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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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# Jesus Is Real

General Lew Wallace, author of *Ben Hur*, was once a brilliant agnostic. One day, after a conversation with Robert Ingersoll, he decided to write a book to prove that no such man as Jesus Christ ever lived. For several years he combed the libraries of the U.S. and Europe collecting material. At last he felt he was ready to write the masterpiece of his life, a book that would prove to all the world that Jesus never lived and that all the New Testament says by and about Him was a fraud. But he said that as he began to write "it became clear to me that Jesus Christ was just as real a personality and teacher as Socrates, Plato, Caesar, and other ancient men. The conviction became certainty. . . . I asked myself candidly, 'If He was a real person (and of that there was no doubt) was He not then also the Son of God and the Saviour of the world?'"

"One night," he said, "I fell on my knees to pray for the first time in my life, and I asked God to reveal Himself to me, forgive my sins, and help me to become a follower of Christ. Toward morning the light broke into my soul. I went into my wife's bedroom, woke her, and told her that I had received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. You should have seen her face when I told her of my new faith!"

"Oh, Lew," she said, "I have prayed for this ever since you told me of your purpose to write this book. I prayed that you should find Him while you wrote it."

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace knelt at the bedside in that early morning hour and together they thanked God for His mercy and kindness in guiding a lost soul to the Light of the World. Though they had been married many years, they found a fellowship in Jesus Christ that brought a new and wonderful sweetness to their home. Then the general said, "What shall I do with all the material I have gathered with so much trouble and expense?"

"Oh," his wife answered, "just rewrite what you have written and send the book out into the world to prove from your own searching that Jesus Christ is everything He claimed to be." This he did, and the title of that book is *Ben Hur*.

There are many agnostics such as Lew Wallace was. The reason they have no faith is that they have rejected Christ without obtaining all the facts about Him. If they will earnestly search for light they will find it, for the Bible says, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

There are other people who, like Wallace, have been convinced that Jesus of Nazareth was a real person in history, but that is as far as they have gone. They only have a dead, historical Christ.

But Wallace went further. He prayed, repented, and believed until the historical Christ became to him a *personal* Christ. This can be the experience of every individual. It is the normal New Testament experience not only to be "born again" and become a Christian by regeneration but also to become intimately acquainted with the living Christ. He longs to become the Bridegroom of our souls; to have both union and communion with our hearts; to be more real to us than those we see and hear. Let Him manifest His personal presence in *your* life and He will transform it into a heaven on earth.

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CHRISTIAN CULTURE IS SUPERIOR TO OTHER CULTURES BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON LOVE, AND THIS LOVE COMES TO US THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF PERSONAL REGENERATION.

# CHRISTIAN CULTURE

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**E**VERY AGE HAS ITS CULTURE—ITS standard of training and refinement. We speak of Greek culture, of Roman culture, of modern culture. Moreover, each people has its culture. There is the culture of the Hindu, the culture of the Mohammedan, or of the Jew, of the Christian, etc. Within these cultures there are to be found varying degrees of excellence. Not all individuals are on the same level. Some have been deprived of the advantages of learning and of the discipline which the mental and moral training of their culture offers.

A careful study of the culture of any people will reveal that it is tied in with their religion. If the religion is faulty, the culture is imperfect. Where the objects of worship have been impure, the worshipers have been immoral. With such impurity there may be a cultivation of beauty and grace, but a failure when it comes to the cultivation of character. True culture embraces moral standards. Exquisite beauty and art were prominent features of Grecian culture, and with this came a desire for more knowledge. Their culture was tied in with their gods. It must have been confusing in Paul's day, for when he visited Athens he saw inscriptions to many gods which people accepted and worshiped.

Let us look now at the culture of Israel. It was to be developed on a basis of devotion to God and proper ethical practices among men. When God separated Israel from the other nations He gave them precepts which, if obeyed, would raise their culture to a higher level than that of the nations which surrounded them. Their culture was to be based on love—love to God and love to their fellow man. In the statutes and judgments (a code of ethics) God set forth guidance for every relationship between man and man, and between man and beast. There

were instructions for the relationships between man and wife; between parents and children; between God and the people.

When Israel wished to be like the nations around them, they adopted the worship of the gods of those nations, and it followed that they took on the ways of those nations also. They exchanged, to the extent that they went after other gods, the culture God had ordained for them for one largely dominated by Satan.

When Christ came, He set up principles of Christian culture. In large measure, it was based on the principles which God had laid down for Israel when He called them out of Egypt. However, the Israelites distorted these principles, seeking to make them conform with what they wished to do. Jesus pushed aside the rubbish of tradition and set about to re-establish the ancient standards. He went on to show them that God's standard could not be met through mere outward formalities. It must be found in the state of the heart. As from the heart of the unregenerate man evil by nature flowed, so from the heart of the born-again

man the graciousness of God was to be exhibited.

We live in a time of secular culture. Today's culture is built on a denial of man's obligation to God. Its theme is, "Throw off Christian restraint. Let us eat and drink, gamble, and satisfy any fleshly desire. Get all you can out of life, for tomorrow you may die."

