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BLESSED are the mothers of the earth, for they have combined the practical and the spiritual into one workable way of human life. They have darned little stockings, mended little dresses, washed little faces, and have pointed little eyes to the stars, and little souls to eternal things.

—William L. Stidger

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TODAY IS
DOUBLE-D-DAY

Double D Day

What is "Double D Day"?

This is the name of a plan adopted by the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God to provide \$150,000 for the Evangel College financial emergency plus specially needed funds for our Bible colleges. "Double D" represents double dollars. Every member of an Assembly of God church is asked to contribute a minimum of \$2.00. Of this, Evangel College is to receive \$1.00 and the other \$1.00 will go to the Bible college of your choice.

When is "Double D Day"?

Today, May 10, has been designated as the Sunday on which to receive the gifts of Assemblies of God members and friends for the education of Pentecostal young people.

Why have "Double D Day"?

Urgent financial need at Evangel College and the continually pressing financial needs of the Bible colleges make the special effort of "Double D Day" a necessity. The expanding ministry of our schools and the rising cost of education have brought unprecedented needs. It has been calculated that these needs can be met by \$2.00 from each member of the Assemblies of God.

How may I help in "Double D Day"?

For the convenience of donors a card folder is available in which to place an offering, indicate the name of your church and your name. The folders are to be returned to the churches today, May 10. Gifts and offerings may, of course, be sent in after May 10 and without the folder.

How should my offering be given?

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An offering of at least \$2.00 from every member of our Assemblies is needed at this time to maintain these fine schools which the Lord has given to us. We believe He is pleased with the work the schools are doing and He will bless all who support them with their prayers and gifts.

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What value is there in fasting and praying? Should the emphasis be upon fasting or upon prayer? What does the Bible say?

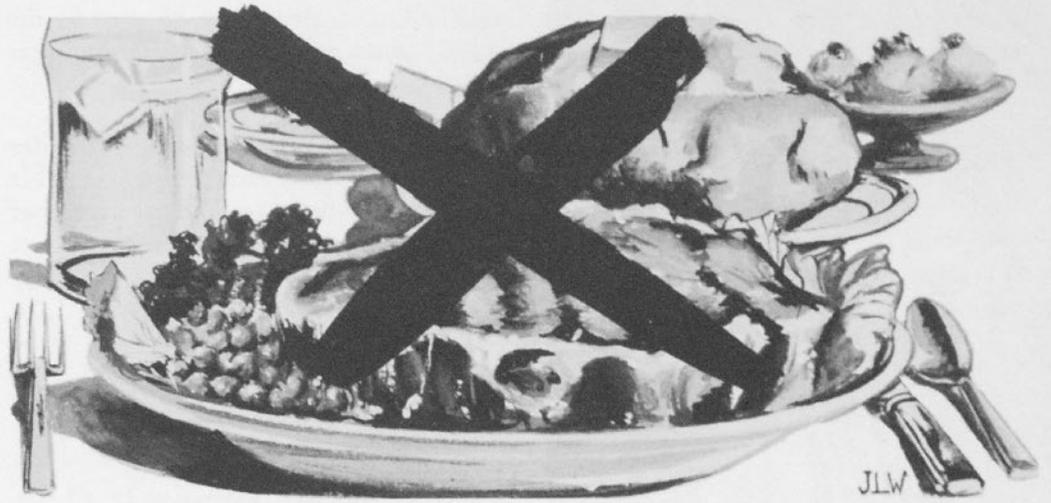
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WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN prayer and fasting? Is fasting really necessary? Obviously, we can, and usually do, pray without fasting. Fasting is not an essential for prevailing prayer, although sometimes it may help. It is an interesting fact that in Esther 4:16 fasting is spoken of without any mention of prayer. The implication is that fasting is a form of mute, but eloquent, supplication.

To begin at the beginning, the Law only prescribed one day in the year, the day of atonement, for national fasting. On that day the hearts of God's people were to be filled with thoughts of their sin, confession, and atonement. The root idea of fasting in the Old Testament was mourning for some national disaster, or a desire to avert God's anger for sin. It included public confession. The phrase used was to "afflict the soul" (Leviticus 16:29-31; Psalm 35:13).

The people added voluntary fasts of their own. Under a prophet like Joel, the thought was still mourning because of national disaster. God called His people through the prophet (Joel 2:12) to fast with weeping and mourning as a sign of repentance, and the message led on to the glorious promise of the outpoured Spirit. In later years the people tried to substitute fasting for righteousness and mercy, and their formalism was condemned in the strongest language (Isaiah 58:3-7). God told them their fasting was utterly rejected as a means of winning His favor (Jeremiah 14:12). Fasting does not hold a very honorable place in the Old Testament writings except in connection with the annual day of atonement. It tended to become a mere formality, and a substitute for the more spiritual essentials of true religion.

In our Lord's day the Pharisees had imposed an elaborate tradition of fasts, and strict observers fasted weekly on Thursdays and Mondays. Jesus certainly rejected these traditions of men, however much He observed the Law of God in the proper fasts. After He had been filled with the Spirit He entered into an unusual fast of forty days in the wilderness when He was tempted of the devil (Luke 4:2). This was at one of the supreme crises of



Prayer and Fasting

By Donald Gee

His life. There is no suggestion that He repeated it.

Normally He came "eating and drinking," and His enemies actually criticized Him for this (Matthew 11:19). Our Lord certainly did not magnify fasting, but rather minimized it. He emphasized the great danger of its abuse by hypocrites, and taught that if His disciples fasted voluntarily they were to conceal the fact. Any parade of fasting leads to the deadly sin of spiritual pride. The purpose of fasting is to help the inner spiritual life; as such it is a means to an end, but not an end in itself.

Paul refers to his own fastings in 2 Corinthians 6:5 and 11:27, but whether they were voluntary or involuntary because of his circumstances is not clear. The context suggests the latter. The early Christians fasted before making solemn appointments to missionary work or office in the local church (Acts 13:3 and 14:23). The act of fasting was a safeguard against entering lightly into serious responsibilities in the work of God. It was kept for special occasions. Otherwise it lost its significance. Some burden of soul was upon the prophets and teachers at Antioch (Acts 13:2) as they spent certain days in worship (ministering to the Lord, not for Him), and it helped them to be in a place where they could distinctly hear and receive the voice of the Spirit as Lord.

The value of fasting for the Christian lies in its being an entirely voluntary act of self-discipline. Since self-

indulgence is the natural inclination of all of us, anything that starts us in the opposite direction has positive value. Discipleship means denying ourselves. This is the essence of fasting. It means far more than going without food. It should include our foregoing extravagance in dress, housing, cars, and all unnecessary ostentation. The opposite extreme of asceticism is to be equally avoided. Our Lord wants His disciples to live normal, balanced lives, and to conform, as He conformed, to the usual social habits of the people among whom they work and witness. Occasional fasting against a background of habitual extravagance is ridiculous. It is the usual manner of life that matters.

The most significant passage in the Gospels concerning prayer and fasting is Mark 9:29 where the disciples ask the Lord why they could not cast out the foul spirit. He replied, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." Jesus certainly meant to emphasize that, to meet an exceptional challenge, more than ordinary prayer was needed. The disciples had lost the power of God through spiritual carelessness, and the self-discipline of prayer with fasting was the way to regain it. The remedy for spiritual powerlessness always is prayer and more prayer. Fasting may be helpful, but it is secondary. Most emphatically it is never a substitute for prayer. But if it helps us to pray, then it is a useful exercise.

One of the worst errors where fast-
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WHITEWATER FALLS NEAR SALEM, S. C.

Living Waters

For Thirsty Travelers

By David McKee

Mussoorie, India

IN EXODUS, CHAPTER 17, WE READ that the children of Israel had journeyed "according to the commandment of the Lord . . . and there was no water for the people to drink." We Pentecostal pilgrims are journeying also "according to the commandment of the Lord," and today as never before we are finding that those who travel with us along the road of life are thirsty. They turn to us with longing eyes and expectant hearts, pleading, "Give us water, that we may drink."

Here in India and Pakistan it is our privilege to see many missionaries and leaders from other denominations turning to the Pentecost they have resisted for years. Their plea to us is, "Leave your books and your sermons, leave your prayer rooms and your churches, come down to where we live, and GIVE US TO DRINK!"

Let us meditate now on three beautiful types of the Holy Spirit suggested in God's dealing with His thirsty people. So shall we ourselves be deeply

satisfied, and shall have to give to the thirsty ones who come to us in their journey.

THE SMITTEN ROCK

When God's people thirsted for water at Rephidim, He heard their cry. He did not lead them to a deep river, nor to a man-made reservoir, nor even to a little well—He led them to a flinty rock in a barren wilderness!

And the Lord said, "I will stand before thee upon the rock, and thou shalt smite the rock and there shall come water out of it."

"I will stand upon the rock." What a picture of God, incarnate in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself! This is not a harsh, vindictive God punishing the Son for our crimes, but a compassionate God taking upon Himself a human form, "standing upon the rock," and bidding us smite Him! The Psalmist wrote, "He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out

of the great depths" (Psalm 78:15).

He gave them to drink out of the unfathomable depths of His own smitten heart, and as the smitten rock is a type of the wounded Christ, so the refreshing stream which flowed from it speaks to us of the blessed Holy Spirit. Just as the Israelite received the water of Horeb when he was willing to leave Egypt, so the repentant sinner who turns to Christ immediately receives the Spirit, without whom none can be a child of God. The newborn Christian receives not only the washing of regeneration but also the renewing of the Holy Ghost which is shed on him abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and in the quietness of his heart he hears, "Because ye ARE sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

Sinner friend, thirsting for forgiveness and peace, will you come to the Rock which was smitten for you? Come to the God who has opened His

heart for you in Christ, and receive from Him not only the forgiveness of sins, but also the very nature of Christ Himself. Out of the great depths He will satisfy your deepest need. The Rock was smitten that *you* may drink!

THE HEARING ROCK

The Psalmist speaks of *rocks*. There were two rocks in the wilderness, each emphasizing a different aspect of God's blessed work for His children. The second rock is described in Numbers 20. Almost forty years after God's people had drunk from the rock at Rephidim, they were still wandering in the wilderness, still murmuring against the goodness of God, still thirsty and discontented.

Then God led them to Kadesh, which means "holy." And at this place of holiness, they were privileged to drink again from the rock before entering the land of promise to do exploits for their God.

How urgently the Church needs this message today! Many have been saved out of Egypt, have been to some spiritual Rephidim and tasted of the Spirit of God, but still wander in the wilderness of murmuring and discontent, knowing nothing of entering the land of spiritual conflict to possess it for the soon-coming King.

God calls all such to Kadesh, that they may "speak unto the rock." There was no need to smite the rock afresh—they had but to speak to it and the refreshing waters flowed to quench their thirst. We who enjoy the Pentecostal revival today are called to bring this emphasis back to the Church of Jesus Christ.

The rock at Rephidim speaks to us of regeneration by the Spirit, while the rock at Kadesh speaks of the baptism in the Holy Spirit which is given to all who will "speak unto the rock."

We do not need a new Calvary, nor do we need another Pentecost—let us recognize that the blessing of the outpoured Spirit flowing from Pentecost is as much for us today as is the blessing of the outpoured Christ flowing from Calvary. He is still given to those who obey Him; the waters are still flowing for all who will speak to the Rock, who will tarry in the presence of Jesus until He baptizes them with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Are you discontented with your wilderness experience? Then come to the place of sanctification and speak to the Rock. Seek the Lord until He

comes and the waters "flow out abundantly."

THE FLOWING ROCK

In Numbers 21 we have yet another picture of the same rock. God's people have gone on from Kadesh and they are still thirsty. Thank God that the baptism in the Holy Spirit does not rob a man of his thirst for God! As A. W. Tozer expresses it, "To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul's paradox of love, scorned indeed by the too-easily satisfied religionist, but justified in happy experience by the children of the burning heart."

And here God commands, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water" (Numbers 21:16-18). The princes and nobles were commanded to take staves and dig in the hot sand, singing all the while, and as they did so, the waters sprang up to meet the daily need. It is easier to understand the significance of this when we read, in 1 Corinthians 10:4, "They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

The Rock which followed them did not literally move to follow the people in their journeyings, but the water which flowed from it did. These waters formed a river which seems to have flowed beneath the surface of the sand and followed the people in the pilgrimage. Those who believed in the Word of Jehovah took their staves and dug away the sand, to find a

daily supply of sparkling water waiting for them. Thank God, the waters are still flowing, for all who are simple enough and obedient enough to "sing and dig."

The waters did not flow on the surface for the children of Israel—perhaps they would have defiled them if they had done so—nor do they flow on the surface for us. But all who will "go on" from the experience of the Baptism, all who will take the staves of obedience and faith and daily dig down into the fullness of God,

will discover that the deep, abiding fullness of the Holy Spirit is available to them.

Precious brother, baptized in the Holy Ghost, is the experience fresh today? Are you willing to go on from the wonderful experience of Kadesh, go out into the hot battle, and possess the land for the King? Come with us, then, to sing and dig our way into His daily resources for our daily needs, until at the end of the journey we stand eternally satisfied in His presence. ◀◀



Jacob's Well

By Violet Schoonmaker

"Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour" (John 4:6).

JESUS WAS PASSING THROUGH SAMARIA on His way to Galilee. Being wearied by His journey, He sat down on the well Jacob had dug, and from which Jacob, his children, and his cattle had drunk centuries before.

How little Jacob dreamed, when he dug this well, that one day the Hope of Israel, the Christ, the long-looked-for Messiah, would rest by his well and drink of its water. He little realized when he dug the well that one day Living Water would flow forth from the life of the Man who sat on it, satisfying the thirst of a fallen Samaritan woman and transforming her life and that of her neighbors. Jacob could not know that this Water would flow forth to a whole world of thirsty hearts, and that even you and I would drink of it and be satisfied.

It began when Jesus asked the Samaritan woman, who had come to the well to draw water, for a drink. Gradually He focused her attention on the Living Water He had come to earth to give, and she asked Him for it, scarcely realizing the significance of her request. Patiently He unfolded the truth to her, then put His finger on her sin. She confessed—she believed—

she drank—her thirst was quenched! Then she left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and called the people to come and see this remarkable Man.

