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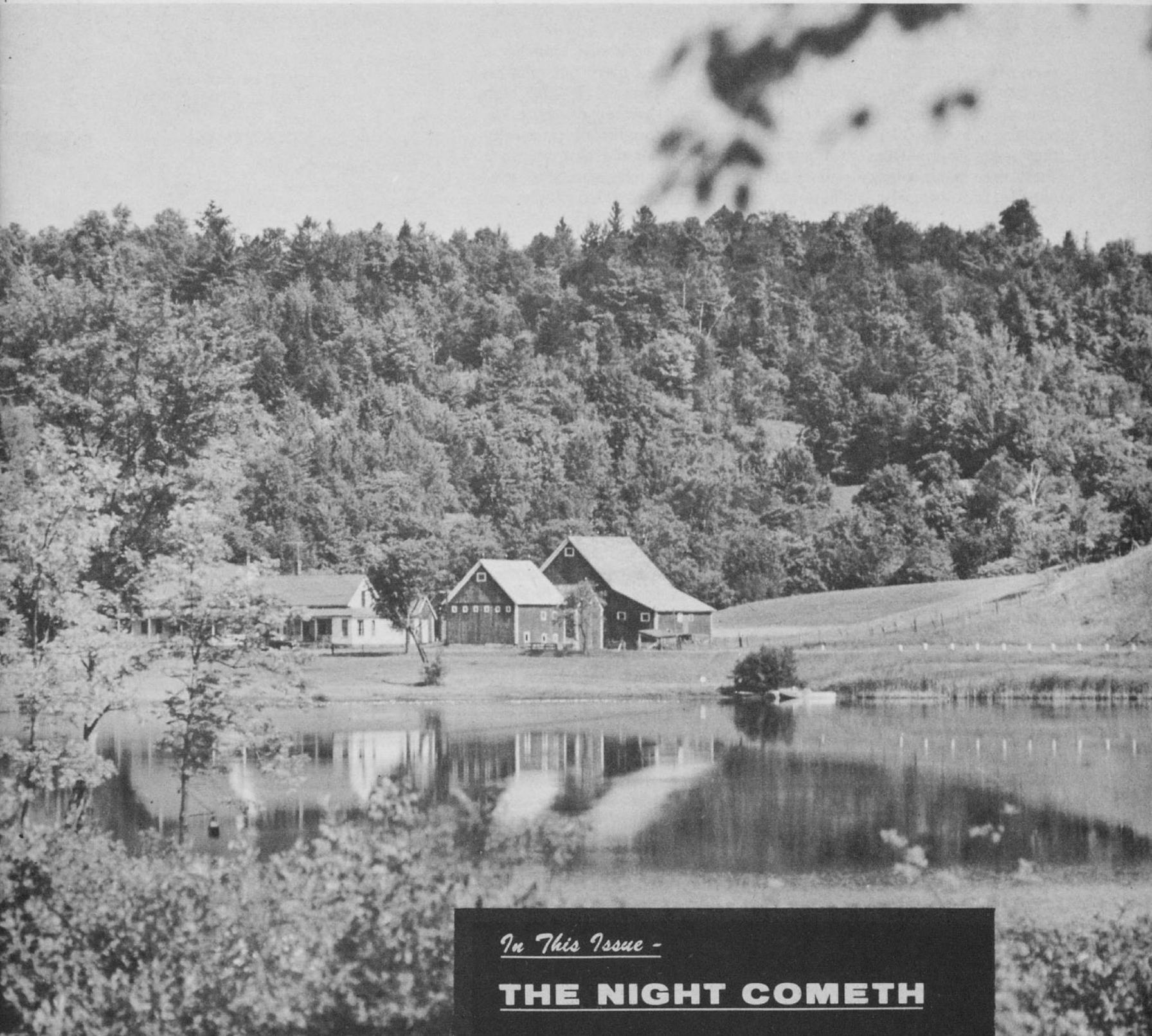
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# A Lesson from Solomon

The recent visit of high Russian dignitaries to the U.S.A. reminded us of the story of the Queen of Sheba, who came to Jerusalem to see the glory of King Solomon. The queen was so impressed by what she saw at Jerusalem that she said, "Behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard."

What the Russians saw in America was not a very rich king but a very rich people. Not a single palace of resplendent glory but millions of fine homes. The visitors seemed greatly impressed by the high standard of living throughout the land—the skyscrapers, factories, highways, automobiles, food markets, and other marks of prosperity that seem all-important to a materialist. They boasted that within a short time their country will have just as many television sets, telephones, and automatic washers as America and then their people will be happy.

But anyone who thinks mere gadgets and luxuries make life worth living is badly mistaken, be he Russian or American. It takes more than the treasures and pleasures of this world to satisfy a man's heart. King Solomon himself found this out long ago. He tried it all and came to the conclusion that it was "vanity."

In the Book of Ecclesiastes the king passed on to us the benefit of his experience. He said he built a magnificent temple and a luxurious palace with houses, gardens, and orchards which brought lasting fame to his creative genius; but after he had reached the pinnacle of accomplishment in this realm he found it was "vanity." It failed to satisfy.

He enjoyed great wisdom and the honor that came from such wisdom. He was sought out by the great men of his time for advice and guidance, yet this failed to satisfy him. He confessed it to be "vanity"—an empty thing that did not satisfy the deep longings of his heart.

He was rich, surrounded with servants. He had every luxury money could buy; but he found that worldly possessions cannot bring contentment to the soul. "Vanity," he called them. A mirage. A delusion that lures the thirsty soul but gives no water of life.

He decided to go in for esthetic and sensuous pleasures. He became a devotee of music and humor, took to drink, married three hundred women and had seven hundred concubines; but he found that a hilarious life of "wine, women, and song" cannot bring satisfaction to a man, either. "Vanity," he called it. Natural joys can never satisfy. They are short-lived; they end too soon and leave a person feeling hollow, restless, discontented.

What then does satisfy? Solomon's advice is this: "Fear God, and keep his commandments." And what commandments does God require of us? To repent of sin; to confess our sin to the Lord; to accept and confess Christ as our personal Saviour. These are His commandments. It is sin that causes dissatisfaction, but to have Christ as Saviour and to walk with Him obediently day by day brings the richest joy known to man. If you are tired of chasing the will-o'-the-wisp of earthly pleasure, turn away from it and fix your hope in Christ. "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

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# "THE NIGHT COMETH"

By Bert Webb

Assistant General Superintendent

**I**N JOHN 9:4, JESUS DECLARES, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

The eternal plan of God has ever made much of the time element in dealing with humanity. An Old Testament admonition, "It is time to seek the Lord," sharply brings into focus the fact that our Heavenly Father has appointed the times and seasons for mankind. Again we read, "The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

In the Garden, Jesus said to the disciples, "Behold, the hour [time] is at hand." It should also be noted that Jesus pronounced judgment when He was upon earth because, as He declared to the people, "Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

All this and much more throughout the Scriptures solemnly reminds us that there is a time element in the dealings of the Almighty with humanity. It is a tremendous and demanding fact that God has made us responsible for the unsaved; and to hear our Lord Himself declare, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh," should bring fresh awakening to personal responsibility and a divine urgency in the business of winning the lost to discipleship and to salvation.

In an editorial in a recent issue of a prominent daily newspaper J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared, "The hour is late. We must halt this spreading disease [juvenile delinquency] which, if not stopped, will bring in the law of the jungle to every street." In forceful language, the FBI chief described a tide of juvenile crime that is rising

at a terrifying pace. Last year, 740,000 juveniles were arrested in America as criminals. A million arrests are forecast for the U.S. by 1962.

It is not only the number involved at the moment but also the rapid rate climb that worries Mr. Hoover. He goes on to say that since 1952 our juvenile population has increased approximately 22 per cent. Juvenile arrests in the same period have risen 55 per cent. Nor is that all. Juvenile crime is becoming notable for its violence and brutality.

The editorial describes Mr. Hoover as pointing to the lack of discipline and the absence of proper moral standards implanted in the home as great contributing factors to the delinquency of youth, and concludes with another quote, "The hour is late; we must act now." On numerous occasions, this same authority on juvenile matters has linked the lack of proper religious training to the trend in juvenile delinquency.

It must be remembered that parental delinquency is the forerunner of juvenile delinquency. Children almost invariably do what mother and dad show by example, rather than obeying the precepts given by them. Undoubtedly, moral decay is but a symptom of spiritual degeneracy. We, as individuals and the church we represent, stand responsible to God for the souls not only of the youth of America but of mother and dad as well. May God give us a burning-heart concern for those who do not know Christ. This, in reality, is the only real solution to the moral trend which exists in America and the world today.

Night has already come to the bamboo and iron curtain countries. Darkest night has settled upon areas of Africa, as indicated by the reports of witch doctors who "try to stem volcano peril with blood sacrifice." The *Washington Post* of March 10, 1959, describes a volcanic eruption in the

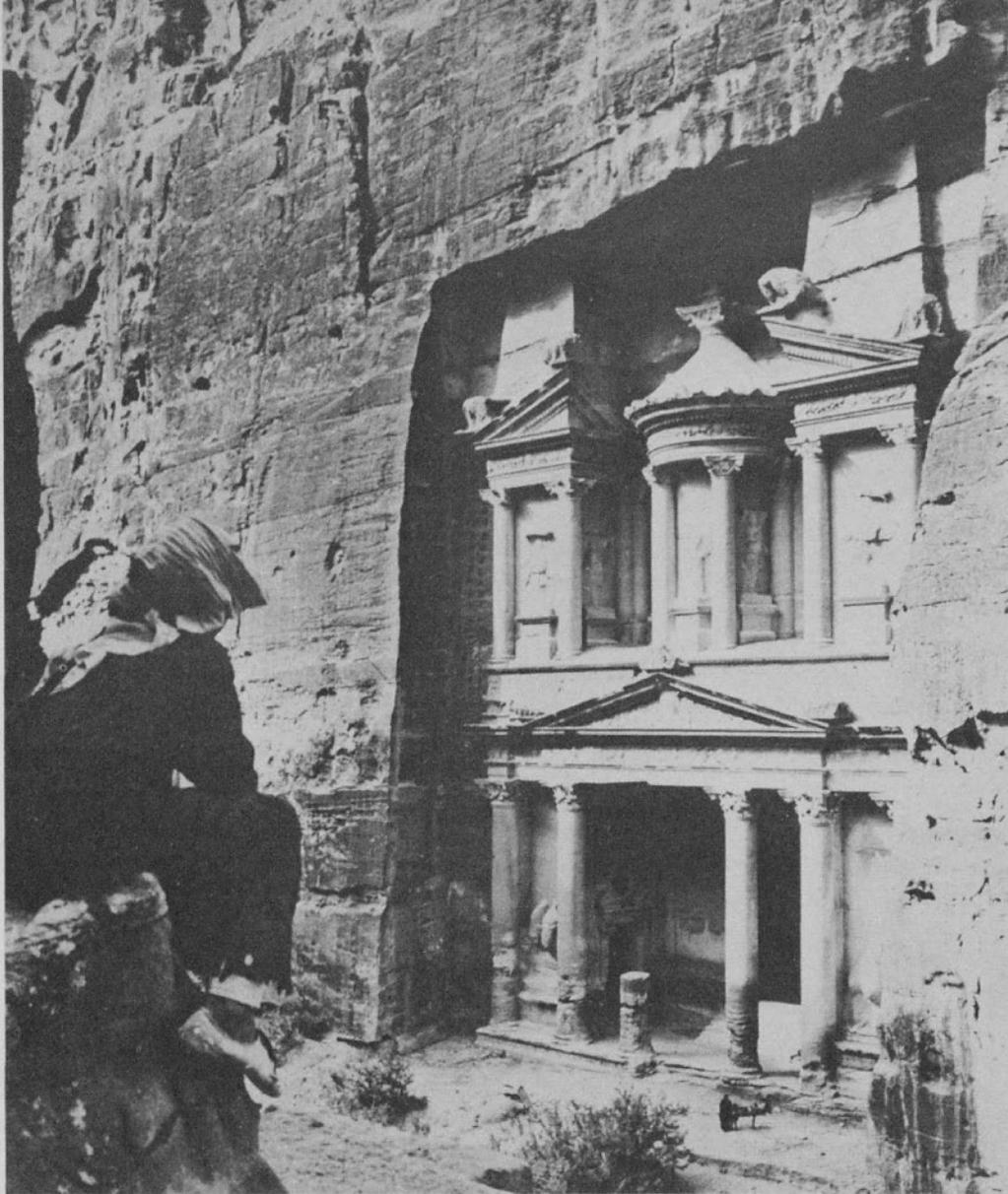
Cameroon Mountains, stating, "Tribal medicine men offer black and white sheep and fowl daily, but fiery destruction still belches from the 13,350-foot-high volcano."

I stood on top of a mountain in Central America some time ago and saw a Maya Indian witch doctor kneeling before a small bit of green stone on which a crude human face had been chiseled, burning seven candles and waving a container of incense, in the vain hope that his supplications would cause the life of a little child to be spared. Night had already come. Though we tried desperately for more than an hour, speaking through an interpreter to the witch doctor mentioned, we eventually gave up and despaired of getting over to this soul the possibility of a personal relationship with his God. The darkness of his night seemed impenetrable.

Recently the national convention of a prominent denomination heard a report from the joint commission on alcoholism. In the 28-page pamphlet, entitled "Alcohol, Alcoholism, and Social Drinking," the statement was made, "A Christian who drinks moderately with due regard for the feelings of his fellow men and with a conscientious care for the claims of God, can drink with thanksgiving to HIM for these blessings." The report cites the fact that "Christ made quantities of wine for social use at a wedding reception." It attempts to prove that social drinking is not inconsistent with New Testament Christianity. The shadows of spiritual night are evident when religious groups seek to curry favor by compromising the simple requirements of genuine Christian living in this manner. Let those who know Christ and the requirements of right living recognize the urgency of warning all with whom we come in contact that the time is short indeed; the night cometh!

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This article is the substance of a sermon preached by Brother Webb during the 1959 Regional Sunday School Conventions.



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The Khazneh or Treasury is one of the most beautiful buildings of Petra

# I Walked in Petra

## *Israel's City of Refuge*

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SOME OF THE GREATEST THRILLS OF my life have come to me in the land of Israel. How awesome to walk in the midst of fulfilled prophecy! I saw what Isaiah wrote about when he said, "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth" (Isaiah 11:12).

Israel is a nation; her flag is flying; her hundreds of thousands have found a home. And these Jews have come from the remote places of the earth

desiring to live in peace in the land God promised to them so long ago. But much suffering is ahead for these peculiar people who have been preserved by God to this day.

Early one morning in June of 1955, our group boarded a Jordanian plane at the airport in Arab Jerusalem. We flew over the northern part of the Dead Sea, past the ancient city of Ma'an and on toward the waste howling wilderness. Upon landing at a military airport in the desert, we transferred to a car and drove for two

hours. Then, at an outpost of the Arab Legion we left the cars and mounted horses for the last five miles of our journey.

