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### The birth of Christ.

ness and in the shadow of death, to guide out feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

#### CHAP. II.

 Augustus taxeth all the Roman empire. 6 The nativity of Christ.
 8 One angel relateth it to the shepherds: 13 many sing praises to first for it. 21 Christ is circumcised. 22 Mary purified.
 28 Simeon and Anna prophesy of Christ: 40 who increaseth in wisdom, 46 questioneth in the temple with the doctors, 51 and is obedient to his purents. obedient to his parents.

ND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cy7 renius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (becadse he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with M being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, he days were accomplish vered.

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# Born at Bethlehem

At Christmas we pause to marvel once again at the miracle of the Incarnation. "God manifest in the flesh." The simple story of the Christ Child's birth never loses its sentiment, its appeal, its sweet charm. At the same time there is a mystery here that is profound enough to cause the greatest theologians to ponder its depths without ceasing.

The citizens of Bethlehem probably thought of it as just another birth. Babies were being born every night. Some people, hearing of the circumstances, may have remarked, "Too bad the town was so crowded with visitors that the poor mother couldn't find better accommodations than a stable." But the shepherds must have realized this Babe was different.

The angel had said to them, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Here were good tidings indeed. Here was a joyful gospel to all people-for the word "gospel" means "good tidings." Here in the angel's words we have the substance of the message that has changed the world and transformed millions of lives.

"A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Each of these three names has a distinct meaning. They are not repetitions. All three are needed to express the office and work of the Babe of Bethlehem.

A Saviour. That is the meaning of the word "Jesus." A Saviour from what? From political tyranny? No. From economic troubles? No. From physical sickness? Not entirely. The angel said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." It is sin that spoils human life. Sin is the root cause of every problem; therefore Jesus was born to set men free from all sin.

Christ. He is "the Anointed One," for that is the meaning of the word. He is the One who was anointed with the Holy Ghost above all others, and who imparts the same Holy Ghost to us today. He is the One who not only begins the process of salvation but carries it on to its glorious consummation. He is the Christ who has gone up to the right hand of God to help us. He is the Christ who has sent down the power of God's Spirit to teach us, to sanctify us, to empower us, to bless us. He is the Messiah. Peter said, "God hath made this same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ."

The Lord. This means that the Babe of Bethlehem was born to rule. He has authority. He is King. He is to conquer us and then He is to reign over us and conquer all our enemies. "Thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to all them that thou hast given him." He has to be our Lord in order to be our Saviour. Our hearts have to be willing and yielded and responsive to His rulership. At this Christmas season, be sure Jesus is your personal Saviour and the Lord of your life. Let Him have His way. He who can rule the universe is surely able to do a good job of ruling your personal life.

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No Christmas gifts can equal those that come to us from heaven.

THERE ARE TWO GREEK WORDS USED for "gift": one means the act of giving, and the other designates the gift that is given. "Every good gift [the act of giving] and every perfect gift [that which is given] is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). This is not usually thought of as a Christmas scripture, but since it speaks both of gifts and of giving, it seems to fit right into our thinking during this season of the year.

#### THE SAVIOUR

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." God gave us the best that heaven had when He gave His only Son. When Jesus talked about it, He said, "God *so* loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." He did not give us an archangel, but He gave us the dearest thing to His heart that we might be brought near to Him.

This unspeakable gift was planned in the heart of God even before He created man; but there was a definite place and time when the gift was to be given. It was in Bethlehem where Divinity was made manifest in human form. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

In 1 John 5:12 we read, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." When you have Jesus you have everything that goes with salvation. He is the gift that keeps on giving through all time and eternity. "As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10). This gift is inexhaustible. The more we know Jesus the more we will find in Him.

To some people Jesus is merely an escape from hell. That is as far as their idea of salvation goes. But He is much more than that to them that love Him. He does save us from hell; that is the negative side, but the positive side is that we have in Him *all* things which pertain to life and godliness.



# God's Wonderful Gifts

#### BY FRANK J. LINDQUIST

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The more we take off the wrappings, the more we exclaim with Paul, "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." When you receive Jesus you receive eternal life—something which is not temporal but eternal.

Every believer has life in a twofold sense: we have natural life which we received when we were born into the world, and we have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

As my foster mother stood with the congregation in the balcony of a church she heard a man pray aloud and in his prayer he quoted John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Holy Spirit said to her, "That is for *you.*" She accepted the gift of salvation that very moment and before she sat down she was a saved soul! It means something to have the Spirit apply God's Word to our hearts individually.

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a gift of God. He wants all believers to have this wonderful gift. Jesus told His disciples that although He was going away He would pray the Father and He would send them - another Comforter. The word comforter means one who is called alongside to help. The blessed gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the Church on the Day of Pentecost and He has been in the world ever since. The message of Peter on that day was, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ve shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Is it any wonder that James

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# A Physician Looks at – THE VIRGIN BIRTH

BY L. NELSON BELL, M.D., F.A.C.S.

N OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND HERitage there are certain doctrines which are held to be essential, such as the deity of our Lord, His virgin birth, His atoning work on the cross, His bodily resurrection, and His return in glory.

Because of their importance. Christians should have an intelligent understanding of these doctrines and as occasion arises be ready to "give an answer to every man that asketh," an answer which will be accurate and helpful.

(1) We believe in the virgin birth because the Bible states plainly and unequivocally that Jesus was born of a virgin. Both Matthew and Luke give the background and details of the event with wonderful delicacy and with unmistakable clarity. Luke is thought to have had his story directly from Mary. Matthew may have gotten his information from Joseph. Matthew states categorically that the virgin birth was a direct fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. To the evangelical believer these clear statements are sufficient.

(2) We believe in the virgin birth because the doctrine was held in unbroken sequence in the Church until the rise of the modern higher critical school which is characterized by its questioning, or denving of the supernatural and the miraculous. This divergence from the evangelical faith began in Germany during the nineteenth century and has continued down to our own day, English and American theological circles not having escaped its influence. While tradition is not infallible, nevertheless the fact that belief in the virgin birth has come to us down through the centuries, from those who lived closest to those early events, is a matter of evidence which carries great weight.

(3) If e believe in the virgin birth because it is the only logical explanation of the incarnation—the union of deity and humanity in one person. Dr. James Orr, noted professor at the United Free College in Glasgow, once wrote: "Among those who reject the virgin birth I do not know a single one who takes, in other respects, an adequate view of the person and work of the Saviour. It is well for us to consider the sobering fact that when one tampers with the great doctrines of Christianity, particularly those having to do with the person and work of our Lord, one does not pull out a doctrine here and there and leave an unimpaired Christ. A careful reading of God's Word makes it abundantly clear that these great truths hang together and they also fit together perfectly."

(4) We believe in the virgin birth because it is not one whit more remarkable than the bodily resurrection of our Lord, the very keystone of our hope of eternity and also one of the best attested facts of history. Our faith does not stagger at the glorious truth that our Saviour died for our sins and arose for our justification. Nor should it hold back when faced with the record of how He came into the world. If we look at the record of Christ in restrospect-His life, miracles, teachings, claims, death, resurrection and ascension-we see that His virgin birth fits perfectly into the picture and it is the only logical explanation of His entrance into the world.

(5) We believe in the virgin birth because the One who was born was the Creator of the world, and He now comes back to redeem it from His own. It is no idle tale that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." In the supernatural course of events it is only logical that He should come in a supernatural manner.

(6) We are convinced as to the fact of the virgin birth because there is no other possible explanation of the psychology involved; the reactions of those intimately associated with the event. The internal evidences here are so overwhelming that this factor cannot be overestimated. Remember the strict Jewish law with reference to espousal; as binding as marriage itself. Remember also the Jewish law with reference to adultery, a betrothed person to be punished with death, if found guilty,

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just as though the marriage ceremony had taken place.

What about Mary? It would have been impossible for her to hide the fact. Furthermore, she would have had to face the accusation of her own relatives and acquaintances, and do so before the responsible priest of that time, Zacharias himself. Rather than hide her condition she went and with great joy told her cousin Elizabeth.

Furthermore, her own reaction shows the purity and innocency of her heart. She does not cringe at the announcement but does ask a searchingly pertinent question; she asks how this can be biologically possible. "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

Only God's Holy Spirit could have directed the reply of the angel, a statement so absolute in its clarity and meaning that any can understand, and yet so pure in its implication that any young girl can read it without a blush: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Mary's reaction to this statement, which she accepted but could not fully understand, was in itself a wonderful submission to something which could have become an intolerable ordeal: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And later: "Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

But what about Joseph? Here too we see a miracle of grace. Through faith he accepted a situation which he could not apprehend. God knew the perplexing and distressing problem that he faced as the espoused husband of Mary, and God spoke to him by a direct revelation, just as He had to Mary.

But probably the crowning evidence is seen in Mary's behavior at the cross. Throughout the years she had carried in her heart the knowledge of His supernatural conception. Now she sees Him being nailed to the cross and her heart yearns as only a mother's can. How gladly would she have saved him. But stop! Why is He being crucified? It is because He has claimed to be the Son of God. If He was now being crucified because He was deluded, because He was mistaken, Mary would certainly have cried out: "Wait, oh, wait; He is not telling the truth, I



Christmas has come to be a time of "togetherness"—a time when family ties are drawn a little tighter; when our hearts go out to every member in the family circle, whether he be near or far away. And we are thinking of our spiritual family—of all our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land and of the whole earth.

We thank God upon every remembrance of you. We are grateful to Him and to you for the fellowship we have enjoyed together during the past year. Your letters, your prayers, your faithful support of the great full-gospel program which God has laid upon our hearts, have given us great encouragement and much joy.

I speak for hundreds of fellow workers at Springfield when I wish you and yours a most joyous Christmas and a very blessed New Year. Your executives, department heads, editors, printers, and all other men and women who serve you here at the national headquarters of your church join me in thanking you for the cooperation and good will you have shown us.

As we face the New Year our faith is strengthened by past victories, our zeal is rekindled by a realization of the world's great spiritual need, and our purpose to glorify God is more fixed than ever before. Perhaps our Lord Jesus may come before the next year ends, or even before it begins. When He comes, may He find us all faithfully and joyfully doing the work to which He has called us—giving our best to Him who has given His best for us. God bless you.

> R. M. RIGGS General Superintendent

will tell you who His father is; he is...." But she held her peace, because in her heart she knew of His divine origin.

(7) We believe in the virgin birth because Christ was pre-existent with the Father, "whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." In the days of His flesh He asserted that He was the Son of God, the Messiah. He accepted worship from men and He performed miracles to prove His right to be recognized as Deity. The virgin birth is but a part of His pre-existence, life, death, resurrection, ascension, present work, and future coming in glory.

(8) Finally, we believe in the virgin birth because of the awful alternative.

If He was not virgin-born, then the Bible lies, and instead of a divinely inspired revelation we have a pious fraud. If He was not virgin born, then His mother was a promiscuous and dishonest woman and He was an illegitimate son. If He was not virgin born, then He Himself was deluded, and the entire structure of His person and work is undermined, and we become of all men most miserable.

In stating our faith in the virgin birth of our Lord we accept it as a part of His supernatural Self—a part of the history of the One who said: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." A True Story of Answered Prayer at Christmas

# BIKE FOR JERRY

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By Mrs. Julia R. Davis

**M** RS. BRYAN FINISHED HER Christmas shopping and hurried home to the small apartment she occupied with her young sons, Jerry and Don. It wouldn't be such a bad Christmas after all, the young widow decided, as carols from the radio filled the air. Gifts for the boys wouldn't be so big this time, of course, but she had managed to get several things they needed.

She was looking over last year's decorations when the door bell rang. It was Johnny Sykes, a neighbor boy. "Where are the boys?" he asked.

"They have gone to the country to get a Christmas tree. I'm getting the decorations ready," Mrs. Bryan told him.