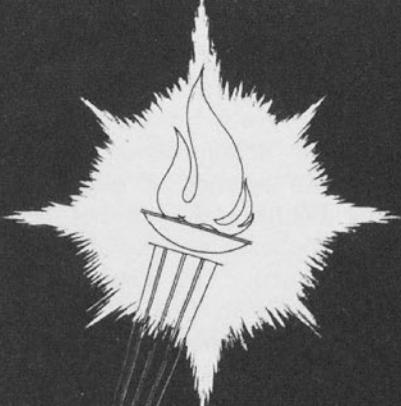
Many another since that day has done the same. At this well they have met the Christ, have heard His words, and believed and drunk of the Living Water He gives.

I wonder if we realize as we should that the words of Jesus are "spirit and life," Living Water that quenches man's thirst and springs up within him as an artesian well. Some years ago, when I went up into the mountains of India for a vacation, I felt dry, thirsty, and lifeless. Then I picked up my Bible and read the story of Jesus at the well. Its truths gripped my soul, and after meditating on it for an hour or more, I suddenly realized that my thirst was gone. It was an unforgettable experience. I felt like "a watered garden, and a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isaiah 58:11). The Lord had watered my soul and quenched my thirst.

If I am thirsty today, it is because I have been neglecting His Word and failing to drink of it day by day. Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a

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**RECEIVE POWER
...BE WITNESSES**



**PENTECOST
CRUSADE**

MAY 10 - 17

BILLY GRAHAM SPEAKS TO THE CHURCHES

*A Sermon Delivered by Evangelist
Billy Graham to the Ministers at
Sacramento, California, in His 1958 Crusade.*



I WANT TO LIST JUST A FEW THINGS we have learned in our crusades that I believe can be applied to our churches.

I

I think we have learned about the power of prayer. When we went to London I told Jerry Beavan and Mr. Haymaker, who were to set up the London Crusade, to put all the emphasis on prayer. Not necessarily on organization, nor publicity, but prayer. I said, "I believe God will answer the united prayers of His people."

That is the reason I stay on the air. I believe our radio program has united a host of prayer warriors around the world. Every time I stand up to preach, I know that back of me is a great barrage of prayer and I believe that is the secret of God's blessing upon our ministry. I believe the people of Sacramento, and our crusade in San Francisco as well, were the recipients of the benefits of world-wide prayer.

What about fasting? I know we don't talk much about that any more and a lot of people say there is nothing to fasting in this modern day, but I want to tell you from my own little experience—praying and fasting accomplishes great things. I can rationalize myself out of it completely and if I just take it by faith, and pray and fast, I see miracles performed. I have seen the hardest places in our work overcome by praying and fasting, and I believe that God is still looking

This article consists of excerpts from a sermon Billy Graham delivered to a minister's meeting in Sacramento. This sermon was tape recorded by A. J. Lebeck, the official Secretary of the Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade. Brother Lebeck is a member of Bethel Temple, Assemblies of God.

for the minister who will pay the personal price of prayer.

II

I have learned that God honors faith. I am not a man of great faith, but I have had the privilege of working with committees that had great faith. It took a lot of faith for that committee in London, with no money, to take Haringay Arena for three months at a fabulous cost to them. They didn't see any possibility humanly speaking, that they could ever do it—to bring an American minister, unknown in Britain, over there. I didn't either, and yet God honored their faith.

It took a lot of faith for the men in New York to take Madison Square Garden for four months. Humanly speaking, it looked impossible but they dared to do big things by faith.

When we came to San Francisco and they first talked about going to the Cow Palace, a lot of people laughed, even on the committee. Some thought the auditorium was too large but the committee stepped out by faith and took that great big Cow Palace. It is eight miles out of San Francisco, one of the worst locations in which we have ever held our crusades. Look what happened. I believe God honored their faith and I believe the time has come for us to dare great things in our churches—to expand our tents, to move out into new areas, and to do greater things than we have ever done before. God honors faith. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

III

We have the power of the Scriptures. I have learned the authority

found in the Scriptures. The Bible becomes a rapier in my hand as I begin to quote it. The Word of God is a hammer and a weapon. We are told to *preach the Word*. The people can read in the magazines and in the newspapers all these wonderful articles that are being written on various phases of psychology, and so forth, today. Let's give them the Scriptures that they are not getting anywhere else, except in the church. If they don't get the Word in the church, where else can they get it? Also, let us create a hunger and a love in the hearts of our people for the Bible itself. "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

IV

We have learned much about the power of the Holy Spirit. You know, in the main denominations we have looked a bit askance at our brethren from the Pentecostal churches because of their emphasis on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Tim VanDusen wrote an article in *Life* magazine that some of you perhaps saw, "The Third Dimension in Protestantism." He said, "The Pentecostal movement can no longer be considered a fringe group in Protestantism for it is the fastest growing movement in Protestantism today and must be taken within the fold of Protestantism."

I wonder if one of the secrets of Pentecostalism cannot be learned by our main-stream churches with the great

emphasis on the Holy Spirit. I am sure that my Pentecostal brethren that are here today would agree with me that there have been extremes and excesses that have embarrassed many of them at times, but I want to tell you I believe the time has come to give the Holy Spirit His rightful place in our preaching, in our teaching, and in our churches. We need to go back and study again what Paul meant when he said, "Be filled with the Spirit." We need to learn once again what it means to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. I know that we can rationalize and immediately ten thousand theological questions arise and we try to figure it all out; but brethren, I want to tell you that we need to accept, we need to get something. Give it any terminology you want, but we do not have the same enthusiasm, the same dynamics and the same power the early church had!

They had no Bibles, no seminaries nor Bible schools. No radios or telephones. No printing presses. No churches. Nothing! However, they turned the world upside down in one generation. What did they have? They had an experience with the living Christ. They had the filling of the Holy Spirit. Look what we should be doing with our churches and seminaries and all of the other facilities that we have.

V

I have learned that Christ can change lives. He is changing lives and I am convinced that here is where some of my friends, who put all the emphasis on the horizontal and stress the social implications of the gospel, are wrong. They are trying to get unregenerated, unconverted people to live like Christians and they don't have any power within themselves to live like Christians nor to apply Christianity to society. I believe first we must lead people to Christ and then we can send them into society to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

VI

I believe that I have found that this is the harvest time. In the light of this hour of harvest my suggestion to you would be: preach evangelistic sermons! You know your people need it. Preach evangelistic sermons every Sunday. And preach with authority! If you have any doubts about the Christian faith, if you have any doubts about any parts of the Bible, don't pass them on to the people, for they have enough

Mother's Day

It is fitting that we should set aside one Sunday in each year to pause before the shrine called HOME, that sacred institution which goes along with our holy religion, and which lies at the very foundation of our national life and security. Here in true devotion may we pay homage to the mothers of our beloved land, the women to whom we are more deeply indebted than language will enable us to properly express.

I do not now refer to the modern, thoughtless, brazen-faced, nicotine-soaked, cocktail-drinking, unnatural woman of the Hollywood type in our present-day society. I am thinking rather of the kind of woman who counts it a God-given privilege to be a mother, and who cheerfully and unselfishly gives herself to the not-always-easy task of bearing and rearing sons and daughters, many of whom become outstanding leaders in the religious, political, and business life of our nation.

Gladly do we acknowledge our everlasting indebtedness to our mothers who gave us so many years of toil and sacrifice that we might be fitted for our life's work and be made a blessing to our generation.

I am confident that I speak for thoughtful men everywhere, as well as for myself, when I declare that whatever measure of success we may have attained in our respective fields of ministry, we owe much of it to our old-fashioned mothers, at whose feet we learned to lisp our first prayers, and who taught us both by precept and example to be honest and God-fearing.

The memory of such a mother will forever remain fresh and fragrant in our hearts—God bless and richly reward every true mother.

—A. G. Ward

doubts of their own. Remember Jesus preached with authority. This is one of the secrets of His preaching. He "spoke as One having authority." Nobody wants to hear you stand up and say, "I think this, or I suppose this, or I disapprove of this." Preach with authority!

Then preach with simplicity. James Denny, the great Scottish theologian, once said, "If you shoot above the people's heads in your preaching you don't prove anything except that you don't know how to shoot."

Preach with urgency! Oh, we need to preach with urgency today. Here a world is standing on the brink of hell and the only urgent people seem to be the scientists. On the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists they have just moved the hands of the clock to one minute to twelve. In other words, they think it is only about one minute till doom. They are warning everybody and we ministers are going on as though we were going to live here for a thousand years. We need urgency in our preaching. We need to let the people know we are in dead earnest.

During the New York Crusade we were in one of the biggest churches in the city. I had a frank discussion with the minister of that church, who became one of my closest friends during the crusade. I asked him, "How many people do you have in your church who could lead another person to Jesus Christ?" He thought a moment, looked at me, and a great big tear came down his cheek. He said, "Billy, I don't believe I have a man in my church who would know how to lead another one to Christ." Brethren, that is a tragedy! If I were you, I would forget numbers in my church. I would concentrate on training the people I have; I would get them really committed and growing. I am not a big-church man. In my experience around the country I am a little-church man. I wouldn't want ten thousand members or five thousand members. I would want about six hundred members, people to whom I could get close, people I could train, people I could make "Timothys" and "Marks" and men of God. This is what we need to do in our churches today. ◀◀



Great Revival in West African Cities

Thousands of Africans Crowd Queen Elizabeth Playing Field to Hear Young British Evangelist

Hundreds of Conversions and Healings Reported by Missionaries

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, W. AFRICA—Recent revival meetings in Freetown proved to be a history-making visitation from God, according to twenty-nine-year old British Evangelist Peter Scothern, and American missionary John Kennedy. Further reports confirm similar outstanding results in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Donald Gee gives the following report in the March issue of *Pentecost*: "Multitudes averaging 12,000 to 15,000 are gathering nightly in the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field. Thousands have openly confessed Christ after fear-

less 'axe to the root' preaching. Many testify of changed lives and regenerated souls. Missionaries and friends have labored nightly in this gigantic crusade. One night the earth tremored as God came among them.

"The press has told this staggering news. Angels have been seen... Mighty miracles have taken place. The mayor attended one night and witnessed a paralyzed girl healed and running around perfectly whole. He was amazed, and his story appeared on the front page of the *'Daily Mail'*. . . Anthems of joy could be heard miles away. The people flocked forward to testify. Afflictions vanished. Deaf and dumb were hearing and speaking.

Crippled feet were restored. The insane were made whole. . . . Most evenings the testimonies had to be stopped in order to preach the Word of God. . . ."

On one occasion a policeman brought two girls to Peter Scothern for healing; one was deaf in her right ear, the other was deaf and dumb. In a moment God healed them both, and at night they spoke and demonstrated their healing before the huge crowd. It is significant that people stop the evangelist and his co-laborer on the street and say, "Thank you, thank you. God has saved me, God has healed me. . . my child. . . my friend. . . my loved ones." Many are the remarkable testi-



A portion of the crowds . . .



Leper Christian women spinning thread



Leprous women who have been saved

More Funds Urgently Needed!

Buildings at Leper Colony Must Be Erected. Work Halted at Uska Bazar for Lack of Funds.

IN THE JULY 6 (1958) ISSUE OF *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Maynard Ketcham presented the dire need of the missionaries in our leper work at Uska Bazar, U.P., India: "A crisis looms large here. Hard pressed missionaries pouring every penny of their income into caring for lepers over the years were forced to neglect the buildings. Our missionaries are giving their lives; will you give your dollars to save this leper colony?"

In response to this appeal, \$5,000 was sent in and gratefully acknowl-

edged by the missionaries. However, a recent letter from Edith Imhoff says the work is at a standstill because the money was not sufficient to complete the buildings. The new women's building was finished and the leper women are now housed in a dormitory that is safe and comfortable. One building for the men is now completed and a second one is under construction. These are double houses and two of them cover the space of four of the old buildings.

The foundation has been laid for



at meetings in Freetown

every church in Freetown had a touch of reality. Some said they felt power go through their whole beings. One woman said that it felt like stoppers coming out of her ears when she was instantly healed of deafness after ten years. Jujus, cigarettes, pipes, and tobacco were thrown up on the platform as men gave their hearts to the Lord."

The Kennedys ask prayer for the many new converts as they try to lead them into a deeper walk with God. Time and space will not allow us to publish the many personal testimonies which resulted from this mass move of God in the city of Freetown, Sierra Leone. ◀◀

monies from this mass move of God.

Missionaries John and Daisy Kennedy write concerning the crusade: "The pastors of the Ministerial Fraternal who sponsored the two weeks of meetings with Brother Scothern from England have been overwhelmed with the results.

"From noon onwards great crowds would stream in from all directions hoping to gain a place near the front... It was necessary to build a fence to keep the crowds off the platform. Muslims, Catholics, and church members have acknowledged they never heard such gospel truth, and that the Bible was made alive to them... It appeared that people from



Platform scene at meetings in Freetown with Evangelist Peter Scothern and Missionary John Kennedy.

the married couples' building which will consist of five one-room apartments, a front and back porch, and a courtyard. Much planning, work, tears, and prayers have gone into the building project. In order to properly look after all the lepers the missionaries must complete five more houses to replace the old condemned ones and *their funds*

are almost gone. There is not enough money to complete another house.

Miss Imhoff will soon be coming home on a much-needed furlough and desires to see the buildings erected before leaving North India. It will be a very small matter to raise the funds if our *Evangel* friends all co-operate at once. One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) will buy one bag of cement and six dollars (\$6.00) will buy a thousand bricks for the new buildings.

Your Sunday School class or your church can help in this emergency by contributing generously for their brothers and sisters who have been afflicted with this dreadful disease.

They are constantly turning lepers away because there is not enough room to house them. How can you help these who are so hungry for salvation and in such physical need? You can help by sending your gifts to the Foreign Missions Department designating them "*Uska Bazar Leper Colony Building Fund.*" ◀◀



Mrs. E. A. Beck



E. A. Beck

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Greisen have arrived in the States from Denmark. They will be visiting the churches in the interest of the new Bible School in Belgium. The ministry of the Greisens has been of great blessing in Denmark and other European countries. Their furlough address is Route 1, Augusta, Kansas.

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Mrs. Violet Wilcox has a new address which is Corozal, British Honduras, Central America.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kensinger are home from Nicaragua. Their address is Box 363, Cando, North Dakota.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilson of South Africa are the happy parents of a baby daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born on March 21.