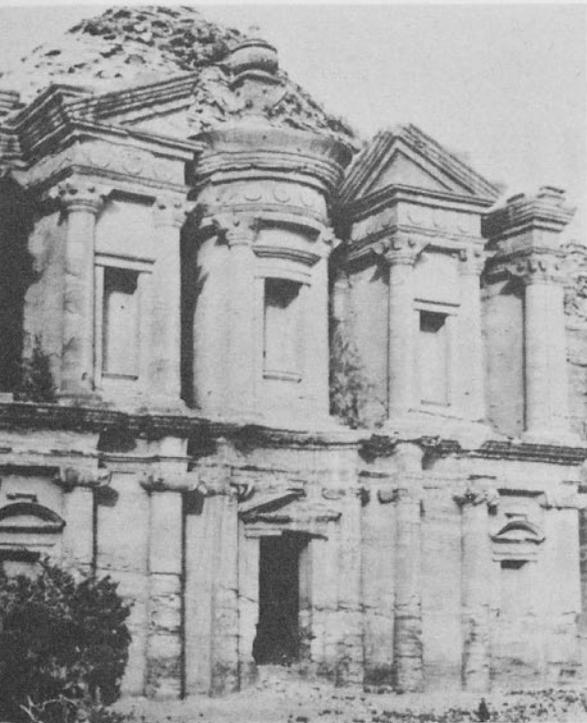
Finally we came to the rose-red city of Esau, situated deep in the desert of Southern Jordan, one hundred and eighty miles south of Amman, the capital. When I rode through the "Siq," the narrow rock defile leading to Petra, and suddenly came face to face with "Ed Deir" or The Temple, I gasped in utter amazement. I saw the omnipotent wisdom of a loving heavenly Father in that He has prepared for future occupancy a vast city of refuge. But before we describe this city further, let us look into the Scripture and see a few of the events which will lead up to its use.

The next event on God's prophetic calendar is, without doubt, the catching away of the Bride of Christ, the prepared Church. We believe this will occur before the Great Tribulation that is to come soon. Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). This is the hope of the Church. We shall soon be caught up with Him to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ. These events will take approximately seven years as we count time here on earth.

But the scene on earth during that same week of years will be an entirely different picture. The Antichrist is reigning; that great deceiver makes a covenant with the Jews and re-establishes the temple worship. He is Antichrist all the time, but his beastly nature is not evident at first. But at the "middle of the week," after the war in the heavenlies between Michael and Satan, when Satan is cast out of that domain, there is a significant change. It is as if the mask is pulled off and this man, indwelt by the devil, reveals his true self.

In Revelation 12, which deals with this period, two wonders appear in heaven. In verse one we read of a "sun-clothed woman." What does she represent? The virgin Mary? The Church? Much study has led me to the conclusion that she represents neither Mary nor the Church, but Israel.

Israel is repeatedly described in Scripture as a married woman. After her period of rejection she is described as a widow. Again, as a divorced wife.



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Ed Deir or Temple is one of the best preserved monuments of Petra

Again, as an adulterous wife. Now, as the "sun-clothed woman," she is described as being "with child" and in "travail to bring forth." (The Church is always pictured in the Word as a virgin, espoused to one husband, and nowhere is it even intimated that she will be a mother.)

In Romans 9:5, speaking of Israel, Paul declares, "Of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came." Isaiah looked forward to the time when Israel could say, "Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given." Before Christ was born, Israel had to pass through sore afflictions and judgments, a time of travail. She accomplished her time. Now, in Revelation 12:5, we see the result of her travail: "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." This Man Child, caught up to the throne, is now seated at the right hand of power in the heavenlies.

Verse 6 describes the flight of the woman into the wilderness to escape the wrath of the Antichrist. Between these two verses lies the present Church Age—which John omits, since he is not dealing with the Church.

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that

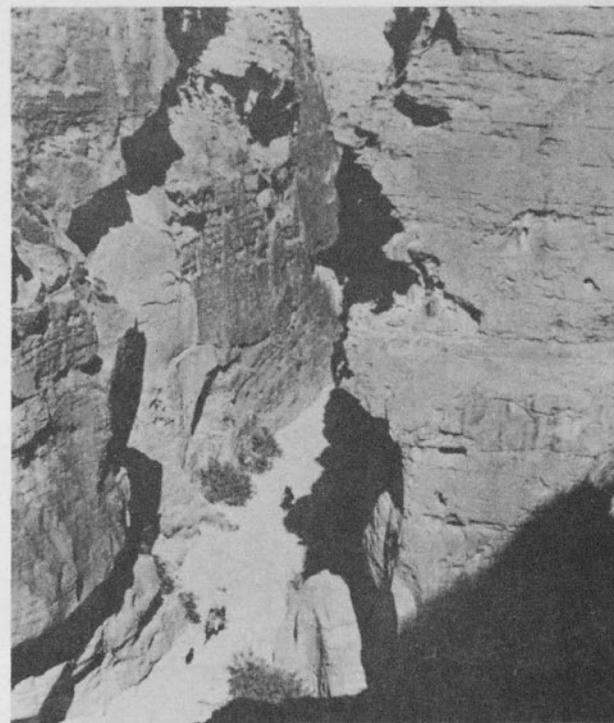
she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" (Revelation 12:13, 14). This explicitly declares the time to be three and one-half years, or the latter half of the Great Tribulation. This Scripture takes us back to Israel's flight from Egypt. God said to them in Exodus 19:4, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself." Just as the woman and the dragon are symbols, so the eagles' wings are symbols of a rapid flight into the wilderness where she is nourished of God for three and one-half years.

Isaiah says of this time, "Come, my people [Israel], enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment until the indignation be overpast." Jesus said, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place... then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains..." (Matthew 24:15).

Let us return now to the actual flight of the "woman" and locate the place to which she will go for safety. The cities of refuge God designated for the Children of Israel in the early days of their history are good types of this city of refuge. These were places to which the manslayer could go for refuge from the avenger of blood. If it was proved that the hunted man was guilty of willful murder, he was turned over to the avenger. If not, he was protected; but he had to remain in the city until the death of the high priest. Now we find the Jews fleeing to a city of refuge.

The Jewish race caused the death of Christ. They cried, "His blood be upon us and upon our children!" At first this appears to be willful murder, but hear the prayer of Jesus: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Paul says, "Had they known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." So this places them in the same classification as the manslayer fleeing from the avenger of blood. They have been running toward this city of refuge for over 1,900 years, hounded from nation to nation, fulfilling the prophecy of Moses that they would "find no rest for the soles of their feet."

Speaking of this time and of the Antichrist, Daniel says, "He shall also



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The Siq, narrow rock defile which is the only entrance to Petra

enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

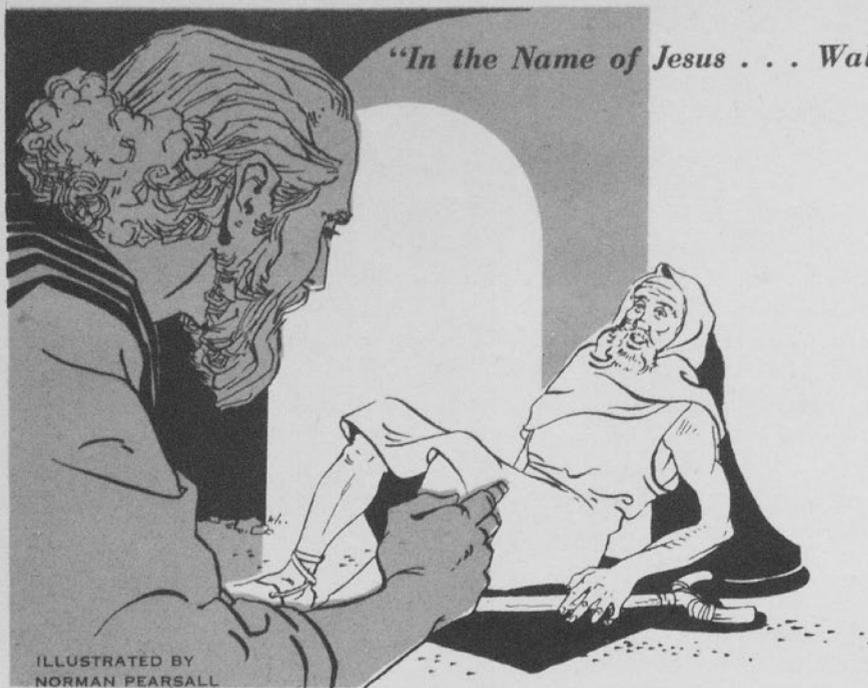
Isaiah said, "Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab, be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler..." (Isaiah 16:4). In Edom, in this wilderness that God says shall not be touched by the forces of Antichrist, is situated this city of refuge, Petra.

Called "Sela" in the Bible, the city is also called "Seir," "Mount Seir," or the "mountains of Esau." Genesis 36:8, 9 identifies Esau as father of the Edomites, the builders of this rocky city: "Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom. And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir."

Saul fought against this city. David fought against it and prevailed; Joab conquered it.

Petra was a great commercial center in the time of Solomon. In A.D. 105, the Romans took it over and called it "Arabia Petra." It fell into the hands of the Arabs and became a lost civilization from the seventh century until 1812 when it was re-discovered. This vast, silent city has only one entrance—a narrow, winding defile, at places only twelve feet wide and then up to forty feet. The sides of this entrance are precipitous, 200 to 1,000 feet high,

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# High Spiritual Adventure

By Lon Woodrum

**I**N THAT EXCITING JOURNAL OF THE primitive Church called the Acts of the Apostles, we come upon high spiritual adventure. Anything could happen in that Church, and often did. The Book of Acts is the record of the time when heaven came close to earth.

And those early disciples! What joyful troublemakers they were. We met them all jubilant, and upon inquiry we discover that they have been spit upon and beaten. It is one thing to endure persecution and tribulation; it is something else to celebrate it. But these men gave a reason for their rejoicing. They had been considered *worthy* to suffer dishonor for the Name of Christ.

The spirit of impending miracles broods over the great account. A couple of men were going to a prayer meeting. It was three o'clock in the afternoon. Something has happened in the world when you see men attending a prayer meeting in mid-afternoon. When Peter and John turned in at the temple gate they saw the man with the twisted legs. It was a thing that men fresh from Pentecost would notice. "Peter looked intently at the man and so did John (Acts 3:4, Phillips). Too often the Church has not looked at lame men. But Spirit-filled men carry the lame and the dispossessed on their hearts. They can't help it; their Master was like that before them.

It is interesting to note that the lame man was "carried" and put by the gate. We suppose that relatives or

friends brought him. It was aptly said long ago by Joseph Parker that "we must carry those whom we cannot heal." Both church and state carry countless cripples; we spend billions of dollars annually to take care of people, thousands of whom might have been useful citizens if they had been healed spiritually and morally. The churches are carrying the dead weight of thousands of irresponsible (even embarrassing) members whom it has failed to convert.

The lame man saw that the apostles were temple-bound and he "looked at them expectantly, hoping that they would give him something." Well, now! A helpless, needy man might expect aid from men headed for a prayer meeting in the middle of the afternoon! After all, a praying man is always supposed to do something *besides* pray. Whatever else prayer does for a man it should make him sympathetic toward helpless humanity.

Of course, what the beggar expected was something in the shape of currency. He had probably given up hope of ever getting anything better than that. The doctors couldn't cure him; he would never be able to do a man's work. He would have to settle for a few coins. How sad that so much of the world does that! We settle for materialism. We might be healed inwardly, might thrill to spiritual health, but we give up what Christ called *life* for mere *things*. We turn from God to Mammon, and how unhappy we are.

It could have been an embarrassing moment for the two apostles. They were generous-hearted, but had no money. The Church was pretty poor in those days. It hadn't flung up any cathedrals yet. They had recently been with One who had no place to lay His head. They were magnificent paupers. Peter put his hand in his pocket and it came out empty. The beggar's hand was still stretched out toward him. Something had to be done. "I have no silver or gold," said Peter, "but I will give you what I do have." How poverty-stricken is the Church that has nothing but the material to give the world. How tragic when the Cross gives way to the dollar sign.

How did the Church ever get so *staid*, so dull? It was once the most exciting institution in the world. The journal of its doings throbs and sings and shouts; it was afire. Anything could happen. There was a glory, a wonder, a miracle at every street corner. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" said Peter. Then he took him by the right hand and helped him up. At once the lame man's "feet and ankle bones were strengthened, and he positively jumped to his feet, stood, and then walked."

The lame man did more than walk. He leaped. Well, of course! When you've been crippled all your life and suddenly you can walk, you will be excused if you get a bit excited. It's such a fine thing to be able to walk.

The man did more than walk or leap. *He praised God.* Just leave that out

and the whole story is meaningless. Leave that out and the story of human life is meaningless. Whatever does not come finally to praise God is worthless. Not even the Church shall have the honor that belongs to Him. The record says the man "clung to Peter," but it does not say he praised Peter. He praised God. He had the good spiritual sense to know the Source of his splendid fortune.

The Church made itself felt in those days. The lame man, jumping about and praising God, made an impact on people. "They were all overcome with wonder and sheer astonishment at what had happened." The gospel has no better minister than the genuineness of its products. It speaks most eloquently in the lives and testimonies of the men who experience its life-giving grace.

A couple of Christians were headed for a prayer meeting in the afternoon and they ran into a great life drama. That's how it is with Spirit-filled men. Christianity was meant to be a magnificent romance. It should be the most exciting adventure in the world. Look! With the healed man clinging to him Peter preached a terrific sermon to the awe-struck crowd. Nobody slept through that sermon. Nobody thought church was dull that day. It was a service they'd tell their grandchildren about.

Christianity has not always been drab. It doesn't have to be drab now. The Spirit that was at the Gate Beautiful has not been withdrawn from men. He is promised to the Church for all time. ◀ ◀

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**What did Jesus mean when He said, "Take My yoke upon you . . ."? (Matthew 11:29, 30)**

He meant that we should team up with Him. When we learn to do this we find His yoke easy and His burden light. But if we choose to go our own way, rather than His, we may find the Christian yoke galling and the burden heavy. In these verses we have a lesson in consecration, submission, and walking with the Lord.

**Should not all new converts be baptized in water, in the light of Acts 2:38?**

I believe the first emphasis should be put on repentance and faith, but it is the Scriptural plan that baptism in water should not be delayed after one is genuinely saved. (See Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-39; 16:31-33.)

**How do we maintain the joy the Bible speaks about?**

We sometimes think of joy as merely a feeling resulting from pleasant circumstances. But Jesus spoke of a different kind of joy when He promised that His "joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

The joy of knowing we are saved, the joy of hope, and the joy of service, are not dependent upon earthly circumstances. Even while he suffered many things, Paul rejoiced in the fact that he knew, loved, and served the true and living God. From a prison cell he could write of his great joy in the spiritual progress of his friends.

**Ecclesiastes 7:16 says, "Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?" Can a person try so hard to be righteous and wise that it becomes injurious?**

This verse often is misinterpreted. I believe it is an admonition to humility. It means, "Do not think too highly of your own righteousness or wisdom." The Pharisee was a good example of one who was "righteous over much" when he prayed thus, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are," and proceeded to tell God what a wonderful person he was. He who possesses genuine righteousness or wisdom will demonstrate these graces in a spirit of humility. None of us is in danger of being too righteous or too wise, actually.