Johnny watched for a moment, then announced, "Jerry told me he is going to get a fine bike for Christmas."

"Oh, no!" Mrs. Bryan caught her breath quickly.

"He said he was," the boy insisted.

When Jerry and Don brought in their tree a little later, Johnny's words still rang in her ears. The next morning before the boys left for school she brought up the subject. "Jerry, you didn't tell the other children that you were going to get a bike for Christmas, did you?"

"Sure," he answered. "Because I am."

"But-why do you think you will get one, son?"

"I know I'll get one," he said, looking straight into her face. "I prayed for it."

The young widow thought of her budget, of the clothes they all needed, of the struggle just to live and make ends meet. She stared helplessly at her son. "Why not pray for shoes and clothes? You need them more than you do a bicycle."

"I did ask God for them, Mother. But I prayed for a bike too." He

# All We Need

The weary heart of man is seeking still Enrichment from the stores the earth may hold

Of power, wealth, and name, or honors high;

For such his life is spent and heart is sold.

The message brought by Christmas bids him cease

And take the gift the Father freely gives To such as bow in sweet humility,

To learn that only thus one truly lives. The greatest needs the human heart can know—

Its passions, hopes, and thirst that seek afar—

Are fully met in these three simple things: A little child, a manger, and a star.

- John Wright Follette

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smiled at her as if that settled it.

"But, son," his mother said anxiously. "God does not always send the things we ask for. He answers our prayers, of course, but sometimes He says, 'No.' He knows what is best."

"But I believe I'll get a bike," Jerrysaid with finality as he left.

The young mother was worried. What would happen to the buoyant faith of this child if there were no bike by Christmas? She went to town again and priced many makes of bicycles—but found she could not afford any of them.

On the Saturday before Christmas Jerry and Don went to the children's Christmas party sponsored by the businessmen of the city. It was always exciting because there were games and prizes. When they returned home it was almost dark. Mrs. Bryan opened the door to find her boys all smiles. "What did I tell you?" Jerry asked

proudly, pointing to the shiny bike at his side.

"Wh-where did you get it?"

"He won it in the Bible Quiz contest at the party," Don informed her.

That night a grateful little family knelt to thank God for answering Jerry's prayer. And the young mother said a secret prayer of her own. "Forgive me, Lord, for doubting in the face of the living faith *You* planted in the heart of my son."

N OUR TOWN THE SUN FLOODS BROAD

green lawns and reflects on brown

leaves and long sprigs of ivy hanging

down from old garden walls. Moss

spreads over the gnarled roots of age-

less elms and birds chirp ceaselessly beneath the eaves of white clapboard

houses. There are camelias and mag-

nolias, boxwoods and pine. In the still

of starlight there sometimes comes a

sparkling, dancing frost. The dazzling

whiteness makes our town seem crisp

another small town-that we have pro-

vincial ways which make us narrow

at times. We have traditionalists and so-

phisticates who war against each other.

We have town characters that amuse;

and town gossips who have kept stories

alive from one generation to another.

We are not proud of all we are, but

we want to be better and to keep the

time could probably identify itself with

ours. I wonder if Bethlehem was not

a place where harmony and dishar-

mony of culture prevailed. There was

Rachel's tomb only a mile north of

Bethlehem which must have given the

town a rather questionable sense of

prestige. It was King David's town

for he had been born there. No proud

citizen would let you forget that! There

Any other small town in any other

good that we have.

Of course, we know that we are just

and clean.



#### BY MARGARET GRAHAM

were the old stories—the tale about David's grandparents Ruth and Boaz who had courted in the grain fields of the town. There were old folk who clung to the old ideas and younger ones who wanted the newer ideas of Greek and Roman culture. The traditionalists said that Micah promised that the coming Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Young folk scoffed at a promise six hundred years old.

But so He came, the Messiah, to a town called Bethlehem—a town like ours.

Then there came the time when He had to leave, and when He left He said, "I will come again." The days, the months, the years rolled by. The gulf between the hopeful and those who were losing hope became wider and wider. When centuries had elapsed the majority was saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? for... all things continue as they were from the beginning." And only a few now hope. They answer, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

#### SUDDENLY

Quiet the dusk of the evening, Softly the sheep in the fold Slept, in dim firelight gleaming, Still was the starlight, and cold.

Cities and empires were quiet;

Peace closed the Rome's temple doors. Men spoke the tongue of the Grecian, Rome's highways traversed all shores.

Sin, black—for long years it had been; Nothing was startling or new— Suddenly heaven was riven,

And angels thronged into earth's view!

Angels, proclaiming the coming Of the long-promised Saviour and King; "Glory to God in the highest!" Angels and archangels sing.

Long have I pondered that Advent—

Thought of that age and that clime— Suddenly! All cataclysmic!

Shattered by Infant sublime!

And I think of the promise He left us, "Again I will come! Suddenly!"

And, breathlessly thrilled at that prospect, I look for that Advent to be!

Not in still midnight, to shepherd, Cometh our glorious King! But suddenly, all eyes beholding, Myriads of saints paeans sing!

And some will rejoice at His beauty, While others will wail at His scars! And they who have loved Him, forever Shall shine with the radiance of stars. —Poem by Emeline Porter Buswell



December 20, 1959

Christmas in

BY LULA BELLE HOUGH Missionary to Hong Kong

**D** AVID WROTE: "JUST A BRIEF NOTE to wish you a very happy Christmas. I was delighted to receive the handkerchief and calendar—a reminder of Hong Kong. I hope that you are keeping well and that the church life at Fan Ling is thriving. Every Thursday evening I remember the fellowship that meets at your house—please give my regards to them all."

Reading David's letter brought back many memories to me. We are located in Hong Kong, just a mile and a half from the communist border. There are quite a number of British army camps in this locality and the boys are often out on drills, practicing their prowess and taking turns at guard and patroling the border. Many of these boys are in their late teens and early twenties, far away from home, and often lonely and homesick.

About three years ago two of the boys called on me and asked if they

Miss Lula Belle Hough is closer to Chinese Communist territory than any other missionary of the Assemblies of God. Only one and a half miles separate her from the "bamboo curtain." could come to our Chinese church for a quiet time, saying it was so difficult at camp to get alone and pray. A week later they asked if they could call in their friends and have a Bible study each Thursday evening. That is how these services started.

The service begins each Thursday night at seven o'clock and after the service I invite the army boys into the mission house which adjoins the church. We have a time of fellowship and refreshments. The last bus leaves here for Shek Kong at 9 p.m. Since most of the boys have to return to camp, they dash out the door just a minute or two before the bus pulls away from the gate. If you happened to be passing our place on Thursday evening you would hear the boys calling, "Good night, Miss Hough. God bless you! See you Sunday evening at service." Shek Kong is about eleven miles from Fan Ling: vet from a dozen to sixteen boys attend our services regularly.

Each Christmas we try to have a special service for both the Chinese and the servicemen and give them a token remembrance of the occasion.

Trever, the boy who first asked for the privilege of a quiet time here at the church, wrote from England recently: "I was thrilled to receive your news of the Bible study and to learn that it has kept going all of this time. Two and a half years is a long time to maintain such a service with the changing personnel in the army. A few months ago at a Methodist Revival Fellowship Conference I met a chap who was a regular member of the Fan Ling Bible study. It was great to talk over old Hong Kong times with him.

"As for myself, I have a great deal to thank the Lord for. I am very well and enjoying my time in preparation for full-time work. I have been here in college in Manchester for eighteen months and it has been a time both of blessing and of testing. We are out preaching on weekends almost anywhere in the north of England, and I have had some times of real blessing and liberty. God has blessed with 'signs following.'

"I expect things have changed quite a bit in Hong Kong and Fan Ling since I left. I often think about you and can picture the scene perfectlythe wooden benches, the bapistry, the Chinese frescoes, the frogs coming through the little hole in the wall, the lizards and the mosquitoes, the old women coming to the prayer meeting and singing, 'Sing them over again to me' in Cantonese.... Thank God, He allowed me to see all that. I shall never forget the Chinese meal we had at Christmas! May God richly bless you and use you to the extension of His kingdom and salvation of men and women.'



Miss Hough presents English-Chinese calendar to British soldier at the Chinese Christmas program.



Miss Hough greets eight British soldiers attending the Chinese Christmas program at Fan Ling.

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Another of the servicemen who was in our Bible studies is Richard. He wrote recently: "After I left the army in 1957, I took up teaching. The Lord led me to a school and gave me strength for the job and now I have just started at London University where I am taking a mathematics degree. One day I do want to come back to Hong Kong and see you and to work among the refugees. I still remember the Thursday evenings and your kindness and fellowship: I pray that they may continue."

Another of the servicemen now in college is Robin. He writes: "We are

#### GUSTAV ANDERSON CALLED HOME

Gustav Adolph Anderson, pioneer Pentecostal missionary to China, has been called to



his eternal reward. Brother Anderson was born in Sweden on March 12, 1879. He and his wife, Ellen Victoria, spent thirty years in China. The Andersons were ordained by the Swedish Assemblies in 1917 and sailed for China in 1922. They established a flourishing work in Shanghai.

Gustav Anderson

For two years they la-

bored with no outward results. Then Brother Anderson wrote, "After two years of praying, waiting, and often fasting on our part, the Lord started baptizing people in the Holy Spirit, healing the sick, and setting the devil-possessed free. Even cold and dead raised up. Marvelous miracles!"

National workers were trained by Brother Anderson, one of them a robber chieftain from Kaungpoo, Shantung Province. This man returned to his people, evangelized, and called the Andersons to have special Bible classes to prepare his converts for baptism. When the Andersons arrived they found 600 new converts—the results of this one mans' ministry. Six chapels and seventeen preaching places were established by this national worker in Shantung Province.

When the Japanese invaded China, refugees from the north flooded Shanghai. The Andersons secured a large bamboo hut for a refugee camp and placed a national evangelist there to work among the refugees. Many were



Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kolenda

out nearly every weekend taking services, so it gives us a chance to 'give out' as well as 'take in.' You will be interested to know that the Lord has guided me toward the Far East for missionary work, and I hope to apply to the China Inland Mission about Christmas. You are often in my prayers and many times I have a yearning to be back among the Chinese people whom I grew to love so much."

Ministering in Hong Kong to both our Chinese population and the British servicemen gives us a varied ministry. We covet your continued prayers in behalf of our work here in Fan Ling.

saved and healed and a new church was the outgrowth of the refugee camp.

After being interned by the Japanese and driven out of China by the Communists, the Andersons returned to the United States. They affiliated with the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God in 1954 and remained active in rescue mission work on the West Coast.

· Mrs. Anderson survives. She is living in San Francisco, California.

-R. T. Brock



**NEW RECRUITS: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Balius** are preparing to go from the Mississippi District to Bolivia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson are preparing to represent the North Texas District in South India.

The Northern California-Nevada District is sponsoring the missionary preparations of **Mr. and Mrs. James Bellmore** for service in East Africa.

GOINGS: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kolenda left October 22 for another term in Germany.

**Miss Phyllis Wagner** sailed for Nigeria on October 29. She is a new missionary from South Dakota.

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marocco** and family left October 19 for the Philippine Islands. They were formerly stationed in North India.



The Dan Marocco family

# Christmas Cookies and a Cup of Tea

#### BY MARGARET CARLOW

Missionary to Japan

A FTER COMING TO TOKYO IN 1948, I passed the Bunkyoo Koo Kai Doo area every day on my way to language school. Seeing the thousands of students, the need of evangelism in the area weighed heavily on my heart.

The day before Christmas, 1948, I invited Takao Ishii, a Waseda University student, into my home for Christmas cookies and tea. He was interested in the English Bible, so I arranged to teach him. As a result, Mr. Ishii was gloriously saved and baptized in water. He is now in the wholesale woolen business with his father, near Bunkyoo Hall.