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Josephine Spina wishes to inform her friends of her new address which is West Rupsa, Khulna, East Pakistan.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Petroskey and daughter returned to Togo Dahomey, Africa, on April 2.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grams and family sailed for Liberia on April 4.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beck sailed for Ceylon on April 3.



The M. A. Grams family



Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Petroskey and daughter



A woman at the Leper Home in Uska Bazar



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Press

RUSSIAN AUTHOR SEES "RELIGION" AS VITAL

Boris Pasternak, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, has given Swedish correspondent Nils Nilsson a significant quote in the land of the atheists.

His words, published in *This Week Magazine*, were as follows: "During our short span of life we must find our own insights into our relationship with the existence in which we participate so briefly. . . . This means, as I see it, a departure from the materialistic view of the nineteenth century. It means a reawakening of the spiritual world—of our inner life—of religion. I don't mean religion as a dogma, or as a church, but as a vital feeling."

OVER 2,000 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Fred D. L. Squires, a Chicago temperance worker, has just completed a survey of weekly newspapers throughout the U. S. He found there are 2,033 newspapers that refuse to accept any liquor advertising.

Texas leads the entire country with 246 weekly newspapers that are "dry," a figure that represents nearly half of all the weekly papers in the state. Illinois runs second with 158 liquorless weeklies.

He discovered that wine-famous California has 30 weeklies that refuse to accept wine or any other liquor advertising. Wisconsin, sometimes called "a beer commonwealth," still has 21 weekly papers that refuse to advertise beer or any other alcoholic beverage; and Kentucky, with its whisky reputation, has 75 weekly papers that refuse to take a cent of the distillers' money for advertising.

Bibles

SCOFIELD BIBLE HAS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The American branch of the Oxford University Press is celebrating the golden anniversary of the publication

of the Scofield Reference Bible.

First published in 1909, the Scofield Bible with its own particular system of marginal references and footnote comments on Biblical interpretation has sold millions of copies. It was revised in 1917 by Dr. C. I. Scofield himself, and at present a committee of Biblical scholars is working on a second revision which will not be published until 1963. No doubt the Scofield Bible has become the most widely known reference edition of the Holy Scriptures in the world.

It is one of the best selling Bibles carried by the Gospel Publishing House. The Bible is available in various sizes and bindings.

BIBLES NOW FOR SUBMARINES



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

NEW LONDON, Conn.—For the first time since it began donating Bibles to the Navy in 1817, the American Bible Society extended its distribution to the U. S. submarine fleet. At a ceremony aboard the *USS Irex*, the sub's skipper, Lt. Commander Lloyd S. Smith, Jr. (pictured above, left) receives a Bible and an Illustrated New Testament from Richard H. Ellingson of New York, a secretary of the society (right), as Rear Admiral Frederick B. Warder, Commander of the Atlantic fleet submarine force, looks on.

Simultaneously, the society sent similar Bibles and New Testaments to all other ships of the submarine forces of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, as well as submarine tenders and rescue vessels.

Since its first gift of 65 Bibles to the Navy in 1817, the society has distributed more than 43,000,000 copies to U.S. and allied armed forces. Distribution last year to the armed forces totaled 1,064,100 volumes.

Denominations

PENTECOSTAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH IS FORMED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Three conferences of Freewill Baptists in North Carolina, representing 130 congregations with more than 8,000 members, have merged to form the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. The conferences are Cape Fear, with 56 churches; New River, 22 churches; and Wilmington, 52 churches. Most of the congregations are in rural areas.

A thorny doctrinal issue in the merger—smoking and tobacco growing—was settled by eliminating from the new church discipline a tenet declaring smoking to be a sin. While some Freewill Baptists raise tobacco for a living, others believe smoking to be morally wrong. Conference officials agreed to leave these matters up to the conscience of individual members.

CONGREGATION-SPONSORED SOCIAL DANCING FROWNED ON BY LUTHERAN BODY

The church council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Minneapolis, Minn., has expressed disapproval of congregation-sponsored social dancing. It acted after one of the ELC congregations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had started dances for its young people.

The Council reminded pastors and congregations "that God's Word makes our business the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel."

Morals

CHURCHES WARNED OF SMOKING HAZARD

The National Fire Protection Association said churches ought not to ban smoking on the church premises as a fire hazard. Instead, it said, every church ought to have a "smoking area" plainly marked where churchgoers can "light up" without danger of setting the church on fire.

Smoking is "so firmly embedded in the habits of the American public that any attempt at blanket prohibition is certain to fail," the Association said.

It warned that people will smoke in secret, if not in public, and secret smoking on church premises is the real danger.

We would like to point out to the National Fire Protection Association that there are still thousands of churches in the U. S. that have not bowed the knee to the little white gods. Smoking is no problem at Pentecostal churches, for the Fire with which they "light up" is the fire of the Holy Ghost; and when people feel the blessed warmth of that holy Fire they lose any desire they may have had for cigars or cigarettes.

LIQUOR LOBBYISTS OUTNUMBER TEMPERANCE LOBBYISTS SEVENTEEN TO ONE

A temperance leader charged that 34 "regular lobbyists" of the liquor industry are working continuously in the current session of the Minnesota legislature. "We've never seen so many people on the payroll of the liquor interests," said Wilbur Korfhage, administrative director of the United Temperance Movement of Minnesota.

The UTM, an organization of Protestant churches, has only two lobbyists, Mr. Korfhage told a meeting of denominational leaders.

Foreign

FORTY MILLION HOMELESS

It is reported that at least forty million people have lost their homes in the last ten years. Included in this total are 15,000,000 in Europe, 9,000,000 in Korea, 1,000,000 in Jordan, 800,000 in Viet Nam, and 700,000 in Hong Kong.

Several million have been resettled, but nothing has been done for the rest. Most of them are still in D. P. camps.

RED CRESCENT TO REPLACE RED CROSS

Malay Moslems are winning a campaign to replace the Red Cross emblem with the red crescent. The legislative council at Kuala Lumpur approved a bill favoring the change after a Moslem leader told the council: "The work of the Red Cross is laudable but . . . activities of the organization originate from the Crusaders. The cross was placed in front of the tents of King Richard's camp. Later the cross was used all over Europe to convert people to Christianity."

The House approved the use of the red crescent emblem as a Moslem counterpart of the red cross.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Some say the robe of righteousness has blue and scarlet in it, with threads of gold. The Book of Revelation says the Bride will be "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white." Will you please explain?

He who believes the Bride is to be arrayed in a garment of blue and scarlet with threads of gold, has confused the garments of the priests and the curtains of the Tabernacle with the robe of the saints. In the Tabernacle there were curtains of blue, scarlet, purple, and fine twined linen, in which were worked designs of the cherubim (Exodus 36:8). The garments of the priests were also of "gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen" (Exodus 28:5).

Why did Jesus answer the rich young ruler thus: "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God"? (Mark 10:18)

It is generally accepted that Jesus was demanding more than a recognition of human goodness. "Why callest thou me good?" the Master said. If He was only a human teacher He was not worthy of the title by which the young man called Him, "Good Master"; for "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Absolute goodness dwells in God only. If Christ was to be addressed as good, let the young ruler know that He was "God manifest in the flesh," and that His goodness was the quality of Deity, not of humanity.

When Christ forgives, He remembers our transgression against us no more. If one person forgives another should he not treat the forgiven one as if the offense had never been committed? Has he really forgiven if he continues to remind the other of what he has done?

To forgive is to put away all ill feelings and not to hold the offense against the one forgiven. All Christians ought to have the spirit of forgiveness. We have Jesus as our example, who forgave His enemies and prayed to the Father that He also would forgive.

On the other hand, if a person has injured or offended another he ought to straighten out what has been wrong if he expects forgiveness. Wounds are not easily healed. He who offends should give clear evidence that he has repented and is ready to make restitution if he can.

Can a person who has envy in his heart receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Envy is "chagrin or discontent at another's excellence or good fortune"; it is "malicious grudging." He who envies is unhappy at another's possessing what he would like for himself. Envy is one of the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:21). We believe that when a person is earnestly seeking to be filled with the Spirit he becomes so taken up with the Lord that he feels no envy.

But in our Christian life we must all ever keep watch lest we permit envy, or some other work of the flesh, to mar our Christian experience. We are still in the body and must ever fight the good fight of faith. If any of the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:17-21) find a place in our hearts, these are weeds in God's garden and it is possible for them to crowd out the good fruit. Let us cultivate in their place the fruit of the Spirit (vv. 22, 23).

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).



A Growing Church in a Thriving City

By JOSEPH BENNETT
Nashua, New Hampshire

NASHUA, N. H., IS A CITY OF 35,000 located in the southern part of the state, just above the Massachusetts border. The "Gate City" lies fifty miles northwest of Boston, the hub city of New England. Larger than the capital city of Concord, Nashua is pointed out by census as being the most progressive and second largest. It has been only in the last seven years that four fundamental churches have been able to show any growth in this city. An aerial view would easily disclose the strong majority of Roman Catholic churches.

The start and development of a pioneer work in Nashua reads as a story because of its many details and continuous happenings. It has not been a sudden, instantaneous growth but rather a steady growth through small yet important experiences. Like a puzzle, these experiences linked together form the picture which is today a long-anticipated reality, an Assemblies of God church in Nashua, N. H.

We viewed the city of Nashua as our place of labor in June, 1957. With the assurance of knowing we were in



Congregation of the Assembly in Nashua

God's will, we made our first and only known contact. For the first three months much time was spent in locating a building in which to hold services. Two churches were empty, but one was being torn down and the other was to be sold to business. Every suitable building was beyond our financial enablement. However, we were able to contact a Christian couple in a neighboring town and began holding mid-week services in their home. This proved a blessing, for these prayer meetings wove the pattern by which we have continued to see the hand of the Lord move in our behalf.

One afternoon I was drawn to a young man seeking a ride. I stopped to pick up a hitchhiker for the first time in my driving experience. Taking him to the parting of our ways, I felt led to continue with him. As I drove up the long hill to his home I asked what church he attended. He mentioned that he went to the Assembly of God in Florida but stated he didn't know of one in Nashua. He expressed great joy when I told him I had come to start a church in Nashua. Happily he exclaimed, "Will my mother be glad to see you!"

Before we came to Nashua, we had been given the name of a family living here, but had no success in locating them. I happened to mention their last name to one attendant and he told me he worked right alongside the man! It was as a result of experiences such as these that our group began to grow.

In January, 1958, God opened the way for us to use a vacated school building at no cost to us. The versatility of this building has enabled us to place strong emphasis on Sunday School. On the opening Sunday there were twelve present. Since then, the number has increased to an average of twenty-five.

The parents of three families have begun attending the morning services. One family of five travels twelve miles each way. A mother (with three small children) walked a mile to the church her first Sunday. She has received new strength to meet her home problems by accepting Christ as Saviour. The Lord proved Himself the Great Physician and the Mighty Baptizer in our midst.

After experiencing the moving of God, each member in the church is depending confidently upon the Lord



Former school building now the home of the Assembly of God in Nashua, N. H.



Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Bennett and baby

to meet all our needs in expanding our testimony for Him even to the erection of a new building.

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Editor's Note: A recent letter from Grady Fannin, District Superintendent of the Northern New England District, gives us this information:

"This church in Nashua, N. H., was the only one we were able to open in 1958 due to the shortage of consecrated workers. Other workers came to the district, but there were churches in need of pastors and we had to place them in these churches. *We have been requested by a family to open a church in Northern Maine but at the present time we have no one to send in there.* We also would like to establish works in St. Albans, Vermont, and in Brownville, Maine. There are good possibilities in both towns of establishing a good work if we can find workers. They would have to be willing to support themselves. The district will provide a place of worship including chairs, books, piano, etc., but it is unable to do anything toward the personal support of workers.

"Anyone going into St. Albans will have the moral support and encouragement of the sectional presbyter and his church in Burlington, Vermont, and also the help of the district treasurer in Richford, Vermont. Both are anxious to see a work open in St. Albans. In Brownville, Maine, the pastor and the church in Millinocket will do everything in their power to assist the worker."

Anyone interested should contact Grady Fannin, P. O. Box 5, Laconia, New Hampshire. ◀◀

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The National Home Missions Department has a special NEEDY DISTRICT FUND set aside for aiding such districts as Northern New England. The many demands on this fund from different districts that urgently need help in their church extension activities have kept it drained of late. Send your offering clearly designated for this fund directly to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

As long as we are true to Christ, all the power of hell cannot harm us; but when we are disobedient, nothing can keep God's judicial hand from us. We make it necessary for God to discipline us.



Jewish people at a musical program sponsored by the Tan-Ditters

Sowing Gospel Seed Among the Jews

Meyer and Alice Tan-Ditter
Bell Gardens, California

JEWISH MISSIONARY WORK IS VERY difficult even at best. A worker among the Jewish people meets with many obstacles.

The work cannot be publicized very much. Names of converts cannot be mentioned because the price so many Jewish people have to pay for their confession of faith in Jesus Christ is tremendous. They have their families, their Jewish environment, and their business relationships to consider. The missionary must be patient and understanding until such time as a Jewish soul is strong enough and courageous enough to stand up in the midst of all he loves and publicly declare his personal faith in Jesus, the Messiah.

We enjoy our visitation work, and thank God for our hospital ministry and open-air meetings. Recently we have begun mailing tracts and literature to Jewish homes and the Lord is blessing this phase of our ministry. We are making some promising contacts. We know many Jewish people who secretly believe and are praying and hoping for a real revival among them. When this takes place, there will be a great stir among the many thousands of Jewish people in and around Los Angeles.