**Now that I have become a Christian I am told that I should seek the Lord for the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Why is this necessary?**

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an endowment of spiritual power which will enable you to live better for the Lord. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

In addition to the help the Holy Spirit gives us to live for Christ and witness for Him, there are other blessings which come from the Spirit-filled life. Read the fourteenth chapter of John, especially verses 16 through 31, and see what Jesus promised as a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the disciples. He is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever, and you can receive all these benefits as well as the disciples. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is not a spiritual luxury, to be accepted or rejected as we will, but it is a command of Jesus, and brings untold blessing to the recipient.

*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).*

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### PRAY FOR COUNCIL

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# 'SO SEND I YOU'



*Baccalaureate Sermon at Central Bible Institute*

**By Charles W. H. Scott**

*Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God*

ANOTHER COMPANY OF YOUNG MEN and women, the graduating class of 1959, falls in line with the triumphant army which has been marching out from the portals of Central Bible Institute for the past thirty-seven years.

Tomorrow you will step from school days to working days, from preparation to participation, from learning to living, from receiving to giving of that which you have absorbed during these years at CBI.

The disciples who had attended the school of the Master for three years were about to be graduated. He had said to them, "It is expedient for you that I go away." And again, "A little while, and ye shall not see me... because I go to the Father." Commencement exercises were held for that graduating class on the Day of Pentecost, but the baccalaureate sermon was

preached by the Principal Himself, as He talked with them in the upper room.

This message of the Master, however, was interrupted by His arrest and crucifixion, but on the third day He arose. As His disciples gathered, probably in the same room, He finished His message to them as He commissioned them with these words, "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

Somehow I feel that this same Lord Jesus Christ stands in our midst tonight commissioning you, the graduating class of CBI, as He sends you forth to "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." You are eleventh-hour workers to whom He commits the task, "Go work in my vineyard."

All of us could well accept this as His commission to us. The vineyard to which we are called is a world of chaos and turmoil as men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things which are coming to pass on the earth. Terrible weapons of destruction threaten the human race, and conflicting ideologies confuse the weary travelers with their false philosophies. Spiritual values are abandoned; moral and ethical norms are broken; this generation worships at the shrine of pleasure, lust, and sin, unmindful of Him who still stands by the wayside saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

## **I. THE MISSION BEFORE US**

The Lord Jesus Christ has laid His hand upon you, graduates, and says, "As my father has sent me, even so send I you." We are depending on you to go out as crusaders determined to redeem the little time that is left, to buy up the opportunities all about you, to face the forces of evil and sin with dedication and consecration that does not falter when the way grows difficult.

Flying to California recently, I looked down upon the mountains and deserts and canyons and thought of the pioneers who had blazed the trail and fought the battle with hostile enemies and a bleak wilderness. They did not travel westward at three or four hundred miles an hour in comfortable, air-conditioned airliners. Wagon trains and ox carts were their modes of transportation. They were men and women who accepted the challenge, who ignored the dangers, who were invulnerable to discouragement, and triumphed over the difficulties in order to reach their objectives. As Jesus Christ sends you forth tonight, I call upon you to accept the challenge of the road ahead with resolution and purpose, not looking for the easy way but to be "more than conquerors through him that loved us."

The words of an anonymous soldier of the Confederacy, scribbled on the wall of his cell, which were found after his death, stated it this way:

"I asked God for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

"I asked for help that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

"I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.

"I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

"I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I hoped for."

This is usually God's way for all of us.

It is apparent from the Scripture that Paul had a sincere desire to go to Rome to preach the gospel; instead, we find him incarcerated in the prison at Rome with a chain binding him and a definite restriction of his ac-



Graduating students march down Central Assembly aisle as baccalaureate service begins

tivities and ministrations. God was in the disappointment, for out of this experience came his Epistles which were the greatest contributions of his whole life to the infant Church of that day, and to the Church of this day.

Even Christ Himself did not merely endure the cross. He used it as a medium to span the gulf between God and man. God grant that the charge which He has given shall inspire each of us, that regardless of circumstances we will press forward victoriously to fulfill the God-given mission He has entrusted to our care.

## II. THE CONSTRAINT UPON US—"SO SEND I YOU"

Let us rise up then, graduates, preachers, laymen, and go in the strength of the One who sends us forth today with that same driving energy which Paul had. It was not the mere call of duty; or the attainments of an ambition; or the desire to emulate others. The divine imperative which provided the urge in the apostle is summed up in the words, "The love of Christ constraineth us." The word "constrain" is a strong word. It means to urge, to oblige, to drive, to impel, to compel. This was the force in the life of Paul that sent him with the message to a pagan world. It was this which drove him on and on with the only message which can change the human heart from enmity to allegiance to God. It was this constraining love that carried him through perils, through shipwrecks, through stonings and cruel punishment at the whipping posts. He knew what it was to be hungry; he knew what thirst was. He tells of twenty-four hours in the deep, and speaks of nakedness, of weariness, of exhaustion and pain. In spite of all these he did not quit. He was made of sterner stuff. He forgot about himself as the overpowering sense of his call inspired him to unremitting service and the constraining love of Christ sent him onward with the message.

The best advice I ever had was summed up by my district superintendent when as a young pastor I was faced with the necessity of making a choice between an easy and established way and a path which was unknown and hazardous. His advice was, "Don't be afraid to take the way of the cross; for where the cross is, invariably it is the best way." I took his advice and have never regretted doing so.

When William Booth was asked to tell the secret of his spiritual success

he replied, "God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, all the influence of my life." We must have a concern and love for the souls of men and women round about us until we, like the Lord Jesus Christ, shall weep over the multitudes who wander as sheep without a shepherd. May God give us a renewed love for the souls of dying men, for without it we may become preachers but never very successful soul winners.

It was love for God and man that made John Wesley mount his horse and travel 250,000 miles on horseback, preaching 40,000 sermons during his lifetime, writing 400 books and learning ten languages in order to reach more people with the gospel. At 83 years of age he was annoyed with his infirmity, for he could not write more than an hour a day because of weak eyes. At 86 he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day, and complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning. The love of Christ which provided the driving force for the ministry of John Wesley can do the same for us.

## III. THE DYNAMICS WITHIN US

One of the major points in that baccalaureate sermon which Christ preached that first Easter night is found in these words, "He breathed on them, and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Here is enduement for effective service—something we all need, whether ministers or laymen.



Third-year and fourth-year students carry flags in baccalaureate processional

The second chapter of Second Kings tells the story of the translation of Elijah and the graduation of Elisha to the office of prophet. As a disciple of the prophet he had learned his lessons well. He had completed his course of study and had received his diploma, but he realized he needed something more. As Elijah looked at him and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" his cry was, "Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." Then, as Elijah was taken away from him, the mantle of the great prophet fell upon him, and Elisha went forth to do twice the work which his master had done.

Along with the diplomas and degrees which we receive when we graduate, we need something else—that same thing which Elisha cried for, and which is described as an unction of the Holy Ghost, an anointing for service, just as they received on the Day of Pentecost.

You are coming into leadership fifty years after the beginning of this Pentecostal revival. Before you lie two courses—deterioration of the movement into another denomination, or the preservation of our godly heritage of Pentecost together with the fervor and zeal of a Holy Ghost anointed ministry and membership. You have no alternative but to maintain the high standards of spirituality which have buttressed the movement against inroads of compromise during the years that have passed. God help you to take your place, endued with His divine power for service.

There is a little chapel in Nottingham, England, sacred to the memory of the founder of the Salvation Army. On the wall of that chapel there is a brass plaque commemorating the fact that in that place this great man met Christ as his Saviour. It is said that one day an attendant came into the church and found an elderly veteran of the Salvation Army in the uniform of the corps. His hair was gray, his shoulders were sagging from years of strenuous labor for Christ. His eyes were fixed on the plaque and he was lost in thought. Finally, becoming aware that there was another person in the chapel, he turned to the attendant and asked, "Is it all right to pray here?"

The answer came quickly, "Of course, this is the house of prayer. Go right ahead." And so, dropping on his

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Bible

### BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS ALL-TIME RECORD IN SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

An all-time record was set by the American Bible Society in 1958 with the distribution of 16,629,496 Scriptures in 201 languages throughout the world.

The announcement was made at the Bible Society's annual meeting in New York recently. Nearly half the total was distributed within the United States, while more than a quarter was distributed in Latin America.

The American Bible Society is only one of many agencies working throughout the world in an accelerated program to print the Bible in the languages of the people and to put a printed copy in every home. However, there are still 1900 languages and dialects in which not a single part of the Bible has been published.

Dr. Eugene A. Nida, the American Bible Society's secretary for translations, said there are more than 3,000 languages and dialects spoken in the world, and only 215 languages have the whole Bible, while 273 others have just the New Testament, and 648 have only one Gospel in their tongue.

## Divorce

### DIVORCE ACROSS THE BORDER

According to a report printed in *The Gospel Minister*, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on the Texas border, claims to be the divorce capital of the world, granting nearly 10,000 divorces annually.

Judge Gregorio Espejel said in an interview that most of this number are couples from the United States.

### DOCTOR DEFENDS DIVORCE

Believe it or not, the rate at which American families are breaking up is a sign of national health, the president-elect of the National Council on Family Relations said, according to a report from Boulder, Colo. (We believe it not.)

According to Dr. Aaron L. Rutledge

of Detroit, leader of the counseling service and training program in counseling and psychotherapy at that city's famed Merrill-Palmer School, the high divorce rate is a sign that Americans want the ideal marriage.

There's a body of opinion, he suggested, that if it takes from one to three marriages to learn how to make a marriage work, the learning is worth while.

Jesus soundly condemned the practice which this man so openly proounds.

## Marriage

### PROTESTANT PROPOSES CELIBATE CLERGY WHILE CATHOLICS QUESTION THEIRS

Dr. James T. Cleland, Protestant dean of the Duke University Chapel, has asked Protestants to "think seriously" of encouraging unmarried clergy. He argued that a married minister must either neglect his home or neglect his job, due to his round-the-clock duties.

At almost the same time, a Roman Catholic Missions journal in Milan, Italy, advocated a change in church regulations, allowing marriage to certain lower clergy in the Latin rite to relieve a shortage of ministers.

Some Protestant leaders who tend to side with Dr. Cleland say they deplore the trend of young ministers to marry and take on family obligations too soon, even before they finish their education. Others, however, point out that the greatest "student aid program" in seminary is sometimes carried out when a student marries and his wife works to support him while he goes through school. One big factor against a celibate clergy, it is pointed out, is that an unmarried pastor often proves to be a "distraction" to single women in the congregation.

### PROTESTANT PASTORS WIN RIGHT TO PERFORM WEDDING ANYWHERE IN SICILY

A court in Caltanissetta, Sicily, has ruled that Protestant pastors authorized

by Italian law to perform marriages may do so in any part of the country without limitation. This decision upheld the 1956 marriage of a young Pentecostal couple in the village of Resuttano which was performed by a minister from neighboring Caltanissetta.

The Caltanissetta public prosecutor had told the couple, a year after their marriage, that the ceremony had not been legal, but he was overruled by the court which based its decision on a 1930 decree.

## Morals

### OBSCENITY SICKENS GEORGIA GOVERNOR

State newsstands are "still filled with obscene literature," the Georgia Literature Commission reported to Governor Ernest Vandiver.

The commission chairman, Dr. James P. Wesberry, said, "We took him some samples, and he was almost nauseated." Members of the commission told the governor that to cope with the high volume of objectionable material "is almost like trying to stop the tide or dry up the ocean."

The governor replied that a stronger state law might be needed.

### JUVENILE COURT CASES INCREASING

If juvenile cases continue to increase at the same rate as they have since 1948, the courts will be handling a million juvenile cases a year by 1965, a congressional committee has been told.

Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, chief of the Children's Bureau of the Health, Education, and Welfare Department, said that even if the delinquency rate remains fixed at the 1957 level, the juvenile courts will be handling about 800,000 cases a year by 1965, because of the increase in the juvenile population.

Mrs. Oettinger testified before the House Education Subcommittee on bills designed to deal with the problems of delinquency. She said for the nine years beginning with 1949 juvenile de-

linquency court cases have continued to rise, with an all-time high of 603,000 cases in 1957 involving 520,000 children.

## Foreign

### MOSCOW FAIR TO GET RELIGIOUS EXHIBITS

The American exhibit at the Moscow Fair this summer will include religion. Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut had expressed concern over the matter. He had addressed a letter to the U. S. Information Agency deploring the fact that there was not a single display of a religious nature in the American pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair last year.

The Information Agency has assured the Senator that "the exhibition at Moscow will illustrate the persuasive influence of religion in American life in a variety of ways."

Among the things that will be shown, the Agency said, will be "the role of the Church and church-affiliated groups in community affairs; the pride we take in our traditional and modern ecclesiastical architecture; typical American families exercising their right to worship as they please in accordance with our constitutional provisions for freedom of worship; and separation of Church and State."

### INDIA'S "HOLY MEN" TO PREACH NEHRU'S REFORM DOCTRINES

India's "holy men" who for countless generations have wandered over hill and dale preaching and begging, have undertaken a new vocation: they will carry Prime Minister Nehru's gospel of social, moral and economic reform from village to village.

The decision was made at a conference in New Delhi recently by the Indian Organization of Holy Men. Its 10,000 members will carry identity cards to show that they are genuine holy men, not self-sanctified phonies, and their main occupation in the course of their wanderings will be to educate the villagers on the iniquities of untouchability and the benefits of prohibition. They will assist literacy campaigns and give a hand in the effort to uplift backward castes and tribes. They will urge rural folk to invest their savings in government bonds and teach them to fight corruption. (The "holy men" made their decision in response to an appeal from the Prime Minister that they should help the nation in its "silent revolution.")

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE VATICAN has become an issue again. An influential group has urged the Foreign Relations Committee of the U. S. Senate that formal diplomatic relations be established with the Holy See in an "unostentatious manner" by sending an American charge d'affaires to the Vatican on a permanent basis. The recommendation came from a select group of retired foreign service officers, all of whom have spent their careers in the State Department. Identity of the individuals was not disclosed. Details of the proposal have been published in a Senate document.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION, riding the crest of a new boom, reached \$427,000,000 during the first six months of 1959, exceeding the first half of last year by ten per cent, the government says. Construction during June amounted to \$79,000,000--an increase of 13 per cent over the same month last year.

POSTMASTER GENERAL SUMMERFIELD reports "good progress" in reducing the amount of obscene literature being sent to children through the mails, but he cautions: "Persistent, intensive action on a nation-wide scale will be necessary for a long time to come."

ANOTHER GOSPEL RADIO STATION is scheduled to go on the air about January 1, 1960. Actual construction on studio and transmitter facilities is already under way for WDLM, a new AM station located near East Moline, Illinois, to be operated by Moody Bible Institute.

GROUND WAS BROKEN at Dayton, Ohio, last month for a new half-million-dollar headquarters building for the 765,000-member Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CANADIAN GIDEONS, the laymen who are responsible for putting Bibles in hotels and motels, had a surplus in their treasury at their annual convention. Last year their total revenue was \$236,746--an all-time high. The surplus will permit them to increase their Bible work overseas.

