importance of letting God guide us by His Spirit.

Question Time: What happened in Samaria as a result of Philip's preaching?

Friday, April 24

Read: Joshua 2 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

For the Parent: Review the story of Rahab and the spies, emphasizing: (1) Rahab's help to the spies; (2) her faith; (3) her request for mercy for herself and her family; (4) the conditions under which she and her family would be saved; (5) the fulfillment of the promise made to Rahab, Joshua 6:25. Draw a parallel to the story of salvation.

Question Time: What favor did Rahab show to the spies? What favor did she ask?

Saturday, April 25

Read: Mark 14:3-9 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

For the Parent: The event recorded in these verses occurred just before the crucifixion of Christ. Point out: (1) the act of love involved, v. 3; (2) the jealousy of some, vv. 4, 5; (3) Jesus' statement regarding the woman, vv. 6-9. Emphasize the importance of doing what we can for the Lord. God does not expect us to do the impossible, but He does expect us to do our best.

Question Time: What was the reaction of some to the act of breaking the ointment on Jesus' head? What did Jesus say about it.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



PHILIP, THE SPIRIT-LED LAYMAN

Sunday School Lesson for April 26, 1959
ACTS 8:4-13, 26-40; ROMANS 8:14-17

Once again our lesson illustrates the spiritual possibilities in and through the life of a consecrated layman. Like Stephen, Philip was chosen as a deacon, and served so faithfully and zealously and so much in the power of the Spirit that God gave him a far-reaching ministry.

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST (Acts 8:1-8)

(1) *Bitter persecution.* "At that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem." Did this indicate that the Jerusalem Christians were out of God's will? On the contrary, it is the absence of persecution against the Church in any age that is more likely to indicate spiritual declension. Persecution has always had a healthy effect upon God's people!

(2) *Blessed reaction.* "They were scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria." They did not flee in abject despair, nor did they lose their spiritual fortitude and power. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." How wonderful! A perfect fulfillment of God's plan, for He wanted the gospel preached "in all the world for a witness," and until now it had been confined to Jerusalem. How we need such a vigorous experience with Christ in these days, so that in times of adversity and under all circumstances we too shall be found witnessing for Christ.

(3) *Powerful preaching.* "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them." Philip was not sent to Samaria by the district superintendent! Neither did he preach because he was guaranteed a good love offering. Like the others who were driven from their homes, he was also driven by a divine compulsion and love for the lost and for Christ.

"And preached CHRIST unto them." What is the theme of our testimony? Are we exalting Christ or self—calling the attention of others to what He can do or to what we are doing? Do we speak much of His Person, His character, His death, His resurrection, His ever-present ministry on behalf of all who look to Him? Or are we dwelling chiefly on the "do's" and "don'ts" of legality? 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

And consider the results of Philip's witnessing! Men were born again, delivered from demon possession. Sick bodies were healed, and mighty miracles performed! To say that physical miracles ought not be magnified above the miracle of conversion may be true. But to say that such miracles are not instrumental in turning men to God is simply a feeble effort to justify ourselves for their scarcity among us! Throughout the Book of Acts period and through the ages of church history miracles of healing have always accompanied great spiritual revivals.

PHILIP THE SPIRIT-LED PERSONAL WORKER (Acts 8:26-40)

(1) *A strange directive.* v. 26. Imagine an evangelist

being asked to leave a great revival and go to a desert road without even being told why he is to go! Yet that is exactly what the Lord directed Philip to do!

(2) *An implicit obedience.* "And he arose and went." Without questioning. What might be the results if laymen everywhere were as quick to recognize and to obey the voice of the Lord and the leading of the Spirit!

(3) *A providential experience.* As Philip stood on the desert roadside a chariot came along bearing the Minister of Finance of Ethiopia—a man of great influence. "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Philip now realized the reason for which God had sent him on his errand—and he had the glorious experience of leading to Christ this man who, in turn, would be in a position to greatly influence his own people with the gospel story! The incident is loaded with suggestive lessons. It pays to live where we can hear the voice of the Lord. It is blessed to obey the promptings of the Spirit even when they run contrary to human inclinations and reasonings. When we do obey God works on both ends of the line and things dovetail together without our having to strain for results.

Paul's teaching in Romans 8:14-17 is illustrated by the events in Philip's experience and it is illuminated thereby. Every true child of God possesses the Holy Spirit in some measure and thereby may have the glorious privilege of being directed, taught, and inspired by the Spirit of God. Let each of us therefore recognize the possibilities both for intimate relationship with God in the affairs of our lives, and for service for God in behalf of others who are in need of God's forgiveness, love, deliverance, or power!

—J. Bashford Bishop

WHAT'S IN HIS HAND TODAY?



Cooperative Plan Summary

Present Rating of Assemblies of God Church Giving

As of January 1, 1958, churches began receiving credit under the Cooperative Plan for contributions to missions (world, foreign, and home), benevolences, radio, educational institutions; and the national service departments, i. e., Executive Offices, Sunday School, Christ's Ambassadors, Evangelism, Education, Men's Fellowship, Women's Missionary Council; and other national, regional, and district sponsored projects.

Cooperative Plan churches have been defined as those which:

1. Contribute monthly to Missions;
2. Contribute monthly to one or more of the General Headquarters ministries; and
3. Contribute to District ministries according to District policies.

Only those districts in which church contributions are reported to National Headquarters will have Cooperative Plan churches listed.

FOURTH QUARTER 1958

District	Total Churches	Coop. Plan Churches	Percent- age	Rank
Alabama	252	15	6.0	32
Appalachian	72	12	16.7	10
Arizona	95	1	1.1	35
Arkansas	430	25	5.8	33
Eastern	272	41	15.1	15
Georgia	137	1	.7	36
Illinois	211	34	16.1	11
Indiana	162	19	11.7	20
Kansas	163	35	21.5	5
Kentucky	63	4	6.3	30
Louisiana	151	14	9.3	24
Michigan	181	26	14.4	16
Minnesota	144	28	19.4	7
Mississippi	98	7	7.1	28
Montana	67	13	19.4	7
Nebraska	78			
New Jersey	102	35	34.3	1
New Mexico	77	9	11.7	20
New York	157	38	24.2	3
North Carolina	78	11	14.1	17
North Dakota	50			
North Texas	512	31	6.1	31

N. Calif.-Nev.	339	54	15.9	12
N. N. England	60	5	8.3	25
Northwest	281	44	15.7	13
Ohio	168	35	20.8	6
Oklahoma	479	31	6.5	29
Oregon	199	32	16.1	11
Potomac	184	35	19.0	8
Rocky Mtn.	127	23	18.1	9
South Carolina	54	5	9.3	24
South Dakota	51	11	21.6	4
South Florida	165	23	13.9	18
South Texas	269	26	9.7	23
S. California	378	30	7.9	27
Southern Idaho	59			
S. Missouri	362	42	11.6	21
S. N. England	66	17	25.8	2
Tennessee	110	9	8.2	26
West Central	216	26	12.0	19
West Texas	134	14	10.4	22
Wis.-N. Mich.	138	21	15.2	14
Wyoming	37			

Total 7,572 888 11.7%

FOREIGN BRANCHES IN THE U.S.A.