But let those who so speak remember that all they have of moral culture they owe to the grace of God provided through the Jewish and Christian religions. Christianity sets forth high principles. Happy is he who can read those principles aright. The first principle in the fulfillment of Christian ethics, which is foundational to Christian culture, results from an infusion of a new life. The God who gave Israel its ethics, has given us a Saviour in the person of Jesus Christ. The person who would adorn Christian culture must accept Christ and be born again. The Spirit of God must enter his life, giving him desire and power by which he may grow in Christian grace. As redeemed man grows in God he grows in godliness, out of which comes Christian culture.

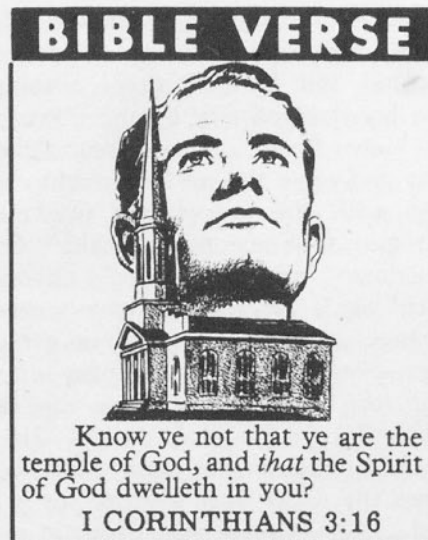
Christian culture begins with God. Man is called upon to love God with all his heart, his soul, and his mind. It is impossible to develop Christian character, out of which comes Christian culture, without devotion to God.

In a regenerated life (a life which is born of God) God plants love for Himself and for our fellow man. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

In our day there is a tendency to emphasize secular education to the exclusion of God and things spiritual. Even where God is not entirely ignored, His truths are too frequently distorted.

Do away with religion and you have

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TIME CHANGES MAN AND THE WORLD HE LIVES IN, BUT THERE ARE TRUTHS THAT NEVER CHANGE. DAVID SAID, "FOREVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN" (PSALM 119:89).

# Our Absolutes Must Be **FACTS ON FIRE**

By CHRISTINE K. PEIRCE  
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**T**HE WORD "ABSOLUTES," USED IN the title of this article, was forcibly brought to the writer's attention some time ago while listening to a radio forum debate. The question posed was, "Are the churches of America meeting the need of the people?"

When the meeting was thrown open for audience participation a woman asked one of the speakers, "Why is it that the Assemblies of God churches are getting the crowds today when many of our larger churches are not?"

The answer came without hesitation, "It is because they deal in absolutes! This kind of positive preaching gives the people the security and foundation for their faith which meets their needs."

This was indeed thought-provoking. We have referred to the truths we believe as verities or certainties. But "absolutes" is a stronger word. We believe and teach truths that are eternal, never-changing. Our foundation principles do not depend on time, place, or people. What a contrast to the theory of relativism that is taught in some schools of higher learning to the young people who will be the teachers of the next generation.

"There are no absolutes," they say, "no standards of right and wrong. The Ten Commandments were just a set of rules given to Israel and have no bearing on our lives today."

We know that the Ten Commandments are God's eternal *fiat*—unchange-

able principles of right and wrong—the rule of our moral standards and the basis for the laws of our country.

Relativism places the Bible on a level with the books of other religions. Little wonder then that when relativism moves into the Church the power and positiveness of the gospel moves out. Those who embrace it have no sure foundation for their faith—no staff upon which to lean in the day of trouble. The Church has lost its power and the world has lost its way. The trumpet gives an uncertain sound; the armies are scattered; the cause is lost.

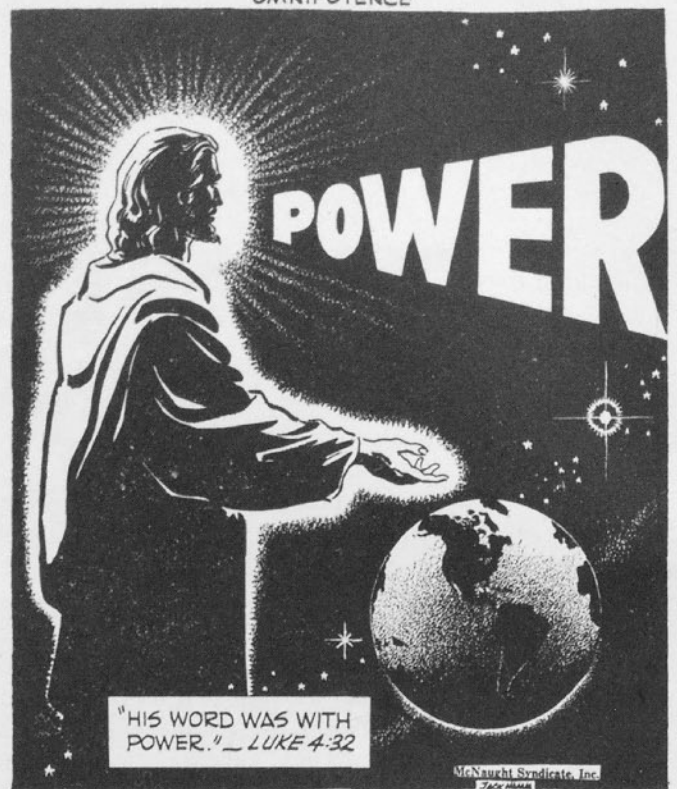
But the Word of our God is absolute. We believe it and teach it and live it by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## FACTS ON FIRE

The Pentecostal movement has grown, not only because we deal in absolutes but because these absolutes have been set on fire by the power of the Holy Spirit. To maintain these gains and meet the present world challenge with the gospel, the fire must be retained. Someone has said, "Cold orthodoxy never warmed anyone's heart." It is necessary to have a creed, but precious truths can become a mere form—even a Pentecostal form—if we fight for the facts and lose the fire.