During the recent Greater Tokyo Evangelistic Crusade, when we desired to have meetings for the students of this area, Takao Ishii's father contacted the authorities and arranged for us to have a nice hall in the National Students Association Hotel which has just been completed. It is really beautiful. We can use the hall seating 100 persons, and, if necessary, can move into one that seats 400. There is also a hall that seats fifty. We get the smaller ones for about \$3 an hour and the larger ones for \$15 per hour. This includes heat in the winter. Hal Herman held weekend services in the hall, and the Bible school students under the direction of Leonard Nipper are continuing follow-up activities among the inquirers.

Pray with us for the conversion of the men who have made this auditorium available to us. They live to help the students of Japan. Japan's future is in these students!

When I think of how the Lord did this—how it began eleven years ago when I gave Takao Ishii Christmas cookies and a cup of tea—I am really grateful to Him. Students from all over Japan are in this area. If we walk softly and make the most of this God-given opportunity, the full-gospel witness will go out all over Japan!



Make It a

# CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

By Dorothy Harrison Pentecost

SHOULD CHRISTIAN PARENTS COMpete with the world's concept of Christmas? Can we teach our children its true meaning and at the same time have a happy, fun-filled holiday? These are questions that every Christian parent must face. Our children are in the world, and they see and hear the world's ideas from every side. What can we do to keep them from gradually absorbing the world's way of celebrating Christmas?

If you really want to have a Christian Christmas, put Christ at the center!

Christmas ought to be a time of *witnessing* to the birth of Christ and to His death for a lost world. It is an excellent time to entertain your children's friends with a Christmas party, and give the Christmas story in some attractive way with a gospel application. You can even put children's Christmas tracts in the party favors.

Caroling on Christmas Eve with your families is a wonderful way to be a witness to your neighborhood. Take some Christmas tracts along to distribute from door to door. This way even the youngest child can be a witness to Christ's birth.

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You can impress the true meaning of Christmas on your children and guests by the way you decorate your home. The manger scene can be at the center. An open Bible among your decorations will be a silent testimony of your faith.

When my husband and I were in our first pastorate in western Pennsylvania, we saw how a simple Christmas decoration influenced an entire town.

Each Christmas there was a friendly competition among the merchants to see who could have the prettiest and the most original Christmas decoration in his store window. An elder in our church asked to borrow a large picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" to use in his store window. We gladly loaned it to him and anxiously waited to see how it would be used. When I finally saw it I was disappointed. "How could they have done so little?" I thought.

I had expected the usual decorated trees, the Christmas balls, greenery, beautifully wrapped gifts, etc. Yet there were only two things in that large window—the picture of the head of Christ, and a large Bible opened to Luke 2 in front of it. Both were placed on two tiers covered with white satin.

But as I stood there, I was suddenly filled with shame and conviction. Why, this was the true meaning of Christmas -Christ given to the world, as revealed in God's Word! Since that time I have never decorated without thinking how decorations can be a witness to the true meaning of Christmas.

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We have a little candle-lighting service at our house on Christmas Eve. We have a large white candle touched with red to represent Christ. The white stands for His purity and deity, and the red for the blood He shed on the cross for our salvation. We light the candle to remind us that Christ said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

We have four other candles—red, yellow, black, and white—to represent the races of the world. The four of us in our family take a candle each and light it at the candle that stands for Christ, giving a Scripture verse as we do. Then we all say, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). And, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

As Christian parents we pray these candles will so impress our girls with the fact that they are responsible to take the knowledge of Christ to the people of the world that God will call one or both of them to be "full time" witnesses for Him.

People who visit our home often in-(Continued on page thirty-one)

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#### FOR THE JUNIOR READER

### CHRISTMAS COUPLETS

Here are some two-line poems about Christmas. They are complete, except that someone forgot to put in the last word in each line—the rhyming words. Can you add them in? (Hint: there is a dash for each letter in the missing word.)

When Jesus was born, He was laid in a .....;

The shepherds were watching their flocks that .....

When an angel appeared, all glorious and

"Be not afraid," the angel did ......; "A Saviour is born to you this ......" "Glory in the highest," the angel chorus

The shepherds, believing the tidings

Hurried to Bethlehem the child to .....

#### ANSWERS:

The missing rhyming words are: manger, stranger; night, bright; say, day; sang, rang; told, behold; afar, star; bring, King.



#### Monday, December 21

**Read:** Genesis 47:1-12

**Learn:** "Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise" (Ephesians 6:2).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Joseph's Kindness to His Family" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the story of Joseph, as studied thus far. This lesson brings the climax to his life: he is able to show kindness to his entire family, providing for their needs. Emphasize family responsibilities. Discuss Ephesians 6:2, noting the promise to which it refers (Exodus 20:12).

**Question Time:** What kindness to his family did Joseph show? (v. 12) What is the promise referred to in Ephesians 6:2? (Exodus 20:12)

Missionary Birthdays: Esther E. Olson, N. India; Clearencene Gullet (Deaf), Iowa.

#### Tuesday, December 22

**Read:** Matthew 5:13-16; Acts 13:47; Philippians 2:15 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

For the Parent: Jesus had some very definite teachings regarding what He expected of His followers. Discuss these from the passages read. Emphasize the importance and the power of one's influence—both for good and for evil. Show how our influence can either turn people to or from Christ. Stress the necessity of living a life that is pleasing to Christ and a testimony to all.

Question Time: What are some of the things Jesus expects of His followers? Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. David W. Nyien, Hawaii; R. A. Busby, Indonesia.

#### Wednesday, December 23

Read: Genesis 26:1-3, 18-33 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

For the Parent: Quarreling is common among children—and often is found among adults. This lesson emphasizes the opposite—the quality God wants His children to have. Discuss how Isaac was a peacemaker. Then talk about ways in which we can be peacemakers at home, in school, at work, with friends, etc. Have a time of consecration, with each member of the family giving himself more fully to the task of being a peacemaker.

Question Time: How does Isaac illustrate the role of the peacemaker?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. L. W. Turner, Togo; Mrs. E. J. Snyder, India.

#### Thursday, December 24

#### Read: Isaiah 9:1-7

Learn: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isaiah 9:6). For the Parent: As Christmas day approaches, remind the group that the coming of Jesus the first time was foretold by many prophets. Discuss this prophecy from Isaiah and how Jesus fulfilled and is fulfilling it. Also discuss the name (singular) which was to be given to the Messiah (v. 6) and how that name foreshadows His work. Show events from Christ's life which illustrate the various parts of that name.

Question Time: What name was to be given to Christ? (v. 6) How was the prophecy to be accomplished? (v. 7) Missionary Birthdays: Ray Cather, Alaska; Mrs. A. W. Pettet (Deaf), Mo.

#### Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Read:** Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20 **Learn:** "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

For the Parent: Have the group review the historical facts of the Christmas story.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

. Pray for our home missionaries to the Navajos. Many of these workers need more adequate buildings. Pray that they will be able to reach these neglected Indian people for Christ.

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Pray for the young national workers teaching in our Christian day schools in the Belgian Congo. They are seeking to win many children to Christ during these days of crisis in that land.

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Pray that the Bible study course, "God Speaks Today," now being used by hundreds of C. A. groups throughout the nation, will have a definite impact upon the youth of the Assemblies of God. Then emphasize the purpose of Christmas: (1) all men were sinners; (2) Jesus left heaven to take on Himself the form of a man; (3) He was born of the virgin Mary—Son of man and Son of God; (4) Christmas finds its completion at Easter —Christ died and rose again that we might be free from sin and live eternally with Him,

**Question Time:** What is the purpose of Christmas?

#### Saturday, December 26

Read: Luke 2:25-40

**Learn:** "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

For the Parent: This passage relates most of what we know of the early childhood of Jesus. (His discussion with the doctors in the temple is recorded in the latter part of this chapter.) Emphasize the reaction of Simeon and Anna to the infant Christ. Stress also the development of Christ—verses 40 and 52. He has set us an example to follow. Let us grow as He did.

Question Time: What are some of the things that happened to Christ in His early childhood? What four things does Luke 2:52 say about how Jesus grew? Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. R. L. Cobb, Nigeria; Mrs. B. H. LaFon, Honduras; Ernest Sumrall (Jewish), Ill.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Esther Fritz, N. India; Edward Granholm (Deaf), Maine; Paul Goodwin, Jamaica.

#### Prayer — Answer

At first I prayed for Light: Could I but see the way, How gladly, swiftly would I walk To everlasting day!

And next I prayed for Strength That I might tread the road

With firm, unfaltering feet, and win The heaven's serene abode.

And then I asked for Faith: Could I but trust my God,

- I'd live enfolded in His peace, Though fears were all abroad. But now I pray for Love: Deep love to God and man;
- A living love that will not fail, However dark the plan.

And Light, and Strength and Faith Are opening everywhere! God only waited for me till

I prayed the larger prayer.

-Ednah D. Cheney

. . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

# **HS PRESENT WORLD**

#### Hymns METHODISTS WANT NEW HYMNAL

The General Conference of The Methodist Church will be asked to authorize a four-year study leading to revision of The Methodist Hymnal when it meets in Denver next April. According to Time, the Committee on Hymnology at the recent Southeastern Methodist Conference petitioned the General Conference "to authorize a new hymnal that they hope will omit such oldtime gospel hymns as 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' and 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine.' Musically, said the committee, they are difficult to sing; theologically they are inadequate.'

Bliss Wiant, spearheading the effort to discard the old hymns, showed his disdain very plainly. "We have to combat Communism with Christianity," he said, "and we just can't do it with gospel hymns. They dope us and they dupe us. The gospel hymn is a Victorian development—sentimental and good for nothing. Its message is that everything is blessed and peaceful. That's not the message of Christ. The message of Christ is, 'Are you able to endure all things as I endure them even crucifixion?""

If Mr. Wiant were called upon to suffer persecution—even crucifixion—at the hands of some Communists, he might find just how much strength and comfort there is in the old hymns he despises—and change his mind.

#### Morals ANTI-OBSCENITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SAN MATEO

Representatives of church, fraternal, civic and school groups have launched a widescale campaign to rid the city's newsstands of objectionable publications. They are members of the San Mateo (Calif.) Citizens for Decent Literature, organized recently to fight obscenity. Similar groups have been formed in other states. Alfred Lynch, secretary of the San Mateo group, said two-member volunteer teams will visit newsstands asking owners "to look at magazines placed on their racks by distributors and voluntarily remove any deemed indecent." He stressed that the teams "will not threaten censorship." Most magazine retailers, he said, are reasonable people and "are only too happy to screen their publications when the approach is constructive and co-operative."

#### JUVENILE GANGS ABROAD, TOO

Juvenile delinquency is not only an American evil. Most large cities in foreign lands are plagued by "terroristic teen-age toughs."

"In the past few years, juvenile gangs have haunted the streets of otherwise famously quiet places such as Zurich, Stockholm, Amsterdam. Recently the police dockets of Paris, London, Tokyo, and other cities in Europe and Asia abound with reports on the misdoings of under-age local mobs.

"East of the Iron Curtain young delinquents roam Warsaw, Prague, Moscow itself, and they spread the same fears in free West Berlin as in Communist-ruled East Berlin."

It is a world-wide disease, indicative of the fact that we are living in a time like "the days of Noah" which were characterized by violence. Jesus said that such a time would precede His return (see Luke 17:26-30). The presence of so much evil in the world should stir us to redouble our efforts to win men to Christ.