Alaska	30			
Eastern Spanish	66			
German	20	1	5.0	1
Greek	10			
Hungarian	12			
Italian	66			
Latin American	293			
Polish	19			
Russian	11			
Ukrainian	23			
Yugoslavian	2			
Total Foreign Branches	552	1	.2	
Grand Total	8,124	889	10.9%	

God-Called Leadership

(Continued from page nine)

When I stood at the base of one portion of it, I remembered that a few former slaves simply walked around there with the strange hope that those walls were going to crack and fall down. As they obeyed God, that very thing occurred exactly as God said it would occur.

Sometimes we are staggered at the promises of God. We don't decide, "I won't believe the Lord." We find it impossible, humanly speaking, to believe some of the provisions. Certainly, there were walls around Jericho. There was a Red Sea. There was a River Jordan. There are seeming impossibilities today. But nothing is impossible with God.

The Great Commission is a thrilling command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And... in my name shall they cast out devils;

they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

We quote this and say, "Praise God! Those are our marching orders." But let's go on. The next verse says, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following."

Thank God not only for the assurance but also for the experience that actually takes place. Hebrews 2:1-4 says, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

We are called to leadership; we are bidden to take the Word of God as our sword; we are promised the anointing to gain the victory. Thank God for divine arrangements in our behalf.

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PEWS, PULPIT AND CHANCEL FURNITURE. Low direct prices. Early delivery. Free catalogues. Redington Company, Dept. A., Scranton 2, Pennsylvania.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SELL "JESUS SAVES" PINS. Excellent profits. Write: Gospel Pins, 278 Mize Road, Salem, Oregon.

Maybe Before Morning

To me the second coming is the perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on the pillow without thinking that, maybe, before morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned! I never begin my work without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own! This is now His Word to all believing souls: "Till I come." We are not looking for death; we are looking for Him.

—G. Campbell Morgan



MAY 10 is MOTHER'S DAY

You are wondering what to get for MOTHER this year. Care to come with us? We shall be glad to take you on a merchandising tour—show you items we think would appeal to mothers. Perhaps you will find during the tour *the* gift you know would be the most acceptable to your Mother. Of course, anything you might select for her, she would treasure and point to with pride, "He (or she) got it for me!"

First of all, allow us to show you an unusually lovely and unique gift, called the **PRECIOUS PROMISE SWISS MUSIC BOX**. The first time we saw this small attractive mahogany chest, it had been placed on our desk. It was there fully an hour before we felt that we dared open it, knowing that it featured the Swiss musical chimes, and that if we lifted the lid we would hear the chorus of "Standing on the Promises." Would those around us be interrupted in their work? The time finally came when we thought we could safely lift the lid of the intriguing box. **THE CHIMES WERE BEAUTIFUL**—not at all blaring! Listen! Pretty? Observe, you look directly down on the precision-built mechanism. The chest interior is divided here, leaving room for a sizable section of daily Scripture promise cards. There are perhaps 150 cards. This is a fine gift that Mother, all the family, and guests would enjoy for a long, long time. **The order number is 17 EV 7255, and the price \$7.95.**

Moving down the shelves now, here are two matching pairs of gift items that ideally would be purchased in the pairs together; however, either pair would make a complete, acceptable gift the discriminate Mother would appreciate. First, here is a set of **GOLD-TONE BUD VASES**. Like them? Yes, they are pretty, solid, and well-proportioned. They measure 4½ inches high. The exteriors are gold while the interiors are white. These vases make beautiful table decorations—luxury gifts. They are boxed for giving. **The order number, 17 EV 7234, and the price each pair, only \$2.50.**

Along with the Bud Vases you could purchase this set of two **GOLD-TONE CANDLE HOLDERS**, or purchase them separately. The **GOLD-TONE CANDLE HOLDERS** are made of identical material to that used in the vases. These candle holders are 3½ inches wide at the bases, and 3½ inches high. Here are usable, beautiful gift numbers, **and only \$2.00 a pair, order number, 17 EV 7235.**

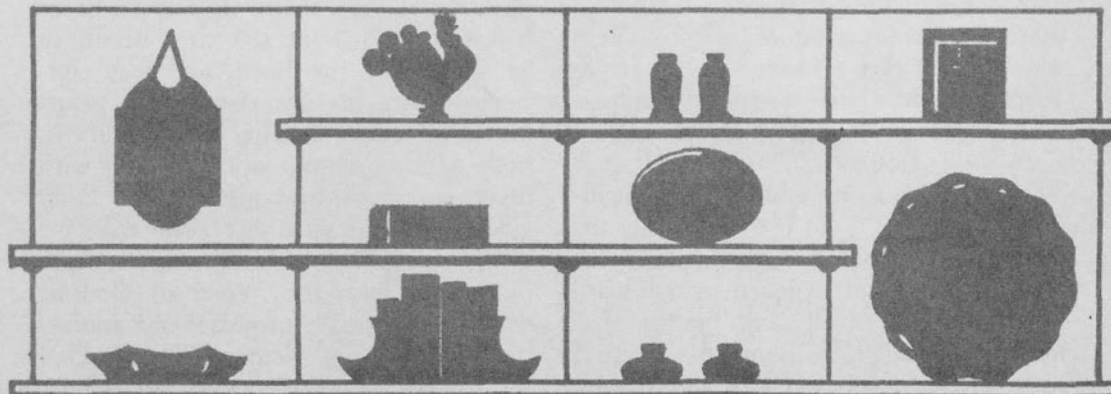
One of the most stunning gifts you could offer would be a "**Christian Witness**" **DECOR-A-TRAY**, or **DECORATIVE WALL PLAQUE**. This handsome aluminum tray can be used as a serving tray, and when not in use placed on the wall as a decorative wall plaque; thus, there is no storage problem. Note the full-bloom rose and the motto text, "Bless this house, O Lord, we pray." The tray has graceful, fluted edging, and measures fifteen inches in diameter. It comes in a gift box. **The number is 17 EV 7265, and the price, \$4.95.**