The *fire* is the Holy Spirit. He is the burning, cleansing flame which consumes the dross until we can say with Paul, "Not I, but Christ liveth in me."

OMNIPOTENCE



This fire will consume with a love for God and for the lost so that we will pray, go, and give with such love that the Church of Jesus Christ will be united in spirit—an invincible force in the world.

John Wesley is quoted as having said to his ministers, "I do not fear the day may come when there will be no Methodist Church. But I do fear lest the time should come when the Holy Spirit is not present in power."

A minister of that same denomination was pleading for the church to return to its pristine power. In substance, he remarked, "There was a time when we as a denomination had the ear of the people. Today the Nazarenes and the Pentecostals have it... But unless they take heed and keep on the *old paths*, they will find themselves going down the same road that we as a denomination started to travel fifty years ago."

## ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way, and walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).

*Stand!* "Examine yourselves," Paul says. Days of prosperity are far more dangerous than when we were small in our own eyes. With the rush, even of Christian activities, we may lose our perspective concerning true values.

*See!* See Him, even as did Isaiah.



When he saw the Lord he was able to see himself, which led to confession, cleansing, commission, and consecration. Our motives and actions will be weighed in the light of His presence when we see Him.

We may be getting the crowds, but are we reaching the lost? As Christians are we witnessing to the unsaved? As a church are we reaching our potential? In a changing world we face new problems. Our Sunday evening services were once the peak of the week for reaching the unsaved. Now in some areas pastors say theirs is becoming a "Sunday morning church." If this means we are not reaching as many unsaved, then we may well be alarmed.

Evangelism is the lifeline of the church. It keeps the church alive. It feeds our schools with a supply of future ministers and missionaries. It is the fire that welds the church together. God has a plan for every emergency. If the unsaved are not *coming in*, it may be because the Church is not *going out* to bring them in. God's plan for the Church has not changed in nineteen centuries. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." "Go ye!"

"Ask for the old *paths*"—not the old *days*. God never changes. Let us observe a few characteristics that attended the outpouring in the early years of this movement. The writer's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Warren Kerr, were among the pioneers. They came into this Pentecostal experience while still united with another group upon whom God poured out His Spirit. This experience marked a new era in my parents' ministry, which resulted in the founding of the First Pentecostal Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The following personal observations are centered, principally, around their ministry there.

*The Word of God* held first place in my father's life and ministry. He dug deep into God's Word; thus his people were well established and extremes were not present. Whatever else took place in a service, there was always time for the message of the Word. Often the congregation sat there drinking in God's truths for two hours or more as father unfolded the Scriptures. People relished the Word. Today, by contrast, some folk watch the clock instead of waiting eagerly for more of the Word. Perhaps if we got back to the simple unfolding of

# A Baptism of Honesty

By LEONARD RAVENHILL

WE HEAR A LOT THESE DAYS ABOUT water baptism, less about a baptism of fire, still less about a baptism of suffering and nothing at all about a baptism of honesty, which is perhaps our supreme need in the church at this moment.

This is the bitter truth—if we can take it—that most of us could live our lives in our present level of spirituality by sheer will power and common intelligence. We have some of self and some of God, less of self and more of God; but where are they who can say, "None of self and all of God"?

We have terminology but not tears. Affluence but not influence. Interest but not intercession. We talk but do not work. We talk of the blessed Spirit but fail to demonstrate the power of the Spirit. We are loquacious about spiritual things but live very much after carnal things. We discourse on eternal things but delight in the things of time.

With the Euroclydon of hell sweeping over this generation we are found with a theology that is mere theory, the letter without the *life*.

With this wind of hell battering down upon her the ship of Zion is found high and dry on a sandbank of mere intellectual interpretations. The ship is

rocking. Her sails are ripping. Her spars snapping. By sheer necessity she cries, "*Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.*" When she should be a lifeboat, she is flying her own distress signal, advertising to a drowning world her own "helpless soul."

When she should be full steam ahead manning her lifeboats to rescue the perishing she is found with a sleeping crew and her engines waterlogged with a stagnant theology. Christians, awake!

This present paralysis will fill hell, forfeit reward and find us naked and ashamed at the judgment—saved by the skin of our teeth, saved as by fire.

What your church has done in the last two hundred years matters very little, my friend. What she does in the next five, matters very much. Sin is not an immovable mass. I believe that the blessed Holy Spirit is an irresistible force.

The question is as simple as this concerning your church: "If all its members were just like me, what kind of church would my church be?"

The Bible says, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2).

—*Prophetic News*

the Scriptures our spiritual appetites might return.

*Consecration*, holiness of life, and victorious living were continually taught. Waiting before God for the infilling of the Spirit, we "consecrated our way through" with hymns of Calvary and consecration, or simply waited in the quiet hush of His presence. Sacrifice on the altar is still the price of fire in our lives.