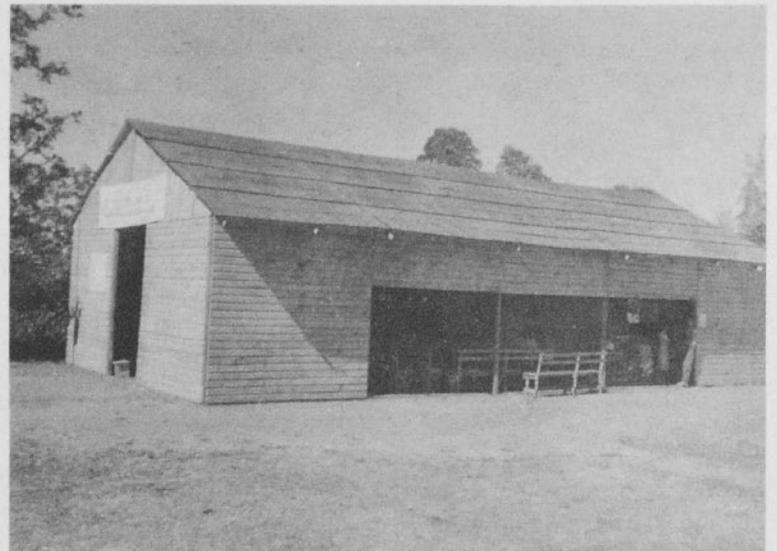
THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT has decreed that the number of foreign missionaries permitted to enter the country will be based on pre-war totals. The staffs of most of the missions in Burma are below that level at present but not the Assemblies of God.

TWO BILLS BEFORE THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT to increase the salaries and social security benefits paid by the Government of Italy to Roman Catholic clergy drew fire from Italian Protestants. The Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches challenged the right of the government to tax all the citizens for such purposes. "It must be up to the Church members themselves who desire the maintenance and growth of any cult to support its ministers," the council said.

AN INTENSIVE ANTI-POLYGAMY CAMPAIGN IN SINGAPORE has succeeded. It is now illegal for a man in the multi-racial colony to have more than one wife, the only exception being Moslems who may still legally have up to four wives.



Peruvian pastor preaching the gospel at Chilean camp meeting



Portable wood tabernacle designed for Assembly in Chillan, Chile

## Chilean Camp Meeting Grows Into a Permanent Church

*German Branch of U. S. Assemblies Assists in Building, but Further Help Is Needed*

By Emil and Rose Schneider

*Missionaries to Chile*

IN 1947, THE OREGON DISTRICT sent a tent to Chile to be used in opening new works. When this tent was destroyed ten years later at Chillan, it was feared that the work would collapse. Moving into rented quarters, the small congregation began to pray for a permanent church home.

The work in Chillan was started two years ago on an indigenous basis. Oscar Sandoval, assistant pastor of the Assembly in Concepcion, was called to assist us in establishing the work.

Last November we started a wooden tabernacle. No funds were available for the building, but we promised the lumber dealer that we would pay as soon as possible. By the time the building was completed one month later, the German Branch of the Assemblies of God in the United States heard about this need and sent most of the \$500 needed to complete payment for the structure.

In February of this year the annual camp meeting of the Chilean District was held in the new building at Chillan.

Eduardo Rios, secretary of the Assemblies of God in Peru and pastor in Lima, was the camp speaker. Chileans from all over the country came for days of refreshing and went throughout the city proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When the camp meeting was over, our congregation had grown to be larger than ever before. The Sunday school now averages seventy-six, meeting regularly in the new wooden building with its tin roof.

The church in Chillan faces one major problem: the ground on which the church stands has not been purchased. It will cost approximately \$1,000 to buy this land and pay the closing costs. The congregation is faithfully supporting their pastor, but funds are not available to purchase the much-needed land. Perhaps you can help complete this project by designating an offering for the Chillan church property. Please send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Dept. marked for "E. R. Schneider for Chillan lot."

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### MISSIONARY News Notes

**DEPARTED:** Miss Gladys Myrick left for El Salvador, Central America, on May 29.

**The L. O. Triplett** family returned to Nicaragua recently for another term of service.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Devine** and family sailed for Chile, South America, on June 17.

**Winifred Currie** sailed on June 28 for Brussels, Belgium, where she is taking an intensive course in the French language. On August 13 she will go on to the Belgian Congo, Africa, to take up her missionary work again.

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**RETURNED:** B. Marie Phillips arrived on June 15 from India. Her address is: Route 1, Box 107, Winterpock, Va.



Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Devine and family

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Kingsriter and family are home from Tanganyika. The family will live at 850 W. Moore Lake Drive, Minneapolis 21, Minn., while Brother Kingsriter makes the preparations for establishing a new print shop in Mbeya, Tanganyika.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Franklin returned from Guatemala for their daughter's wedding. Miss Joan Franklin and Mr. Herbert Steele were married May 24 in Waxahachie, Tex. Brother and Sister Franklin may be reached at 3901 Blossom Street, Houston 7, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., is headquarters for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Horst and son who have returned from the Philippine Islands. They are living at 725 South Peak Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage F. Butler returned from the Bahamas on June 11. After their furlough, they plan to take up missionary work in Senegal. Their present address is 907 Houston St., Kilgore, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Larson of Hawaii are home on furlough. They can be reached at 2406 S. W. 29th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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MOVED: Mr. and Mrs. William Sakwitz have a new address: 1067 Wada Hon Cho, Sugunami Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goomas are now located at Garivalde 92, Salonika, Greece.

Alice F. Stewart's new address is Box 549, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.



Gladys Myrick



Winifred Currie



The L. O. Triplett family



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# Serving Christ in Prison

By Chaplain Orvil E. Stiles

*Idaho State Prison, Boise, Idaho*

QUITE FREQUENTLY WE HAVE TESTIMONY services in Christ Chapel, Idaho State Prison. Several times men have thanked God for bringing them to prison in order that they might find the Lord Jesus Christ precious to their souls. They came to serve time as prisoners of the State of Idaho, but now they serve Christ. They are not their own; they have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The task now is to glorify the Lord in daily living for Him.

Authorities were very considerate in giving us the privilege of holding a Bible school in the chapel. We even make our own courses as we go along to fit the needs of the situation in which we find ourselves. Some of the courses are *Bible Doctrines, Personal Witnessing, Memorization, and Sharing*. We open the day with chapel time for prayer and fellowship together. The classes that follow are taught by men who have accepted Christ as Saviour since coming to prison.

We have been placing an emphasis on growing first in grace, then in knowledge. To this end the greater emphasis goes on "Quiet Time." We urge each Christian, particularly the ones in school, to have a time with the Lord each morning for prayer, reading the Word, and meditation. This is *not* a time for Bible study, but a time to commune with the Lord and



Chaplain Orvil E. Stiles

let the Holy Spirit speak to the heart. It is a time of receiving marching orders for the day, of preparation for facing victoriously the problems that may arise. This is growing in grace! It is the "fellowship divine" the song writer wrote about. It is the face-to-face experience of Moses in Exodus 34:1-14, the secret place of Matthew 6:6 which has its open reward.

Two years ago Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, visited us and assumed the burden of helping the work in Christ Chapel. Through his efforts an Assembly in Seattle donated money enough to build an altar rail, and a kind Christian donated an accordion for the chaplain to use in the services. Brother Ohrnell also encouraged the prisoners to take Bible correspondence courses. Now many men are enrolled for these courses with the Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. How we thank God for Brother Ohrnell and his helpfulness. The basic Bible study courses provide means for the men who cannot attend the chapel Bible school to study the Word. Some of the men are now taking courses, working toward teachers' certificates. Such study brings a sense of responsibility for Christlike living and for personal witnessing. The more Bible they absorb, the more they realize what it means to belong to the Lord; and the knowledge gives them strength and courage to live for Christ in prison.

One of the great blessings in Christ Chapel is group prayer when the Lord lays burdens upon hearts, or whenever there are special requests for prayer. The Lord has graciously answered prayer many times with healings, salvation, and deeper-life experiences, which greatly encourages them. They know God is working today as He worked in Bible days.

We have had many evangelists and



PHOTO BY HAROLD M. LAMBERT

Bible teachers come to Christ Chapel and instruct the men. We are permitted to give an open invitation to accept and confess Christ before others. There has been no count made of the number who have professed the Lord as Saviour, but we are sure the ones who were born again have their names in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Men coming from broken homes, industrial and reform schools, and non-Christian homes are subject to a total lack of trust in others. The new life in Christ requires that we love as He loved us. It takes time to develop this trait in individual lives until the men come into a real fellowship with Christ. Then and only then can they begin to manifest Christ. As they begin to manifest Him they in turn find that He will manifest Himself to them (John 14:21).

The Lord has called men from this place to serve Him. One of the leaders of the 1952 prison riot was transformed by the grace of God and is now preaching in Assemblies churches in Oregon. We just received word that a former colored prisoner is now preaching in Washington. Others are helping in church work throughout Idaho.

Our hearts have been greatly encouraged through the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Roland Buck of Central Assembly in Boise, and the Robert Stewarts of Glens Ferry who help us much and pray for us constantly. Mrs. Stiles is the Assistant Women's Matron in this prison and also helps me in the Sunday services in Christ Chapel.

She has the confidence of the prisoners and has been able to help many in a counseling ministry.

Will you join us in praying for the prisoners in the Idaho State Prison who are serving the Lord victoriously?

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Chaplain Stiles' expression of gratitude for the free Bible courses for prisoners provided by the Home Missions Department is typical of the attitude of many chaplains and prisoners

over the nation. These five courses, written by National Prison Chaplain Arvid Ohnell, have brought untold blessing to many inmates by helping to direct their attention to the Bible and to a decision for Christ. Your offerings for PRISON BIBLE COURSES make possible this great prison ministry. Send your contribution today, clearly designated for this fund, directly to the Home Missions Department. ◀ ◀



Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Treece

## WINNING APACHES

BY MRS. OLIVER TREECE

San Carlos, Arizona

IT IS SUNDAY MORNING IN SAN CARLOS, ARIZ. An Apache family has arrived for church. The father tells Brother Treece that the church bus has broken down and the people are waiting for him to come for them. In this situation our pickup truck comes in handy. We make several trips to be sure that all the folk are here on time for church and Sunday school.

As the children and young people jump from the pickup we hear, "Sister Treece, please take us for a picnic after church." It is a beautiful day. The wild flowers are blooming and there is excitement in the air. We make plans and after lunch gather for a trip to the mesa to pick wild flowers and have fun with the children.

The writer ministers to between 50 and 70 children in children's church each Sunday morning, while the older folk are in the worship service with Brother Treece. On special days a treat is provided for each child.

Bible study and handwork classes for the children are conducted each week. The pastor and the men of the church help with the boys; the teenage girls help the pastor's wife with the girls. This is important training for future workers.

The church doors are open for special C. A. services and a time of fellowship the first Monday of each month. We have regular Bible study and prayer services and WMC activities.

The men are faithful in the services. Some contribute musical talent and others take part by ushering, driving the church bus, etc. Young peo-

ple and adults alike participate in the weekly jail services.

There is work for all our Apache Christians, for souls all around us need Christ to liberate them from the bondage of fear and superstition. To preserve Indian traditions and customs, the medicine men are trying to draw the people back into their old ways which bring only heartache and trouble. Ministry on the Apache Indian Reservation at San Carlos has many channels, all leading into one main outlet which spells *help*. Our *main purpose* is to bring the gospel message to our people so that they might experience salvation through Christ. God's Word tells us in Ecclesiastes 9:10, " whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." We desire your prayers as we endeavor to bring Indian souls into the kingdom while there is time.

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Most of the missionaries to the Indians have received some help from the fund set up by the National Home Missions Department for this purpose. Emergencies often arise which are not provided for in the missionaries' limited budgets. Some incomes must be supplemented or the missionaries could not stay on the field. Your contributions for this fund have helped to lighten the burden for many a missionary and to further the kingdom of God among the first Americans. Send your offering today, clearly designated INDIAN MISSIONS FUND direct-

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Children brought to Sunday school in the truck



A happy Christian Apache family



Three Apache children



# Twelve More Churches Dedicated to the



Selbyville, Del., Evangelistic Center, with a seating capacity of 400, was dedicated March 8, 1959. Pastor Jack Kylor has served the church since its beginning in 1955.



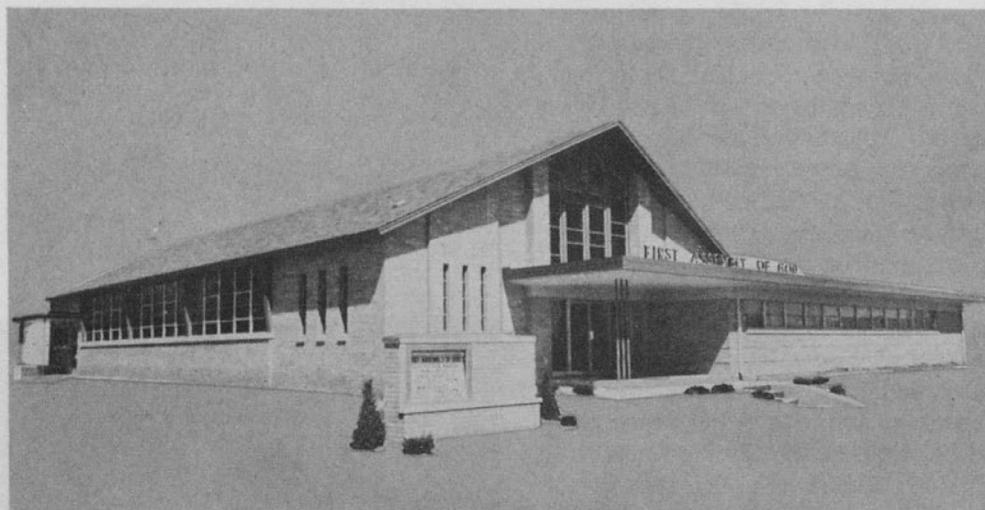
Faith Assembly in Quincy, Ill., which seats 500, was built under the supervision of Pastor J. M. Graham, and much of the labor was donated by members of the congregation.



The new De Leon Assembly in the North Texas District is valued at \$60,000, according to Pastor M. M. Otwell. The Sunday school has received the Gold Crown award for the past three years.



Pastor Fred C. Howe and the congregation of the Assembly of God at Ferndale, Calif., rejoice in this new church which seats 200. They had worshiped for eighteen years in their former building.



First Assembly in Green Bay, Wis, valued at \$125,000, was dedicated in May, 1959. An eleven-man planning committee worked closely with Pastor R. S. Peterson in designing the 103-by-47-foot building and its 66-by-41-foot Sunday school wing.



The Gospel Tabernacle in New Kensington, Pa., where C. A. Davenport is pastor, seats over 500 and has 27 Sunday school rooms.