Editor's Note: The Tan-Ditters are doing a tremendous work for God among the Jewish people. The Assemblies of God has eleven workers

among the Jews in various parts of the country who are also seeing encouraging signs of the spiritual awakening of these people. Some of these must have at least partial support in order to carry on their great ministry. Also, they must be assisted with gospel literature for distribution. The Home Missions Department maintains a fund for JEWISH EVANGELISM in order to help keep our workers on the field and to supply them with much-needed literature. God has promised to bless those who bless the Jew. Let us assume our responsibility to give them the truth that Jesus is *their* Messiah through prayer and financial support of our missionaries. Send your gift clearly designated JEWISH EVANGELISM directly to HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. ◀◀



Meyer and Alice Tan-Ditter

*Christian character is usually the product of a Christian home
—and the chief craftsman in its production is a godly mother.*



*A
Mother's Day
Tribute to
The Christian
Home*

TEN PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

WE ASKED SEVERAL EVANGEL READERS, both ministers and laymen, for a statement as to what a Christian home had meant to them. Their letters form a most fitting tribute for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Sidney Regnier, local WMC president in West Hartford, Conn., writes: "As I look back over my life, the memory of a very precious Pentecostal saint looms before my eyes—my mother. Through stress and strain, joys and sorrows, her victorious, consistent Christian living registered in my young heart. I often found her on her knees and knew I was a subject of her prayers. I was saved at the age of six and dedicated my life wholly to the Lord at about the age of fourteen. Many have been the blessings of the Lord upon our family, and we in turn have had the joy of rearing our two children for the service of the Master—one as a missionary and one as a pastor."

Robert Watters, well-known evangelist in the Assemblies of God, says frankly: "I am a Christian because I had a Christian home. The leadings of God in my life began in a home where I was taught to know and love

the Lord while I learned to walk and talk. My conversion to Christ at the age of six was the result of the family's faithful attendance at church and Sunday School. The pressures of teenage temptations had no power to allure me away from strong Christian ties establishing my life in God. A Christian home was the beginning of my call to the ministry."

Richard E. Blue, who is serving with the Air Force in Alaska, wrote: "I thank God for a Christian home where I was taught the plan of salvation. Because of this, I've been spared a life of sin.

"As I entered the U. S. Air Force I came to realize just what the training of my youth had done for me. A Christian home had given me strength to say *No* to sin, even though it meant ridicule and mockery many times. I hope my testimony will help young parents to realize how important Christian home training really is today."

Doyle E. Burgess, Assemblies of God layman and operator of the Burgess Pharmacies of Memphis, Tenn., says: "I am so grateful that it was my privilege to be reared in a Christian home. To me this is the greatest of all heritages. My mother and father were never able to give me much of this world's goods, but they gave me something far better—a Christian home with Christ as its head!"

Noreen Jenkins, a Pentecostal teenager who is working as a secretary in a specialized agency of the United Nations in Washington, D. C., writes: "I truly thank the Lord, not only for Christian parents, but for a Pentecostal home. It is only through the prayers and faithfulness of my father and mother that I have come to know the Lord as my personal Saviour. At the Eastern Regional Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C., Brother Webb emphasized that juvenile delinquency is the direct result of parental delinquency. I thank the Lord that my parents were not delinquent in taking me (they didn't just send me) to Sunday School and church."

L. P. Safford, a Rambler dealer in Silver Spring, Md., credits his mother's prayers with bringing him to Christ: "It was my good fortune to have a saintly mother. She taught me to pray and memorize scriptures at an early age, to attend church and Sunday School, to put Christ first, and to tithe as God prospered me. Despite this fine early training, I drifted far out into worldliness. But thank God that mother's prayers intervened, and at the age of twenty-three, through her invitation, I had my first contact with the Full Gospel. I was immediately saved, and a very short time later filled with the Holy Ghost. Now family altar (with my wonderful wife and six children) and a personal early morning program of reading God's Word and praying in my home, have continued the wonderful blessing of God in our lives."

Betsy Swalya, a student at Evangel College from Royal Oak, Mich. wrote:

For the Junior Reader

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT

Isn't it fun to have company at your house for dinner? Your mother uses the best dishes and silver, and the food seems to taste just a little bit better. And the children get to eat at the same time the grown-ups do—even at the same table if there's room.

But a long time ago it was different in a lot of homes. When company came the children sometimes had to wait until all the grown-ups finished eating. The food smelled so good and it was hard to wait when they were so hungry. Finally, when the last grown-up finished eating, the tables were cleared and reset for the children.

People used to think boys and girls ought to wait for other things too. When Jesus was on earth, some people tried to make the children wait while others crowded close around Him. But Jesus didn't want the children to have to wait. He knew the boys and girls wanted to love Him right then. So He called them to come, and even picked some of them up in His arms, and He blessed them.

You do not have to wait till you are older to come to Jesus. He really wants you to come now and to begin living for Him while you are young. And the wonderful thing about it is that you aren't keeping anyone else away when you come. There's always room for one more. Why don't you come now, and bring someone else along too? YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT!

—Elva M. Johnson

"A Christ-centered home is the most wonderful heritage a child can possess. I will always remember the training in character, in standards, and in family worship I received from my parents. Mother prayed with my brother and sister and me every morning before we went to school. We were taught to seek God's will first. I was never forced to serve the Lord and obey my parents' wishes, but I did because I wanted to do so. I know the love and prayer that binds our family together can never be broken!"

Warren G. Holm, of Woodland Hills, Calif., a captain on Trans World Airlines, writes: "The birthright that belongs to those of us who come from Christian homes is the faithful prayer that follows us through life. I sincerely believe that if it were not for the travailing prayer of my Christian parents I would not be here today after the many experiences that have been mine in the twenty-seven years since I started to fly.

"I have come to appreciate deeply our American heritage of freedom to pray in our homes and to take our children to Sunday School and church."

Pat Kinnaman, a C.A. in the Assembly at Copalis Crossing, Wash. says: "The Lord has been very gracious in giving me the privilege of a Christian home. At an early age we were taught the need of personal salvation, and God has given my parents wisdom in leading me to Himself. Since I became old enough, I have been encouraged to attend church regularly and to serve God, for which I am thankful. I wouldn't exchange my Christian parents for any others in the world, no matter how rich in worldly goods, because my parents have given me a treasure which is beyond price."

Charles Coscia, a science major at Southwestern College in Memphis, Tenn., and active in First Assembly there, says: "I count it a blessing of God to have lived in an atmosphere free from sinful influences but full of Christian example. My parents made certain that I was not only physically cared for but spiritually nourished as well. My first moments of prayer were spent at my mother's knee, and a Bible was placed in my hands when I could read. They never sent me to church, but took me. With their guidance I was able to 'grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' I thank God for my Christian home." ◀◀

May 10, 1959



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, May 11

Read: Psalm 22:1-5, 22-31

Learn: "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" (Psalm 22: 22).

For the Parent: There is a sense in which this psalm speaks prophetically of the death of Christ. If time permits, discuss this. Also point out: (1) the psalmist's feelings because God seemingly does not answer him, vv. 1, 2; (2) his acknowledgment of God's holiness, v. 3; (3) his faith because of God's past faithfulness, vv. 4, 5; (4) his praise to God, vv. 22-26; (5) his belief that all belongs to God, vv. 27-31.

Question Time: To whom and to what event does this psalm look? (See above) How should verse 3 affect our prayers?

Tuesday, May 12

Read: Psalm 23

Learn: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:3).

For the Parent: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Illustrate how He gives us: (1) rest, v. 2; (2) freedom from fears, v. 2; (3) encouragement, v. 3; (4) guidance to do what is right, v. 3; (5) companionship, v. 4; (6) comfort, v. 4; (7) abundance of blessings, vv. 5, 6; (8) an eternal home with Himself, v. 6. All of this is summed up in the first verse which a child once quoted thus: "The Lord is my shepherd; why should I worry."

Question Time: What are some of the blessings our Shepherd gives us?

Wednesday, May 13

Read: Psalm 24

Learn: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

For the Parent: Point out: (1) everything and everyone actually belong to God, v. 1; (2) only those who meet certain qualifications, however, will be able to stand before our God—discuss those qualifications, vv. 3-5; (3) the Lord is our great King, vv. 7-10. Discuss the importance of being numbered with those who seek the face of the Lord, v. 6.

Question Time: To whom does the earth really belong? (v. 1) Why? (v. 2) Who is able to stand in God's presence? (vv. 3-5) Who is the "King of glory"?

Thursday, May 14

Read: Acts 10:1-6, 44-48; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13

Learn: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Cornelius, the Converted Centurion" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this passage review the life of Cornelius, stressing: (1) his devotion to God, emphasized by both his deeds and his prayer life; (2) God's special message to him; (3) the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon him and those with him. Emphasize the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Question Time: How does the Bible describe Cornelius? What happened to him? What lessons can we learn from Cornelius?

Friday, May 15

Read: Joshua 7:3-12, 19-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

For the Parent: Have the group recall the story of the conquest of Jericho. Then point out: (1) the defeat at Ai—seemingly an easy city to conquer; (2) the reason for the defeat—the sin of Achan; (3) the punishment of sin; (4) the final victory. Point out also that sin affects others as well as ourselves.

Question Time: Why was Israel defeated first at Ai? (See above) How were they finally victorious?

Saturday, May 16

Read: Luke 22:14-34 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) the beginning of the communion service, vv. 14-20; (2) the purpose of the communion service, v. 19; (3) Christ's teachings about greatness and serving, vv. 24-27; (4) His example in this, v. 27; (5) the rewards there will be in heaven for faithfulness in this life, vv. 28-30. Show also how Jesus predicted that Peter would deny Him, and Christ's concern for Peter.

Question Time: What is the purpose of the communion service? Who started it?



Mountain View Camp, New York

Camp Meetings Are for FAMILIES

by Mrs. Moses Copeland

“I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU brought your entire family to the camp meeting,” I said.

His face lit up. “You know, I believe it’s the *best* vacation we’ve ever had!”

We had met years before during a revival campaign in their church, and we remembered them as a typical lay family. He held office in the Assembly and both he and his wife taught Sunday School classes. As I recall, they got into the spirit of the revival with the hunger for God that is characteristic of nearly all Assemblies of God laymen.

He has a good job; they are buying a home; they are bringing up their children in church. He could aptly be named “Mr. Young Assemblies of God Father,” for in every way he is representative of the great number of fathers who, with their families, comprise the very backbone and core of our present-day movement.

“You know,” I ventured, “I wish more *families* would attend camp meeting—not for just one day, but for the entire camp.”

“I do too,” he agreed. “I’ll confess that I let many valuable opportunities slip by because I looked upon camp meeting as something that we drive to

and enjoy for *one day*. Of course, I always expected our pastors to take their families and stay, but it never occurred to me that we laymen would enjoy doing it too.”

“We always enjoyed the one day,” he went on, “but there is something about *living* at the camp ground for the entire week that—that—,” and he searched for words. “Well, it’s just that you get more out of it if you stay for all of it!”

He seemed to be inspired. “Now you take the early morning prayer meetings. We did not even know about them when we went for just one day. My wife and I have received something from those sessions around the Word of God and the altar of prayer early in the morning that has done a great work in our lives.”

I drew him out. “How did you like the morning Bible teaching?”

He grinned. “We didn’t miss a single one, though we had to slip out a time or two before they were over, because we had agreed to help in the kitchen with the serving of dinner. It was like having a good Sunday morning service every day for a week. I feel that our foundations in the Word of God have been greatly strengthened. And those night services were like a

great revival meeting with folk praying through every night around the altar.”

“Your children seem to have had a good time,” I observed.

“Yes, they have. Johnny certainly did enjoy the children’s meeting every afternoon. Brenda enjoyed the C. A. meeting every day. She brought her accordion along. I suppose you saw her playing in the orchestra every night, didn’t you?”

I nodded.

“Brenda worked some in the stand. She has never wanted for other teenage Christians to have a good time with, and she hasn’t missed a service except the early-morning one. You know, she received the baptism in the Holy Ghost at youth camp, and this has been good for her. One thing we haven’t had to do is worry about the children, for we know they are in good company out here.”

“Was camp meeting expensive for you?” I asked. (I was thinking that I *might* want to tell you about his experience.)

“It hasn’t cost us as much as some other vacations we have taken. We *have* driven from one end of the United States to the other, seen a few sights, and come home broke and tired.”

His eyes twinkled. “We’ll probably go home broke from this one because of the way the Lord touched our hearts in that missionary service. But we won’t be tired. We have had a good time, we have rested, and we are deeper in the Lord.”

Camp meeting is the modern-day counterpart of the Feast of Tabernacles. Once a year the people of God in olden times moved out of their comfortable homes. They camped in booths that they joyfully constructed of willow boughs and palm branches. They observed the Sabbath, made burnt offerings and freewill offerings, fulfilled their vows, and rejoiced in the Lord their God for seven days.

One purpose of that feast was to keep in their memories the fact they had once dwelt in tents in the wilderness. It is good for succeeding generations in any movement to keep in mind the more primitive and elemental state in which they came into being. Our movement was not always housed in beautiful stone and brick. We did not always walk in carpeted aisles, sit in plush seats, and kneel on cushioned altar rugs.

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CAMP DIRECTORY

Wherever you live, there is an Assemblies of God camp meeting within driving distance. Load up the family car and get under the "showers of blessing." Each camp offers accommodations for eating and sleeping (if you bring your own linen).

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Bible Camp

Clinchport, Va., R. R. 2 (3 miles off Highway 58, halfway between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, Va.).

June 23-July 3

U. S. Grant, speaker.

For accommodations write to W. Glenn West, 1800 Harper Rd., Beckley, W. Va.

ARIZONA DISTRICT

Grand Canyon State Camp

Prescott, Ariz. (3 miles northwest of Prescott, on Iron Springs Rd.).

July 28-August 7

L. H. Hauff and N. D. Davidson, speakers.

For accommodations write to J. K. Gressett, 2345 W. Bethany Home Road, Phoenix, Ariz.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Ozark-Lithia Camp

Hot Springs, Ark. (7 miles north of Hot Springs, on State Highway 7).

June 22-July 1

W. R. Stephens, speaker. (C. A. Convention, June 22-24. W.M.C. Convention, June 30.)

For accommodations write to E. C. Williams, Mountain Valley Route, Hot Springs, Ark.

EASTERN DISTRICT

Living Waters Camp

Cherry Tree, Pa.

July 1-12

A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; David A. Hastie, evangelist.

For accommodations write to A. R.

Kennedy, R. D. 1, Barnesboro, Pa.

Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa. (Maranatha Park).

July 24-August 9

John W. Follette, Bible teacher; C. M. Ward, evangelist.

For accommodations write to John D. Tubbs, Box 384, Red Hill, Pa.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

District Camp

Petersburg, Ill.

July 17-26

Andrew Stirling and John G.' Hall, speakers.