*Missionary zeal* was at white heat. The Pentecostals of forty years ago lived to give. The missionary convention was the high peak of the year. The people gave sacrificially. Those who sacrifice today likewise know the joy it brings into one's life. But when giving is cut back to make room for

more luxurious living, the church suffers, missions suffer, we suffer. Our spiritual life is on the wane instead of on the wing.

*Simplicity* was the keynote of living. Worship was with simplicity. There was no elaborate programming that left little or no room for God to work. A preacher would come along unexpected and unannounced. God had sent him. A revival would break out and continue for weeks.

Social life was also very simple. We who were the young people of those days were normal; we enjoyed a good time and had it—in street meetings and mission services. At other times we would get together for a social eve-

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# DO TONGUES MATTER?

**I**T SOMETIMES HAPPENS THAT A chance remark contains a flash of insight into an important matter. A few years ago the late E. J. G. Titterington observed in a letter to me that, "It was the linking together of speaking with tongues and the baptism in the Holy Spirit that sparked off the Pentecostal revival." Further experience in lecturing to students on the history of the revival has confirmed the truth of that observation.

## BEFORE AZUSA STREET OUTPOURING

There are abundant instances scattered throughout the history of religious revivals of the occurrence of speaking with tongues. We usually regard what happened in Azusa Street, Los Angeles, in 1906 as the beginning of the Pentecostal revival. Actually, what occurred there attracted world-wide attention through the press, and as a consequence hungry hearts flocked to Azusa Street from all parts of the world and entered into the fullness of blessing. But there had been previous outpourings of the Spirit in Topeka, Galena, Houston, and elsewhere in the States, to say nothing of other lands.

It is computed that upwards of a thousand people had spoken with tongues on receiving the baptism in the Spirit before the fire fell in Los Angeles. But the tongues, regarded simply as an isolated phenomenon rather than an initial evidence of the baptism, had not launched a world-wide revival.

Similarly it is true that the "baptism in the Holy Spirit" had been increasingly taught as a "second blessing" and a distinct crisis in the life of the Christian by several groups connected with the Holiness movement around the turn of the century. They connected



## *A Frank Discussion of the Distinctive Doctrine of the Modern World-wide Pentecostal Movement*

BY DONALD GEE

it with sanctification and a clean heart and spoke of the Pentecostal "fire" as a purifying fire.

This witness persists in many of our popular hymns. It was R. A. Torrey who first distinguished more clearly in his teaching that the divine purpose in the baptism in the Holy Spirit was an endowment with power for witnessing and service. In some circles this led to a recognition of sanctification and the baptism in the Spirit as two steps of blessing, both subsequent to regeneration.

### BIRTH OF DISTINCTIVE DOCTRINE

But the fact remains that "it was the linking together of speaking with tongues and the baptism in the Holy Spirit that sparked off the Pentecostal revival." There emerged, born out of the experience of thousands, the distinctive doctrine of the Pentecostal churches that speaking with tongues is the "initial evidence" of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This article of belief is now incorporated in the doctrinal statements of practically all Pentecostal denominations. It has made seeking and then receiving the baptism in the Spirit a definite experience that can be marked off as to place and time of reception. Where this doctrine has not been accepted it has inevitably, though reluc-

tantly, precipitated division. It has given rise to the various Pentecostal churches and denominations all over the world that now number millions of adherents. The testimony still spreads rapidly, though in varying degree in different localities. The doctrine is born of experience, but it is an experience anchored in scriptural precedent.

### OBJECTIONS TO "INITIAL EVIDENCE"

It has sometimes been objected that the doctrine of the "initial evidence" is not stated categorically in the Scriptures. This can be admitted, but the doctrine is firmly based on the accumulated evidence of the instances recorded in the Book of Acts where believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

In every case there was some outward manifestation that could be *seen and heard*, and there is a preponderance of evidence that it was *speaking with other tongues* as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In Acts 10:46 they recognized the Pentecostal gift upon the Gentiles: *For they heard them speak with tongues*. That sealed the gift of the Spirit and stilled all opposition to the Gentiles being baptized into the Christian Church.

The epistles written to the Christian churches did not shape a doctrine of the Spirit that could comfortably in-

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clude all their members irrespective of personal experience. That fallacy had been reserved for our later generations. The earlier believers regarded the possession of the Spirit as a fact of experience too real to be seriously contested. It was a basis for appeals to separation and holiness. The reality of the Spirit in their midst consisted of His manifestations among them and His power working in them. There was none of the vagueness that afflicts modern doctrine and testimony as to the Spirit.

It is unhappily true that sometimes those who have spoken with tongues have not manifested a holy life. (It was so in Bible times, too. The apostle Paul wrote that we can "speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love.") The marred testimony resulting did not invalidate the "tongues"; it only underlined the imperative need for the fruit of the Spirit to accompany the gifts. Contrary to some ideas, the baptism in the Spirit does not indicate spiritual maturity. Even if we have faith that can remove mountains we are nothing without love. But that does not invalidate faith. It only indicates the need of seeing things in a right perspective.

#### NEW ATMOSPHERE IN EVANGELICALISM

After over fifty years the smoke of battle has somewhat cleared. Where are we now over this matter? Conservative evangelicals seem increasingly willing to have fellowship with us, and we are very happy to reciprocate in Christ. This does not mean that the other denominations have been converted to our particular doctrine, neither does it mean that we are prepared to compromise.