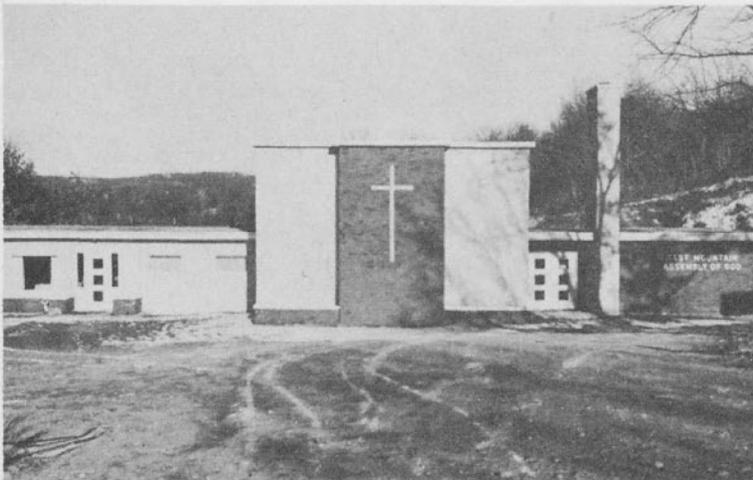
# Glory of Christ and the Extension of His Kingdom



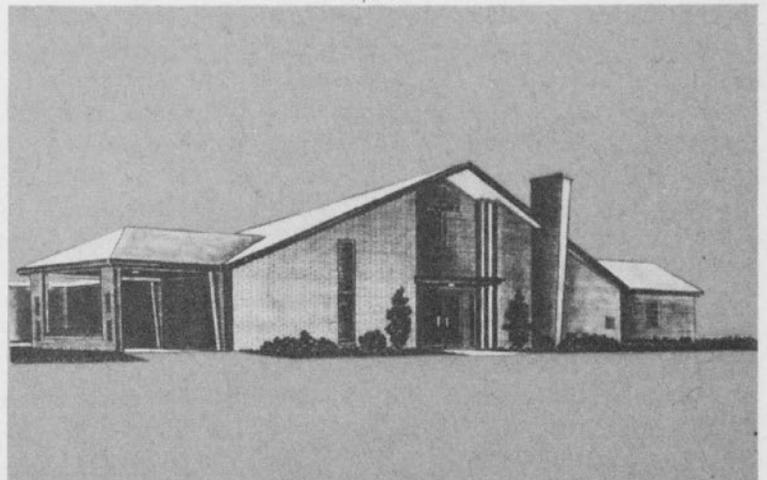
Beacon Gospel Church in Detroit, Mich., was built under the leadership of Pastor E. H. Tarno, by a small congregation with "a mind to work."



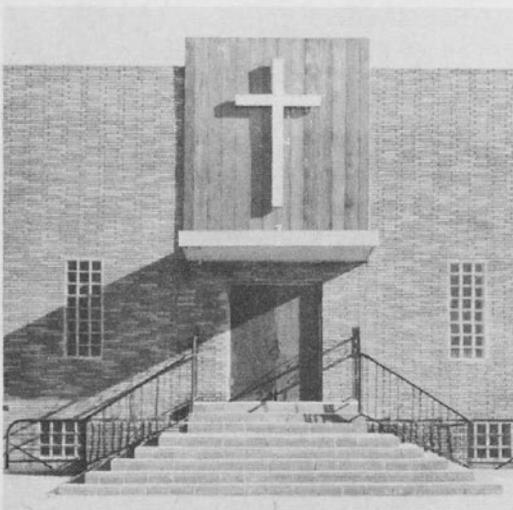
The congregation of First Assembly in Eldorado, Ark., rejoices in the completion of this new edifice. Pastor Erling Saxelid says the auditorium seats 700 and there are Sunday school facilities for 1,000



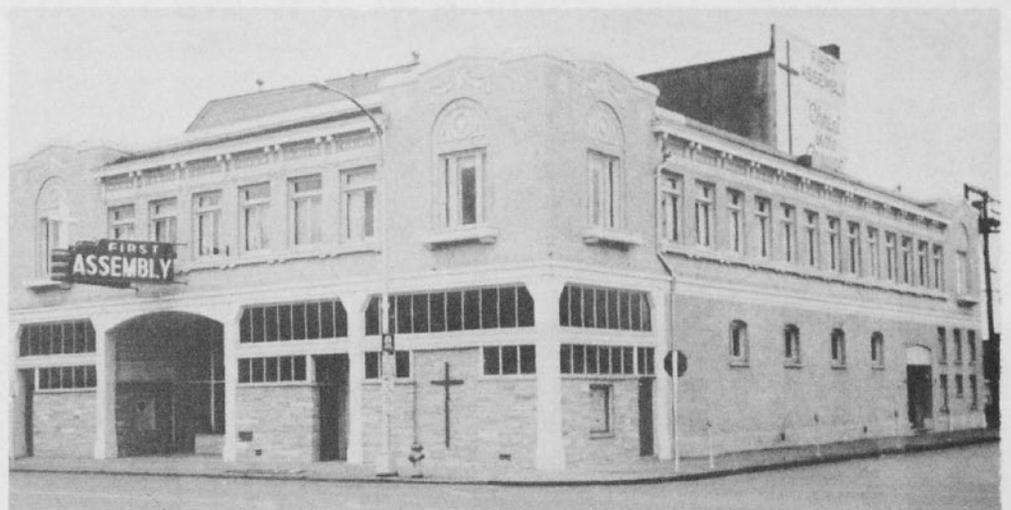
East Mountain Assembly at Waterbury, Conn., valued in excess of \$65,000, was largely a co-operative "do-it-yourself" effort on the part of Pastor Sidney T. Regnier and the congregation.



Pastor G. M. Willis, of First Assembly in Nederland, Tex., designed the church and served as contractor. Members of the congregation donated most of the labor. The building is valued at \$75,000.



Pastor Roman Douglas of the Coalinga, Calif., Assembly of God, reports they have recently remodeled the church, inside and out.



The new church home of First Assembly of God in Centralia, Wash. (A. W. Nelson, pastor) is located on North Tower and Center Streets. This church, begun in 1929, has sent out a score of ministers and missionaries.



Some hints to housewives who have "lost the glow"

## ROUTINE RELIGION

By Anne Sandberg

**I**N A BUS STATION ONE DAY, I noticed a bedraggled couple with four children. When they conversed, they looked at one another much as one would look at a piece of yesterday's toast. They had that "long-married" expression which some couples acquire. If they had ever been in love, it didn't show much now.

I was later reminded of that couple when I heard a friend say: "After we have been saved for some years, there is a danger of our experience becoming routine. We attend church, read our Bibles, witness for Christ, pray, give alms dutifully and faithfully—but it is possible to lose the radiance of love for Jesus Christ."

Routine religion. What a heavy thing it is! As I considered my own spiritual experience, I realized how often it had become routine religion. And I wondered how the glow could be restored.

The couple in the bus station must have been in love once, else they would not have married. Doubtless they once gazed at each other with that certain look, so typical of lovers, which transforms the plainest face into a radiantly beautiful one.

Wasn't it like that when I first was saved? I was not attracted merely to the doctrine of salvation, but to Jesus Himself. He drew me and I ran after Him. And in my first love (which is "the awakening of the heart to the wonder of Jesus") I often sang: "He's altogether lovely, the fairest of ten thousand, this wonderful Friend divine."

But what happened to my love for Him since then?

What had happened to the love of the couple in the bus station?

A superficial diagnosis might indicate: "They are together too much." But on investigation, one might find the opposite to be true.

By the time the fourth child arrives, life has become very complex. Father comes home from work too tired to enjoy wife or children. After supper there is the lawn to mow or a chair to mend. And mother, "working from sun to sun," still has a large basketful of ironing after the children are put to bed.

*For the Junior Reader*

### HIDDEN MESSAGE

In some ancient languages, no space was left between words. Everything appeared together. We've tried the same idea with a Bible verse. Can you find where one word ends and another begins? Try it on this verse:

INEVERYTHINGGIVETH  
ANKSFORTHISISTHEWILL  
OFGODINCHRISTJESUSCO  
NCERNINGYOU.

(To check your answer, look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18.)

The truth of the matter is that mother and dad seldom take time for real companionship.

I am wondering whether my relationship to Jesus does not often become like that. Am I too busy to pay attention to Him?

Even during our "quiet hour" when we are supposedly occupied with God, we can become so absorbed with ourselves and our needs that we forget to just sit at His feet and love Him.

No wonder our Christian experience becomes routine.

But the situation is not hopeless, for our Divine Lover is constantly seeking opportunities to attract us to Himself. And when we respond, how different our relationship becomes!

One time, when engrossed in scrubbing a floor, I suddenly became aware that Jesus was indeed nigh. My soul became irresistibly drawn to Him. Oh, how precious He was and how I loved Him. It so melted my heart that tears of joy mingled with the scrub water.

I knew then that the love had always been there, but was so buried under a debris of neglect that it almost seemed as though I had grown cold.

But now I was completely lifted out of the routine into radiance and glory. It was like stepping out of a dark forest into a sunlit field. And I wondered how I could ever be indifferent toward Him again.

There were other days when He met me unexpectedly, when I was making no conscious effort to contact Him.

But there were times also when I deliberately turned my heart to Him and was wonderfully rewarded. One evening, after a wearisome shopping trip to the Chicago loop, I sat in the station awaiting the suburban train. Instead of reading, I just looked to Jesus. There, surrounded by package-laden throngs, I rejoiced as He revealed Himself to me again. "They looked unto Him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed" (Psalm 34:5).

I returned home refreshed in body as well as soul. I had again climbed out of the rut of the routine.

I have found that He is never too far away, nor am I as far from Him as I sometimes think. For it often takes just a little lifting of the soul toward Jesus—just a little response to His wooings—and He draws me out of the rut of the routine to the heights of a radiant walk with Him.

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## Let Brotherly

### Love Continue

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" In our troubled world there seems to be room aplenty for unity among the people of God.

When there is a multitude of people it is inevitable that there be either unity or confusion. Surely there is enough opposition toward the Church from outside sources without its having to taste this bitterness from the professors of Christianity! We should not set our hearts against one another but *with* one another, laboring *together* for Christ and *against* evil!

The unity of the brethren is the direct result of Calvary! We dwell together in unity, not because we have the same characteristics or because our personalities are similar. Not because our brethren have the same likes and dislikes! We are the same in that we have all been to Calvary and there we have been made partakers of the same Grace. We have become adopted sons of God and brothers to our wonderful Lord! Therefore, we fellowship, not on the grounds of our differences, but on the grounds of Calvary! On the grounds of our *sameness!* Hallelujah!

Someone has said that there are no two people alike; if there were, one of them would be unnecessary! We are all different—thank God! We think differently, act differently, talk differently, and have different opinions. There are enough differences in any single congregation to separate and divide until hell would rejoice; but again, we worship and labor together on the common grounds of Calvary! There we can all meet in unity, in spite of our differences, and there we can shout for joy to see brotherly love continue!

—Pastor Everett Stenhouse  
Bakersfield, California

#### Faith and Circumstance

There's never a winter so severe  
That spring disdains to follow,  
And never a circumstance so drear  
But God's sweet grace will hallow.  
From sun and rain and winter's cold,  
Good earth brings harvest treasure;  
And trial "more precious than of gold"  
Increases faith's scant measure.

—Mildred Allen Jeffery

August 2, 1959



## Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

### Monday, August 3

**Read:** 1 Peter 3:1-7

**Learn:** "A meek and quiet spirit... is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:4).

**For the Parent:** Home relationships compose one of the biggest areas of human difficulties, and the Bible is not silent in its teachings regarding this important area. This passage deals primarily with husband-wife relationships. In the family altar discuss these, not so much as they pertain to the father and mother, but primarily as future guidance for the children. Stress the importance of love and consideration.

**Question Time:** What is of great price in God's sight? (v. 4) What is the relation of wife to husband, and vice versa? (vv. 1, 7)

### Tuesday, August 4

**Read:** 1 Peter 3:8-17

**Learn:** "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" (1 Peter 3:17).

**For the Parent:** This passage gives some practical advice for the believer: (1) have unity, v. 8; (2) be compassionate—loving, pitying, showing kindness, v. 8; (3) don't "pay back" evil for evil, v. 9; (4) refrain from evil talk, v. 10; (5) seek peace, v. 11. The passage also points out that it is a joy to be called upon to suffer for righteousness' sake—but not to suffer for doing evil.

**Question Time:** What practical advice does Peter give the believer in this passage? (See above)

### Wednesday, August 5

**Read:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**Learn:** "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

**For the Parent:** Review the latter part of yesterday's lesson—about suffering for righteousness' sake. Then point out how the sinless Christ suffered for our sins that He might bring us to God. To have peace with God we must accept the forgiveness He offers us. Stress also the value of water baptism—"the answer of a good conscience toward God." Also point out that all things are subject to Christ.

**Question Time:** What do we gain through Christ's sufferings for us? (v. 18) Of what value is water baptism? (v. 21)

### Thursday, August 6

**Read:** Genesis 11:1-9

**Learn:** "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "The Tower of Babel" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story, stressing: (1) the evil purpose of men, disobeying the commands of God, v. 4; (2) the fact that God sees all things, v. 5; (3) the method God used to halt their work, v. 7; (4) the end result—they were scattered throughout the earth, v. 9.

**Question Time:** What did mankind propose to do? (v. 4) Why do you think this was evil? What did God do? (v. 7)

### Friday, August 7

**Read:** Matthew 5:21-24, 43, 44; 6:1-7, 20-30; 7:7, 8 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors).

**Learn:** "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

**For the Parent:** Review these teachings of Jesus that relate to His kingdom, stressing especially the principles involved in them: forgiveness, humility, true stewardship, and faith and trust in God. As we obey these teachings, we can expect God to supply our needs (7:7, 8).

**Question Time:** What are some of the principles involved in Jesus' teachings about His kingdom? (See above)

Saturday, August 8

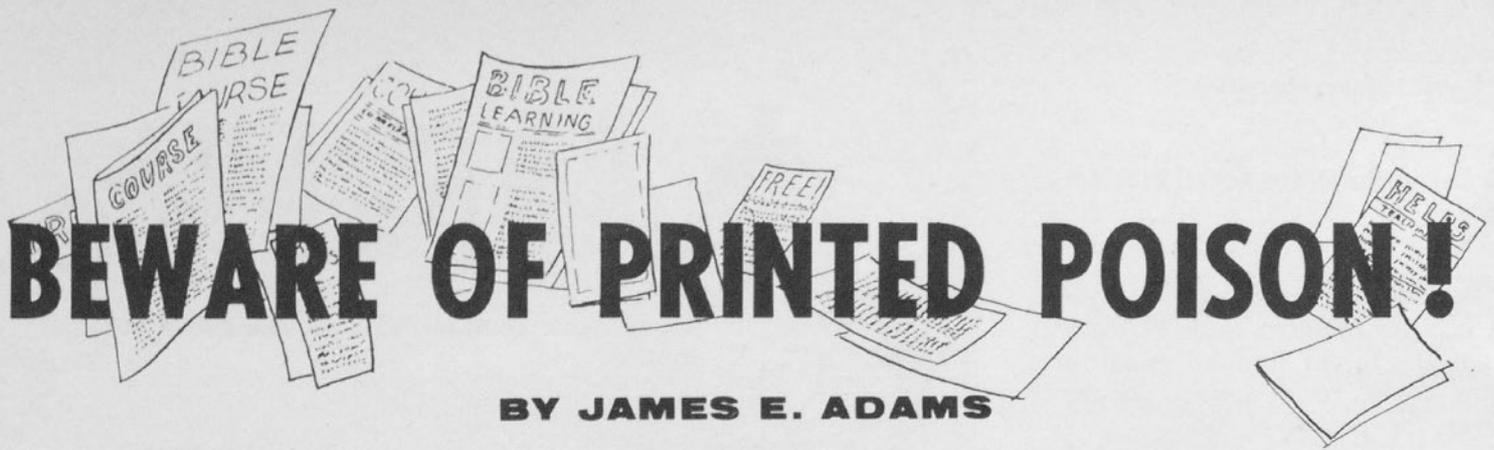
### Saturday, August 8

**Read:** Acts 9:1-29 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Behold, I am here, Lord" (Acts 9:10).

**For the Parent:** From this passage stress primarily the idea of obeying God. This was an important item in Saul's conversion (v. 6). Also point out how Ananias obeyed God's voice to go to Saul to help him. Ananias had reason to fear Saul (v. 2), yet he obeyed God's voice in this unusual assignment. Thus he was instrumental in helping a man who was destined to be one of the greatest proponents of Christianity.