#### Archaeology BRIMSTONE CITIES SIGHTED?

Jordanian officials report evidence of ruins forty feet below the waters of the Dead Sea which they believe to be the Biblical brimstone cities of infamy, Sodom and Gomorrah. Airplane

#### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAIN WINS COMMENDATION



"Performance of meritorious service" resulted in special honor for an Assemblies of God chaplain currently stationed at Toul, France. The Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant was given to Chaplain (Captain) Talmage F. McNab, U. S. Army, for his work at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he had been attached to the Army's Officer Candidate School, the Airborne School, the Infantry Officers' Leadership School, and the Allied and Advanced Infantry Officers' School. The citation read, in part:

"As the School Brigade Protestant chaplain, Chaplain McNabb constantly displayed a sincere and genuine interest in the personal welfare of the troops. Through his untiring efforts and enthusiasm, a chapel was secured and designated as the School Brigade Chapel. He aggressively stimulated Protestant attendance by implementing a sponsored service in which students from the Infantry Officer Leadership class and the Officer Candidate School participated on alternate Sundays.

"In addition, he gave freely of his time and wholehearted support to the many community affairs at Fort Benning, and in enthusiastic participation in a host of chaplain's activities under the direction of the Post Chaplain.

"Chaplain McNabb inspired not only the confidence of his superiors but also the devotion and loyalty of his subordinates. The exemplary manner in which Chaplain McNabb performed his duties reflects great credit upon himself, the United States Army Infantry School, and the United States Army."

Commendations such as these are carefully selected and presented by the military authorities. Congratulations to Chaplain McNabb, one of eighteen Assemblies of God ministers currently serving on active duty in the U. S. armed forces. Nine of these chaplains are in the Army, six in the Air Force, and three in the Navy. pilots first spotted the ruins at the south end of the sea off the Lisan Peninsula.

Skin divers have been assigned to photograph the ruins. "If the site is confirmed as Gomorrah," said one official at Amman, "the area will be dammed off and drained for excavation."

#### PRICELESS TEMPLE REMNANTS DESTROYED BY EGYPTIAN FIRM

Priceless and hitherto unknown remnants of the famous Temples of King Solomon and King Herod are being destroyed as a result of an Egyptian firm's restoration work at the Dome of the Rock, according to reliable diplomatic sources at Jerusalem. The construction firm is engaged in strengthening the support of the Dome, also known as the Mosque of Omar, which was built around A.D. 691 to protect the famed "Holy Rock" which is sacred to Islam.

A Christian Arab leader, visiting the site, said he saw intricate underground passages which were uncovered by the workmen. He said these probably belonged to the times of Solomon and Herod, two to three thousand years ago. He said he pleaded with the workmen not to destroy them, but when he returned with a foreign consul the passages were filled with concrete.

Egyptian engineers said their action was necessary to strengthen the building after it received a new gilded aluminum dome. They were also reported as declaring, "We are not interested in preserving Jewish antiquities which Jews will use to claim the site as 'Temple Area.'" (Tradition says this was the site where Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac.)

### Miscellaneous

#### NEW MOSLEM CENTER FOR CHICAGO

Plans are being made to erect a 20million-dollar Moslem center on the South Side of Chicago. The project will cover six city blocks and will include a mosque, a school, a hospital, a bazaar, and other buildings. Islam is increasing its missionary work in America!

# CHURCHES EXEMPTED FROM ZONING LAWS

City officials at Kansas City, Mo., ordered the municipal zoning code amended to permit church construction anywhere within the city limits, including the most restricted residential districts.



# Is it true that we cannot have the baptism of the Holy Spirit without having all the gifts of the Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person; the gifts of the Spirit are His workings or manifestations through believers. It is the sovereign privilege of the Holy Spirit to manifest His gifts or to refrain from doing so. It is our privilege to so live that He may be able to use us to reveal Christ.

#### Where did the celebration of Christmas originate?

This celebration apparently began in the fourth century in the Roman Church. At that early time the churches at Jerusalem and Alexandria preferred January sixth, which they said commemorated the arrival of the Wise Men at Bethlehem. To this day some of the Eastern churches still observe the January date.

It is said that around the end of November a number of heathen festivals took place. To counteract these, the Christians adopted the celebration of Christmas to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

#### Matthew, Mark, and Luke mention Simon, a Cyrenian who bore the cross for Jesus (Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26), while John says nothing about this, saying it was Jesus who bore His cross. How do you reconcile this?

Each gospel writer gives some detail which another has omitted. John omits the details concerning Jesus on His way to Golgotha, while the other writers give more attention to this. It is probable that although Jesus started out to carry the cross, He was unable to carry it all the way, owing to the terrible sufferings He had endured during the trial. Therefore Simon was pressed into service to assist Him.

# What does Paul mean when he says: "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God"? Romans 14:22.

The subject Paul is considering is the observance of certain days (vv. 5, 6) and the eating of foods, especially the latter. Some felt much more liberty than others as to what they might eat. In order that these might not stumble others by their eating, Paul says we should exercise our faith in such a way that it will not cause others to stumble. If we knowingly do things over which others might stumble, we condemn ourselves by becoming a stumbling block instead of proving helpful.

# Do Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Corinthians 14:14, 15 refer to the Holy Spirit, or to our human spirit?

I believe it is the Holy Spirit that is referred to in Ephesians 6:18: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." It is an encouragement to wait on the Lord, to seek the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our prayers. "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

It is the human spirit that is meant when Paul says, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful" (1 Corinthians 14:14). This means that the praying is not mere formal words which come from the lips, but it is the inner man in communion with God. (Note: Whenever the word *Spirit* is capitalized, it is God's Holy Spirit that is meant.)

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).



#### JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS FAMILY

Sunday School Lesson for December 27, 1959

#### GENESIS 47:1-12

Our previous lesson concerned the reconciliation of Joseph with his brothers. Just as soon as they all had a time of fellowship together, Joseph commissioned his brothers to return in haste to Canaan to bring their father to Egypt. Chapter 45:9-23 should be read carefully.

Jacob's Incredulity. Genesis 45:25-28. Said the brothers when they got home, "Joseph is yet alive!" The old man could hardly believe it. But when he saw the wagons come rolling in with all the gifts which Joseph had sent, his spirit revived and he knew it was so! Notice that the Word says, "the spirit of Jacob ... revived: and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive." In other words, it was the old "Jacob nature" which tended toward unbelief and doubt, but it was "Israel" the "new man" who made the declaration of faith! Our Jesus is alive today! His Word is true! Yet there are times when the human nature in us would cause us to question, doubt, and stagger. Then when God in His gracious condescension sends some "wagon" in-an answered prayer, a portion of the Word quickened to our hearts, or some other evidence of His grace-our drooping spirits revive and our faith is renewed.

Joseph and Jacob Re-united. 46:28-34. "And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father...and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while." In view of all the circumstances of Joseph's life, this loving reunion after so many years is one of the most beautiful scenes in the Bible.

Joseph's Family Before Pharaoh. 47:1-10. In his plans for the future of his family and in his introduction of his family to Pharaoh, Joseph again displays his true greatness and godliness. (1) He had made wise and intelligent plans for the care of his family. (2) Instead of being possessed with false pride which would have caused him to feel ashamed of his family and superior to them, he proved his real love and respect for them in every detail of his interview with Pharaoh in their presence. In these days, when there is so little love and honor shown to parents and the aged, this scene is doubly inspiring!

Pharaoh also showed real graciousness and character, for he readily agreed to grant Jacob's family a portion of the land they desired where they could carry on their occupation as shepherds and cattlemen. It is evident that he had great respect for the aged patriarch.

Jacob in turn "blessed Pharaoh." Though Pharaoh was a mighty monarch to whom Jacob was indebted for his kindness, Jacob was also able to do something for Pharaoh. He could invoke the blessing of God upon him, thus acting in accordance with God's promise—"As a prince thou hast power with God." Genesis 32:28. Joseph's Portrayal of the Overcoming Life. He came through with flying colors in three great tests:

(1) The test of *adversity*. Joseph was hated, betrayed, falsely accused and imprisoned, forgotten by those he had befriended and helped; yet in it all "the hand of the Lord was upon him." He kept sweet in his spirit, diligent in his work, and devoted to God.

(2) The test of *morality*. The subtlety and strength of this temptation must not be overlooked. Here is a lonely man and a wicked, seductive woman, who finds him most attractive; yet he retains his purity and integrity. The secret? A life lived in the consciousness of God's presence —"How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" To run was the only sensible thing to do, and Joseph did it! Had he hesitated he would have failed.

(3) The test of *prosperity*. Honor, fame, and security have a subtle power to cause many to fail who would not fail in adversity. But Joseph knew how to abound as well as how to be abased! Through all his success he retained his simplicity, humility, and thoughtfulness of others. To the end he set himself to serve rather than to be served.

Joseph, a Type of Christ. (1) In his relationship to his father. He was his father's beloved son. He in turn loved deeply and faithfully served his father. (2) In his relationship to his brethren. He was sent to them on an errand of good will by his father; envied by them, hated and rejected by them and sold by them for money. (3) In his humiliation. He became a servant and a slave; was sorely tempted, yet sinned not; was alone in the dungeon through no fault of his own; won the admiration of Gentiles. (4) In his exaltation. (5) In his marriage to a Gentile bride while in rejection. -J. Bashford Bishop

A GREATER THAN JOSEPH



# NEW CAMPUS DEDICATED

KIRKLAND, Wash.—The new campus of Northwest Bible College in Kirkland was dedicated Sunday afternoon, October 4. R. J. Carlson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presented to President C. E. Butterfield a gold key symbolizing the campus and its new buildings.

Participating in the ceremonies were the Board of Directors, denominational and civic leaders from the local area and from the constituent districts of the Assemblies of God in the northwestern region. Representing the General Council of the Assemblies of God was Charles W. H. Scott, Springfield, Missouri, Executive Director of the Department of Education.



Architect's conception of new campus at Northwest Bible College

Over 500 persons were present at the dedication service. On the preceding Sunday afternoon the college was host to the local community in an open house when several hundred persons inspected the commodious new facilities.

There are 197 students enrolled for the Fall term. Of this number, 103 are enrolled in the Junior College Division and 94 in the Bible College Division.

Applications are now being received for enrollment in the Winter quarter, which will commence on January 5, and the Spring quarter, which will begin on March 22.

# NEW PRESIDENT INAUGURATED AT B.B.C.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Inaugural ceremonies in which C. C. Burnett was installed as president of Bethany Bible College took place on the Bethany campus September 30.

Executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, S. A. Witmer of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was guest speaker. Dr. Witmer is one of the country's foremost leaders in Christian education.

Joseph L. Gerhart, district superintendent of the Assemblies of God, presented the Bible, keys, and seal of the college to President Burnett. The charge to the president was made by Kenneth M. Haystead, chairman of the board of trustees.

Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, offered the inaugural prayer. The dean of education, L. Thomas Holdcroft, gave greetings to the many guests. The benediction was given by Robert W. Pirtle, secretary of the board of trustees.

Music for the program was under the direction of Forrest M. Beiser, head of Bethany's music department. The college choir sang, "O, For a Thousand Tongues." Mr. and Mrs. Beiser joined in a duet, "There Is a Name."

Dr. Burnett has made his home in Springfield, Missouri, in recent years where he served as national secretary of education for the Assemblies of God. In addition to this he has been active as secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Assemblies of God representative for the American Bible Society in which organization he also served as an officer for ten years. Since 1956 he has been treasurer of the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. President Burnett is an alumnus of Central Bible Institute. He graduated *cum laude* with B.A. from DePaul University and did graduate work at George Washington University.

He is now making his home in Santa Cruz with his wife Dorothy and daughters Barbara, 15, and Marilyn, 8.

The Bethany Bible College presidency was vacated last spring when Leland R. Keys resigned to become pastor of Bethel Church in San Jose.



Scene of inauguration ceremony on campus of Bethany Bible College

N THE DOORWAY OF AN INDIAN HUT stood a woman, her heavy body wrapped in a blanket against the chill of early October weather. Before her the reservation lands stretched in mile after mile of lovely color, the autumn dress of sagebrush, mesquite bushes, and grasses. In the distance the mountain peaks glistened with the first snowfall of the season.