What it does mean is that a clearer sense of proportion has come to us all. Donald Grey Barnhouse put it very neatly when he wrote that responsible Pentecostal leaders can now express ninety-five per cent agreement with their fellow evangelicals, and within that large measure of hearty agreement there is ample room for fruitful fellowship in the things of God.

But what about the remaining five per cent? It is undeniable that this includes the testimony that speaking with tongues is the initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Should we surrender on that point? There is little doubt that the Pentecostal revival as a whole has no intention of doing so.

#### RESULTS OF WEAKENED EMPHASIS

Experience has proved that wherever there has been a weakening on this point fewer and fewer believers have in actual fact been baptized in the Holy Spirit and the testimony has tended to lose the fire that gave it birth and keeps it living.

It may be claimed that marked evangelistic success has sometimes followed those who have modified their doctrine where "tongues" are concerned. That may be so, and we rejoice in all ministries that bring men to Christ. But evangelistic success should not be our only criterion, although it is an easy and popular one.

There is a fire of pure love and devotion to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ that is the essence of the Pentecostal revival. There is a reality of the Holy Spirit in the Pentecostal revival. There is a reality of God's presence in Pentecostal churches that meets a confessed lack in other circles.

#### A SACRED TRUST

Even if it is admitted that the Pente-

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costal churches have only five per cent of faith and practice that is distinctively and peculiarly their own, it hereby is humbly claimed that the deposit is unspeakably precious. To surrender this would be to surrender a sacred trust from the Most High and renounce a testimony of great value even to those who reject it. The Pentecostal revival performs its true function within the whole Body of Christ while it keeps unimpaired its own distinctive testimony. The Church needs a Pentecostal revival. ◀◀

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## The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

BY HORATIUS BONAR

Peter said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:13).

This is one of the many repetitions of the Pentecostal scene which occurred in early days. Most unscriptural is the statement of some that the giving of the Spirit at Pentecost was a thing done once for all, not to be repeated, and that we are not to pray for or expect such things again. The whole "Acts of the Apostles" is a direct refutation of this piece of human fancy. Wherever the apostles went there was a repetition of Pentecost, whether at Jerusalem, or Samaria, or Antioch, or Corinth.

The Holy Spirit is the heritage of the Church. The Old Testament saints possessed Him, and still more the New. This is our heritage, the heritage of every believer. We "receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14). He is the heritage of

the last days as well as of the first. The possession of the Holy Ghost, the quickener, the teacher, the purifier, the energizer, the comforter—this is our privilege. His personal presence and indwelling, *in the soul* (not vaguely "in the Church" as Romanists and many Protestants teach), is that which the Father has promised. It is this that makes the true, and earnest, and holy man. It is the lack of this that makes the half-hearted disciple, the formalist, the whited sepulcher.

*Beware, then, of seeking less than the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Our whole life is to be a reception of the Spirit. He is to be continually coming down on us and filling us. Let us open our mouth wide that He may fill it. Let us beware of anything that would present itself as a substitute for the living Spirit.*

—Light and Truth



# Committee Appointed To Study Statement of Fundamental Truths

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—In accordance with a desire expressed by the 1959 General Council, a committee of seven men has been appointed to study the official Statement of Fundamental Truths held by the Assemblies of God.

Members of this important committee are as follows: D. H. McLaughlin (chairman), E. S. Williams, R. M. Riggs, J. R. Flower, Stanley Horton, G. Raymond Carlson, and Milton T. Wells.

Members of the committee were selected during the first regular session of the enlarged Executive Presbytery which met at Springfield in December. T. F. Zimmerman, who presided over the meeting in his new capacity as General Superintendent, said that the committee would report its recommendations first to the General Presbytery and subsequently to the 1961 meeting of the entire General Council.

The Council's request for such a committee arose out of a feeling, expressed by some, that the present Statement of Fundamental Truths is too sketchy in that it omits mention of some vital doctrinal terms and beliefs which are fundamental to Assemblies of God doctrine.

Prior to the full session, Brother Zimmerman called the nonresident executive presbyters together for a special conference to determine which departments should be assigned to the resident executives for the two-year period (1960-61). After these brethren had appointed an executive director for each department, the entire Executive Presbytery chose a departmental secretary to administer each department under the supervision of the respective executive director. The following appointments were announced:

*G. F. Lewis:* Executive director of Home Missions (R. L. Brandt, depart-

mental secretary) and of Women's Missionary Council (Mildred Smuland, departmental secretary). In addition, Brother Lewis was re-appointed to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ministers' Benefit Association.