There are two other fine tray styles that are most suitable for Mother, which we would show. The first one is called a **BREAD TRAY**. It bears this wording, "Give us this day our daily bread." Decoration is in gold. A very lovely tray, this, solidly designed. The size is 8¾ x 11½ inches, **and the order number, 17 EV 7263. It is priced at \$2.10.**

Or you might like the **MAPLE LEAF TRAY**. As you can see, it is a blending of fine craftsmanship, and smart styling. The size is 9½ x 12 inches. Should this be the gift you select, you can be assured that Mother will find many uses for it. It is built for long wear, **but sells for just \$1.80. Order by number, 17 EV 7262.**

We would like to show you some plaques designed just for Mother and nice for remembering her on her special day. These two **GOLD 'N WHITE "ART-WOOD" PLAQUES**, featuring "A Mother's Prayer," are made of heavy material. Lettering is in white, and the background is a soft golden hue. You have choice of two of Sallman's paintings, but in either case the prayer is: "Dear Lord Above, I ask of Thee, To hear a Mother's tender plea. If I use patience instead of haste, grant they see Thee pure and chaste. If I but pray instead of scold, hearts more Christlike Thou wilt mold. If I ask kindly instead of harshly, perhaps the task they'll do more promptly. If I show love instead of wrath, may they follow with childlike faith. If I trust in Thee each day, Thou wilt guide and lead the way. Grant, O Lord, that I may be, the kind of Mother God loves to see." These plaques, size 8½ x 11 inches, **are \$3.95 each, and the order numbers are, "Head of Christ," 21 EV 8535; and "Son of God," 21 EV 8540.**

A similar plaque, but with different sentiment is found in the **RUSTIC "ART-WOOD" MY KITCHEN PRAYER PLAQUE**, sentiment written by Margaret Peterson. Here it is: "God bless my little kitchen, I love its every nook. And bless me as I do my work, Wash pots and pans and cook. And may the meals that I prepare, Be seasoned from above, With Thy great Blessing and Thy Grace, But most of all Thy Love. As we partake of earthly food, The table before us spread, We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord, Who gives us daily bread. So bless my little kitchen, God, and Those who enter in. May they find naught but joy and peace And happiness therein." This lettering is gold highlighting on raised letters, with mahogany background. Sallman's "Head of Christ" is tipped here at upper left. This is an 8 x 10-inch plaque, **priced at \$3.95 and with number 21 EV 8547.**



We have also a **HARDWOOD CUTTING BOARD WITH KNIFE**. See what a clever, and valuable device it is! The quality 8-inch stainless steel slicing knife fits into this protective slot. A brass chain suspends the board. On the board's face are appropriate kitchen designs and this prayer, "Accept this meditation Lord, And from Thy heavenly home Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it with Thy peace. Forgive me all my worrying and Make my grumbling cease. Thou who didst love to give men food, In room or by the sea, Accept this service that I do, I do it unto Thee." There are 4 brass knobs to protect the face of the 3/4-inch hardwood board during use. If you would like this practical cutting board for that very very special ONE, it is priced at **\$3.00 and the order number is 17 EV 7246**.

While we are looking at woodenware, the **ALDER WOOD SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS** deserve some attention. That picture on the pepper shaker is "The Good Shepherd," and on the opposite side you will find the Lord's Prayer. See how readable the type! We think this replica of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" on the salt shaker most outstanding. Does your Mother, by any chance, collect pepper and salt shakers? This high-gloss finished set would adorn any table and the price is reasonable, **just \$1.25 for the pair. Order by number, 17 EV 7244**.

A gift that would lessen the work for Mother would be a "**Christian Witness**" **PLASTIC TABLECLOTH**. Here is a heat and wrinkleproof tablecloth in two sizes, made of highest quality plastic film. You can see that it is of a delicate shade of pink, overlaid with golden squares. Where does the "Christian Witness" come in? Right in the middle of the cloth are the words, "Lord, we thank Thee for this food," and "Give us this day our daily bread." Because of the extra material in it, the larger size comes a little higher. **Number 17 EV 7444, size 54 x 54 inches, is \$2.50; and 17 EV 7445, size 54 x 72 inches, is \$2.95**.

A decorative, inexpensive, but highly useful kitchen accessory is the **KITCHEN ROOSTER**. Note that it is of sturdy plastic construction. Here at the base is a promise for Mother, "Ask . . . that your joy may be full." Of course, you have already observed the measuring spoons, nestled as feathers in "Chanticleer's" plumage—a red 1/4 TSP, a yellow 1/2 TSP, a pink 1 TSP, and a turquoise 1 TBS, with the size graduation forming a perfect sweep. Those standard-size measuring spoons would be used every day, and "Chanticleer" could be perched on the wall right within Mother's reach. Two hooks at the base are for hot pads. **Priced at 50c with order number 17 EV 7226**.

There is another inexpensive ware on this shelf. Here is a gift **PRECIOUS PROMISE BOX**, which contains approximately 200 verses of God's wonderful promises. Mothers everywhere have found that these promises furnish a great spiritual uplift to them while doing the menial tasks of the home. If your Mother does not have a Precious Promise Box, this would be a wonderful gift to include for her. **The price is only 65c and the number, 17 EV 7257**.

There are four Bibles to show you although we have numbers of other styles. Here is the beautiful **HARPER ROSE-RED CLEARBLACK CONCORDANCE BIBLE**, designed for women. This particular Bible is delicate and pretty, and features an index to the women of the Bible. It has, as you will note, a lovely Presentation Page, a family Anniversary Page, a Family Birthday Page, and a Family Records Page. The self-pronouncing text is fairly large, and printed on India paper. This Bible is Hand-grained Morocco-leather bound. There are color maps. Edges are gold. Mother would be proud of such a pretty, practical Bible in the familiar King James Version. The size, 4 11/16 x 7 x 3/4 inches. **It is priced at only \$15.00, and the order number is 1 EV 113**.