But the woman was not enjoying the scenery. She was looking for her daughter Melissa. Why didn't she hurry with those water cans? At this rate she'd be at the washing until dark.

Then she saw her coming, a slender girl of fourteen struggling with the weight of two large cans on a wheelbarrow.

For a moment the mother felt a pang of pity. It was a long way to the waterhole. But quickly she pushed the thought aside: "Melissa," she scolded, "you've been daydreaming again. Or were you scared of the water baby in the creek? He'll get you some day for sure if you don't step lively. Now you hurry and braid your hair. Mr. Antelope will be coming soon, and I noticed he took quite a liking to you."

Melissa shuddered. "I don't like him, Mother. He's fat and old enough to be my father. I hate the way he looks at me, too."

"Nonsense, Melissa. You're lucky he picked you instead of some other girl. We need a man on the place since your father is gone and there's only Grandpa, and him blind. Look at these children, hardly clothes for their backs, and shoes worn out, with winter at the door! And we've not even a way to get into town for groceries, what little we can buy with the agency check. Remember, Mr. Antelope has a car. And mind how you talk to him, Melissa."

With a sigh of resignation the girl sat down on a rock and began combing her long black hair.

So it was that Melissa became a common-law bride, but Clyde did not

#### By an Assemblies of God Missionary to American Indians

live up to his mother-in-law's expectations. He was lazy and shiftless, drinking constantly, and only added to the burden of the struggling household. True, he did provide a way into town, but the agency welfare checks suffered from his trips to the bars. To forget her misery, Melissa too began to drink, though never without a guilty conscience when she thought of her little brothers and sisters back home.

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Almost three months had passed and it was Christmas Eve. Clyde and Melissa had come in from the reservation early in the morning, planning to stop at the grocery store and hurry back home, but the holiday spirit pervading the town was too much for Clyde. Again and again he stopped to drink. Staggering from the last saloon, he slid under the wheel, too drunk to drive. He narrowly missed another car, and crashed into the side of a building.

Dazed, Melissa found herself in a police station where Clyde was questioned and then led away to a cell. "Look, kid," an officer advised, not unkindly, "he'll get fifty days for drunken driving. If you have friends in town, better go stay overnight. Going to get bitter cold before morning." The girl nodded and went out on the street. Around her the crowds of last-minute shoppers hurried along through the snow, their arms loaded with gifts. On the corner a jolly Santa Claus called to the children. Somewhere bells were ringing. But Melissa felt no part of the festive mood. With disgust she thought of the man who was her husband whining behind the bars. With equal disgust she noted that she herself could not walk steadily. How many drinks had she had? She could not remember. There was no end to it—this dreary circle.

But there was a way out, if she had courage to take it. A leap from the bridge in the dark. No one would see. As she pondered this, Grandpa's words came back to her. "That's not a way out, Melissa. That's a way in—into e v e r l a sting torment." Somewhere Grandpa had picked up the idea that suicide was murder, and therefore sinful.

Slipping her cold hands into her pocket she discovered a few silver dollars, all that was left of the check. The saloon! At least it was warm there, and one could drink and drink until everything was forgotten. Quickening her steps she started for the nearest beckoning lights. Then suddenly the chimes began to play. Where had she heard that song? It must have been last year at the Christmas program when the Nishenhi Tibows, "praying white people," came out to the reservation school. They lived in this town! She could find the street from a telephone book. Instinctively she knew that they would help her.

Melissa was shivering, her hair frosted with snow, when at last she stood on the steps and knocked at the missionaries' door. Accustomed as she was to the reservation hut, the house looked like a mansion—bright lights shining, holly wreaths on the doors, and just inside the big front window a beautiful, sparkling Christmas tree. How could she go inside? Her clothes were in rags! Her breath smelled of liquor!

Frightened at her own boldness, she had turned to go when the door flew open and she was drawn into the warm room. Surrounded by friendly faces, she told her story. "But, of course, you'll stay with us," they insisted, "and tomorrow we'll take you home. Now you're just in time for supper."

Looking back, Melissa remembered the evening as a dream come true. Food, all one could eat! Games with the children afterwards! Discovering wonders in the amazing house—a bathroom with hot and cold water, a radio playing Christmas music, a machine that made ice and kept food fresh!

But the most delightful time of all came when everyone gathered around the piano to sing. Then the missionary took his Bible and read the Christmas story, explaining how God loved the world so much that He sent His own Son to die for sinners.

Gifts had been piled beneath the tree. Now the children hurried to read the names and give them out. Strangely, Melissa found that she too had been included. And there were toys and warm clothes for her brothers and sisters! "Next Sunday you must bring them all and come with us to Sunday school," the children insisted.

"Yes, Melissa," added their mother. "We'd be so glad to have you. Would you like to go?"

Would she? She'd love it!

At last quiet settled over the house. The Indian girl was snugly cuddled into bed with a warm feather comfort pulled around her ears. How different from home where she lay on the dirt floor rolled in a tattered quilt! From the window she could see one bright star, reminding her of the star that shone on the first Christmas. What was it the missionary had said? "Jesus was God's Christmas Gift to each of us. He came to take sin away from our hearts, and to give us happiness and peace. He is waiting to come into our lives any time we ask Him."

Looking toward the sky, Melissa tried her first prayer. "God, the missionary said any time. I'd like Him to come right now. I know I've done a lot of bad things, but I aim to be different now. And one more thing, God. The white man said you could do anything. Would you please talk to him there in the jail? Make him know that you sent your Son for him, too. Good-night, God, and thank you."

With a smile on her face and a wonderful new feeling in her heart, Melissa was drifting off to sleep. Somewhere the chimes began playing again. Now she knew the words.

"Joy to the world; the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king. Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing."



#### CALIFORNIA CHURCH CHOOSES PIONEER BLUE PRINT PLAN

The congregation of the Assembly of God at Port Hueneme, Calif., dedicated their lovely new church building and Sunday school facilities on Sunday afternoon, August 16. District Superintendent L. E. Halvorson was the speaker and also officiated. N. E. Carlson, sectional presbyter, assisted with the service.

One of the National Home Missions plans, The Conqueror, was modified by the regional architect, Joseph Colombo, for building this church. Mr. Colombo also prepared the plot plan. Since this church is more than three years old, they paid \$100 for the blueprints from the National Home Missions Department. The blueprint service is available to pioneer churches three years old or under for only \$50. Plotplanning service is available from the regional architects, as well, at a reasonable price. Several new plans are being added to the book Plans for Pioneers in the near future.

Construction of the Port Hueneme church began in August, 1958, and the building was completed last January. The new church property includes an auditorium 32 by 72 feet, Sunday school rooms, baptistry, three restrooms, nursery, kitchen, and the pastor's office. Its appraised value is \$40,000. Much of the labor was donated.

Beulah Cowan started the Port Hueneme work nine years ago and six months later she turned it over to J. Harold Edmonds, the present pastor. The Sunday school average for the last year was 106. The people are thankful to the Lord for helping them to erect such a fine building.









# KEY TO THE FUTURE

BY M. L. KETCHAM Field Secretary for Asia

**T**ODAY, READING IS MORE IMPORTANT than ever before! Countries recently released from the bondage of the past are looking to the printed word for education, enlightenment, and help for the future. In Japan one sees common laborers avidly reading the newspaper during their lunch hour—eager to find out what is going on in the world even though their meager bowl of rice may go uneaten.

Newly freed India has been desperately trying to educate its people, experimenting with free compulsory education that its people may be enlightened. On a recent trip through the heart of Africa I saw groups of Africans gathered around inflammatory pamphlets, reading them, discussing them, working themselves up to a frenzy. (These same Africans erupted into violent anti-government demonstration shortly thereafter.)

It is reported that the government of Cuba apparently fears the over-all effect of anti-government handbills dropped from the air more than it does bombs and machine guns. How vividly do I recall seeing in Rangoon, Burma, whole blocks of stalls and booths and bookrooms crammed with Communistic literature put up in the most attractive style. These booths were simply flooded with young college students drinking in the pernicious propaganda therein. Literature offers the key to men's souls, the "open sesame" to the future. The world knows about it, governments know about it, the devil knows about it, Communism knows about it —and we who have the true Word of Life must be equally alert!

Without doubt, the world-wide ministry of the Assemblies of God is unique. Its chain of Bible schools is second to none. Its evangelistic centers in such places as Calcutta, Colombo, Hong Kong, and Manila are outstanding. When it comes to the establishment of indigenous churches, the Assemblies of God is in the vanguard. In many countries outside of the United States, the Assemblies of God is by far the largest of the various Protestant groups.

And yet we have placed in the hands of our children the task of raising funds for the preparation and distribution of gospel literature! That they have done a tremendous job is self-evident! All credit should go to those who have conceived and are operating the BGMC program and to the children who are supplying the necessary funds. Whatever plans may be made for the enhanced literature program in the future, it is obvious that the BGMC program needs every bit of help and encouragement which every member of the Assemblies of God can contribute at the present time. Parents-don't let your children stuff their barrels with pennies and nickels. Give them guarters and fifty-cent pieces! Undergird their program! Encourage them!

Some of the facets of the worldwide literature program of the Assemblies of God which are being supported by BGMC funds are as follows:

1. Publication of tracts to reach non-Christians. Literally millions of tracts have been put out in nearly 100 languages throughout the world. For instance, a tract called "Sinless Incarnation," which has been subsidized by BGMC funds, has been distributed in most of the bazaars and market places of Eastern India and has been the means of leading many to Christ.

2. Printing of books (largely written by nationals of countries in question) demonstrating clearly that Christ is the Saviour of the world.

3. Printing of books, largely translated from the English language for the benefit of students in Bible schools, etc.

4. The establishment and operation of correspondence schools. These have a unique ministry. For instance, in Bangalore, India, the home study division is supported entirely by BGMC funds. This division puts out very fine correspondence courses in Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, and other languages. Thousands are reached with the Christian message; many attest to an experience of salvation through these courses. Of like nature is the "Sunday School of the Air," a foundational course in basic Christianity carried on through a large radio station in Manila. Likewise, home study courses are carried on in conjunction with a Tokyo radio program. All of these are supported by BGMC funds.

5. Sunday school courses. In various countries throughout the world, Sunday school courses, including literature, cards, quarterlies, etc., are being prepared through BGMC funds. For instance, the courses prepared in Pakistan are being used by all Protestant churches. The Spanish literature Department puts out extensive Sunday school courses, subsidized through BGMC funds.

6. Book rooms, well stocked with Christian and Pentecostal literature and staffed by translators, colporteurs, etc. In many key cities of the world, such bookrooms are having a tremendous impact upon the Christian and non-Christian communities alike-and they are supported by BGMC funds.

7. Publication of magazines, largely for strengthening of the Christian church. Some of these magazines give excellent Pentecostal articles (many taken from The Pentecostal Evangel). Other articles are prepared locally. In countries such as Pakistan, South India, and Korea, these Pentecostal magazines are widely read. And they too are supported through BGMC funds.

8. Preparation of mimeograph notes, pamphlets, and even major textbooks for use in the Bible school program of the Assemblies of God throughout the world!

This is a great program, a vital program! It deserves not only the enthusiastic backing of the boys and girls of the Assemblies of God, but also of the loyal, prayerful, and material support of every member of the Assemblies of God churches!

### Michigan Lady Healed

Estella Snook of Marshall, Mich., has experienced God's healing power in a wonderful way. Several years ago she became so anemic she was unable to work. She was under a doctor's care for more than a year, but today she is well.

In 1956 she asked her pastor, W. E. Severance, and another pastor to pray for her. As a result of prayer she was completely healed of this condition.

This summer Mrs. Snook had her teeth pulled because of pyorrhea. The poison had gone into her system, resulting in an uncomfortable skin disorder. When physicians were unable to clear this up, God once again intervened, and in answer to prayer Mrs. Snook has completely recovered. She says, "May all the glory and praise go to God, the Healer of all diseases!"