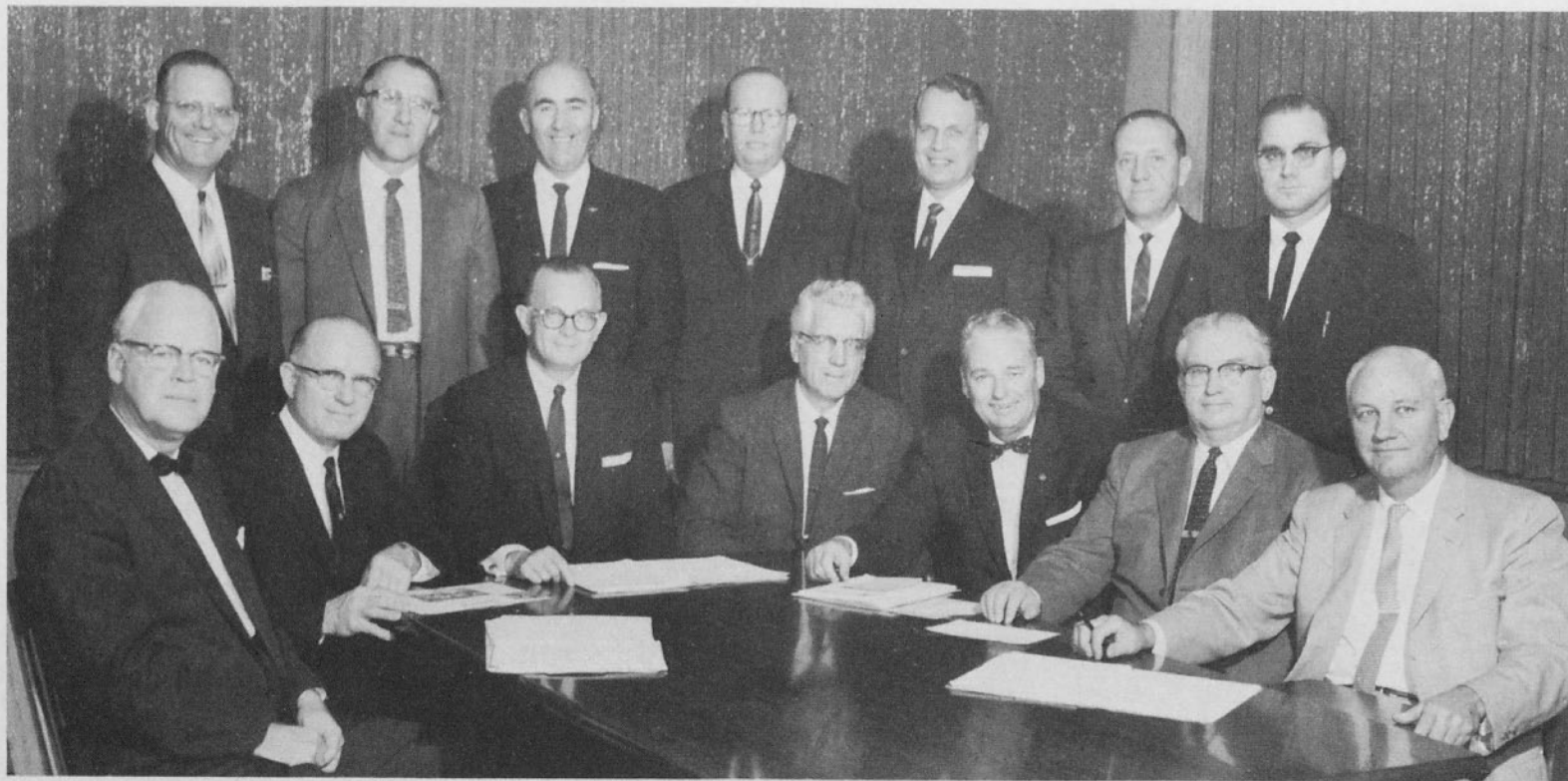
*Bert Webb:* Executive director of Publications Department (J. O. Harrell, general manager, Gospel Publishing House); *The Pentecostal Evangel* (R. C. Cunningham, editor); Church School Literature (R. W. Harris, editor); and *Pulpit* magazine (Don Mallough, managing editor).

*Chas. W. H. Scott:* Executive director of Sunday School Department (C. W. Denton, departmental secretary); Education Department (Hardy W. Steinberg, departmental secretary); and Department of Benevolences (C. W. Ringness, departmental secretary).

*Howard S. Bush:* Executive director of C. A. Department (Dick Fulmer, departmental secretary); Department of Men's Fellowship; Department of Evangelism.

*Bartlett Peterson,* in addition to fulfilling the duties of his new office as General Secretary, was named executive director of the Radio Department (D. V. Hurst, national secretary).

*M. B. Netzel,* who was re-elected to serve as General Treasurer, was appointed executive director of General Services which includes supervision of



EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD. Seated, left to right: Charles W. H. Scott, M. B. Netzel, Thomas F. Zimmerman, Bartlett Peterson, Howard S. Bush, Gayle F. Lewis, Bert Webb. Standing, left to right: Grady L. Fannin, D. H. McLaughlin, N. D. Davidson, Kermit Reneau, G. Raymond Carlson, Andrew Stirling, J. Philip Hogan. (A. A. Wilson and Roy Wead were not present when photo was taken.)



purchasing, communications, and maintenance at the national headquarters. This is in addition to his responsibilities as head of the Finance Department.

*J. Philip Hogan*, executive director of Foreign Missions Department (Robert T. McGlasson, departmental secretary).

Brother Zimmerman mentioned that Brother Hogan had been assigned the position of executive director of Foreign Missions, succeeding Noel Perkin, by virtue of the action of the General Council itself in electing him as an assistant general superintendent with this portfolio.