For accommodations write to Oliver Knell, 802 East Emmons, Robinson, Ill.

Southern Camp

Benton, Ill. (Church of God Camp Grounds).

August 3-9

G. E. Mandel and W. R. Williamson, speakers.

For accommodations write to H. V. Knight, 508 Carlton, Benton, Ill.

INDIANA DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Hartford City, Ind. (Lake Placid, Route 4).

July 28-August 7

J. R. Ashcroft, Bible teacher; evangelist to be announced.

For accommodations write to Camp Meeting, Box 55244 Uptown Station, Indianapolis 5, Ind.

KANSAS DISTRICT

Wichita Camp

Augusta, Kansas (4 miles west and

1½ miles north on Santa Fe Lake Road).

June 29-July 5

Cyril Homer, Bible teacher; Paul Riggs, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Kansas District Council, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita 11, Kans.

Woodston-Alton Camp

Woodston, Kansas (3 miles east of Woodston on Highway 24).

August 3-9

A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; T. E. Gannon, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Kansas District Council, 1009 South Broadway, Wichita 11, Kansas.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

District Camp

Crestwood, Ky.

June 30-July 9

Robert Fierro, speaker.

For accommodations write to F. N. Taylor, Box 264, Brooksville, Ky.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Fa-Ho-Lo Park

Grass Lake, Mich.

June 27-July 12

Owen Oslin and Leland R. Keys, speakers.

For accommodations write to Michigan District Council, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Lake Geneva Bible Camp

Alexandria, Minn. (on U. S. Highway 52)

June 24-July 5

T. J. Jones, Bible teacher; M. L. Davidson, evangelist.

For accommodations write to H. R. Snyder, 910 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis 4, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

District Camp

Hurley, Miss. (Magnolia Springs Camp Ground).

August 2-8

Cyril Homer, speaker.

For accommodations write to E. E. Noland, Box 1954, Meridian, Miss.

MONTANA DISTRICT

Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont. (on Highway 2).

July 9-19

V. G. Greisen, teacher; Thomas Zimmerman, evangelist; J. B. Wiles, missionary. For accommodations write to Glacier Bible Camp, Box 68, Hungry Horse, Mont.

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New tabernacle at Rocky Mountain District Camp in Littleton, Colo.



NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Lexington State Camp

1 mile west of Lexington, Nebr.

August 7-16

Jimmie Brown, speaker.

For accommodations write to V. W. Weaver, Box 228, Lexington, Nebr.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Mountainair, N. Mex.

July 20-26

Dwight H. McLaughlin, speaker.

For accommodations write to Lester L. Statser, Box 423, Mountainair, N. Mex.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Eastern Camp

Windsor, N. C. (1 mile north of Windsor on U. S. 17).

August 3-16

Milton Wells and John Phillips, speakers. For accommodations write to Raymond Hoggard, Route 2, Windsor, N. C.

Western Camp

Franklin, N. C. (5 miles from Franklin on U. S. 64).

June 22-July 5

John Phillips and Ralph Byrd, speakers. For accommodations write to Fred Sorrells, Route 5, Franklin, N. C.

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Mountainview Gospel Camp

Sherburne, N. Y. (Off Route 12-B).

July 25-August 9

Carl Brumback, Bible teacher; Harry Hampel, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Robert Canterbury, Box 662, Sherburne, N. Y.

Lakeview Gospel Camp

Hamlin, N. Y. (On Lake Ontario on Route 272).

July 4-19

Robert W. Cummings, Bible teacher; Harry Steil, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Robert W. Rosin, % Lakeview Gospel Camp, Hamlin, N. Y.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Lakewood Park Bible Camp

Devils Lake, N. Dak. (Lakewood Park).

June 25-July 5

Watson Argue and Harvey McAlister, speakers.

For accommodations write to Peter Walker, Route 3, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

North Texas Camp

Woodlake Camp Grounds (between Sherman and Denison).

August 3-7

Willie M. Stevens, speaker.

For accommodations write to Lonnie Mullen, 407 Mt. Auburn, Dallas, Tex.

Austin Section Camp

Driftwood, Tex. (at Camp Ben McCulloch, 20 miles west of Austin, Tex.).

July 22-30

Kermit Reneau, speaker.

For accommodations write to W. W. Cothraif, Box 7, Georgetown, Tex.

Camp Meeting

Daniel Children's Home (on U. S. High-

"I Was Going Fishing, But Found Myself in an Old-fashioned Camp Meeting Instead!"



BY VIRGIL L. CONGER

Nebraska City, Nebraska

AS MY WIFE AND CHILDREN LEFT for a two-week vacation in August of 1951, my mind was full of plans. Of course, I would minister at the regular services of my church, but I had made plans for other activities too. For one thing, I was going fishing almost every night with a friend.

One of the last things my wife told me before she left was to remember to get a hair cut. The barber had almost finished his job when he gave me a friendly invitation to attend a camp meeting with him that night. I decided to go. Fishing could wait.

That night found me sitting in an Assemblies of God camp meeting listening to the kind of preaching I had always longed to hear, and to be able to do in my own pulpit.

Evangelist B. Owen Oslin's anointed message in that Rocky Mountain District camp answered fully my few remaining questions about the full gospel. When I left the service that night I determined to return, the Lord willing, at the very next opportunity.

The Sunday evening youth meeting

at the church of my charge was cancelled, so I went again to the camp meeting. This time I went forward at the altar call to tarry for the precious baptism of the Holy Spirit. God answered prayer two nights later at the camp when I was filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. I was now "one of them!" This wonderful infilling of the Spirit climaxed four years of searching and proved to me that God alone can fill every desire and meet every need.

The Lord began talking to my heart before ever I graduated from high school. I received a very definite call to preach, even at that age, but fear of the unknown influenced me to enlist in the Marines. Returning home from China for discharge, I faced again the decision of whether to follow the call to the ministry or to go to a college and prepare for secular occupation. Having missed by one day the opportunity to enter a teacher's college, I enrolled in Bible College. While there I learned a great deal about the Bible and the ways of the Christian

way 84, halfway between Fairfield and Palestine, Tex.).

July 13-19

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Daniel Children's Home, Box 598, Fairfield, Tex.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Silver Lake Bible Camp

Near Everett, Washington.

June 27-July 12

Kenneth R. Schmidt, speaker.

For accommodations write to W. F. Morton, 2532 Lombard Ave., Everett, Wash.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Emmanuel Full Gospel Church

Plainfield, Vermont.

Aug. 1-16

William Bailey, speaker.

For accommodations write to Annual Camp Meeting, % G. H. Berglund, Plainfield, Vermont.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Bethany Park Camp

Santa Cruz, Calif. (6457 Los Gatos Highway).

June 25-July 5

Arthur H. Graves, Bible teacher; G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., evangelist.

For accommodations write to Gerald Boyd, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Mt. Lassen Camp

Mineral, Calif.

July 1-July 12

Speakers to be announced.

life. I thank God for this influence.

During this time I pastored three churches for the Disciples of Christ, the last of which I was serving when I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. While I was at college, D. C. Branham, who is now pastoring an Assembly in the Kansas District, told me of the realities of the Pentecostal blessing. He advised me to study the Word, while other friends offered books, sympathy, and other advice. I experienced a great deal of doubt and turmoil, but I continued to meditate on the Word of God. Most of the time I was seeking relief from the deep conviction that the Lord had laid at the door of my heart—that truly Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

I love camp meetings because of the great part they played in bringing me into this full gospel way. While we were still wondering which was the right way, the Lord graciously opened the door for us to attend our first camp (Woodston-Alton in the state of Kansas). It seemed that the camp speaker, D. H. McLaughlin, was preaching right at me, and during the service there was a message in tongues. I know the interpretation was meant for me personally. I had never witnessed any manifestations of the Holy Spirit before, and as God confirmed their genuineness to me I knew that some day I would have to yield.

I left the service as the altar call was given that night thinking, it would be better if my wife were also ready to become Pentecostal before I made the decision. She asked me to wait a year, hoping that somehow I would be persuaded not to accept these teachings. During this time I searched in

vain for something that would disprove the fact that God was still pouring out His Spirit as in the days of New Testament revival. Again and again the Lord dealt with my heart by His Spirit, patiently revealing His willingness to do for me what He had done for so many others. Today I have faith that He will also lead others who are hungry, be they ministers or laymen, into this great blessing.

After receiving the Baptism I resigned the pastorate and, with the counsel of Superintendent R. G. Fulford,

began holding revival meetings. In the second week of the first revival, Mrs. Conger became Sister Conger for she received the glorious infilling of the Spirit.

Today I am so happy that Pentecost is real and that I am Pentecostal. The Lord has been so wonderful to us in leading us into His best. To all my friends, and to those readers of the *Evangel* whose loved ones may still be in doubt, I would say, “Just keep praying and seeking the Lord.” He is able to guide others into His fullness.



Baptismal service at Lakeview Camp, New York, last summer

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

Oklahoma City, Okla. (4½ miles north State Capitol).

July 14-July 22

C. M. Ward and B. Owen Oslin, speakers.
For accommodations write to Robert E. Goggin, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

OREGON DISTRICT

Old-Fashioned Camp

Brooks, Oreg. (Bethel Park).

June 29-July 12

C. C. Burnett and J. Robert Ashcroft, speakers.

For accommodations write to Lester C. Young, Box 38, Brooks, Oreg.

POTOMAC DISTRICT

Potomac Park Camp

Marlowe, W. Va. (between Martinsburg, W. Va. and Hagerstown, Md. on U. S. Route 11).

July 11-August 2

T. J. Jones, Bible teacher; Frederick H. Huber, evangelist.

(District Council, July 8-10. Andrew Stirling, speaker.)

For accommodations write to W. H. Helms, 1047 Salem Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

District Camp

Littleton, Colo. (10 miles south of State Capitol on S. Broadway).

August 3-13

Robert W. Cummings, Bible teacher; T. H. Spence, evangelist.

For accommodations write to William Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

Western Slope Camp

Near Cedaredge, Colo.

Dates and speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Ralph A. Durham, Box 316, Olathe, Colo. or Kenneth R. Schmidt, Box 1055, Grand Junction, Colo.

Utah Camp

Odgen, Utah

July 6-16

Wendall Reed, speaker.

For accommodations write to Peter Pilot, 57 E. 13th St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Mitchell, S. Dak. (Riverside Campgrounds).

June 11-21

T. J. Jones, speaker.

For accommodations write to South Dakota District Office, 721 W. Havens, Mitchell, S. Dak.

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For accommodations write to Northern California-Nevada District, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Redwood Camp

Eureka, Calif.

July 1-July 12

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Northern California-Nevada District, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

OHIO DISTRICT

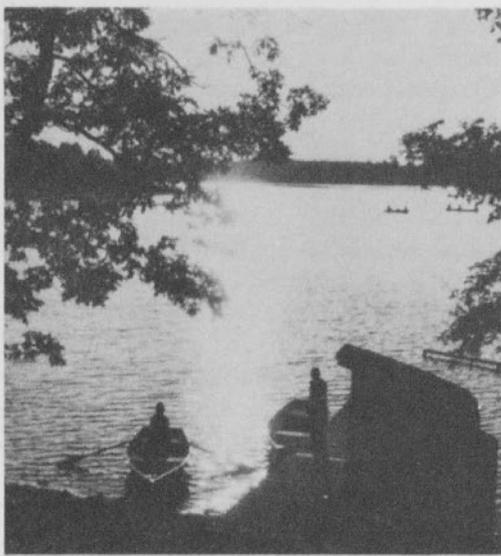
Ohio State Camp

Big Prairie, Ohio (Lakeland Beach Park).

June 22-July 5

T. E. Gannon, speaker.

For accommodations write to District Office, 3377 W. Broad St., Columbus 4, Ohio.



Lake scene at Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Michigan



Lake Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minnesota

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

Lake Bonny Bible Camp

Lakeland, Fla., 940 Longfellow Blvd.

June 22-July 3

Bracy Greer, Bible teacher; William Kirschke, evangelist.

For accommodations write to H. E. Bullock, Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif. (near Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mts.).

July 8-19

Herbert B. Kelchner, Bible teacher; Richard R. Vinyard, evangelist.

For accommodations write to P. L. Trowbridge, Box 103, Twin Peaks, Calif.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

District Camp

Nampa, Idaho (Maple Park, 5 miles north of Nampa on Franklin Lane Road).

July 7-16

George Hardcastle, Jr., speaker.

For accommodations write to E. S. Caldwell, 912 Belmont, Caldwell, Idaho.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Lake of the Ozarks Camp Grounds (13 miles southwest of Eldon, Mo.)

June 25-July 5

Harry J. Steil and C. M. Ward, speakers.

For accommodations write to Bartlett Peterson, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Assemblies of God Camp

Charlton, Mass.

July 1-12

Thomas Miller, speaker.

For accommodations write to Clifford A. Browne, 27 Westernview St., Springfield 8, Mass.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Northern Missouri Camp

Excelsior Springs, Mo. (at Lake Maurer).

September 9-17

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to R. J. Beckman, Box 825, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Storm Lake Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa

July 16-26

Kenneth Schmidt, speaker.

For accommodations write to M. C. Fishel, Truesdale, Iowa.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Camp

Marianna, Fla. (2 miles east of Marianna, on Highway 90).

July 20-28

Howard S. Bush and H. S. Phillips, speakers.

(District Council, July 29-30).

For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, Box 111, Marianna, Fla.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Lubbock, Tex., 4200 Ave. H.

August 4-13

Paul S. Boyer, night speaker; morning speaker to be announced.

For accommodations write to J. A. Thomas, 4206 Ave. H., Lubbock, Tex.

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south of Waupaca, on Highway E).



Aerial view of Spencer Lake Bible Camp, Waupaca, Wisconsin



Tabernacle at Lakewood Park Bible Camp, Devils Lake, N. Dak.



Tabernacle at Oklahoma District Camp grounds

July 29-August 9
(preceded by District Council).
Speakers to be announced.
For accommodations write to P. J. Bicket, Box 88, Waupaca, Wis.

WYOMING DISTRICT

District Camp
Story, Wyo.
June 29-July 5
C. C. Crace, speaker.
For accommodations write to Wyoming District, 1614 East 2nd, Casper, Wyo.