Another Bible that special LADY might like is the **HARPER RED LETTER BREVIER TEXT BIBLE**, which is slim and smart and readable, with the highest standards of craftsmanship throughout. A beautiful De Luxe style! She would not be burdened down carrying it—it is so compact! Page size is 4 3/4 x 7 1/4 inches and, though there is a Concordance, it is only 5/8 of an inch thick. Having the words of Christ in red letters on the India paper is an unusual feature. Binding is Genuine Leather. Edges are red under gold. There are maps. Self-pronouncing, half-circuit, and the favored King James Version. **Order number is 1 EV 121, and the price, \$13.00**.

Now a Bible especially for that white-haired Mother, whose eyes are not as sharp as they once were. This edition we are recommending, the **HARPER LARGE TYPE TEXT BIBLE**, will give her many years of wear. It is a stately volume, fit for the queen we are considering. No center-column references, but the text is there, not a word, of course, missing of the King James Version she loves so much. The edition has large, round, open, legible type for positive reading pleasure. It has Hand-grained Morocco binding, and is leather-lined to the edge. There are Family Records, Maps, and a Presentation Page. A gold trim, not found on many Bibles, is around the edges. This De Luxe self-pronouncing, thin 3/4-inch India Paper Bible, with pages 5 3/4 x 8 11/16, will delight the heart of Mother. **Order number is 1 EV 183, and the price \$24.00**.

Perchance you cannot afford a Bible for the older Mother that would cost as much as the Bible described above. If so, here is another Bible for her, actually the same edition, the **HARPER LARGE TYPE TEXT BIBLE**, that would be equally easy on her eyes. It is printed on Bible paper rather than on India paper. While it is not as luxurious as 1 EV 183, it has essentially the same features. Features include Imperial Pica Type, King James Version, Presentation Page, Family Records, Maps, and Gold Edges. Size 5 3/4 x 8 11/16 x 1 1/4 inches. Self-pronouncing. This Bible has Imitation Leather Binding. **The order number is 1 EV 137, and the price, \$9.50**.

The last items we would show you are **WOVEN BOOKMARK-GREETINGS** in two styles. On the front of decorative, quality 4 3/4 x 5 3/4 Greeting Folders are these easily-detached, woven, durable 1 1/4 x 5 1/2-inch rayon ribbon Bookmarks, one reading, "To Mother. May God's love bless you always"; and the other reading, "Bless this house, O Lord, I pray, Keep it safe by night and day." Inside the folders you will find space for personal notes; thus, inexpensive but lovely and welcome gifts can be bestowed and notes penned at the same time. Envelopes are included. Your own Mother would appreciate one of the **WOVEN BOOKMARK-GREETINGS** for Mother's Day, especially with your personal greeting inside; and perhaps someone else's Mother has been another Mother to you. Why not show appreciation for that one, too? **The Book-mark-Greeting "To Mother," is numbered 13 EV 6763, and the one reading, "Bless this house," is numbered 13 EV 6781. These numbers sell at the low price of 15c Each, 12 for \$1.65**.



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The main building of the Bible School needs to be repaired and redecorated. Rooms for girls must be provided in the basement.

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Puerto Rican Bible School to Open

Funds and furnishings for this new Bible School are urgently needed at once. Your generous offerings to help get this school in operation by fall will be blessed of God.

WHEN MINISTRY ON THE ISLAND of Puerto Rico was added to the work of the Home Missions Department and placed under the supervision of the Spanish Eastern District, the Assemblies of God acquired about forty new churches and the Bible School property located at Bayamon.

Plans are under way for opening the school as an Assemblies of God Bible Institute next fall. The group that vacated the school took all the furnishings and therefore the school must be fully equipped. Also the buildings must be repaired and completely redecorated. All the doors and window casings must be replaced. The interiors of the buildings are in very poor condition. One building partly completed must be finished to provide dormitory space for the young men. New dormitory rooms for girls must be provided in the basement of the main building. This will require new cement partitions, new ceiling, bathrooms, etc.

Some of the furnishings and equip-

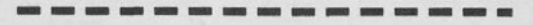
ment which will be needed we list as follows:

Steel furniture for the *balcony*; a living room suite, two tables, two lamps, one 16x10 rug for the *living room*; two bedroom suites, two bunk beds, one crib, bedroom lamps, bedspreads, pillows and pillow cases, sheets, curtains for *three bedrooms* in the main buildings; two desks, two swivel chairs, two office files, one typewriter, one mimeograph, one office clock, one office lamp for the *school office*; furniture and Spanish books for the *library*; family cook stove, refrigerator, washing machine, utensils, family dinnerware and silverware and dining set for the *kitchen*; large washing machine for students, ironing boards, electric irons, and hampers for *laundry room*.

A large stove, large refrigerator and freezer, one table, dinnerware and silverware for fifty students, cooking utensils for fifty students are needed for the *school kitchen*; tables and chairs for fifty students for *dining room*; twenty bunk beds with mattresses and pillows, seven dressers, fifty sheets and pillowcases, twenty blankets and twenty bedspreads, twenty-five towels and seven chairs for the *girls' dormitory*; twenty bunk beds with mattresses and pillows, fifty sheets, fifty pillowcases, twenty blankets, twenty bedspreads, twenty-five towels, two small desks and ten chairs for the *boys' dormitory*; forty students' arm chairs, erasers, four blackboards, two small desks for teachers, two drinking fountains for classroom equipment; one hundred folding chairs and fifty Spanish

hymnbooks for the *chapel*; a lawnmower and other gardening equipment.

Funds and furnishings for this new Bible School are *urgently needed* at once. Your generous offering to help get this school in operation by fall will be blessed of God. Many of the students who will attend this school will, no doubt, become ministers to their own people and thus will produce a chain reaction resulting in the furtherance of the gospel in Puerto Rico. Use the coupon below.



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OVERLOOKED?

By R. L. Brandt

National Home Missions Secretary

IT HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE, BUT IT is a fact that more than 250 Assemblies of God missionaries have been largely overlooked. *Most Assemblies of God people know we have nearly eight hundred missionaries under appointment to foreign service, but do you know that 257 additional missionaries are under appointment by the National Home Missions Department?*

Are they really missionaries? Yes, in every sense of the word. About the only difference between a home missionary and a foreign missionary is a body of water or the boundary of a nation. The message they bear is the same, the need of the field is the same, and even the sacrifices they make are similar.

But there is a difference! The home missionary often must get along with insufficient support. There is no Speed-the-Light program to equip him, so he must "limp" along in his effort to reach his people. Even the building he uses for a church is in many instances utterly inadequate because no funds are available to assist him with a building program.