**Question Time:** What important lesson can we learn from Ananias? Why was his obedience to God so important? (See above)



# BEWARE OF PRINTED POISON!

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

ONE DAY LAST MARCH A NEW Jersey man and his family were rushed to Camden's Cooper Hospital. Four minutes later his little three-year-old son died. The five remaining members of the family complained of headaches and gastric distress.

When Dr. Thomas L. Singley, medical resident of Cooper Hospital, administered oxygen to them, he noticed they were starting to turn blue. Then he remembered the case of eleven men in New York who were poisoned by sodium nitrite sprinkled on oatmeal in mistake for salt. The men had turned blue before nine of them died. He saved the rest of this family by treating them for nitrite poisoning.

Learning that they had eaten fillet of flounder, he quickly notified Philadelphia health authorities and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. The surrounding area was immediately alerted through radio and television announcements. Police canvassed stores, restaurants, hospitals, homes for the aged, and children's shelters, warning of the poison peril. Police and fire department vehicles toured three Pennsylvania counties and all of southern New Jersey with loudspeakers blaring the warning that all fillets bought that week should be destroyed. Those who had eaten such meat already should report to hospitals if nauseated.

Tons of fish were destroyed; about 200 people reported to hospitals; and a New Jersey man died after eating some of the contaminated fish. What could have killed hundreds, killed only two because people heeded the warnings immediately.

Investigation revealed that apparently sodium nitrite had been mistaken for salt by someone making a brine solution for the fish.

Hundreds of individuals and establishments bought that fish in good faith, having no idea it was deadly. And it

could have been a great tragedy. But perhaps more unsuspected, though not less tragic, is the fact that some people today are accepting in good faith what they believe to be the Bread of life, but which has actually been poisoned by the misinterpretations of men.

When men wrest Scripture from its context and seek to build doctrines upon it, they can come to odd conclusions. When they deny that man outside of Christ is depraved and doomed to eternal punishment, they adulterate God's Word. And when they remove the backbone of the Bible, the scarlet cord of redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ running from Genesis through Revelation, they are adding poison to the Scriptures. Enlightenment by the Spirit and interpretation stemming from human reasoning may appear to be similar, but the latter can be as poisonous to the soul as sodium nitrite is to the body.

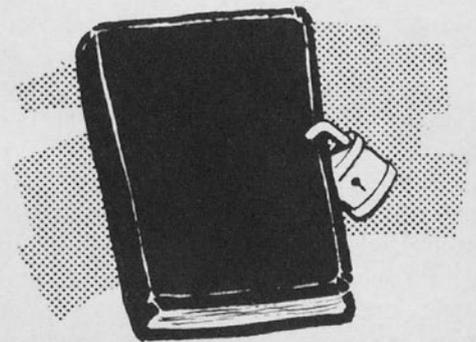
I work in a shop with about a hundred and twenty-five men. At least seven of them (all church-attendants) took a free Bible correspondence course which had a fancy name but did not state what publishing house or denomination produced it. This should have been warning enough against studying the lessons. Considering that half or more of the men in our shop do not attend church over once or twice a year, this course chalked up a good average among the church-goers—better than ten per cent.

A young man who had completed the course loaned me a lesson. Here is its heading: "Will a loving God punish sinners?" Several sentences later it states, "In the light of our last lesson you yourself must decide whether this doctrine is scriptural." They do not poison the mind with one lesson: they lay a groundwork in previous studies to make it less noticeable. The pamphlet purports to prove

that the grave is hell, and that the wicked will be annihilated in the lake of fire.

Six of the men who began the course did not complete it. Two or three recognized poison symptoms in lesson four, another in lesson seven or eight, but there may have been others in the shop who took the course and swallowed all the deadly doctrines. The girl-friend of one of the fellows completed this series. And the wife of still another man took it for several lessons.

The pastors of all these young people would have been happy to learn that they wanted to study the Bible.



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And they would have been most happy to recommend some good courses. The courses might have cost something, but on the other hand—*free poison is never a bargain!*

Do you wonder why I write like this? It will come as no surprise to you that in Philadelphia and the surrounding area hundreds of people—who were neither police, firemen, nor U. S. Food and Drug Administration employees—called friends and relatives to make sure they knew about the poisoned fish, simply out of honest concern. No one asked them to do it, nor paid them for the job. And I do not serve in an official capacity in the Assemblies of God; I am simply a lay member and a Sunday school teacher. No one asked me to write

this article, but I am concerned enough that I want to warn as many people as possible against partaking of printed poison through unidentified correspondence courses.

There is a great resurgence of hunger nowadays for the Word of God, and consequently many people are taking Bible courses. Maybe you will be next. If you are interested, see your pastor. He will advise you as to the type of courses available from our own Assemblies of God correspondence school. In case he is not familiar with the courses, write directly to the Berean School of the Bible, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. The lessons are plainly identified as coming from the Assemblies of God, and they are wholesome food for the soul. ◀◀

## “The Night Cometh”

(Continued from page three)

A fierce spirit of nationalism is in evidence in many nations of the world. It is certainly proper and right that nationals of various countries should assert themselves and that an independent government (that is, a government not operated by foreign powers) should be in control of the nation; however, this spirit of nationalism encourages human importance, and millions in the world today assert themselves unduly and develop an attitude that militates against a simple faith in Almighty God.

We have personally witnessed the tendency to dissipate the natural resources of various nations to satisfy the greed and egotism of incompetent leaders thrust into places of prominence prematurely. A true sense of responsibility to God is a tremendous asset in leadership. The ideologies of communism and true democracy have inadvertently aligned much of the population of the world on one side or the other. Paganism and Christianity are witnessing a “step up” in the age-old conflict for supremacy. Indeed, the night cometh for all who would stand in defiance against the ominous threat of these satanically-inspired inroads upon genuine Christianity.

There is every temptation to the individual to view these tendencies and trends as impersonal and general, but, on the contrary, these matters are primarily personal. *WE* “wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers” (Ephesians

6:12). “The mystery of iniquity doth already work” (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Demon power and hellish opposition are very real. Overwhelming forces militate against the work of God. Every individual feels the impact of a diabolical hindrance to personal righteousness and integrity. The claims of the intangible, infernal kingdom of the devil are pressed by Lucifer and his emissaries. Human beings, with hellish inspiration, lend aid to Satan’s attack.

In the ninth chapter of Luke there is a description of a man who brought his demon-possessed son to the disciples and they were not able to effect a cure through prayer. A phrase in the description declares, “As he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him.” We are reminded that “the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” The incalculable, destructive powers of hell that roar against humanity should awaken us to the tragic needs about us. There is coming a moment when “time shall be no longer.” Every subversive force of hell is loose today, to destroy and wreck and ruin. The night cometh when no man can work. Let us, by God’s grace and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, be up and doing before the utter darkness of sin’s overwhelming night closes in. Each of us owes a personal debt, first to our own family, and then to those immediately round about; and, for that matter, to all the world. The man who makes secure the financial future of his children provides for a lifetime; the man who secures the spiritual condition of his children provides for eternity. We dare not be neutral; fail-

ure to declare ourselves is to aid sinfulness in all of its awful, damning, degrading, destroying power. “Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

There is nothing kind or good or pleasant about sin. Any temporary, apparent satisfaction is only an enticement toward an indulgence that will produce eternal destruction. A festering, cancerous sore called sin in the body of humanity portends complete and eternal destruction. The night cometh; today is the day of salvation. Seek the Lord while He may be found.

Finally, this solemn truth comes to challenge us. God declares, “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.” The third chapter of Ezekiel, however, continues to describe the possibility of faithful warning as God’s method of bringing salvation to the individual soul. It is not inevitable; the overwhelming threat need not be disastrous in individual lives. God’s mercy is extended. There is yet a little time. This solemnizing truth should arouse us. The night cometh; let us work while it is yet day!

## Sin as Self-injury

A baker living in a small village bought his butter from a neighboring farmer. One day he became suspicious that the butter was not of the same weight as at first. For several days he weighed the butter, and concluded that the rolls of butter which the farmer brought were gradually diminishing in weight.

This angered the baker so that he had the farmer arrested. “I presume you have weights,” said the judge. “No, sir,” replied the farmer.

“How then do you manage to weigh the butter that you sell?”

“That’s easily explained,” said the farmer. “When the baker began buying his butter from me, I thought I’d get my bread from him, and it’s his one-pound loaf I’ve been using as a weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong, he has himself to blame.”

Sin is like that. If it becomes the rule of our lives, it turns upon us to betray us when we least expect it. The deceiver becomes the deceived.



## THE TOWER OF BABEL

Sunday School Lesson for August 9, 1959

GENESIS 11:1-9

In point of time Genesis 11:1-9 should really precede chapter 10. Chapter 10 tells us of the scattering of mankind to various parts of the earth, according to language and race. The table of nations listed in chapter 10 is very important in that it shows that all nations sprang from one nation; it then shows the division of nations according to their descent from Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Chapter 11:1-9 tells us how and why this scattering of the nations came about.

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND (Gen. 11:1-3)

In the years that followed the Flood, the people of the earth multiplied and apparently lived a nomadic life, journeying from place to place, bound together by unity of language. They at last reached the land of Shinar, the plain in which Babylon was later situated (10:10). Due to the fertility of the plain, the people conceived the idea of permanently settling there, and they began to make bricks and to build a city and a tower.

### THE REBELLION OF MANKIND (Genesis 11:4)

Before long, their ambitions, which may have been innocent at first, degenerated and became definitely sinful and contrary to the will of God.

"Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." Observe that there is no mention of God in their plans, no altar of worship such as Noah erected before starting upon a new endeavor. The language here must be condemned for its godlessness, if not for apparent pride, self-sufficiency, and arrogance.

"And let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad." Here is a direct attempt to thwart God's plan which was that mankind should scatter, and colonize the whole earth and not just a small section of it. It also betrays, perhaps, fear and a lack of trust in God.

Chapter 10 also leads us to believe that Nimrod was the leader of this organized rebellion and the builder of Babylon, which became the most terrible of all strongholds of idolatry and the center of every false cult.

In all of this story there is no mention of God, nor consideration of His will. Man, by his own statements, betrayed himself as being a self-seeking, self-exalting, God-excluding creature. And mankind has not changed!

Today, as never before, we see that same spirit abroad. Men and nations are organized, either apart from any real consideration of God, or in definite defiance of God. Intellectually, culturally, scientifically, great strides have been made. But the sad thing is that all of these natural gifts of God to humanity have only served to lead our world farther away from God, and to bring mankind to a state of self-sufficiency, self-exaltation, and self-seeking!

### THE SCATTERING OF MANKIND (Genesis 11:5-9)

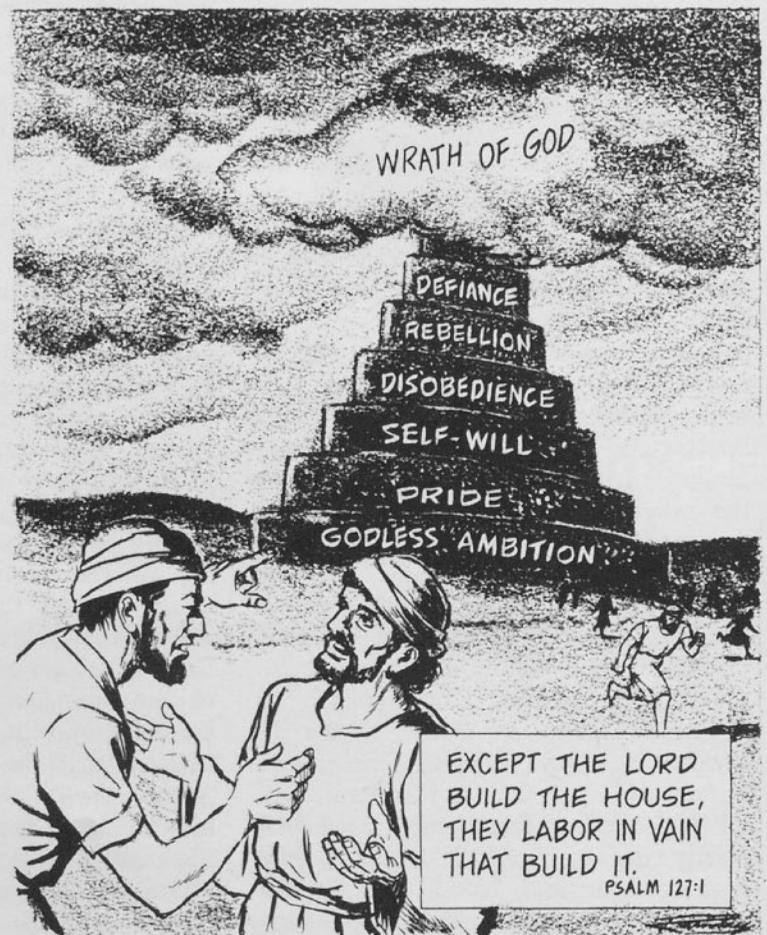
(1) Divine Scrutiny. "And the Lord came down to see..." Nothing is hid from His eyes which "run to and fro throughout the whole earth." To rebel against God in matters great or small is to court eventual disaster.

(2) Divine Action. 11:6-8. "Let us go down," said God. This was the divine answer to man's "Let us make us a name." God saw that if man were left to himself there would be no limit to his sin and lawlessness. God did the only merciful thing He could do—confused the language of the people so that their organized plans were frustrated and they were forced to scatter.

Here we see the futility of false unity. These people were kept together by a unity that was outward only—a common language and a common dwelling place—but such unity proved insufficient under provocation. People are still misled into trusting in a false unity. Unity of organization, unity of race, even unity of blood relationship fails. To survive, unity must be inward, a unity of spirit, of love, of service.