(Endorsed by Pastor William Severance, Verplank Assembly of God, Rt. 1, Olivet, Mich.)





SOFT SNOW FALLING. SPIRITS BRIGHT. Fields, trees, rivers-everything-covered with snow, that white winter glory. It's Christmas ... and we love it.

White Christmas. Beautiful snow. Let us, as the inspired writer of old has challenged, enter into the treasures' of the snow. Let us enter into the full meaning of Christmas. Let us come to know Him who made possible that first Christmas.

While science, with camera and microscope reveals the treasures of the snow, the following are spiritual treasures hidden in the Holy Scriptures:

The first treasure of the snow is the treasure of forgiveness. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). The snow reminds us of God's loving and forgiving character. No one will say that he has not sinned.... And the wages of sin is eternal death. But God loves us. The reason He sent His Son to earth long ago was that He might die for the sin of the world. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). And now, if we acknowledge our sinfulness in God's sight, and trust the Lord Jesus Christ

as our personal Saviour, we are cleansed and made as white as snow. Have you entered into this treasure?

The second treasure is that of fellowship. David, after he had served God for years, sinned grievously. He lost God's smile. He needed to confess his sin that he might be restored. In Psalm 51:7 we hear his cry to God, "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow!" Oh, that none who has been cleansed by the precious blood of Christ may neglect coming to Him for washing, that his fellowship might remain unbroken.

The third treasure of the snow is that of Christ's eternal presence. In that scene of glory in the Revelation we read, "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow" (Revelation 1:14). Here Christ appears as the Ancient of the Ages, the One in whom is all wisdom and knowledge. And it is going to be the eternal joy of the Christian to dwell eternally with Christ in heavenly glory.

But you cannot know anything of this until you know the first treasure of forgiveness. May this truly be for vou a white Christmas, because vour heart is cleansed through the blood of Christ.

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Revivaltime evangelist in the studio of Station WHHH. Left to right: Robert E. Hardy, manager; Chester Waggoner, sales manager; C. M. Ward; Herbert E. Eicher, pastor of First Assembly.

# Radio Station WHHH, Warren, Ohio—One of Revivaltime's Oldest Outlets

#### By C. M. Ward

**R** ECENTLY IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO CONDUCT A FOURnight Prophetic Conference with Pastor H. E. Eicher and his congregation at the First Assembly of God in Warren, Ohio. The auditorium was filled for the occasion and additional seats were brought into use.

Two of the fine agencies that helped to publicize the meetings were *The Warren Tribune* and Radio Station WHHH which are closely associated in the city. I personally enjoyed the warmest and most sincere hospitality extended to me by the entire management and staff of WHHH. Mr. Robert E. Hardy, the general manager and a veteran in the industry, attended a special noonday service for businessmen of the city, and he later wrote to me as follows:

#### "Dear Rev. Ward:

"It was a great pleasure to meet with you on your recent visit to Warren and to see and hear first-hand the inspiring work that you are doing.

"The association of WHHH and the Assemblies of God has been a long and satisfying one, beginning with the 'Sermons in Song' program many years ago and then with your *Revivaltime* from its beginning to the present. In addition to this, your local pastor, the Rev. H. E. Eicher, is heard three times each week with an outstanding inspirationl service called 'Your Prayer Time.'

"We find all of these services are of the highest calibre an WHHH is proud to be a part of your team in bringing this message to the public."

One of the fine spiritual assets to the Assemblies of God work in Warren is the professional activity and layministry of Mr. Chester Waggoner, sales manager for WHHH. He is a member of the official board of the First Assembly, and very fine song leader for all the serv-



PHOTO BY JAMES LEISY, WARREN TRIBUNE CHRONICLE

ices. He is a member of that great Waggoner family which has given so many missionaries and workers to our denomination. All the staff at this radio station respect and love Chester Waggoner: And everybody knows he is a Christian! He says this about working in the industry:

"I feel the Lord has placed me here in the sales department of WHHH as a living witness. This station boasts of a large adult audience. We incorporate no 'rockand-roll' or 'top ten' as do many stations today. On Sundays almost the entire day's broadcast schedule is filled with religious services. And I believe God has prospered the station for this policy.

"Christ is everything to me. I had the privilege of being born to the home of John Waggoner, one of the early Pentecostal pioneers. Previous to joining the staff here I worked twenty years in sales with *The Warren Tribune Chronicle*, which owns the station. In these hectic days I count it a real joy to serve Christ in the business field of radio. I find over and over again that Christ is the answer to business problems and competition that I must meet. I marvel at the way He opens doors. Constantly I must credit Him for contracts that I am able to bring back to this office signed and completed...."

I thank God for this fine channel of service that is operating in one of Ohio's best-known communities. It is not surprising that Pastor Eicher and this congregation have now stepped out and bought  $17\frac{1}{2}$  acres of valuable real estate adjacent to the city's new shopping center. The building of a greatly enlarged soul-saving property will get under way this spring, should Jesus tarry.

REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

# New Mexico Woman's Vocal Cords Healed

N JANUARY OF 1955 I BEGAN TO BE hoarse quite frequently. At first I thought it might be laryngitis, but as the weeks went by the condition worsened. Some days my voice would only be husky, and other days I could scarcely speak above a whisper.

In June of that year I went to a throat specialist. He discovered several tiny ulcers on my larynx, some of which he said were on the verge of hemorrhaging. He said the vocal cords appeared damaged. He prescribed medication and advised me to give my vocal cords a complete rest for six weeks, not to talk at all.

I followed the doctor's orders pretty

well because I wanted to have a normal voice again. At the end of this period my voice was still as bad as ever.

The doctor then began giving me a different type of drug. This was only the first of many different medicines I was to take in the months to follow, with no apparent improvement.

I became very nervous because of my voice. A short conversation would leave me with a severe headache as a result of the strain and effort of talking. The doctor then suggested an operation to remove the ulcer scars. However, I could not face the prospect of such delicate surgery.



My voice had been prayed for on numerous occasions, but I hadn't been able to receive my healing. I firmly believed in divine healing, for my parents were Assemblies of God ministers and had taught me of it from childhood. I had witnessed many marvelous healings, but this current affliction was my greatest test of faith.

When two years had passed and I was still suffering, my faith began to crumble and I feared I was destined to live with a broken whisper for a voice. Then in July of 1957 our church began a revival. In every service the presence of the Lord was felt in unlimited measure. The evangelist's sermons were so faith-inspiring that I could feel my faith growing. One night he called for those who needed healing to come for prayer. I went forward. As the pastor and evangelist laid their hands upon me and prayed, faith took hold of my heart. Never had I felt such faith in God. I knew at that moment that He was going to restore my voice. My heart and soul literally overflowed with love and adoration for my Saviour.

For four days following this experience my voice remained as hoarse and husky as ever, but my faith did not waver. I just continued thanking the Lord for my healing and waiting for the manifestation of it. On the fifth morning the telephone rang and I answered it. The minute I spoke my voice was perfectly normal again! It was as clear and strong as it had ever been. I was so happy I could hardly speak intelligently to the party on the phone. I can't begin to explain how wonderful it is once again to be able to carry on a normal conversation without a headache as an aftermath. And it is so good to be able to sing again.

For over two years I have enjoyed a perfectly healthy throat and normal voice. Every time I think of this miracle my heart is stirred afresh with the knowledge of God's love toward us. He not only is willing and able to heal our every affliction, but *He wants to!* He asks only for our complete trust and unwavering faith in Him.—*Mrs. D. G. Lewis*, 1511 *N. Cochran, Hobbs, N. Mex.* 

(Endorsed by Hubert R. Ratliff, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Hobbs, N. Mex. Pastor Ratliff says, "This testimony of healing is true. Mrs. Lewis is healed today. She and her husband sing duets in our church.")

# "I Was an Alcoholic"

**M** Y NAME IS JUNIE E. TERRY. I live at 321 West Olney Road, Norfolk, Va. Before God came into my life two and a half years ago, I was in and out of jail over a hundred times, and I was a confirmed alcoholic. God began to deal with me when I was injured in a serious auto accident.

At that time, an elderly Pentecostal man came into the hospital and prayed for me. I was instantly healed by the power of God. I wanted to live right, but I could not break the drink habit. I mistreated my wife and children and disgraced myself many times.

Then came the day of my transformation. I had been drinking continually for a whole year and on Sunday, February 14, 1957, I was still at it. I had gone from one tavern to another when I noticed a street meeting. The people were playing and singing some good gospel songs, and I went over to listen.

I had been drinking for so long that I thought I was going to die that night. The Lord really got hold of me as I stood and listened. The meeting was being conducted by Lee Ross and friends from the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. The people were kind to me. They asked if I would go to church with them. I got in their car and went. While Pastor Charles H. Harthern was preaching, I was under conviction of sin. When the altar call was made I was the first to respond. The Lord sobered me, saved me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost that same night. I was baptized in water, and have never looked back to the old life from that night to this.

I work as a painter at the Leigh Memorial Hospital and have not lost one day's work. My family goes to church with me. My desire is to see others delivered from the clutches of the devil. I have proved that "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

(Endorsed by Pastor Charles H. Harthern, who says, "Brother Terry's testimony has made a lasting impression upon many people, and especially so at the hospital where he works. His life and testimony has brought a nurse to our church.") Good Deal: Date



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As you plan your 1959 WATCHnight service, consider prayer as the major part of the program. For if God's people will not seek His face in this crucial hour for themselves, for their children, and for Christ's cause, the Church will never edify the saints or convert the sinners.

Saints who cannot prevail with God will never succeed in winning people. And failing here, they shall be as impotent as the Laodiceans and just as eligible for rebuke from Christ.

How shall we plan for an effective watch-night service? Let us consider first the desires of the Lord Jesus who is the Head of the Church. Let us not forget that we are His servants and that it is He who is to have His way in the churches, not we ourselves. A real audience with the Lord, learning from Him the means and manner of conduct for your watch-night service, is of the first importance. As His instruments, we are to do God's work always in His time and way under the guidance and in the grace of the Spirit of God.

But you ask, "Will the people come just for spiritual fellowship and prayer?" The answer is, "The godly remnant will come." These are your best people. These are the people God loves to bless. His "eyes... are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12).

There are more members interested in real prayer meetings than you may think. The number of people in your congregation who are deeply concerned for the salvation of their households might surprise you. Sunday school teachers exercised in soul for the conversion of their students, and young people's workers who know the problems of teen-agers, have more of a real concern for their salvation than is generally realized. Older Christians too want to see a real spiritual awakening.

It is the task of the minister to get souls to turn to God from Satan. Unless Satan is dethroned and Christ enthroned as rightful King in human lives, the minister has labored in vain. His main work is to turn men "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive . . . inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith" (Acts 26:18).

But the minister cannot do this alone. He must also get his people to love the Word, develop their prayer lives, witness effectively. Spiritual gains give a minister not only commendation from God but blessings from a happy, useful people. Let us take seriously the great spiritual opportunity of watch-night services for reviving the work of God.

How can we have a watch-night meeting that will definitely promote revival in the church? The pattern appeared in the infant Church during the forty days the risen Saviour went in and out among those first disciples. Here are the facts briefly stated:

The disciples had lost the actual presence of Christ in their assemblies. Because of this they realized more than ever that the world about them was at enmity with God. They were concerned. and wept over their sad situation, most of all over losing Christ from their assemblies. Therefore they met frequently for consolation and counsel. They were joyously surprised when Christ suddenly appeared among them. Immediately their hearts were united in faith, hope, and love. Their hearts burned as they talked with Him and their lips were touched with fire from above. They accepted Christ's rebukes and counsel with humble hearts. They obeyed His commands without question and were blessed beyond measure.