ITALIAN BRANCH

Pine Crest Bible Conference
Salisbury Center, N. Y.
July 6-12 (Summer Institute and Seminar);
C. M. Ward, speaker).
July 13-19 (Grady Fannin, speaker).
July 20-26 (David Berquist, speaker).
August 10-16 (A. A. Caprino, speaker).
August 17-23 (Steve Bogden, speaker).
August 24-September 7 (Lorne Case, speaker).
For accommodations write to N. J.

Tavani, Pine Crest Bible Conference, Salisbury Center, N. Y.

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

Spanish-Speaking Camp
Chama, N. Mex. (2 miles south of Chama on Highway 285).

July 1-8
Juan C. Orozco and Juan Romero, speakers.
For accommodations write to Jesse Miranda, Box 2, Chama, N. Mex.

Alto Frio Camp
Near Garner State Park (northeast of Uvalde, Tex.).

June 8-12
Speakers to be announced.
For accommodations write to Raul Cruz, 836 Division Ave., San Antonio, Tex.

GERMAN BRANCH

Bethel Park
Bridgman, Mich.
July 9-19
K. P. Steffens, speaker.
For accommodations write to Alvin Sprecher, 1909 Smyers Drive, Benton Harbor, Mich.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH

Branch Camp
Lanesville, N. Y. (in the Catskill Mountains, 5 miles from Phoenicia, 30 miles west of Kingston).
July 4-21
Nick Siblock, speaker.
For accommodations write to Ukrainian Branch, Camp Dept., 9 E. 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.

CAMPS FOR THE DEAF

Michigan Deaf Camp
Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake, Mich.
August 2-9
Speaker to be announced.
For accommodations write to Miss Maxine Strobridge, 115 Loomis St., Clio, Mich.

Southern California Deaf Camp
Camp Pinecrest (18 miles north of San Bernardino on Highway 18).
September 5-8
Speaker to be announced.
For accommodations write to Mrs. Beatrice Berry, 5883 Rebecca St., West Riverside, Calif.

Missouri Deaf Camp
Lake of the Ozarks Camp Grounds (13 miles southwest of Eldon, Mo.).
July 6-11
Speaker to be announced.
For accommodations write to Kenneth Swenson, Box 233, Williamstown, Kansas.

INDIAN CAMP

North Carolina Indian Camp
Maxton, N. C.
June 12-21
John Phillips and Andrew Stirling, speakers.
For accommodations write to R. W. Buchanan, Route 4, Lumberton, N. C.

CANADA

Lakeshore Pentecostal Camp
Near Cobourg, Ontario (on Lake Ontario).
July 19-August 2
H. H. Barber, Bible teacher; Watson Argue, evangelist.
For accommodations write to W. B. Greenwood, 155 Albert St., Belleville, Ontario, Canada.



Aerial view of Indiana District Camp

WMC'S Promote Scholarship Program for Foreign Students

Another illustration of the WMC's "heart for the world" is the scholarship program for foreign Bible schools. The women promote this program by obtaining new subscriptions to The Pentecostal Evangel.

The scholarship program, which was formerly connected with The World Challenge, was transferred to the Evangel when the magazines merged. Each time the WMC's obtain a new individual subscription to the Evangel ten per cent of the subscription price goes into the Scholarship Fund.

The WMC's will promote this program during camp meetings and at district gatherings, as well as in their local communities. They feel that by signing up new

readers to the Evangel they accomplish a threefold missionary objective: (1) to win souls and lead people to active discipleship through the articles that appear in the Evangel; (2) to promote a greater interest in missions through a wider circulation of this missionary magazine; and (3) to build up a scholarship fund to make it possible for promising students in foreign lands to get the training they need to be effective pastors and evangelists among their own people.

Full information about the program may be obtained by writing to The Pentecostal Evangel or to the National WMC Office, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



Mississippi District Camp Grounds at Hurley, Mississippi

FAMILIES

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We are thankful for our beautiful houses of worship, but it would do us all good to drop those comforts once a year, as Israel did, and go out into tabernacles close to nature for a concentrated time of seeking God.

At camp we may walk on concrete (or saw dust). We may kneel on a thin rug (or in clean, fragrant straw). The benches may be a little rough. There may be no air conditioning. (I *hope* we don't ever make camp facilities too "plush"!)

As the children of Israel gave burnt and freewill offerings, so we may make offerings of praise and consecration to God during those special days and in those special places our districts have set aside.

We may rejoice, too, as Israel rejoiced, in the Lord our God, for camp meetings have a reputation for bring-

ing down the clouds of glory!

The Pentecostal movement in its beginning grew to phenomenal proportions in a surprisingly short time. This was partly due to the camp meeting atmosphere in which folk laid aside the cares and obligations of jobs and homemaking, and retired to tents, cabins, and tabernacles to seek the Lord their God. They are still doing it today!

In over fifty camps across the country, those who desire the blessings of camp meeting will soon be gathering together. Many will be saved; many will receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Many will become re-consecrated; some will be called to the mission field; multitudes will be enriched and strengthened in their spiritual lives.

For God moves upon people whenever they lay aside the routine and seek Him in a special way. Camp meeting is one of those places where people do just that.

This is a day when family life is disrupted. We are all urged as families

to "do things together." Camp meeting is a good thing for the whole family to "do" together. It is a most wonderful project for a vacation.

I watched one family who attended camp meetings together through the years. I remember when one of their teen-age sons was just entering that age of exciting awareness as to how perfectly nice teen-age girls can be! With the others of the young crowd, he enjoyed the blessings of God. He enjoyed fun and fellowship. As the years passed, friendship unfolded. There came the year that one certain girl was "extra special," followed by the summer that she wore his ring and they walked hand in hand into the tabernacle. At the next camp they were "Mr. and Mrs." and I lost sight of them for a while.

After a few years we returned to that camp and I picked up the continued story. A little girl toddled beside them, and the young father pushed a carriage containing their new-born son and heir.

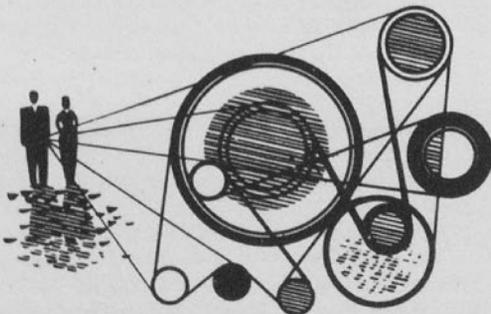
A big lump gathered in my throat. I was thinking of his big dad who had always taken the family to camp meeting, crops or no crops, depression or no depression. He and the other farmers in that area kept the camp operating while they put up with inadequate equipment on their farms. Now it was "paying off."

"I see you're still coming to camp meeting!" I said when I had managed to swallow the lump.

He held the baby up for me to see. "We just couldn't miss camp—that's all. It's a part of our family life!"

Yes! Camp meetings are for families!

D I M E N S I O N S



There are three dimensions:

Length is the extent of an object from end to end.

Width is the distance of an object from side to side.

Depth is the distance of an object from side to side.

Vacation Bible School has all three dimensions!

Length—VBS reaches unchurched boys and girls to a greater extent than any other program of the church.

Width—The scope of its influence affects the child, the church, and the community. The child is instructed concerning the Christian life; the church contacts new members; and the community is provided with wholesome activity for its boys and girls.

Depth—The depth of a VBS cannot be measured! Many boys and girls are saved and others receive needed Christian guidance. Instruction gained from a VBS leaves indelible impressions on young lives!

June is Child Evangelism Month—have a VBS in your church!



NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ● 434 WEST PACIFIC STREET ● SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

YOUTH CAMPS AND BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS

DISTRICT	DATE	AGE	DISTRICT	DATE	AGE
ALABAMA			OHIO		
Oak Mt. State Park	July 6-11	15-35	Big Prairie	July 6-11	9-12 Boys
Oak Mt. State Park	July 13-18	12-14	Big Prairie	July 13-18	9-12 Girls
Oak Mt. State Park	July 20-25	8-11	Big Prairie	July 20-25	12-15
APPALACHIAN			Big Prairie	July 27-Aug. 1	15-25
Princeton, W. Va.	July 20-25	10-35	OKLAHOMA		
ARIZONA			Bristow	June 15-20	12-24
Prescott	June 15-20	8-12	Osage Hills State Park	July 6-11	9-18
Prescott	June 22-27	8-12	Osage Hills State Park	July 20-25	9-12
ARKANSAS			Osage Hills State Park	July 27-Aug. 1	13-17
Hot Springs	July 13-17	8-11	Ardmore	Aug. 3-7	9-11
Hot Springs	July 20-24	12-14	OREGON		
Hot Springs	July 27-31	15-35	Brooks	June 21-27	13-24
EASTERN			Butte Falls	July 19-25	13-35
Green Lane, Pa.	June 26-July 10	12-35	Blue Mountain	July 27-Aug. 1	13-35
Cherry Tree, Pa.	July 18-25	9-15	POTOMAC		
Cherry Tree, Pa.	July 25-Aug. 1	9-15	Potomac Park Camp	June 29-July 3	9-12
Cherry Tree, Pa.	Sept. 4-7	12-35	Falling Waters, W. Va.	Aug. 11-18	13-25
GEORGIA			ROCKY MOUNTAIN		
Roosevelt State Park	July 6-11	12-35	Pine, Colo.	June 15-19	15-35
INDIANA			Pine, Colo.	June 22-26	12-14
Hartford City	June 29-July 4	13-19	Grand Mesa, Colo.	July 13-17	12-35
Hartford City	July 6-10	9-13 Girls	Littleton, Colo.	Aug. 3-13	Boys and Girls
Hartford City	July 13-17	9-13 Boys	Ogden, Utah	Aug. 24-28	12-35
KANSAS			SOUTH CAROLINA		
Augusta	July 6-10	9-12 Boys	Kings Mountain State Park	June 22-26	13-35
Augusta	July 13-17	9-12 Girls	Kings Mountain State Park	June 29-July 3	8-12
Augusta	July 20-24	13-14	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Augusta	July 27-31	15-19	Mitchell	July 13-17	Boys and Girls
KENTUCKY			Rapid City	July 20-24	Boys and Girls
Crestwood	June 22-27	9-11	Rapid City	July 27-31	12-18
Crestwood	July 20-24	12-24	Mitchell	Aug. 3-7	12-18
LOUISIANA			SOUTH FLORIDA		
Minden	July 27-31	8-12	Ft. Lauderdale	June 8-13	13-35
Alexandria	Aug. 3-7	13-20	Lakeland	June 26-July 3	18-35
MICHIGAN			High Springs	Aug. 10-15	13-35
Cadillac	June 22-26	12-18	High Springs	Aug. 17-22	8-12
Grass Lake	July 13-18	under 12 Boys	SOUTH TEXAS		
Grass Lake	July 19-24	under 12 Girls	Baytown	June 22-26	Boys and Girls
Grass Lake	July 27-Aug. 1	13-19	Baytown	June 29-July 3	Youth
Grass Lake	Aug. 2-7	19-35	Baytown	July 6-10	8-12
MINNESOTA			Kerrville	July 20-24	Boys and Girls
Lake Geneva	July 20-25	12-15	Kerrville	July 27-31	8-12
Lake Geneva	July 27-Aug. 1	15-19	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		
Lake Geneva	Aug. 3-8	9-12 Girls	Camp Pinecrest	June 21-27	13-25
Lake Geneva	Aug. 10-15	9-12 Boys	Camp Pinecrest	June 28-July 4	Youth
MISSISSIPPI			Camp Pinecrest	July 20-25	9-12
Hurley	June 22-27	8-12	Camp Pinecrest	July 27-Aug. 1	9-12
Hurley	June 29-July 4	12-35	Camp Pinecrest	Aug. 9-15	Youth
MONTANA			SOUTHERN IDAHO		
Hungry Horse	July 27-Aug. 1	9-13	Bellevue	July 27-Aug. 1	8-11
Havre	July 27-Aug. 1	9-13	Bellevue	Aug. 3-8	12-14
Brush Lake	Aug. 3-8	9-13	Bellevue	Aug. 10-15	15-35
Neihart	Aug. 10-15	14-20	SOUTHERN MISSOURI		
Livingston	Aug. 17-22	9-13	Lake of the Ozarks	July 13-17	9-12
NEBRASKA			Lake of the Ozarks	July 20-24	12-35
Lexington	June 8-12	13-20	Lake of the Ozarks	July 27-31	12-35
Lexington	June 22-26	8-12	SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND		
Lexington	June 29-July 3	8-12	Charlton, Mass.	July 18-Aug. 1	8-12
NEW JERSEY			Charlton, Mass.	Aug. 1-15	12-35
Camp Hope	Aug. 15-22	12-35	WEST CENTRAL		
NEW MEXICO			Storm Lake, Iowa	June 29-July 3	9-12
Mountainair	June 8-12	8-11	Storm Lake, Iowa	July 6-10	13-35
Mountainair	July 6-10	12-19	Troy, Mo.	Aug. 10-14	9-12
NEW YORK			Troy, Mo.	Aug. 17-21	13-35
Sherburne	July 4-10	12-25	WEST FLORIDA		
Sherburne	July 11-17	9-11	Marianna Camp Grounds	Aug. 3-7	13-19
Troutburg	July 25-31	12-25	Marianna Camp Grounds	Aug. 10-14	9-12
Troutburg	Aug. 1-7	9-11	WEST TEXAS		
NORTH CAROLINA			Methodist Camp Grounds	To be announced	Youth
Windsor	July 26-31	9-12	WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN		
NORTH DAKOTA			Waupaca, Wis.	June 28-July 4	9-12
Devils Lake	July 13-17	13-18	Waupaca, Wis.	July 5-11	13-19
Devils Lake	July 20-25	9-12	Lake Nebagamon, Wis.	July 6-10	9-11
Medora	July 27-Aug. 1	9-12	Lake Nebagamon, Wis.	July 13-17	12-18
NORTH TEXAS			Hagerman Lake	Aug. 10-15	8-12
Lake Lavon	June 8-12	13-25	Hagerman Lake	Aug. 17-22	12-19
Cleburne State Park	June 22-26	9-12	WYOMING		
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND			Casper	June 15-19	13-19
Naples, Maine	Aug. 16-22	8-11	UKRAINIAN BRANCH		
Naples, Maine	Aug. 23-29	12-25	Lanesville, N. Y.	July 22-26	Youth
			Lanesville, N. Y.	Aug. 3-16	Boys and Girls

(For more information, see the May issue of the C. A. Herald for youth camps and the May issue of the Sunday School Counsellor for boys and girls camps.)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



Cornelius, the Converted Gentile

Sunday School Lesson for May 17, 1959

ACTS 10:1-6, 44-48; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12, 13

In the lesson story before us we have not only the portrayal of a noble character but also a thrilling example of the love of God in action in behalf of a hungry heart.