One cannot read the story of Babel and the confusion of tongues without thinking of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2. At Pentecost, in direct contrast to Babel, men were gathered together positively seeking the fulfillment of God's will for themselves and their posterity. The result was supernatural tongues. This was divinely-given evidence of the coming of the Holy Spirit of God Himself to bind them together in the mightiest unity in the universe. Thus He prepared them to build, not a tower to magnify themselves, but a Church which would magnify and honor God and His Christ. Babel and Pentecost are still being repeated today. They are alternatives we cannot escape—which will it be for us? —*J. Bashford Bishop*

### THE TOWER OF BABEL



## Girl Healed of Ulcers

WHEN OUR DAUGHTER GWEN WAS in her first year of school she had severe attacks of high fever and stomach pains. She was out of school almost half the time. During the early part of her second year X rays revealed that she had ulcers. The doctor put her on a diet of oatmeal and cream of wheat, and she had to drink half-and-half cream every hour. She was delayed in getting started in her second year of school because of the diet; but with the teacher's kind co-operation, and by taking the cooked cereals in her lunch, she was finally able to attend.

It wasn't easy for us to see our little seven-year-old drooping about, unable to run and play like other children, limited to eating oatmeal and cream of wheat for every meal instead of a normal diet.

Then one Sunday morning during the worship service our pastor, D. E. Gribling, felt the moving of the Lord and called for those who needed healing to come and be prayed for. Gwen went, along with others, and as our pastor prayed the Lord was listening.

Gwen began to eat the normal diet of a growing youngster, and changed from a thin, listless little mite into a normal, healthy child. She gained sixteen pounds in one year.

This year at our pre-Easter picnic and fellowship dinner I sat with tears



Gwen Fugate

streaming down my face as she filled her plate with hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, etc., like the other boys and girls and my heart was overjoyed as I watched her run and play with the other children.

It has been over a year since Gwen's healing, and today she is healthy and happy and loves the Lord with all her heart. How I do praise God for His mercy to us.—Mrs. W. W. Fugate, 33 Vera Lane, Glendale, Ariz.

(Endorsed by Pastor Delbert E. Gribling, Sunnyslope Assembly of God, Phoenix, Ariz.)

## I Walked in Petra

(Continued from page five)

and lined with monuments and carvings from bygone centuries.

Once inside this rocky enclosure, the traveler stands spellbound as he views the ruins of magnificent buildings carved into the solid rock. The colorful cliffs are honeycombed with excavations up to 300 feet high.

I believe, from a comparison of

Scripture, that this rocky fastness, this ancient city, could very well be Israel's city of refuge. When the accumulated dust of centuries is swept away, an entire city will welcome the thousands of weary Jews who will seek respite from war.

We read that then the Antichrist will cast a flood of water out of his mouth to try to destroy his escaping prey. But the earth will open its mouth and swallow the flood. Antichrist will send his armies after the fleeing Israelites, but these armies will be swallowed by the desert (possibly by a great sand storm).

Israel will be safe in her place of refuge until the return of the great High Priest, who shall come with the armies of heaven to effect her complete deliverance. Then, and only then, will she be enabled to leave her place of refuge.

I walked in this place. I visualized the caves peopled with countless thousands of Jews, sustained as Israel was during the forty years of wilderness journeying. I walked among scenes of future prophetic significance. The glow will remain in my heart till He comes.

# GROWING A CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY

BOOK OF  
THE WEEK  
FEATURE

BY Dr. Lofton Hudson

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# How About a Gospel Broadcast?

BY JOHN H. CLARK

Sales Representative, Radio Station WBCB,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM IS brought to you by the First Assemblies of God Church." This statement may be heard introducing a 15-minute or 30-minute broadcast over any of almost 4,000 radio stations in these United States.

What does this mean? It means that today Full Gospel churches are realizing the value of radio ministry more and more. As a Pentecostal in the broadcasting industry, my concern is that Full Gospel churches obtain the best in radio... in rates and time-of-day schedule. Pentecostal churches are able to produce programs which commercial broadcasters will approve readily.

Many pastors are wondering, "How

do I obtain radio time? What is a good broadcast time? How much should I pay for this time?" Probably the best way to get an answer to some of these questions is to look at the feelings of the typical, non-Christian broadcaster about religious programs.

The average station manager is a man who thinks primarily as to how much this program will add to the station's income. Secondly, he wants to please his listeners. "Will the radio audience be able to stand this preacher on radio?" He may, as a last thought, think about the religious needs of the audience.

With the manager's attitudes in view, the pastor can better decide how to approach the broadcasting station.

Before approaching the broadcaster it is well to have in mind just what you wish to broadcast. The average

manager may let you on the air with your local quartet, your off-key soprano, and your typical church-style preaching, . . . *but he won't like it.* Chances are that he will find some excuse to keep you off the air as soon as possible. If you want a long and successful ministry on radio why not ask him what he would like, how you can go after it, and how to speak on the air.

Remember, the microphone is different from the pulpit. In radio your audience can't see you, and for the most part they know you only by your voice. Why not just talk to them... as though you were in their home visiting. Really, you are in their home as their guest, but they can cause you to leave by simply turning the dial!

Back to our question of time! If your program is to be a once-a-week item, it will probably be on Sunday. If possible, broadcast your program between eight and ten o'clock in the morning. During these hours you will reach people who are thinking of going to church or are getting ready to go. At this time your type of program might possibly be of the "Sunday School of the Air" variety with the Sunday school lesson being read and briefly discussed along with a few gospel records to make for easier listening.

If you choose a Sunday afternoon schedule, music should be the emphasis. People will be listening for the most part in their cars, and if it's good gospel music they will want to stay tuned when you give them your brief talk (maximum, five minutes).

If you are fortunate enough to obtain a week-day program, your maximum will probably be 15 minutes. Experience locally shows that an early-morning time (Church of the Four Fold Gospel here broadcasts 8:45-9:00 a.m.) is best. The "Thought for the Day" format is quite acceptable. This program consists of a musical opening, an inspirational poem, special musical



Pastor E. A. Manley signs contract for release of Revivaltime in Grand Rapids, Mich. Standing, left to right: J. M. Wheeler, church secretary; John Clark, author of accompanying article; and Jean Kahill, manager of station WBCB

## RADIO LETTER OF THE WEEK

*San Fernando, Trinidad, B.W.I.*

Thousands of people all over the Isle of Trinidad listen to *Revivaltime*. I have no idea how many write to us telling of their salvation, healing and blessings received through listening to the broadcast. My wife and I are preaching in Brother and Sister Ulseth's place while they are on furlough in Canada.

/s/ Donald Cantelon

**RADIO NEWS FLASH!**

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

- ROCHESTER, N. H. (WWNH)  
930 kc.—5,000 watts  
Sundays, 7:00 a.m.
- NORFOLK, VA. (WLOW)  
1400 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- SUMTER, S. C. (WSSC)  
1340 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- PORTLAND, OREG. (KPAM)  
1410 kc.—5,000 watts  
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
- PORTLAND, OREG. (KPFM)  
97.1 mc.—33,000 watts  
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
- EL DORADO, ARK. (KELD)  
1400 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF. (KVEC)  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- DECATUR, GA. (WEAS)  
1010 kc.—5,000 watts

selection, Scripture reading, prayer, and a short talk followed by a musical close. This broadcast is supported by its listeners almost completely. Our church enjoys a position in the community that few full gospel churches do. Recently we were able to obtain radio time so that *Revivaltime* may be heard on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

But you say, "My schedule just won't allow a radio broadcast," or, "I have lots of fine talent in my church, but either they can't be present at the time of the program or else they freeze in front of the microphone." Typical problem? Yes. A simple solution is found in tape recording. For less than \$500 any church can buy professional tape recorder equipment to handle your radio program.

You can tape your programs in advance. Tape your talent and play it as you would phonograph records, while you do your part of the program "live." You may take your recording equipment to special meetings and use parts of such meetings on your programs. One word of caution: don't buy anything less than professional-quality equipment. Talk to the chief engineer at a radio station and receive sound advice from him before you buy.

How can you best obtain time? Simply go to the station manager or a sales representative and talk to him. Remember that you are just like any other advertiser except that you prob-

ably won't be as welcomed on the air. Don't expect a special rate. If you get one, rejoice. If you live in an area that is served by more than one station, don't hesitate to go to the best station first. One broadcaster may be just as friendly as another and will help you as much as he can. Chances are that if you have the right approach for his station audience he will accept you.

During the last week in March, 1959, there were 126,564,000 people over twelve years of age in these United States. To show the extent of radio coverage in the American home today, two billion hours were spent watching television, one billion hours listening to radio and 486 million hours reading newspapers (Sindlinger & Co., Ridley Park, Pa. in *Broadcasting*, April 13, 1959).

To prove the power of radio further, ask a number of people this question, "If you heard a rumor of war, where would you go to verify it?" In a survey I conducted here, almost ninety percent answered "...to the radio, of course." People have a tendency to believe what they hear on radio. One

of the greatest opportunities for full gospel churches today to reach millions for Christ is through radio!

**TOP DISTRICTS  
in Revivaltime Giving**

January 1 to May 31, 1959

**TOTAL GIVING**

- 1. Eastern .....\$7,643.93
- 2. N. California-Nevada ..... 5,649.30

**AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH**

- 1. Montana ..... 38.99
- 2. South Dakota ..... 37.05

**INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING**

- 1. N. California-Nevada ..... 945.13
- 2. South Texas ..... 788.01

**INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING**

- 1. South Dakota ..... 9.73
- 2. Montana ..... 5.99

**GREATEST GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING**

- 1. Arkansas ..... 13
- 2. Potomac ..... 12

**PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING**

- 1. South Dakota ..... 18%
- 2. Northern New England ..... 13%

*"Thou Good and Faithful Servant . . ."*



*I could never find just the right words to express my gratitude to those faithful church members on whom I could always depend for loyalty and support. . . .*

*This is my feeling now, as I speak for all the aged ministers and thank you, the 1,176 churches who answered the appeal on May 24 with love gifts for the Aged Ministers' Assistance fund. To those churches who have established the policy of giving each month, we are especially grateful.*



**If your church has not yet developed the habit of systematically remembering our aged ministers, you may send your personal offering to:**

**Aged Ministers' Assistance  
Department of Benevolences  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri**



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► **MACOMB, ILL.**—Evangelist Raymond Hill recently conducted a revival here in which many were saved or reclaimed and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church in general experienced a spiritual uplift. —*V. D. Gibson, Pastor*

► **DAYTON, TEX.**—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a wonderful two-week revival under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. William Panos of Ft. Worth, Tex. Folk were saved and reclaimed. An outstanding case was that of a 74-year-old who after having been saved 30 years received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. —*V. C. Smith, Pastor*

► **EVENING SHADE, ARK.**—Evangelist Edward Gray of Kansas City, Mo., recently conducted his second evangelistic campaign here. Five were saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Last December Evangelist Felix Thornton of Hoxie, Ark., was here for ten nights and at that time two were saved and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. A goodly number were healed. —*John and Lizzie Bullard, Pastors*

► **JASPER, OREG.**—The Assembly here recently concluded a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe E. Dodson of Junction City, Oreg. The heart-stirring ministry moved many to a closer walk with the Lord. Several sick people were healed by the power of God, and the Sunday School attendance record was broken during the meetings. —*Donald L. Spears, Pastor*

► **HESSLER, KY.**—The Assembly of God church here just closed a 22-night revival with Evangelist Jean C. Hale from West Prestonburg, Ky. There were 23 saved and six filled with the Holy Spirit. Three of these were men who had been raised in Christian homes but had never fully

surrendered to the Lord. One night they came weeping to the altar and were immediately baptized with the Holy Spirit. The young people were especially blessed. About 15 of those saved were teen-agers. There were outstanding testimonies of healing also. —*D. M. Price, Pastor*

► **SAVANNAH, TENN.**—First Assembly just closed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Snow of Nashville, Tenn. There were 52 who testified to salvation, and 16 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some received a healing touch, and the church as a whole was greatly moved. The evangelists are former stars of "The Grand Ole Opry." —*E. T. Echols, Pastor*

► **CHARLEVOIX, MICH.**—Some 22 were baptized in the Holy Spirit and two confessed Christ as personal Savior during the special meetings conducted by Evangelist Ella Giles of Leamington, Ont., Canada. The spiritual move was almost wholly among young married couples and teen-agers. The church has been veritably transformed. It was indeed a time of refreshing from heaven. —*T. B. Thodeson, Pastor*

► **ALLIANCE, OHIO**—The Griffith Evangelistic Team of Terre Haute, Ind., recently conducted a three-week revival at First Assembly. The anointed preaching of the Word, the prophetic pictures and chart that were shown, and the music of the evangelists proved a great blessing to the congregation. Souls were reclaimed and a number tarried for the Holy Spirit. The largest crowds in the history of the church were recorded for week-night attendance due to many visitors attending and churches co-operating. —*E. Wesley Roush, Pastor*

► **GRANTS PASS, OREG.**—Evangelist W. V. Grant recently conducted a wonderful Holy Ghost revival here. As many as 50 people came in one night seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit and most of them were filled. Many were also saved. The budget for the revival was met several nights before the meetings concluded with no undue effort. People testified to being healed of a variety of afflictions. —*H. L. Ayers, Pastor*

► **MILTON, WASH.**—The Assembly here recently concluded a fruitful revival with the Countryside Evangelists, Pat and Frank Evans. The Lord sent a real old-fashioned outpouring of the Spirit. Numbers were convicted, reclaimed, filled with the Spirit, and marvelously healed, and many reconsecrations were made to the Lord. Revival fires continue to burn. —*Walter J. Phelps, Pastor*

► **HAYWARD, CALIF.**—Bethel Assembly recently concluded a Pentecost Crusade under the ministry of Evangelist Bill McPherson of Detroit, Mich. A real Pentecostal outpouring was experienced. Eighteen received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was inspired by the forceful and dynamic ministry of the evangelist. —*James R. Swanson, Pastor*

► **SALISBURY CENTER, N. Y.**—Evangelist and Mrs. James Beam of London, Ontario, ministered during one of the best revivals in recent years at the Full Gospel Church here. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and some were healed of long-standing ailments. The church was blessed by Brother Beam's soul-stirring Bible preaching. —*Joseph Falcone, Pastor*

► **NICEVILLE, FLA.**—The congregation at First Assembly rejoices in the wonderful blessings of God during a recent three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. B. R. Minton. Not only were the Christians blessed by Brother Minton's prophetic ministry, but many were saved. A total of 109 visitors attended the revival. —*H. Syvelle Phillips, Pastor*

► **MARKED TREE, ARK.**—The Harrisburg Assembly of God and several other churches within a 30-mile area sponsored a great three-week tent revival with Evangelists Louie Shultz of Blytheville, Ark., and Jack Branscum of Callas, Tex. More than 175 were saved, about 75 filled with the Holy Spirit, and many wonderful healings were wrought. Cripples walked, deaf ears were opened, and several were delivered from habits of tobacco and snuff. Each of the sponsoring churches was blessed. —*E. A. Sharpe, Chairman*

PENTECOST WEEK, May 10-17, opened in the Greater Kansas City area with forty-four churches engaging in a simultaneous Pentecost Week Crusade. Some of the churches continued meetings through the second week. This was the first such effort (simultaneous in scope) in this area.

As early as last fall plans were laid for the meeting in the Kansas City Section of the Southern Missouri District. The churches on the Kansas side and in the metropolitan area of the West Central district were invited to participate, and the response from the pastors was practically one hundred per cent. Reports that were given at a pastor-evangelist breakfast one morning were that the Crusade was truly Pentecostal in every local Assembly. Souls were saved, and a general revival fire was ignited throughout the area.