This original revival of the Early Church presents a pattern we could well follow. As we pursue this course we will have a glorious visitation from the Saviour with the result that souls will be awakened and renewed. All substitutes for a watch-night prayer meeting will fall short of the highest goal. Bringing people together solely for a little entertainment and refreshment and an incidental prayer will fail to accomplish all that is possible in such a service. Spiritual interest must be uppermost. Let the other be incidental and not the lure.

Make much of the Lord and what He wants to accomplish in the lives of His people. Remember that your church will not be awakened from her slumbers with a sedative, but with a divinely prescribed tonic of prayer and heart searching.

-Great Commission Prayer League

# The Eagle Experience

T IS SAID THAT NO OTHER BIRD lives so much of its life at great heights as does the eagle. It makes its nest in the crags high up on the mountain, in places inaccessible to man or predatory beast. And it often soars high above the earth as if it disdained to associate with things of so low an estate.

In the Bible the Lord used the eagle more than once to illustrate certain truths. Each time the thought of height, strength, and safety is brought out. The eagle experience of spiritual life

# Executive Presbyters Proclaim Week of Prayer

#### JANUARY 3-10, 1960

By official action of the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God, the first full week of 1960 beginning Sunday, January 3, has been proclaimed a Week of Prayer for all churches in our fellowship.

"We encourage the Assemblies of God, our members and friends, to make this week a time of deep heart-searching in prayer that God will send a revival among us in our generation," the proclamation reads.

The observance coincides with the Universal Week of Prayer that is being promoted by the National Association of Evangelicals and by similar bodies in other lands. The Universal Week of Prayer is an annual observance that was started one hundred years ago. It always falls on the first full week of the year. As Christian leaders in issuing this one-hundredth universal call to prayer point out, "There has never been a time when there was greater need for united intercession. The world situation presents a picture of extreme urgency. While we thank God for those doors that are still open for the preaching of the gospel, we must face the fact that other doors are closing. On all sides Christianity is being challenged. At such a time as this, Christian people do well to draw together in prayer. Let us particularly pray that the church may experience times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Local assemblies are urged to co-operate in the week of prayer in every way possible. Many churches will have nightly prayer meetings during this time.

Individuals whose churches for some reason cannot co-operate with special prayer services may join the observance with intercession in their own homes.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

is lived high, but many seem to prefer trying to reach the higher altitudes on their own feet, helping themselves with earth-made crutches. They do not see their privilege of spreading wings of faith in the Lord and soaring aloft to heights where they can breathe the pure, invigorating air of the mountains of salvation.

Does temptation appear in the pathway? Spread your God-strengthened wings and with a cry of victory soar above it. Trials and troubles of many sorts may at times invade our lives and darken our days. Though these be our lot, there is a place where we may "run and not be weary," where we may "walk and not faint." The soul on eagle wings can enjoy the glory of a clear sky above every cloud.

The only way to obtain and maintain this experience is to "wait on the Lord." Man may be able to fly high into the vast space surrounding this earth, but never will he be able to take high spiritual flights except by first bowing low before the Lord. There, waiting in His presence, man is given the strength of soul that enables him to "mount up with wings as eagles."

Even though we walk on earth, our souls can soar high above its entanglements. And some day with a resurrected, glorified body we shall fly to the heights of the eternal heaven to dwell in the very presence of the Lord before whom we have waited here.

-Edith Carey

#### FAITH

Faith is the one link between the soul and truth.

Faith is the spiritual eye that, piercing the clouds, can see God in the dark.

If a man maintains his faith in an unerring God, all the grinding poverty that ever crowded a man into an attic cannot keep him from the mansion prepared for him.



▶ BELL, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelists Leslie and Oleta Eldridge. One was saved and four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

#### -Douglas Brown, Pastor

CLARKSTON, WASH.-The Assembly here rejoices in a very successful threeweek meeting with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. The people were challenged to seek the Lord in a greater way, and God met those who went to the altar for salvation, healing, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

#### -Wesley A. Nelson, Pastor

BRISCA, TEX.-Evangelists Glenetta and Arlene Johnson of Canyon, Tex., just closed a two-week revival here. The blessing of the Lord was in every service. The people enjoyed the anointed singing and preaching of the Word. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. One lady who had been unable to stand because of rheumatism was remarkably healed. Now she can be on her feet all day without pain. Many others were healed of various diseases. The church was blessed and encouraged to move on for God. -Dora Lane, Pastor

▶ WILLIMANTIC, CONN.—Souls were saved and the entire church stirred to a closer Christian walk during the recent revival held here by Evangelist and Mrs. Ken George of Kermit, Tex. This was the best attended revival ever held in this city. There were visitors in almost every service. The outstanding sermons and sincere ministry were appreciated by all. The congregation especially enjoyed the Southern gospel singing and the variety of musical instruments.

The Georges were also the evangelists at the Southern New England District C. A. Camp where 90 attended each week. Some 50 teen-agers were saved and all the campers were stirred to a greater personal dedication. After several items had been laid on the altar, the evangelist started a collection of these articles in what was called, "Ken's Sack." At the end of the two weeks the sack was full of cigarettes, lipstick, cards, obscene literature, etc. This sack was burned at a campfire "fagot rally." The most memorable service of all was on the afternoon when each camper came to the microphone and testified to what God had done for him personally. Only eternity will reveal all the results of the last few weeks of the Georges' ministry here in Southern New England. -Harold D. Hanson, Pastor (former D-CAP)

►KLAMATH FALLS, OREG. - The church here recently enjoyed three weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. David Godwin. About 15 came forward for salvation. The Sunday school increased. Nearly 4,000 invitations were given out by the congregation.

#### -Silas H. Jones, Pastor

► ALBANY, GA.—Faith Temple rejoices in the good results of a four-week revival conducted by Evangelist Desmond Evans of Wales. A number received remarkable healings. One outstanding phase of the revival was the spontaneous praise, worship, and joy among the believers. The persuasive presentation of the gospel brought conviction and a response in the hearts of many. The people also enjoyed the inspiring singing and music. -Inez LaGrone, Pastor

▶ ELK CITY, OKLA.—The First Assembly of God has just concluded a most gracious revival with Evangelist J. W. Farmer of LaMesa, Tex. People were blessed by the anointed ministry. Many said it was one of the best revivals the church has enjoyed for -Joe Calabrese, Pastor some time.

▶ ILWACO, WASH.—Evangelist Marvin Moe, assisted by Reuben and Betty Korpi, of Seattle, just concluded a tent revival on the Long Beach Peninsula. This was the very first time a tent meeting had been held here. There was a gracious visitation of old-time revival. Many were saved and healed, and six were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Several churches cooperated in the meetings. Many people from other denominations attended the services.

#### -Hannes H. Wirkkala, Pastor

► ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—The city of Anchorage is indebted to the Assemblies of God for supplying the remarkable evangelistic team for the eleventh annual Anchorage Gospel Crusade. Those making up the team were Evangelist and Mrs. C. M. Ward and Walter C. Hanson. Hundreds indicated a spiritual need, responding to the altar call and raising their hands. The Counseling Committee reported 63 positive decisions. Half of them were first-time conversions. The auditorium facilities were taxed to the maximum for the closing services. With 30 churches co-operating, representing most of the city's denominations, the Crusade enjoyed an unusual sense of harmony. The committee and the team worked tirelessly. Walter Hanson's personal soul winning between sessions touched the lives of many. Ministers and laymen met each week-day morning for lessons on practical Christian living taught by C. M. Ward. It was not easy to determine where lay the greatest blessing, in Brother Ward's messages or Brother Hanson's pre-prayer devotionals. The children will never forget the Saturday evening family night. Nor will the standing-room-only crowd forget the Sunday evening choir recital and musicale presented under Walter Hanson's leadership. Truly the eleventh Anchorage Gospel Crusade was a memorable occasion.

-David Hogan, Chairman



Pastor David Hogan (left) welcomes the evangelistic team—Walter Hanson, C. M. Ward, and Mrs. Ward—to Anchorage, Alaska.



Attendance at one of the meetings conducted by Evangelist J. W. Farmer at the First Assembly in Elk City, Okla.



The 308 persons who attended Sunday school during the ten days of meetings in El Paso, Texas conducted by Evangelist Christian Hild. Many were converted during the meetings. William F. Hageman is pastor.

▶ FREDERICKTOWN, MO. —Evangelist Glenna Byard recently conducted two weeks of revival services at the Cornwall Assembly. God's blessing was rich throughout the meetings. Eight souls found the Lord and six received the Holy Ghost. Many others were refreshed and refilled with the Spirit.

-M. O. Wampler, Paston

▶ ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple recently enjoyed a very profitable meeting with the Musical Eskelins of Florida. Though the meetings were of short duration they were a great blessing to the church. Crowds increased each night, and a goodly number knelt at the altar for salvation. -D. A. Hastie, Pastor

▶ EL RIO, CALIF.-The church here enjoyed a wonderful series of meetings with Evangelist Don Argue and party. God came down in a mighty way and filled the house with His glory. Children as well as adults were filled with the Holy Ghost. The preaching was straightforward and stirring.

-J. C. McIntosh, Pastor

► CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.-Evangelist E. L. Surratt of Fruita, Colo. conducted revival meetings in the Glad Tidings Assembly here during September. Six souls were saved and six filled with the Holy Spirit. There were backsliders reclaimed and several refilled. This was one of the best revivals in the history of the church. -Jerry H. Shipman, Pastor

BELTON, S. C .- The Dry Oak Assembly of God has just concluded one of its most successful revivals. The evangelist was George Klarman, former secretary of the Georgia district. Every service was especially marked by the moving of the Holy Spirit. There were 14 saved, two filled with the Holy Spirit, and many rededicated their lives to God. The. compassion for souls that was exhibited by the evangelist had a profound effect upon -David Flanagan, Pastor the people.

SAND SPRINGS, OKLA .- Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in three weeks of meetings in the Skyview Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist E. D. Bagwell of Oklahoma City. The church was greatly blessed by the preaching, and the revival spirit still prevails. -L. M. Reed, Pastor

▶ N. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.-The First Assembly here has just concluded a soulstirring revival crusade with 22-year-old Evangelist Tommy Barnett. During the two weeks of meetings 58 responded to the invitation for salvation, and many of these were first-time decisions for Christ. The whole church was stirred, but especially the young people. They have a greater concern for the lost and a deeper walk with the Lord. The inspiring music and dynamic Bible preaching was a great blessing to the church. -Wesley P. Steelberg, Pastor

► ELDORA, IOWA-One of the hest revivals in the history of the church was recently conducted here by the Applegate Evangelistic Party of Antwerp, Ohio. The church has experienced a real breaking because of the convicting power of the Holy Ghost. Many felt a healing touch and some were slain under the power of God. The revival spirit has continued even after the close of the meetings. Two young ladies dedicated their lives to full-time service and applied for Bible school training. Two Sundays after the meeting a mother and her three children (Junior age and above) came weeping to the altar for salvation. A high spirit of expectancy has continued in the regular services following the revival.

-Leroy Whiteman, Pastor

▶ HULL, TEX.—The North Hull Assembly of God just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist Jim H. Anderson who is a newly appointed missionary to India. This was his last evangelistic meeting in America before going to the foreign field. Several were saved and re-

claimed, and the Christians were revived. There was a special move of God in every service. The people were moved to contribute to the missionary support of the Andersons and a total of \$321.00 was given. A shower of personal items was also given to each member of the family. They received a number of gifts in the line of household articles and groceries. -Coy E Walker, Pastor

ATLANTA, GA.-The Northwest Assembly of God has just concluded one of the best revivals in many years with Evangelist and Mrs. Forrest Whaley of Tampa, Fla. Nine were saved and two received the Holy Spirit.

-M. G. Barfield, Pastor

▶ PE ELL, WASH.-Evangelist Esko Rentola recently conducted four nights of special meetings in the church here. Six were saved and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. One was also refilled. Many people broke before the Lord as the evangelist drew beautiful pictures of the cru--Alfred Jacob, Pastor cifixion.