"No new administration in recent years has been faced with such extensive turnover in key personnel," said Brother Zimmerman, in announcing the appointments. "God has provided, however, for these important areas of executive responsibility."

He specifically mentioned the new general secretary, Bartlett Peterson. He said Brother Peterson, as successor to J. R. Flower, "brings to the secretary's office a background of experience which uniquely qualifies him for his newly assigned responsibilities."

With reference to the other new General Council officer, the General Superintendent said: "It is a sincere joy to welcome Howard S. Bush as a new assistant general superintendent. Brother Bush brings to this office many years of experience as an administrator in the Assemblies of God. He has served with distinction as a nonresident executive presbyter for the past four years. This experience will prove to be invaluable to him as he now takes up the responsibilities as an executive officer."

"Brother Bush is being requested to assume the executive directorship of the Department of Men's Fellowship, the Christ's Ambassadors Department, and the Department of Evangelism. These three areas present a tremendous challenge for future development. It is especially hoped that the Department of Men's Fellowship and the Department of Evangelism might present to our movement an ever-widening scope of ministry."

Brother Zimmerman explained that certain structural changes in organization are under consideration which will affect the two last-named departments. For this reason, he said, no national secretary has been appointed for either of these departments as yet.

## The Necessity of the Spirit's Baptism

If we are not filled with the Spirit our guilt amounts to disobedience of God. It amounts to all the good we might do if we had the Spirit of God in as great measure as possible—but good which is now all undone because we are without this power. Our guilt is further measured by all the evil you do in consequence of not having the Spirit.

### THE PATTERN DAY

The day of Pentecost was a pattern day. All the days of this dispensation should have been like it, or should have exceeded it. But alas! the Church has fallen down to the state in which it was before this blessing had been bestowed, and it is necessary for us to

ask Christ to begin over again. We, of course, in respect to knowledge, intellectual knowledge of spiritual things, are far in advance of the point where the disciples were before Pentecost. But it should be borne in mind that when truths have once been fully revealed and made a part of orthodoxy, the holding of them does not necessarily imply any operation of the Spirit of God. We deceive ourselves, doubtless, in this way, imagining that because we have the whole Scriptures, and are conversant with all its great truths, the Spirit of God is necessarily working in us. We need a baptism of the Spirit as much as the apostles did at the time of Christ's resurrection.

—George Bowen, in *Love Revealed*

"As incoming General Superintendent," he said, "I have dedicated myself to a period of humble, sincere, and faithful service, in order that our movement may go forward to greater victories in our Saviour's name. We are grateful indeed for God's grace in giving to us such a fine group of nonresident executive presbyters. . . . May God bless us as we work together for the perpetuation of the blessings of Pentecost in the movement which we love. In ourselves we can do nothing; but through Christ we can do all things. Let us face the future with confidence in our hearts that He who has led us is now leading and will yet continue to lead us from victory to victory."

One of the actions taken by the executive presbyters at the December meeting was to adopt a very important resolution on Spiritual Life. The brethren went on record to the effect "that special emphasis be put on spiritual matters throughout the fellowship in 1960, and that every effort be put forth by the departments at headquarters, as well as by district leaders, to promote a renewed hunger for God and to emphasize those things which will elevate the spiritual life of the Assemblies of God."

The executive officers have set aside the hour of 8:00 to 9:00 each Monday morning for a prayer meeting in the executive offices at which time they will pray unitedly for the needs of the fellowship.

### IT COSTS

It costs much to obtain the power of the Holy Spirit. It costs self-surrender and humiliation and a yielding up of our most precious things to God. It costs the perseverance of long waiting and the faith of strong trusts. But when we are really in that power, we shall find this difference—that whereas before it was hard for us to do the easiest things, now it is easy for us to do the hard things for God.—*A. J. Gordon.*







# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Servicemen

### CHAPLAINS PLAN CONVENTION FOR SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE

Assemblies of God chaplains stationed in Europe have announced plans for the fourth annual European Assemblies of God servicemen's retreat for 1960. The retreat is scheduled to convene at the General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany, March 7-11, 1960. Chaplain (Capt) Earl E. Waugh, stationed with the Air Force in Madrid, Spain, will serve as the Retreat Master. Assisting Chaplain Waugh will be Chaplain (Capt) Talmadge F. McNabb, on duty with the Army at Toul, France; and Chaplain (1st Lt) Jules Ballas, on duty with the Army at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

A full program has been planned for the retreat. A number of Assemblies of God missionaries stationed in Europe and North Africa have been

invited to attend and participate in the program.

The General Walker Hotel, nestled in the Bavarian Alps, at one time was a resort house for entertaining guests of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi government. These facilities are now maintained by the United States Army exclusively for religious retreat purposes. An attendance of 300 or more Assemblies of God servicemen and their dependents is expected. Warren McPherson, Assemblies of God Servicemen's Representative, Springfield, Missouri, will attend the retreat by special invitation to be the featured speaker.

Full information regarding the retreat can be secured promptly on request from the Servicemen's Division, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Correspondence should include the full name and address of servicemen in the European area so that an invitation can be sent direct without delay.

## Broadcasters

### STATIONS GIVE ONLY 3.1 PER CENT OF AIR TIME TO RELIGION

A survey of 141 commercial stations in 11 major U. S. cities reveals that only 3.1 per cent of their air time is given to sustaining (free) religious programs.