A one-half page ad placed in the *Kansas City Star* carried an introduction to the Crusade and some vital statistics concerning the Assemblies of God. Every church was given equal space for recognition in the ad, regardless of size.

Following the crusade another ministers' meeting was called at which time a Greater Kansas City Ministerial Alliance was reorganized. It is hoped that PENTECOST WEEK CRUSADE will be made an annual affair in the Kansas City area.

—*Milton Beckett, Presbyter*

► ARCADIA, TEX.—Great spiritual victories were attained here during a revival with Evangelist Don Jeter of Houston, Tex. Eight were saved, three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others were definitely healed. The young people were especially strengthened during the altar services. The anointed ministry and singing was a blessing to the entire church.

—Charles A. Bailey, Pastor

### WITH CHRIST

WILLIAM DAVID BURRIS, 71, Hot Springs, Ark., went Home to be forever with the Lord on June 6, 1959.

Brother Burris began preaching the gospel at the age of 32 and remained active in the ministry until 1956, at which time he was superannuated due to ill health. Twenty-five years of his life were spent serving the Arkansas District of the Assemblies of God in an elective office, including 21 years as District Superintendent.



W. D. Burris

Before becoming District Superintendent, he served four years as district C. A. and Sunday School President. He was the first person in the nation to serve in this capacity.

He was ordained by the Arkansas District in 1923 and elected to the highest office in the district seven years later. He held this office until 1951, when the Lord called him to a Bible-teaching ministry. His meetings from place to place were a means of much blessing to the people of God.

In 1952 his brethren paid high tribute to his many years of faithful service in the General Council by naming him an honorary member of the General presbytery.

Hundreds of friends throughout Arkansas and from other parts of the nation expressed their gratitude for Brother Burris' devoted life of ministry. The funeral was in Russellville, Arkansas. Pastor G. E. Chambers of Hot Springs conducted the service assisted by G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, and T. J. Gotcher, Assistant Superintendent. Brother Burris is survived by his wife, seven children, and twelve grandchildren.

### AKRON ASSEMBLY PURCHASES LARGE NEW BUILDING SITE

AKRON, Ohio—In one of Akron's finest sections, the First Assembly of God recently purchased a new site located at 1175 W. Market Street.

Including six and two-thirds acres with a frontage on Market Street of 440 feet, the site has on it a large brick and stone mansion with "servants' quarters" nearby. The present buildings, because of their location, will not be demolished since they are set over 350 feet from the building line.

Obtained for a price of \$70,000 after three months negotiation, the tract is located less than a block east of the famous Firestone mansion.

The First Assembly affiliated with the General Council on January 1, 1929, under the leadership of the late C. A. McKinney. The congregation recently celebrated its 42nd anniversary.

G. G. Benson, pastor, reports that the members hope to clear off a \$29,000 balance owed on the new site in two years and be ready to build in that time.

### PENTECOSTAL GROUPS TO MEET IN DES MOINES FOR FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION

"Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel" (Philippians 1:27) has been chosen as the theme for the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, scheduled to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 27-29, 1959. The program of sermon topics will be

centered around the cardinal truths of our Faith including The Infallible Word, The Ascension, Regeneration, Divine Healing, The Atonement, The Return of Our Lord, Holiness, The Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and The Spiritual Unity of Believers.

The first public service of the convention will begin at 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 27.

Daytime services are scheduled to be held in the First Church of the Open Bible, 19th and Crocker Streets, and the evening services in Hoyt Sherman Place, 15th and Woodland. The official convention hotel will be Hotel Savery, 4th and Locust.

Missionary and youth services as well as outstanding musical groups will be featured during the three-day convention.

Inquiries concerning arrangements may be addressed to R. Bryant Mitchell, 851 19th Street, Des Moines 14, Iowa.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	A/G	Aug. 4-16	Bob & Jeri Winford	Robert Rogers
	Bay Minette	First	Aug. 2—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Gordon Earls
	Grove Hill	A/G	Aug. 5-16	Joel Palmer & wife	D. Z. Finch
Ark.	Prichard	Full Gospel	Aug. 9-23	H. B. Kelchner	Wiley T. Davis
	El Dorado	Morning Star Tab.	Aug. 2-14	Bob Swaim & wife	H. E. Simms
	Little Rock	Central	July 26—	Nelson Hinman	Bird H. Campbell
	Marianna	First	Aug. 9-23	Tommy Lofton & wife	J. C. Nichols
Calif.	Texarkana	First	Aug. 4-16	G. L. & Lela McKinney	O. T. Killion
	Duarte	Monrovia Tab.	Aug. 9-23	R. W. Hastie Family	Vinton Huffey
	Rohnersville	First	Aug. 2-16	Oren Paris	Joseph C. Murray
Fla.	Ventura	* First	Aug. 4-16	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Paul Keeth
	Pensacola	First	Aug. 2-16	W. O. Stephens & wife	W. J. Cox
Ga.	Griffin	First	Aug. 2-30	Forrest Whaley	A. Valdez
	Rome	A/G	Aug. 9-23	F. P. Bachman	Vorna Flanders
Ill.	Marion	A/G	Aug. 2-16	Bonnie M. Ruble	Loyd Crispen
	Olney	A/G	Aug. 4-16	R. L. Covington	M. L. Doolin
	Warsaw	A/G	Aug. 5—	Lucelia Lanz	H. G. Peterson
Iowa	Burlington	First	Aug. 2-9	Jess & Judy Hammer	A. J. Sovern
Kans.	Eudora	A/G	Aug. 2-16	Jimmie Parrack & wife	W. R. Boyd
Ky.	Louisville	Bethel	Aug. 9-23	Kenneth Roper & wife	H. C. Golden
	Louisville	Evangel Tab.	Aug. 11-23	Eskelin Family	Waymon Rodgers
	Owensboro	First	Aug. 2-16	E. C. Lagmay	Nolan Lee
Md.	Cumberland	Central	Aug. 2-16	Wm. & V. Gunderson	Frank Fratto
Miss.	Caledonia	A/G	Aug. 8-15	Ralph Savage	John Griffith
Mo.	Elmer	* A/G	July 26-Aug. 4	Lucelia Lanz	F. A. McAtee
	Springfield	Northside	July 19—	Eric Johnson & wife	Glenn A. Green
Mont.	Ronan	A/G	Aug. 2—	Marvin L. Moe	Leon Mitchell
N. Mex.	Jal	A/G	July 26—	Chas. Chambers Party	Kenneth Smith
N. Y.	Webster	A/G	Aug. 2-9	Danny Hope	Loren Cooper
	Alger	A/G	Aug. 2-14	Charles Senechal	Evan P. Richards
Ohio	Girard	First	Aug. 2-23	John C. Poteet	Delmar A. Ross
	Ardmore	Lighthouse	July 19-Aug. 2	Fred Carrington & wife	Leslie Moore
	Tulsa	First	Aug. 5-16	Bob McCutchen	C. W. Daniel
Okla.	Tulsa	West Side	Aug. 9-23	J. B. Essary & wife	Coy Hess
	Medford	First	Aug. 2-7	Howard-Youngman Team	Robert Cull
	Salem	** A/G	Aug. 5-23	Don Cossett	J. Richard Deal
Pa.	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Aug. 2-23	J. B. Woolums	Peter Bedzyk
	Windsor	** A/G	July 22-Aug. 2	Richard Owens Party	John Palmer, Chm.
S. C.	N. Charleston	A/G	Aug. 4-9	John Eller	C. F. Norton
Tenn.	Ripley	Central	Aug. 2-16	Lewis T. Coleman	Gaylon Echols
Tex.	Longview	First	Aug. 2—	Paul Emerson	D. E. Ferguson
	Pt. Arthur	A/G	Aug. 5-9	John French	Ray Wilkerson
	San Antonio	*** Canaan	Aug. 10-24	Richard Jeffery	Leroy Atwood, Chm.
Wis.	Cornell	A/G	Aug. 2-16	Smith-Rasmussen	Lester Kringle
Wyo.	Laramie	A/G	Aug. 2—	L. H. Sheets Family	C. Muirhead
Canada	Windsor, Ont.	** Bethel Pent.	Aug. 9-30	McCull-Gerard Team	W. H. Fitch
Hawaii	Lihue, Kauai	A/G	Aug. 2-9	Donnel-Holler Team	Norman Webster
	Pepeekeo	* Glad Tidings	Aug. 9-14	Fred & Gladys Voight	Robert Allen

\* Children's Revival

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

# Conviction and Conversion

By Raymond L. Cox

NOT ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONVICTED of their sins are converted, but all who are converted were first convicted of sin. A major ministry of the Holy Spirit in this age of grace is to convict the world of sin, especially the fatal sin of unbelief in Christ. However, conviction of sin is not a goal but a gateway. It is like an alarm clock which awakens a sleeper but which does not evict him from bed. An alarm clock may be silenced—and conviction is often resisted, sometimes for a season and sometimes permanently.

Henry Ward Beecher suffered intermittent seasons of conviction of sin. "My early life was very much like a corduroy road in Indiana," he confessed. "There were beautiful prairie flowers on every side of me, but the road that I traveled was full of chuck holes over which I went bump, bump, bump, all the while. About half the time I lived under conviction, and the other half of the time I was getting over it."

Some might have supposed that Beecher's miserable experience constituted a satisfactory relationship with God, but the young man knew better. His recognition of his lost condition only served to intensify the misery of the half-time conviction.

Henry was the son of revivalist Lyman Beecher who cultivated the fear of God in his family as earnestly as in his campaigns. Young Henry read in the Bible about perdition and would almost collapse in terror. Years afterwards he said of those occasions of alarm, "I do not believe that any heathen in India ever approached monstrous-mouthed idols with more quaking than I felt when I thought of Jehovah."

He was often convicted, but he was not converted until he surrendered to Christ.

In the Book of Acts two notable occasions of conviction produced diametrically opposite responses. In the second chapter we read Peter's sermon and in the seventh chapter Stephen's. On these occasions the audiences were "pricked in" or "cut to" the heart. On both occasions the hearers responded vocally, but their respective reactions were poles apart. Peter's congregation inquired penitently, "What shall we do" to be saved? But Stephen's auditors "gnashed on him with the teeth" and proceeded to murder the preacher.

Even when conviction produces confession of sin, a person's reaction demonstrates whether the reproof has operated effectively. Salvation only becomes the possession of people whose conviction is followed by conversion. Henry Ward Beecher discovered this when he finally got off the "corduroy road," but that was not until he was studying for the ministry.

At the seminary where he was "without a hope," conviction struck again, and this time Henry did not get over it. As he meditated on the theological propositions of one of his lessons, redemptive truth suddenly became personal. Along with a terror over the wrath of God came an appreciation of the goodness and mercy of God. "Christ reveals God to seeking men—to me," he mused. "Christ will save me because I need Him so much, and not because I can ever deserve Him." Later, he described his jubilant experience of conversion, saying, "I went my way singing and praying and shouting."

A high-caste Hindu was converted at Bangalore, much to the chagrin of his family who exerted all possible pressure to compel him to renounce Christianity. But the ex-Brahmin adamantly clung to his faith in Christ.

The convert's family indignantly

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## What Think Ye of Christ?

*What does Jesus mean to you . . .*

*The Christ of Galilee?*

*Is He the Master? Brother? Friend,*

*Who taught men faultlessly?*

*Or is He God's begotten Son*

*Who died on Calvary*

*Whose blood hath cleansed your soul  
from sin?*

*Who lives eternally?*

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blamed the missionaries, accusing them of black magic. "The missionaries gave you medicine to turn your mind!" they charged.

"Not so," denied the Indian Christian. "But God has ministered to me of His Spirit to change my heart!" And the godly life which ensued abundantly corroborated that testimony.

One day, shortly after Augustine's conversion, the former libertine recognized his former mistress approaching. He turned and walked away. The woman called in amazement, "Augustine, it is I!"

The new Christian kept right on moving but declared over his shoulder, "Yes, *but it is not I.*" He was a *new* Augustine, a converted creature, avoiding all appearances of evil.

Conviction and conversion are both necessary. Conviction without conversion only aggravates one's lost condition. For conviction brings a man to abhor his sins, but it takes conversion to remove those sins.

Although Beecher dreaded the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and resisted its implications for a long time, yet he would not have been saved without it. Those who boast that they will come to God when they please are overlooking one very important principle found throughout God's Word. It is God's prerogative, not ours, to arrange our meeting with Him. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

The drawing of the soul toward God is one of His greatest blessings to us. It is the divine invitation to be saved, to enjoy fellowship with the Saviour, to get right with God. But the invitation will not save you. You may be invited to a friend's home, but you must act upon the invitation and go if you expect to get there.

Conviction is not conversion. If conviction does not lead to conversion, if we do not respond to it with repentance and faith in Christ, we will be as lost as we were before we felt conviction. Conviction shows us our lost condition and need of a Saviour, but only as we appropriate God's provision will we be saved.

If God's Holy Spirit is convicting you of sin, thank God for it right now. Come to Him now while He calls you to be saved. It is a solemn fact that the door of mercy will not always be open. God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."



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1. Education Directory, Part 3, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
2. Report of Credit Given by Educational Institutions, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.
3. Directory of Missouri...Schools Accredited with the University, The University of Missouri Bulletin.

Of the 34 members of Evangel's first senior class, which was graduated May 28, 11 have been admitted to graduate schools of other colleges and universities; 15 had signed contracts to teach in public schools within two weeks after commencement. Others have taken business positions, or were in the process of deciding which of several teaching offers to accept.

The Lance, Evangel's student newspaper, has received two first place ratings and one all-America award from the Associated Collegiate Press. It also placed first in its class in the Missouri College Newspaper Association competition. I wish I had space to list here some of the college's achievements in science, speech, music, art and other fields.

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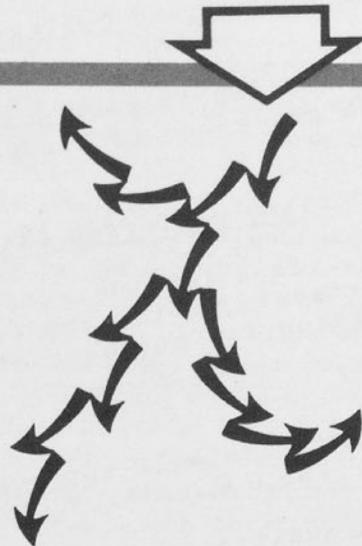
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knees upon the stone floor, the worn old hands were lifted in supplication, the face was thrown back with intense earnestness, and the lips parted with an utterance that came from the heart, "O God, do it again, do it again!"

God did it first at Pentecost. He did it again when the Church prayed and the place was shaken where they were assembled. He did it again at Samaria when the city turned to Christ. He did it again at Ephesus and revival spread through Asia. He did it for Wesley and Whitefield and the others. He did it again at the beginning of this century.

He will do it again for you if you will ask Him, if you will let Him. For He promises, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh." Yes, Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." We have a divine commission given us. We have a divine constraint laid upon us. And thank God, we have the divine dynamic of the Holy Ghost within us to enable us to go forth and fulfill our God-given task. ◀◀

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