To whom do these overlooked missionaries minister? One hundred fifteen are missionaries to the Indians,

86 to Alaska, 45 to the Deaf, and 11 to the Jewish people.

Has your church done something to help these 257 missionaries in the past year, or have they been OVERLOOKED?

I know your church will desire to do something in 1959. Here is a list to guide you:

(a) Send a regular monthly offering for the support of an appointed home missionary.

(b) Send an offering marked "Where most needed."

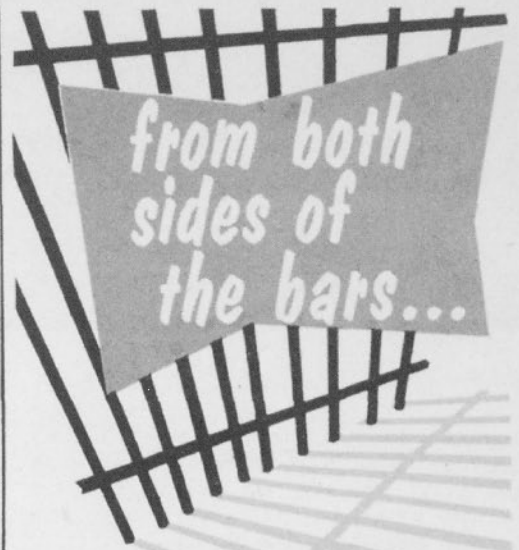
(c) Send an offering marked "Vehicle" to give the home missionary better transportation.

(d) Send an offering marked "Building Fund" to provide better churches for the home missionary.

Address all communications to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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To bear Thy messages to man;
"In trust," with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race. —Selected



"I was a common drunkard, a thief, a con-man of the worst nature . . ."

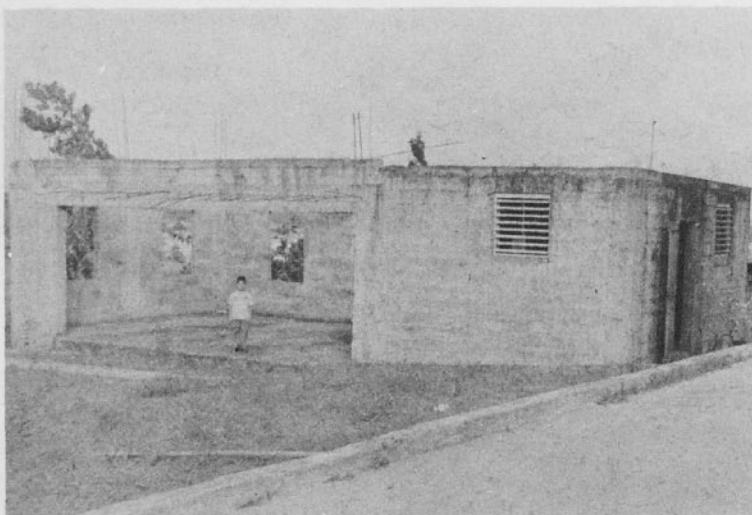
says E. J. Curran, who found freedom behind prison walls. Read thrilling testimonies from both workers and inmates as TEAM, the Christian magazine for men, takes you to prison in the April-May-June issue.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► SUTHERLIN, OREG.—The Assembly here enjoyed three weeks of spiritual blessing and revival with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed as they were prayed for. The church was greatly refreshed and inspired.

—Donald Trimmer, Pastor

► TURLOCK, CALIF.—A very excellent three-week meeting was held here at Bethel Temple recently with the Donnell-Holler Evangelistic Team. Many were saved and 15 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A Kids Crusade presented before each Friday night service was a grand success. The Sunday School hit a new high average for January. Wonderful healing services were held, and the church as a whole has been revived.

—Robert Carrington, Pastor

► SAFFORD, ARIZ.—First Assembly just closed a very profitable revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Wallace Hickey of Englewood, Colo. Many were saved under the Holy Ghost-anointed preaching. Sister Hickey held soul-winning classes before each service and led in door-to-door evangelism each day with members of the church. As a result, numbers of new people were brought in each night.

—George W. Dunagan, Pastor

► OCALA, FLA.—Between 30 and 40 people came to Christ during one of the best revivals ever conducted in the Assembly here. Evangelist Ernie Eskelin was the speaker for the two weeks. His family joined him on the last weekend, and their music and singing were a real blessing. God gave the evangelist favor with the church and the city, and through radio, television, and newspaper publicity he was able to reach many new people. There were over 160 first-time visitors attending the services. On the closing Sunday the all-time Sunday School record was broken.

—Don Newman, Pastor

► ODESSA, TEX.—During the past few months three different evangelistic campaigns were conducted in the church here. They were directed by Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Lee of Madera, Calif., Mary Miles of Snyder, Tex., and Evangelist and Mrs. Claude Spilman of Plainview, Tex. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. The Lord was good to His people here during these times of refreshing.

—W. M. Bozeman, Pastor

► TWIN FALLS, IDAHO—The Assembly here recently concluded a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Merle W. Roll of Englewood, Colo. The straightforward, old-fashioned preaching touched hearts and the whole church was moved. Several were saved, a number were healed, and 10 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. On the closing night five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in a great climaxing service.

—Homer B. Walkup, Pastor

► BUTTE, MONT.—First Assembly was richly blessed by the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Carpenter of Washington during a recent four-week meeting here. Thirty-five came to the altar seeking salvation and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School reached a new level in attendance. Many new people visited the church, and the Spirit of God was evident in each service.

—James O. McGahey, Pastor

► DALLAS, TEX.—First Assembly at Peak and Garland has enjoyed a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit which began the latter part of November in the regular services. Souls were saved and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit each week. Then, starting New Year's Eve, Evangelist Warren Litzman held a two-and-a-half-week revival during which time many were saved, reclaimed and healed. On the first night of the campaign five received

the Holy Spirit, among them the pastor's youngest son. On every night thereafter, with the exception of two nights, some were filled as the revival tide rose higher and higher. On the last Sunday morning, revival broke out in the Junior Department during the Sunday School hour and continued all through the morning service. During this time 11 boys and girls were wonderfully filled with the Spirit. Altogether 53 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Scenes and experiences reminiscent of early days caused both young and old to rejoice. Men who had been in the church as long as 30 years were filled with the Spirit. Everyone rejoices in this new visitation from heaven which has revived and encouraged the faithful who have prayed and believed God for such a moving.