A SEEKING GENTILE (Acts 10:1-8)

Observe concerning Cornelius:

(1) *He was a Roman army officer.* Yet, he was a "devout man," probably a convert to Judaism, who had influenced his entire household to follow his example.

(2) *He was a God-fearing man, but not yet a Christian.* Christianity is religion, but all religion is not real Christianity! But though Cornelius did not yet know Christ personally, his moral earnestness, simple faith, and genuine humility puts many a Christian to shame!

(3) *To those who live up to the light they have, more light shall be given!* Cornelius was conscious of a lack in his life and was praying about it when suddenly an angel appeared to him, saying, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." What a statement! What about our prayers, fastings, alms? Are we gladdening the heart of God by such memorials?

(4) *The angel did not explain to Cornelius the way of salvation.* That privilege God has reserved for human beings who know Him! But the angel did tell Cornelius where he could find a preacher. Just as explicitly as God guided Cornelius, so He can guide seekers today!

A PRAYING JEW (Acts 10:9, 22)

(1) *His praying.* Vv. 9, 10. God works at both ends of the line. Cornelius was preparing his hungry heart. God was preparing the preacher to minister to his heart. While Mrs. Simon, the tanner's wife, prepared the meal in the kitchen, Peter prayed on the housetop. As he prayed, he came under the power of the Spirit. Prayer is a wonderful occupation for idle moments, but it is also a good thing to take time from a busy daily schedule to get alone with God.

(2) *His vision and lesson.* Vv. 11-16. When Peter was told to eat unclean animals seen in his vision, he protested, "Not so, Lord." Says one writer, "Whosoever says 'not so' should never add 'Lord'; and whosoever truly says 'Lord' will never say 'not so.'" Peter was then told not to consider unclean that which God had cleansed.

(3) *His visitors.* Vv. 17, 22. God times things perfectly. While Peter pondered the meaning of the vision, the messengers from Cornelius arrived. The Holy Spirit told Peter that they had come and that he was to go with them. When Peter learned he was to go to the home of a Gentile, his perplexity must have increased.

(4) *His obedience.* "And on the morrow Peter went away with them." Remember that God was leading both Cornelius and Peter in the dark. Cornelius, a Roman,

is told to send for Peter, a Jew. Peter is told to call nothing unclean that God has cleansed but he does not understand what it is all about. He is told to go to a Gentile's home, thus violating centuries of Old Testament teaching; yet he does not know what he is to do when he gets there. But Peter knows God has spoken and is obedient!

A WAITING CONGREGATION (Acts 10:24-35)

As soon as Peter arrived at the house of Cornelius and heard his story, his confusion vanished. He realized that God had now broken down the middle wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles, and that he was an instrument in God's grace and providence to pave the way for the spread of the gospel to all nations of the world! In these verses, note—

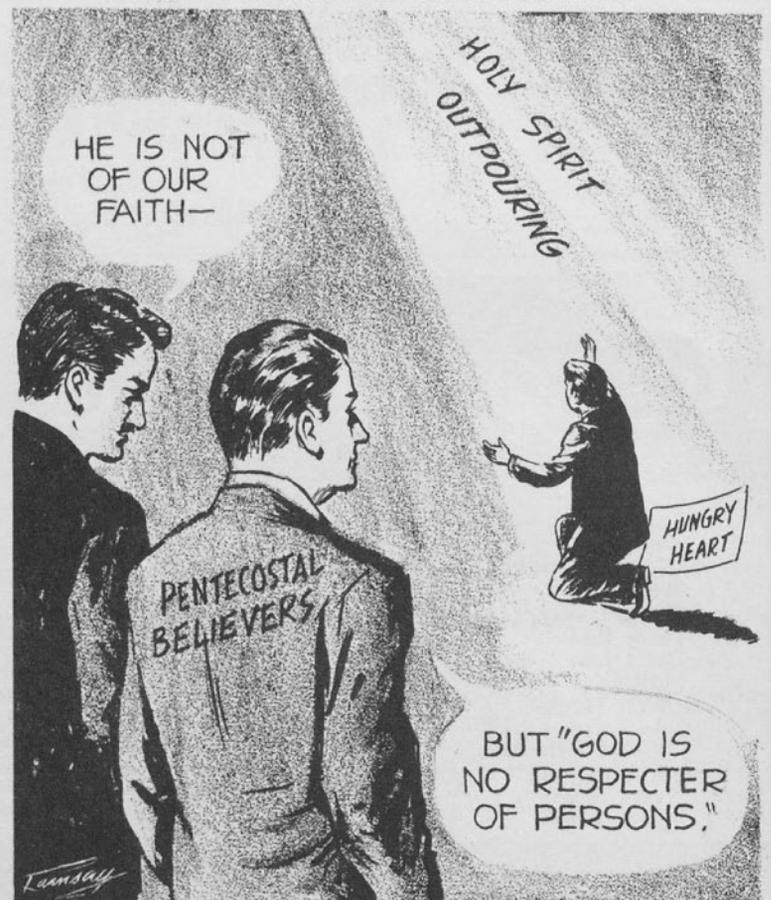
(1) *The zeal of Cornelius.* He was deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of others; for he "had called together his kinsmen and near friends."

(2) *The receptivity of Cornelius.* "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." No wonder a Pentecostal outpouring followed! What a difference it makes in our services of worship if we assemble with such an attitude!

A HEAVEN-SENT OUTPOURING (Acts 10:44-48)

As fast as Peter proclaimed the truth, his congregation took it to heart. And as soon as Peter had gotten across the truth in verse 43—"Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins"—his listeners were not only born again, but filled with the Spirit as well! Receiving salvation and the gift of the Spirit need not take long! God is ready to give the moment we are ready to repent, believe, and receive! —J. Bashford Bishop

NOT A MATTER OF DENOMINATION





T. E. Gannon



Richard Bergstrom



G. Raymond Carlson



Earl W. Goodman

9,466 NAMES RETURNED TO DISTRICTS BY REVIVALTIME

By Stanley Michael

RECENTLY THE NAMES OF 9,466 people who had written to *Revivaltime* for the first time, were mailed to the various district offices for distribution to local pastors all over America. Through the medium of radio, *Revivaltime* has been able to penetrate walls of prejudice, religious differences, hardness of calloused hearts, burdened and distressed souls. These thousands of people outside our churches have listened to the full-gospel broadcast and have responded by mail.

In order that *Revivaltime* listeners may be personally encouraged to attend a full-gospel church, their names are passed along to local pastors who can make direct contact with them. Some of the people thus contacted have become Sunday School superintendents, teachers, ushers and workers in other capacities in our Assemblies of God churches.

A surprisingly large portion of the letters come from people in towns where as yet we have no Assemblies church. For example, one month there were sixty-eight new names of people in South Dakota living in towns with no Assemblies church. Thus the *Revivaltime* radio ministry is taking the Pentecostal message into new territory and spearheading the opening of new churches.

But let *Revivaltime* district representatives speak for themselves.

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T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent of the West Central District, says: "The question is often asked, 'Why should I support *Revivaltime*?' Then I hear people say, 'We can't get it where we live.' Or, 'It comes on at a time when we are not free to listen.' Or, 'We give to it, and up to now we have had no new folk come to our

church.' In a recent study of the list of names of individuals who wrote to *Revivaltime* for the first time, I found they were from 129 towns and cities in Iowa and 34 towns and cities in Northern Missouri where there is no Assemblies of God church. In other words, *Revivaltime* is sowing the seed in these unevangelized areas as far as our Pentecostal message is concerned. Whether you hear it or not, you may be sure that with each offering you send in you are sharing in this nationwide evangelistic program. The survey I made covered only a three-month period."

From Montana, District Superintendent Earl Goodman writes: "I would like to express our district's appreciation for the *Revivaltime* broadcast. We are so grateful to each member of the staff for the splendid co-operation and assistance given us in our efforts to bring Montana's total population within the scope of the *Revivaltime* broadcast.

"The broadcast has made for us a multitude of friends outside our churches. Thousands of people with no knowledge of our message, along with many more who were misinformed, now know who we are and what we believe. We are persuaded that *Revivaltime* is our most valuable public relations medium.

"We have only recently tabulated 40 new towns and communities where people have responded to our broadcast. This means a wedge where we might open new churches. It provides a welcome for Assemblies pastors into homes of prospective members outside the local church area, as well as in it.

"Our pastors are generous with praise, and the number of churches con-

tributing is constantly increasing. We note that 40 per cent of our churches contributed to *Revivaltime* this past month."

Richard Bergstrom, District Superintendent of the New Jersey District, makes this comment: "*Revivaltime* is spearheading our advance in the Garden State. The listening potential in this densely populated area is immense. In a survey of a recent list of names sent to us by the *Revivaltime* office, we found we had contacts for more than 50 per cent of our churches. Every list contains the names of people listening in communities where we do not have an Assemblies of God church."

District Superintendent G. Raymond Carlson of Minnesota writes: "One hundred and twenty-nine Assemblies of God churches in Minnesota (88 per cent) received names from this month's report. Ninety-five names were received from towns with no Assemblies of God church.

"*Revivaltime* is one of the greatest evangelistic arms we have in Minnesota. All reports indicate that a vast audience outside our constituency regularly listens. The ministry of Brother Ward and the staff is richly blessed to the extension of God's work and is a great asset to the Assemblies of God in our district."

Other radio representatives could report similar findings in their districts. The district breakdown of the 9,466 new names received in the *Revivaltime* office during a six-week period is as follows:

Alabama	148	N. N. England	190
Appalachian	189	Northwest	206
Arizona	98	Ohio	506
Arkansas	232	Oklahoma	124
Georgia	155	Oregon	175
Illinois	620	Potomac	198
Indiana	202	Rocky Mtn.	114
Kansas	234	S. Carolina	62
Kentucky	101	S. Dakota	239
Louisiana	90	S. Florida	175
Michigan	263	S. Texas	68
Minnesota	411	S. California	225
Mississippi	63	S. Idaho	50
Montana	173	S. Missouri	358
Nebraska	195	S. N. England	226
New Jersey	232	Tennessee	91
New Mexico	57	W. Central	216
New York	572	W. Florida	97
N. Carolina	116	W. Texas	29
N. Dakota	81	Wis.-N. Mich.	242
N. Texas	230	Wyoming	33
N. Calif.-Nev.	352	Canada	360

Revivaltime is reaching many thousands of hungry hearts every week. But we need you to share with us the heavy financial and spiritual burden. Are you now a faith partner in this ministry? If not, write us today. Souls are waiting for someone to reach them. REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO. ◀ ◀



Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► **PARIS, ARK.**—Evangelist Frank Thomas of Meridian, Miss., just concluded a wonderful revival here. Some thirteen were saved, and three were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was greatly stirred.
—*Ray Moore, Pastor*

► **DUBLIN, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist J. F. Owen. Several were reclaimed, and the Spirit of God was present in an unusual way. The anointed preaching was uplifting to the church, and also to outsiders. The revival fires are still burning.
—*Coyce Poillard, Pastor*

► **NEW PLYMOUTH, IDAHO**—Evangelist N. R. Ingram of Klamath, Calif., recently conducted two very profitable weeks of ministry in the church here. A number came forward for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was wonderfully blessed by the old-fashioned preaching.
—*George W. Phelps, Pastor*

► **NORMAL, ILL.**—The Bloomington-Normal First Assembly of God recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Walter Lascelle of Seattle, Wash. Quite a few knelt at the altar for salvation, and several testified to healing. On the last night of the meetings five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
—*Willis C. Myers, Pastor*

► **HANEY, B.C.**—God greatly blessed the Assembly here under ministry of Evangelist Fred Versolenko of Salem, Oreg. Two married couples and a teen-ager found Christ in the services. The straight preaching of this man of God found its mark in many who were drifting back in their

spiritual experience. Many neighboring pastors attended the meetings. Because of the blessing of God upon the ministry, Brother Versolenko has been invited back to be the speaker for the Frazer Valley Camp Meeting in August. Although the church here is small, many people were reached during the meetings. There were more visitors than in any previous campaign, and there are many contacts to follow up.
—*Robert C. Stott, Pastor*

► **TUCSON, ARIZ.**—Just recently the Grantway Assembly of God enjoyed 12 days of refreshing in a revival with Evangelist Jimmy Mayo, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga. Souls sought the Lord for salvation and bodies were healed by the power of God.
—*Arnold C. Mack, Pastor*

► **ZANESVILLE, OHIO**—The First Assembly of God here was recently blessed and refreshed by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. J. Merrill Rayner of Orange, Va. God graciously used Brother Rayner in preaching the Word and Sister Rayner in singing. More recently Evangelist Ken Haddaway conducted meetings in which there was a special appeal to teen-agers and young people.
—*Curtis A. Arnold, Pastor*

► **WINDSOR, CALIF.**—Many souls were saved, and at least one was filled with the Holy Spirit during meetings recently conducted by Evangelist George Eifman. In spite of bad weather and much sickness, there was a record crowd almost every night. Brother Eifman wore his Indian regalia, and he and his family sang several Indian songs which the people greatly enjoyed.
—*Lenard Griffis, Pastor*

► **VAN BUREN, MO.**—Recently Evangelist Glenna Byard came here for just a weekend of meetings. On just one Sunday four souls were saved and three were refilled with the Holy Spirit. Because of those results the revival continued for a week and a half with a total of nine being saved and four receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
—*Bud Lawrence, Pastor*

► **HEBRON, IND.**—A most successful revival meeting was conducted here recently by Evangelist A. F. DiMusto and family of Detroit, Mich. During the 12 nights of meetings more than 250 first-time visitors attended the services. Seven young people found Christ as Saviour and many new consecrations were made. The musical and artistic talents of the DiMustos were greatly appreciated.
—*Kelso Allen, Pastor*

► **SELIGMAN, MO.**—Evangelist Raymond R. Chappell recently preached a series of prophetic sermons in the church here. He spoke one night a week on such topics as the Jew, the Church, and current events in the light of the soon coming of the Lord. A number of neighboring pastors and churches co-operated in the meeting. There were good crowds in spite of some bad weather. The Christians were refreshed and received a real uplift.
—*Edna C. Brannan, Pastor*

► **PORT ORCHARD, WASH.**—God has been blessing in a gracious way in the Assembly here. Recently Evangelist Thomas Howard of Marysville, Wash. conducted meetings during which six teen-agers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Most of those who were filled had just been saved a matter of weeks. Two and a half years ago the Sunday School attendance was only 37 and now it has reached 123. A Men's Fellowship was started a little over two years ago, and now there are 20 men enrolled. The Women's Missionary Council is increasing substantially.
—*R. C. Gunderson, Pastor*

► **SAN MANUEL, ARIZ.**—The Friendship Assembly of God here just completed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Park Reed of Canton, Okla. The church was wonderfully stirred and blessed of God under their ministry. Five Catholic people came to the Lord, a Mormon man found Jesus Christ, a Methodist minister is seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a Nazarene man received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several were definitely healed in answer to prayer. The attendance record was broken with 102 present. The attendance continued very well all during the revival.
—*W. V. Stowell, Pastor*



Part of crowd of about 700 attending the Saturday night Youth Rally held at the Memorial Auditorium in Wadena, Minn., during a two-week Youth Crusade conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild. Several came forward for salvation. Orie Hosmer is pastor.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NEW SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The Department of Education is compiling a directory of all educational institutions in the Assemblies of God, and is particularly interested in securing information concerning location and administrative personnel of Christian Day Schools at all levels—nursery, kindergarten, elementary and secondary. If you know of such schools or are associated with one, please communicate with C. C. Burnett, National Secretary, Department of Education, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo.