▶ WEWOKA, OKLA.—Three were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during two weeks of revival here with Evangelist and Mrs. Jackie Pruitt of Fort Worth, Tex. One of those saved was a man who had been a drunkard for 15 years. The gentleman who received the baptism was 78 years of age. The anointed preaching was a great blessing to the church, and the people are still rejoicing. -R. S. Strange, Pastor

► CROSSETT, ARK.—The people of the Cloverdale Assembly of God here enjoyed an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Leon Morrow of Dallas, Tex. Thirty-one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and 10 were saved. The church was wonderfully revived. The excellent preaching and the untiring efforts of the evangelist in ministering around the altar contributed much to the success of the -Charles D. Gibson, Pastor meetings.



One of the high lights of the recent PFNA convention was an afternoon communion service. Officials of the various Pentecostal denominations served the elements at this service, which was held at the First Church of the Open Bible Standard, in Des Moines, Iowa.



A number of college groups provided special music during the PFNA convention. Shown above is the Evangel choir from Springfield, Missouri.

#### OFFICIAL STATISTICS

PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

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# TWELVE PENTECOSTAL GROUPS UNITE IN FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION 젖 젖 젖

An estimated 1,200 persons attended the evening services of the eleventh annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America in Des Moines, Iowa, October 27-29. Daytime sessions were held in the First Church of the Open Bible Standard, with evening meetings in the Hoyt Sherman Place auditorium.

Two additional groups—the Free Will Baptists of Pentecostal Faith and the Congregational Holiness Church—joined the fellowship this year, making a total of twelve member groups representing over 14,000 local churches.

Walter E. McAlister, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was named chairman, succeeding Gayle F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Chairmanship of the PFNA is rotated so that officials of the various member organizations may have opportunity to serve.

Other executive officers named during the recent convention include James R. Cross, general overseer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., first vice chairman; R. Bryant Mitchell, general chairman of the Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, second vice chairman; R. O. Corvin of Oklahoma City, general secretary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, secretary; Chester I. Miller, general overseer of the Pentecostal Church of Christ, treaurer.

During the convention delegates received a report on plans for the 1961 World Conference of Pentecostal Churches to be held in Jerusalem, Israel. Site of the World Conference sessions will be Jerusalem's beautiful new municipal auditorium, May 19, 20, and 21, 1961, closing on Pentecost Sunday. Further information on accommodations and expense may be obtained from the Advisory Committee secretary, G. F. Lewis, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



Four of the newly elected officers of the PFNA: Walter E. McAlister, James R. Cross, R. O. Corvin, and R. Bryant Mitchell.

### God's Wonderful Gifts

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says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from above"? I tell vou, we can have all God has for us if we will only make room for Him and for all His good gifts. God's giving is only limited by our capacity to receive.

#### "ALL THINGS"

Romans 8:32 is a wonderful Christmas Scripture verse. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" If we have the Son of God, then we are entitled to the "all things" He promises. God is pleased to give His good gifts to us. We should never think that we have to cajole Him into giving us anything. Prayer serves to condition us to re-

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ceive what God is already anxious to bestow upon us. There is no variableness with God. He doesn't feel like giving one day and like withholding the next. He is always ready to give to His children. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13)

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT

If Christ had not come, just think of all the things you take for granted that you would not have. Our Bibles would close with the Book of Malachi. We would have no New Testamentno gospel message. We could not tell sinners that the sin question has been forever settled and that we have a Saviour in Christ the Lord. We would have no churches, no ministry of consolation, no message of hope.

If Christ had not come we would not call this year 1959, because when He came He split time right down the middle. Every time we write A.D. (year of our Lord) on a letter we are acknowledging the first coming of our blessed Saviour.

If Jesus had not come we would not be singing, "O Holy Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and other Christmas songs. Our hymn books would have only blank pages. Thousands of books would have to come out of our libraries and the empty shelves would testify that He did not come.

But thank God He did come! In Him we have all there is to have. He is the gift that keeps on giving.

We enjoy His gifts every day, but we are in danger of taking them for granted because we forget that they are the effects of a great cause-the coming of our wonderful Saviour. The best things in life are free to us. The pure air we breathe; the abundant water; the beauties of nature; our physical senses; our individual abilities.

Take Jesus with you through life. Every day you will have some blessing from Him, something for which you can honestly say, "O Lord, I thank Thee!" Your life will become an endless testimony of praise and thanks to God for His unspeakable gift in Jesus Christ our Lord as you walk with Him.

### Looking for the King

A shipwrecked man was cast upon a desert island. He knew he was near the route of a certain shipping line, so he prepared a signal fire to be lighted when a ship passed by. He did not know when a ship would come, but he did know that they did not pass often. He watched patiently for many days, but finally hunger drove him into the wooded part of the island in search of food. To his dismay, when he returned, he saw the longed-for ship disappearing into the distance, and knew he had missed his chance.

When Christ came to earth the first time He was revealed to people who longed for His coming. Many missed Him simply because they were busy with other things and did not look for Him. He may come again before another Christmas. Many will miss His second coming because they are busy with the cares of this life and their own plans. But, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

#### EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

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ACCENIDIA DATE

STATE	CITY

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Sylacauga	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Wesley Weekley	Kenneth Byrd
Ariz.	Phoenix	Faith	Dec. 17-20	Ron Prinzing	Willis K. Hirschy
Calif.	Hawthorne	A/G	Dec. 27—	O. D. Burkett	J. A. Ireland
	La Mesa	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Ron Prinzing	Douglas G. Scott
	San Bernaidino	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Stenhouse-Miller Team	Louis Hauff
	Wilmington	First	Dec. 27	Cecil Grice	Thomas Ming
Ind.	Jasonville	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 3	Bob Ludwig & wife	Walter Batman
Iowa	Clinton	A/G	Dec. 27—	Paul & Dorothy Olson	C. E. Thompson
Mo.	Fredericktown	First	Dec. 27-	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Paul Adams
Okla.	Fairview	* First	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	N. B. Rayburn & wife	J. L. Beck
Tex.	Houston	Radio Revival	Dec. 27-	James Bridges	Kenneth Berry
	Tyler	Rose Center	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Musical Petersens	D. D. Lewis
Wash.	Ephrata	First	Dec. 27-	N. J. Sorensen	Frank Cole
	Orting	A/G	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Eric Johnson Team	Robert Webster
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In April 1959 (three months later) he was hitchhiking across the country with a friend. The two boys stopped at Maryland Heights, Mo., to visit relatives of Mark's friend.

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"I had never before been to a Pentecostal church, but I have never seen more sincere people or people with such faith in God as these."

(Endorsed by Pastor Edward H. Jones, Maryland Heights, Mo.)

#### **Christian Christmas**

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quire about this group of candles, and this gives us opportunity to give them the gospel.

Christmas should be a time of giving gifts in Christ's name to His work and to those in need. We have all been guilty of teaching our children selfishness by letting them think that Christmas is just a time of receiving gifts for themselves.

Encourage your children to put some needy children on their gift list—some who cannot give them anything in return. Then let them plan and wrap the gifts. Our girls have found so much joy in helping to plan gifts for others, that they often volunteer to give up some of their own gifts.

You can also teach your children the true spirit of giving by your example. Christmas should be a time of giving to the Lord by an extra gift to the work of your church, or a gift to faithful missionaries, or to those you know need your remembrance. Even as Christians we have slipped into the habit of giving gifts to our relatives and friends and those we know will give us a gift, with little or no thought of gifts for Christ and His work. On that first Christmas the Wise Men did not give each other gifts. They gave them to the Lord, to show their love and appreciation and devotion.

Christmas should also be a time of *worshiping* both in church and at your home.

Start reading the Scripture story of Christ's birth several nights before Christmas. There are some good Christmas storybooks on the market written in the Bible text with large pictures to interest even the youngest children. By the time Christmas arrives they will usually have the Scripture memorized.

After all the Christmas decorations are up and the children are ready for bed on Christmas Eve, it is a good time to have a family worship service. Sing some carols, read the Christmas story from Matthew 2 and Luke 2, and unite in prayer. This can easily be a time

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January is Training Month! Lay your plans well and Training Month, 1960, will be one of the greatest times of growth and inspiration your church has witnessed. Study and instructional materials are available from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

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of real praise for what Christ's coming means to each of us as Christians. The shepherds and the Wise Men all worshiped and praised God for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. How can we do better than to remember Christmas in the same way?

From our experience we have found that making a positive Christian approach to Christmas has settled the problem of what to do about Santa Claus. After having been taught the true meaning of Christmas from babyhood, neither of our daughters has ever become enamored with Santa Claus. Putting the emphasis on the true meaning of Christmas has given them something better.

Unless we stubbornly refuse to be overwhelmed by the hurry and flurry of the season, and make time to meditate on God's Word, there can be no true Christian joy this Christmas time. This kind of joy is not the world's idea of the "Christmas spirit." It cannot be experienced through worldly pleasures or even found in Christian activities. It comes only as we let the Holy Spirit give us Christ's joy.

If you have made Christ the center of all your Christmas preparations and have purposed to glorify God, I am sure He will honor you with a blessed and happy day. Gone will be the upset nerves, the tears, the fussing among the children, the little jealousies and complaining. In their place will be an inner calm and real heart joy such as only Christ can give.

May this be the best Christmas you and your family have ever known! —Reprinted from Moody Monthly (by permission)

PIPE ORGAN. How Great Thou Art; On Jordan's Stormy Banks; Bring Your Vessels Not a Few; Leaning on the Everlasting Arms; Wonderful Peace; When We All Get to Heaven; Bringing in the Sheaves; I Will Pilot Thee; Still Sweeter Every Day; What a Friend; I Am Resolved; Shelter in the Time of Storm. 27 EV 9323 Stereo \$5.98 27 EV 9334 Spectraphonic \$4.98 JUST A CLOSER WALK. Bob Daniels. I Will Pilot Thee; Linger a Moment; The Lord Is My Shepherd; Just When I Need Him Most; It Is Springtime; Closer Than a Brother; He Bought My Soul; For All My Sin; No One Understands Like Jesus; I Found the Answer; He'll Under-

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stand and Say Well Done. 27 EV 9340 Stereo \$5.98 27 EV 9354 Spectraphonic \$4.98 YOU WILL NEVER WALK ALONE. Ed Searcy. Is Your All on the Altar; The Haven of Rest; For All My Sin; Ivory Palaces; Holy, Holy, Is What the Angels Sing; Bless This House; Make Me a Blessing; I Will Pilot Thee; Follow, I Will Follow Thee; He Hideth My Soul; I See a Crimsom Stream. Les Barnett accompaniment. 27 EV 9345 Stereo \$5.98 27 EV 9359 Spectraphonic \$4.98

SONGSFORFAMILYDEVOTIONS.Wesley and Marilyn Tuttle.Where CouldI Go; My Heavenly Father Watches OverMe; Beautiful Isle of Somewhere; SoGreat Is His Love; Over the SunsetMountains; Safe in the Arms of Jesus;Cleanse Me; Overshadowed; Must JesusBear the Cross Alone; and three others.27 EV 9343Stereo\$5.9827 EV 9357Spectrophonic\$4.98

GARDEN OF THE HEART. Carmichael
Singers. Included are such beautiful se-
lections as, The Garden of My Heart;
Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus; O For a
Thousand Tongues; Overshadowed; Jesus
Gives; Sun of My Soul; The Very Thought
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Heart of God; and The Saviour Is Wait-
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REFRESHING MELODIES. Alvino Rey, console guitar; Ralph Carmichael orchestra. What a Friend; Cleanse Me; The Way of the Cross; Near the Cross; I Love Him; The Old Rugged Cross; In the Garden; Aloha Oe; My Home Sweet Home; The Haven of Rest; Now the Day is Over; presented in unique arrangements.

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