—E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor

► CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—Some 43 people were saved and most of them baptized in water during recent meetings here at First Assembly with Evangelist E. C. Briggs of Fort Worth, Tex. A goodly number also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The meetings were scheduled for two weeks, but God moved so graciously that they continued for four. What many believed to be the largest crowds in the history of the church attended the meetings. God's anointing was very evident upon the evangelist.

—T. W. Carlton, Pastor

► FT. WORTH, TEX.—Boulevard Assembly rejoices over the great move of God experienced during a recent revival conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Abilene, Tex. A real camp-meeting spirit prevailed throughout all the services. Some were saved, others healed, and a number were filled with the Spirit. The attendance was excellent, many people from various other denominations visiting the services from night to night. It seemed that the revival reached its peak



Crowd attending the meetings conducted by Evangelist E. C. Briggs in Chowchilla, California. T. W. Carlton is pastor.

on the closing day which was designated "Couples Sunday." Carl Stewart is pastor.
—Jack Pruitt, Associate Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIVALTIME RALLY—Monday, April 27, 7:45 p.m., at Central Assembly of God, Cherry at Van Buren, Green Bay, Wisc. C. M. Ward, speaker.—O. W. Apple, Pastor.

HOMECOMING, Apr. 26, at First Assembly of God, Winnfield, La. Noon lunch furnished by WMC. Special speakers and singing. All former pastors and friends invited.—E. D. Roach, Pastor.

HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION, Sunday, Apr. 26, at First Assembly of God, Raceland, Ky. All former pastors invited. For further information contact Pastor Vernon D. Wright, Box 268, Raceland, Ky.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 21-23 at Burlington Assembly of God, 6th and Tucker Sts., Burlington, N. C. Charles W. H. Scott and J. Philip Hogan, guest speakers. For further information and reservations write to William Swain, Box 407, Burlington, N. C.—Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 4-7 at First Assembly of God, Green and Schuylkill Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Grady L. Fannin, Council Speaker; Noel Perkin, Missionary Speaker.—E. Eugene Bell, District Secretary.

DEDICATION—First Assembly of God, North Main and Third Streets, Dardanelle, Ark., April 19. Services morning, afternoon, and evening with G. W. Harcastle, District Superintendent, preaching the Dedicatory Sermon in the afternoon. All former pastors and friends invited.—Don DuVall, Pastor.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL, May 4-7, Hotel President—Boardwalk Atlantic City, N. J. Guest speaker will be Charles Blair, pastor of Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo. Minister's Institute each morning at 10 a.m., business session at 2 p.m., evening rally at 7:30 p.m. Theme of the council will be "Prepare."—Richard Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

DEDICATION of the new Calvary Assembly of God, 56 Dunham Rd., Southington, Conn. at 3 p.m., April 26. George E. Flower, District Superintendent of Southern New England, speaker. Meeting with Evangelist Howard Anderson Apr. 26-May 10.—Paul W. Kinney, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 27-30 at City Auditorium, Big Spring, Tex. A. A. Wilson, guest speaker. S. E. Eldridge, Box 867, Big Spring, Tex., host pastor.—Charles J. Eastes, District Secretary-Treasurer.

WITH CHRIST

CHARLES A. ENGQUIST, 78, St. Paul, Minn., went to be with the Lord January 31, 1959. Brother Engquist, ordained in 1935, was a pastor in St. Paul for many years. He was superannuated in 1952.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Calico Rock	A of G	Apr. 26—	Glenna Byard	S. A. Sublett
	Helena	First	Apr. 26—	Charles Reed & wife	Thomas Genung
Calif.	Delano	A of G	Apr. 12—	Benny Sapp & wife	Houston Baker
	South Gate	Firestone	Apr. 21-May 3	Eddie Kramer	Harry J. Steil
Conn.	Southington	Calvary	Apr. 26-May 10	E. Howard Anderson	Paul W. Kinney
Fla.	Clearwater	* First	Apr. 21-26	Dick Stevens Family	A. L. Shell
Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	A of G	Apr. 26-May 10	Eric M. Johnson	M. F. Funderburk
Ill.	Hamilton	First	Apr. 14-26	Bob & Jeri Winford	M. A. Deyo
Ind.	Bloomington	South Side	Apr. 26-May 3	Velmer Gardner	Don Carroll
	North Vernon	A of G	Apr. 22-May 3	Wm. & Esther Itnisky	Robert W. Hawkins
Kans.	Coffeyville	* First	Apr. 20-26	Fred & Gladys Voight	C. E. Rohde
	Carnett	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Fred Carrington	W. E. Collins
	St. Francis	A of G	Apr. 19—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Lynn Kanaga
La.	Shreveport	A of G	Apr. 13—	Jimmy Swaggart & wife	R. C. Ayers
Md.	Hagerstown	West End	Apr. 19—	L. H. Sheets Family	William Helms
Mich.	Grand Rapids	* Woodmere Tab.	Apr. 26—	Bob Olson	J. H. Meppelink
	Sturgis	A of G	Apr. 21-May 3	Lolita Thompson	Donald Matthews
Mo.	Elvins	Davis Crossing	Apr. 15-26	N. B. Rayburn	R. B. Melander
	N. Kansas City	** Maple Park	Apr. 26-May 3	Fred & Gladys Voight	Howard B. Jones
	Mount Moriah	A of G	Apr. 14-26	Bonnie M. Ruble	C. O. Templeton
Nebr.	Sullivan	First	Apr. 5—	Delbert Bucher & wife	Otis H. Virgin
	Bayard	*** First	Apr. 13-17	Floyd Garrett	Dale Eden
N. J.	Baptistown	A of G	Apr. 21-May 3	Joel Palmer & wife	Fred Coull
Ohio	Findlay	First	Apr. 12-26	Mel Jennings	Wesley J. Dorn
Okla.	Marlow	A of G	Apr. 26—	E. C. Briggs Family	E. W. Moore
	Muskogee	First	Apr. 5—	G. B. Manning	S. J. Colburn
	Norman	First	Apr. 22-May 3	Robert Watters Team	F. Virgil Claxton
Oreg.	Klamath Falls	First	Apr. 26—	Kenneth Roper & wife	Silas Jones
Pa.	Barnesboro	A of G	Apr. 21-May 3	Otha Priddy & wife	James P. Long
	Honesdale	A of G	Apr. 21-May 3	Richard Owens Party	James Miller
S. C.	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 26-May 10	Mel Blundell	Peter Bedzyk
	Greenville	*** Piedmont Park	Apr. 21-26	John Eller	Wm. Campbell, Jr.
Tenn.	Savannah	First	Apr. 20—	Jimmy Snow	E. T. Echols
Tex.	Giddings	First	Apr. 12-26	Robert Salter & wife	Guy R. Burton
	Grand Prairie	North Side	Apr. 22-May 3	Leland R. Evans	M. L. Calloway
	Hawkins	A of G	Apr. 20-May 3	Chas. Mattox & wife	J. R. White
Wash.	Pampa	First	Apr. 26—	Quentin Edwards	J. S. McMullen
	Wellington	A of G	Apr. 19—	Chas. Chambers Party	Austin Jolliff
Wis.	Mossyrock	A of G	Apr. 21-May 10	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Phil Ritter
	Sunnyside	Neighborhood Ch.	Apr. 26-May 10	Oran & Audrey Duncan	John J. Clement
	Oshkosh	First	Apr. 23-May 3	R. S. Peterson	Lonnie Osborn