MINISTERS INVITED TO ATTEND COURSE IN CIVIL DEFENSE

The Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization will offer a special Religious Affairs Course at Battle Creek, Mich., May 18-21, 1959. It will be of extreme interest to all clergymen of all denominations.

There will be lectures on Enemy Capabilities; Weapons Effects and Basic Defense Measures; Warning and Communication; Federal, State, and Local Readiness Plans; Evacuation Methods; Use of Church as Shelter; Role of the Clergyman under Disaster Situations; Ideological and Spiritual Conflicts, etc.

For further information, write to: Staff College, National Operational Headquarters, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Mich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

25TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES—May 17-24 at Hope Gospel Tabernacle, Hope, Ark. Services nightly at 7:30. Speakers: W. S. Barham, Phinis A. Lewis, H. Paul Holdridge, C. S. Walker, James E. Hamill, G. W. Hardcastle, and Bert Webb.—by W. C. Land, Pastor.

50TH MISSIONARY CONVENTION—May 17-24 at Stone Church, 8401 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Speakers: E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa; Martha Jacobson, Nigeria; Marguerite Flint, India; and David Scott, Chile.—by E. C. Sumrall, Pastor.

AREA-WIDE PENTECOST RALLY—Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Emery Auditorium, Central Parkway and Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Willard Cantelon Evangelistic Party in charge. Great instruction and receiving service to follow. 2200 free seats.—by D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

CHARLES MOSER, 64, Brooklyn, N. Y., went to be with the Lord on March 1, 1959. A graduate of Bethel Bible Institute, Brother Moser was ordained in 1917. He ministered as an evangelist and was very active in mission work. He is survived by his wife Lydia.

MRS. L. C. CORNELIUS, 94, Electra, Tex., went to be with the Lord Mar. 9, 1959. She was ordained as a home missionary in 1910. She was instrumental in

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	May 5-17	Calvin Melton	Howard P. Trawick
Ariz.	Casa Grande	Bethel	May 5-17	John Everett	Elmer Geesey
	Springerville	A of G	May 17—	Bill Newby	Ann Dudish
Ark.	Dardanelle	First	May 17-31	Eldon & Donna Bryce	Don D. DuVall
Calif.	Redlands	First	May 12-24	Ken George	J. F. Pepper
	Richmond	Full Gospel Temp.	May 17-31	Tommy Barnett	J. Boyd Wolverton
	San Bernardino	Central	May 12—	Don George	R. M. Hargis
	Sunnyvale	First	May 10-24	Bob Hoskins	Ralph Hillegas
Colo.	Fruita	A of G	May 10—	Marcus Alexander	H. R. Surratt
	Grand Junction	First	May 10—	George Hayes	Kenneth Schmidt
Idaho	Lewiston	First	May 3-10	Louise Nankivell	Jeff Gibbs
Ill.	E. Moline	First	Apr. 28—	Sara E. Sharp	Novin Buntentbach
	Harvey	Calvary Temple	May 7-17	A. F. DiMusto Party	Wm. J. Sawyers
Ind.	Evansville	Calvary Temple	May 17-June 7	Quentin Edwards	Hansel Vibbert
Iowa	Davenport	West Side	May 10-31	Fisher-Check Team	C. A. Weaver
	Mason City	First	May 10-24	C. A. Beebe	Dale Harmon
	Ottumwa	First Pent.	May 12-24	R. W. Hastie Family	Wm. B. Friend
Kans.	Wichita	Central	May 10-21	Robert Watters Team	Victor Trimmer
Ky.	Somerset	First	May 10—	Earl E. Blythe	Troy Boggs
La.	Raceland	A of G	May 10—	J. C. Seymour & wife	J. B. Cherry
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** Children's Revival

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starting the Electra Assembly and pastored churches at Dalhart, Borger, Vernon, and Wichita Falls, Tex. Sister Cornelius was superannuated in 1937. Her husband preceded her in death during the same year. Her survivors include two grandchildren in the ministry, R. C. (Keetah) Jones, of Florida, and Mrs. Jeff Gibbs of Idaho.

NELLIE R. MASON, 70, Des Moines, Ia., went to be with Jesus December 15, 1958. Sister Mason was ordained in 1919 and was successful in pioneering a number of Assembly churches in Iowa and Kansas. For the past several years she and her husband, R. A. Mason, who survives, pastored the Berean Chapel Assembly of God in Des

Moines. They retired from active ministry in 1957. In addition to her husband, Sister Mason is survived by three daughters, two sons, one brother, one step-daughter, 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

NOAH MOSIER, 82, Nampa, Idaho, departed this life Feb. 22, 1959. He was ordained in 1923 and served as evangelist and pastor. He pastored at Brimson, Mo. for about 15 years. Brother Mosier was superannuated in 1950, and three years later his wife went to be with the Lord. The last year of his life was spent in a nursing home where he was able to render spiritual assistance to other patients and to the staff.



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These shoes walked dusty roads, stood behind pulpits, on street corners, and at gravesides. They belonged to a minister whose habit it was to leave his shoes at night near his bedside so he could quickly slip them on to answer a midnight call. He is aged now, and walks only to the mailbox, and around the house. The feet which carried him on errands of mercy and comfort, and on soul-winning missions, are tired now—so very tired.

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Jacob's Well

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well of water springing up into everlasting life." Note the use of this word "drinketh." It does not mean that one who drinks but once will never thirst again. It is he who "drinketh" continually who will never thirst again. When we do not drink enough, our spirit becomes dry and parched. No rivers flow out of our inmost being. We cannot neglect the Word for one single day. It is our "spirit and life."

All may come and drink, for Jesus gives it to us freely, only for the asking. Perhaps, like the Samaritan woman, we do not know the Gift of God. If we but knew Him, we would ask of Him and He would give us Living Water. Why do we thirst? Let us open our Bibles and drink!

And this Living Water has power to both sanctify and cleanse us. We read in Ephesians 5:26, 27 that Christ is sanctifying and cleansing His Church by the "washing of water by the Word," that He might present it to Himself "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

Jesus said that the Living Water He gives will flow out of the inmost being

of all who believe on Him and receive the Holy Ghost. And He calls on all who are thirsty to come and drink (John 7:37-39).

If Jesus had not been weary and sat down on Jacob's well that day long ago, not only the Samaritan woman, the little village of Sychar, and the disciples, but you and I and countless others would have been the poorer. And if Jacob had not dug this well, the story as we know it would not have been written.

Our life may seem humdrum and we may feel that the labor of our hands is unimportant, but some day we may find that what we have built today—the commonplace, the ordinary, and the insignificant—may in that day be of use to the Master of the Universe, and we shall find that we have built far better than we thought.

Prayer and Fasting

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ing is concerned is to regard it as some form of "bargaining" with God, as though He will be compelled to give us what we ask if only we fast long enough. We cannot purchase blessings or benefits that way. The most that honest fasting can do is to prove to God, as in the case of Cornelius, our absolute sincerity. It may, by the grace of God, make us more fit in spirit, soul, and body, to be vessels unto honor that the Lord can use. In this it takes its place among all acts of sanctification. But any fasting for its own sake as a supposed source of spiritual power is misguided and dangerous. Such errors arise where there is an unbalanced use of the Word of God. In prayer and fasting, all our emphasis should be upon prayer. ◀◀



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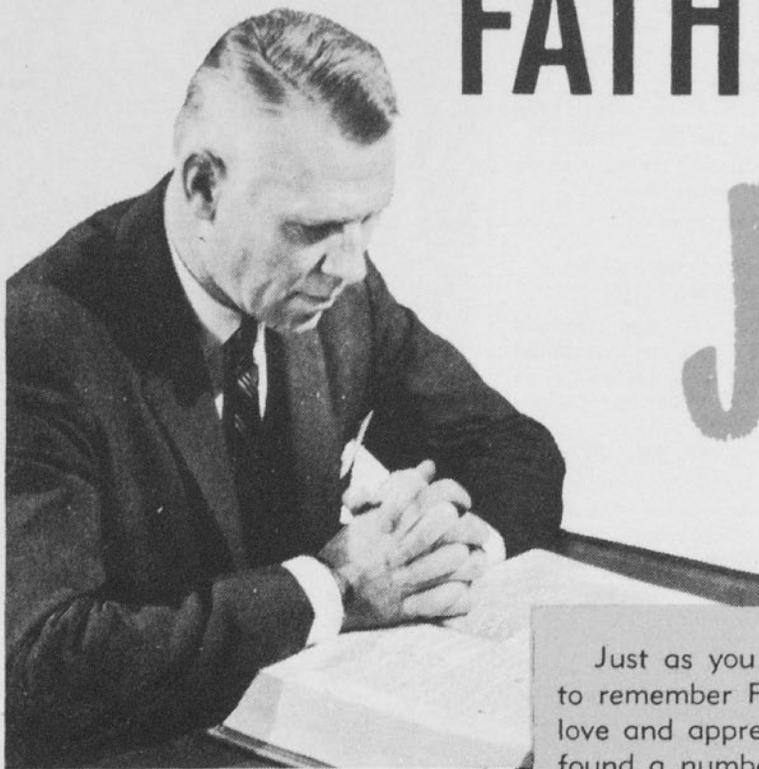
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What Do I Want?

BY FRED SMOLCHUCK

Detroit, Michigan

MANY YEARS AGO THE TREACHERY of a favorite son forced a great king to flee for his life. He had to leave his throne, his home, his friends, comforts, prestige—everything he had previously enjoyed. Hunted like a wild animal in the wilderness, he took time to reflect on his loss. What did he miss the most? He answered this in the lyrics of a song he composed as an outgrowth of his bitter experience. Note the first two verses:

"As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks,

So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God,

For the living God" (Psalm 42:1, 2).

While hiding in the wilderness, the royal exile had observed the habits of the deer and noted that one of its striking characteristics was its thirst for water. So in his thirst for God he compared himself to the wild hart that is quite dependent upon the waterbrooks for its existence.

During my stay in the Catskill Mountains of New York a few years ago, I noticed that near the place where we were lodging the ground was dampened by a trickling brook and it

was liberally marked with fresh deer tracks. To our delightful surprise one afternoon a magnificent ten-point buck came boldly down the mountainside to drink from the stream. The animal's thirst literally drove it to the water even though there were people close by.

King David thirsted for God. This was what he missed most of all. He longed for the sacred contact, the worship, the fellowship with God that he had enjoyed at the Tabernacle back at Jerusalem. He now recognized that the presence of the Lord meant more to him than a throne and a kingdom, more than honor and glory, more than possessions and comforts. It became lucidly clear that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," and that life was "more than meat and drink." His wounded soul yearned for the sweet presence of God just as the hunted stag pants for the familiar waterbrooks.

An eminent professor of sociology at a Detroit college recently admitted to me that he was both distressed and perplexed at the errant behavior of today's society. He noted with regret that with all the present-day conveni-

ences, education, skills, and systems, there still seems to be something missing which would give man proper equilibrium in life. I agreed, and was quick to add that the missing factor in man's life is God. Like Solomon, the world is experimenting with amusement, drink, education, achievement, accumulation of wealth, development of the arts—and discovering that "ALL is vanity [emptiness] and vexation [irritation] of the spirit, and... no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2: 11).

Philosophers and wiseacres have, on occasion, interpreted life as "having plenty" or as "possessing knowledge." Others have said that "sex is life" or "pleasure is life," etc. And yet, with all of man's philosophizing and experimentation with life he is still a frustrated being. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The soul of man thirsts; and, tragically, he does not recognize that it is for God his being cries out.

God emphatically states that He made man for Himself. "I have created him for my glory" (Isaiah 43:7). Man was made for God. Apart from the Creator he is out of orbit like a lost star.

Life is much more than satisfying the "lust of the flesh" (that which man wants to feel); life is more than feeding the "lust of the eyes" (that which he wishes to have, to possess); life is far more than grasping for the "pride of life" (that which his ego craves to become). Real life is having God and intimately fellowshiping with Him. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Have you wondered why your soul has not been satisfied? It needs the living God, who issues the open invitation, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1). "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink," Jesus said. Recognize that you need God more than anything else. You can get along without a great many things, but you cannot afford to get along without Jesus Christ, the Source of Life.

Look to Him and confess that your soul thirsts "for the living God." The Psalmist assures us that men may be abundantly satisfied. God shall make us drink of the river of His pleasures, for with Him is the fountain of life (Psalm 36:8, 9). ◀◀