* Kid's Crusade

** Children's & Youth Revival

*** Youth Revival

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.

GILFORD GIBSON, 57, Bethany, Missouri, went to be with the Lord March 7, 1959. Brother Gibson, ordained in 1946, served as pastor and evangelist. He died suddenly of a heart attack leaving his wife Essie and son William to survive.

ROY CALDWELL, 78, Macomb, Ill., passed to his eternal reward Feb. 15, 1959. He affiliated with the General Council in 1931, after serving in the Methodist ministry for six years, and pastored a number of Assemblies in Illinois. Brother Caldwell was superannuated in 1949. He was preceded in death by his wife.

LES BARNETT, 49, died suddenly on March 7 at his home in Los Angeles, Calif. Brother Barnett, whose remarkable talents as organist and composer once won him fame in Hollywood, had a marvelous conversion at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, about twelve years ago, and from that time he devoted his life and talents to gospel ministry. He was the first music director of the nationwide radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God.

WILLIAM MacFARLAND BURNSIDE, 74, Yakima, Wash. passed away Feb. 12, 1959. Brother Burnside was ordained in 1913 and affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in 1914 soon after it was formed. Later he went to China as an independent missionary. He rejoined the General Council in 1943 and remained in the fellowship until his death. He is survived by his wife, May.

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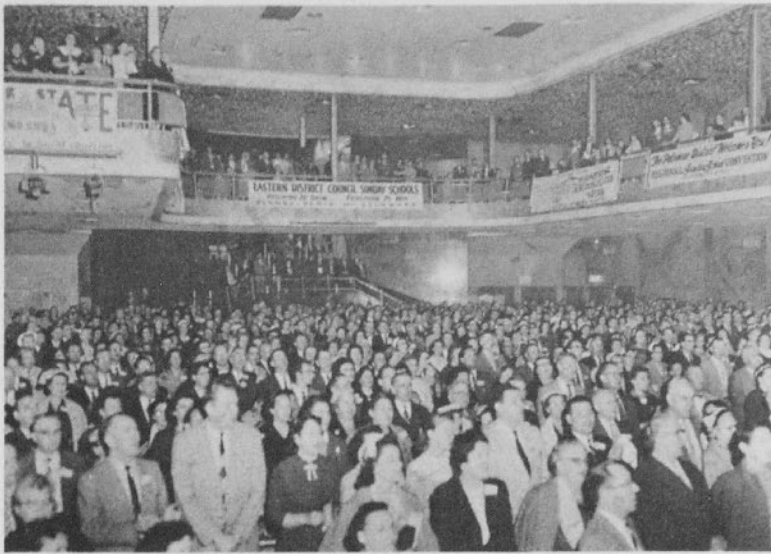
Springfield, Missouri

Tuesday, April 21, 1959

2 - 5 p.m.

Hogan Memorial Room

Central Assembly of God



Crowd attending the Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C.



Scene from the visual, "Watchman What of the Night?"

Eastern Regional Convention Draws Large Crowd

The urgency of the hour is to reach the world with the Word, delegates attending the Eastern Regional Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C., April 9-11, were told.

Using as a theme, "Reaching This Generation," the convention messages and workshops spotlighted the need to hasten to do the Lord's business. More than 3,000 persons attended the various sessions with over 1,200 different persons participating in the daily workshops.

Former Congressman Brooks Hays, a well-known Christian layman, opened the convention with a message appealing to each individual to help reach the world. "Our task as Christians is both individualistic and outreaching," the former Congressman told the delegates.

Indicating his personal interest in saving the lost, Congressman Hays said that during his tour of Russia some time ago he spoke personally to his interpreter about accepting Christ. "I promised her I would fly to Russia to see her baptized when she is converted," the Congressman stated.

Speaking on Tuesday evening, William Kirschke, pastor of Calvary Tabernacle in Chicago, Ill., and former executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, told the convention Sunday School is for everyone. "The Sunday School is the only institution of learning that has no alumni," he said.

The well-known Chicago pastor stated that 87% of all boys and girls between the ages of five and 17 years are not enrolled in any Sunday School.

Recalling the World Sunday School Convention held in Washington in 1910, Brother Kirschke said Congress adjourned and Senators

and Congressmen walked down Pennsylvania Avenue carrying their Bibles.

Closing the convention, Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and executive director of the Sunday School Department, pointed to the fast approaching "darkness of the world." He used as a topic, "The Night Cometh."

Drawing from first-hand information gained in his recent world tour, Brother Webb said a "fierce" spirit of nationalism is taking almost every country of the world. "In every country visited on our recent tour we found human importance militating against a simple faith in God," he concluded.

Indicating that the United States is inviting idolatry, Brother Webb told the convention that "statehood for Hawaii will make idolatry acceptable in America. In Honolulu alone there are more than 200 heathen temples." If Sunday Schools were enlarged in the United States and the work expanded to foreign lands, much of the world's problems would be solved, he stated. "Dollars invested in missions will make unnecessary millions for defense," he indicated.

Sessions of the convention, attended by capacity crowds, experienced an unusual moving of the Spirit of God in every service. Closing the services Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were visual productions portraying the urgency of reaching every man, woman, and child through the Sunday School.

Delegates commented that the inspiration of the Lord was felt in the workshop sessions also. Sunday School officers attended 59 different conferences and workshops during the two-day convention.

Assisting in the direction of the Eastern Regional were many ministers of the Potomac District. G. M. Litsinger, District Sunday School Director, was coordinator of the convention. —Carl Conner

Regional Sunday School Convention, Springfield, Mo.

FIRST DAY—Tuesday, April 21

- 11:00 Registration
- 2:00 Workshop on Handcrafts
- 6:00 Exhibits Open
- 6:45 Musicale
- 7:00 Opening Rally

Theme—"Reach Youth"

Speaker—Philip Gaglardi

SECOND DAY—Wednesday, April 22

- 8:00 Vacation Bible School Lab
- Nursery, Beginner, and Primary age levels
- 9:00 Exhibits Open
- 9:30 United Session

Theme—"Sunday School Is Year-Round Business"

Feature—"Plan Ahead"

Message—"How I Use the Calendar"

"Word of Life" Literature Presentation

2:00 to 4:30 Workshops

6:45 Musicale

7:00 Rally

Theme—"Reach and Teach"

Speaker—William Kirschke

Visual—"Muddy Feet"

THIRD DAY—Thursday, April 23

8:00 Vacation Bible School Lab
Junior and Intermediate age levels

9:00 Exhibits Open

9:30 United Session

Theme—"Build Quality Schools"

Message by C. W. Denton—"A Spiritual Foundation"

Panel

Visual—"The Standard and the Boy"

2:00 to 4:30 Workshops

6:45 Musicale

7:00 Rally

Theme—"Reach Now"

Speaker—Bert Webb


Visual—"Watchman What of the Night?"

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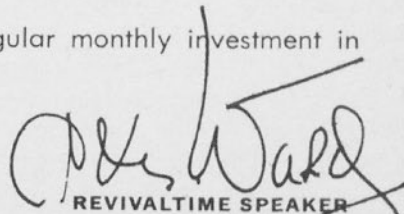
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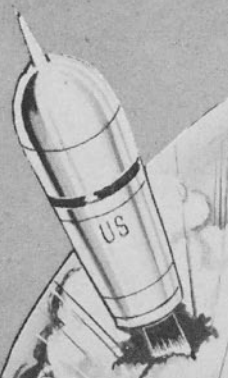
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Saints on Sunday

By Elva M. Johnson

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN REMARKED RECENTLY, "I FIND IT comparatively easy to be a saint on Sunday. I go to church. The music is beautiful. The sermons are inspiring. I worship, and my soul glimpses new heights. But how to relate these high moments to the Mondays and all the other ordinary days—that is my problem."

Certainly this honest woman is not alone in her quest. And surely the One "who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling" is able to show us how to translate our holy aspirations into practical Christian living.

For the answer, we turn naturally to the life of Christ on earth. We know that some of His disciples were with Him constantly for about three years. They had high moments corresponding to our own. Think, for instance, of Peter and James and John as they went with Jesus "into an high mountain apart." Literally and figuratively, theirs was a high-mountain experience. Jesus was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah came down and talked with Him. And Peter, remembering the words of Jesus concerning the cross, suggested they stay on the mountain, prolonging indefinitely the hour of inspiration. But the valley of human needs waited below, and Jesus would not ignore it.

Oswald Chambers says, "Spiritual selfishness makes us want to stay on the mount. We feel as if we could talk like angels and live like angels, if only we could stay there. *But we must have the power to descend.*"

Upon their descent from the mountain, Jesus and the disciples were immediately confronted with the desperate need of a demon-possessed boy. This was stark reality: neither beautiful nor inspiring nor spiritual. It was human need—and Jesus met it.

By example, He was showing the disciples the relation between the mountain and the valley—between the exalted moments and the drab Mondays of our lives. He was saying that the mountain of inspiration and prayer is not isolation from the valley; it is preparation for it.

It would appear that Jesus deliberately allowed His disciples to face many of the Monday problems common to us in order that He might show both them and us how to meet them. Perhaps this is the reason Peter found himself short of funds at tax time. A very practical, twentieth-century kind of need. And Peter did what we

need to do more often—he took his problem to Jesus. However, the fact that the problem was money for taxes, and that Jesus met it by having Peter catch a fish with a coin in its mouth, is incidental. What is important is that too many of us try to live two separate lives—one religious, the other secular. This makes it natural to pray, "Lord, live Thy life through me," on Sunday, then worry ourselves frantic over everyday problems.

Notice that Jesus did not say to Peter, "Now that's your worry. I am too busy saving souls and healing people to bother about anything so earthly as taxes." And He will not rebuff us today when we ask Him to share and guide in every area of our lives.

A little later we read how James and John (through their mother) requested that Jesus reserve the choice seats in His kingdom for them. We are amazed at their audacity—but it is possible for us to get so far away in spirit from the sanctuary where we met with God that we find ourselves tempted along parallel lines.

This Monday problem can be very real. But here again our Lord, by His very example, gives us the solution. Paul paints this vivid word picture of the self-emptying of Christ: "Let each have an eye not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. . . . Jesus who, though from the beginning he had the nature of God, did not reckon equality with God something to be forcibly retained, but *emptied himself of his glory* by taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:4-7, Centenary).

If in our exalted moments we cry, "Lord, let me follow thee!" then we must remember that "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give. . . ."

Shortly after the rich young ruler came to Jesus so eagerly—and left so sorrowfully—Peter asked another very interesting question: "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" Peter wouldn't have voiced such a query on the mountaintop. *We* don't ask it in the sanctuary, either. The richness of spiritual blessing makes such a question quite unnecessary. But in the weary round of life along dusty Judean roads, living in the very shadow of the cross, it was a natural question for Peter to ask. And since he asked it, all of us may benefit from the answer. Once more the Saviour related the mountain-top experience to the Mondays of life, giving a glimpse of the reward for living this costly, vibrant kind of Christianity. After delineating the special rewards of the apostles, He went on to challenge His followers of all ages to be worthy of a better name than that of Sunday saints. How wisely He anticipated our own interest in the answer to Peter's question, even though we would be embarrassed to ask it!

One of the reasons Peter and the other disciples advanced beyond the status of Sunday saints was that they gradually learned that the exalted mountain-top experiences were not meant to be isolated from the main flow of human life. On the contrary, they were given for the express purpose of fitting and empowering them for the ordinary, difficult days. Until we too learn this truth, we shall continue to be Sunday saints—and wonder why. We must recognize that the experiences of the sanctuary are not too fragile for the business of living—that God intended the essence of them to go with us, penetrating into every area, every situation in our lives. Then we at least shall begin to be what Christ intended us to be, the salt of the earth, the light of the world. ◀◀