The survey, conducted last November by the National Council of Churches, showed that radio stations gave 3.5 per cent of their air time to "public service" religious programs, and television stations gave only 1.7 per cent of their air time. All religious programs that get free air time were included: Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Christian Science, and other church groups also.

### MINISTER COMPLAINS THAT BROADCASTING STATIONS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CHURCH

The Federal Communications Commission held a public hearing in Washington, D. C. on the question of whether broadcast licensees have been meeting their responsibility under the Federal Communications Act. There have been complaints from gospel broadcasters in various parts of the nation that certain radio and TV stations were not living up to their "public interest" obligation. It is charged that some stations refuse to sell time for certain religious broadcasts.

One witness suggested that the FCC set up a system of regional public hearings at which complaints concerning individual stations could be given a fair hearing. He cited a survey of 368 stations which showed that only 13 per cent will sell time "in a free competitive market." He said 23 per



### SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT, MARCH 7-11

AT TOP: General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden where the fourth annual retreat for Assemblies of God servicemen in Europe will be held March 7-11, 1960.

BELOW: Warren McPherson, guest speaker; and Chaplains Waugh, McNabb, and Ballas who will be in charge of the retreat.



cent "will sell on a limited basis" but the remaining 64 per cent have adopted a "flat policy" against selling any time whatever for religious programs.

## Gamblers

### BINGO BOOM IN NEW YORK

Licensed bingo is proving to be big business in New York state. Churches, charitable, and other non-profit organizations took in \$21,353,272 since this type of gambling became legal two years ago. Of this amount \$4,851,593 was net profits.

### U. S. IS "GAMBLINGEST" NATION

America is the "gamblingest" nation of them all, according to a *Life* editorial and a Gallup Poll. Gambling has developed into a foremost business and pastime in this country. Fifty million American adults and numerous minors participate in this national sin. They spend about \$30 billion each year, a sum that is more than the combined profits of the top 100 U. S. manufacturing companies.

## Publishers

### DAILY NEWSPAPER BANS ALL TOBACCO ADVERTISING

The *York Gazette and Daily* (York, Pa.) recently announced it would not accept any further tobacco ads. For many years the newspaper has refused to carry ads for intoxicating beverages and patent medicines, and now that medical science has shown that tobacco smoking definitely is harmful its owners put a ban on tobacco ads too. They cited in particular the announcement by the Surgeon General of the United States concerning smoking and cancer.

### POST OFFICE CRACKING DOWN ON OBSCENE MAILINGS

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield says his department's eighteen-month-old crackdown on the mail-order obscenity rackets has resulted in "positive progress." This success, he states, is reflected in a record number of arrests, stiffer jail sentences for violators of anti-obscenity statutes, and an increased number of complaints from parents whose children are receiving unordered pornographic mailings. More than 70,000 of these complaints were received by the Post Office Department in 1959. The Post Office strongly urges citizens who receive obscene mailings to turn them over to their local postmaster so that steps may be taken to remove this filthy scourge.

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

### How often ought the Lord's Supper to be observed?

Some observe it each Sunday. Let such be careful lest the observance become little more than form. A very few observe the Lord's Supper only once in the year, at the time of the Passover. Jesus did not specify any certain time or frequency. He said, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." Largely, in our movement, we observe the Lord's Supper once each month. It should be observed regularly and in serious reverence and appreciation, thinking of Christ, and what He has done for us.

### Where does the Bible say, "Spare the rod and spoil the child"?

The Bible says, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24).

### Jacob worked seven years before he took Leah as his wife. Did he work seven more years before he was given Rachel?

The passage indicates that Laban gave Rachel to Jacob "on credit." She became his wife, with the understanding that he would work another seven years in payment. See the entire account in Genesis 29:20-27.

### Is it right for ministers to be called reverend?

Reverend means to be revered or held in honor. I do not especially care for the title, yet there should be some way in which a minister's office may be recognized. I think it well to honor the man of God; therefore I see no objection to the term.

### Does the warning in Galatians 5:19-21 apply to Christians or unbelievers?

The epistle to the Galatians was to believers. The warning must then be to them. If any practice the works of the flesh, whether they be in the Church or out of the Church, "they shall not inherit the kingdom of God." The same warning is given the believers at Rome although in another form. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die" (Romans 8:1, 2).

### I was speaking against going to war and a man replied that God is a man of war. Is that in the Bible?

The Bible says, "The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name" (Exodus 15:3). God has proved Himself able to overthrow the chariots of Egypt and protect His people. He is a "man of war" for us, fighting in our behalf against all "the fiery darts of the wicked." May we learn better to let God fight our battles rather than for us to try to defeat the foe in our own strength.

### I heard a person teaching that because Jesus died for all, Judas would be saved. Does the Bible teach this?

Jesus spoke of Judas as "the son of perdition" (John 17:12). Peter said Judas "by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" (Acts 1:25). If Judas was "the son of perdition" it must be that he went to the same place to which the Beast and the false prophet will finally go (Revelation 17:11).

The Bible teaches that "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." There is not much value in warning people to "flee from the wrath to come" if all are eventually to be saved. Salvation and safety depend upon what we do with Jesus.

*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).*





# Witnessing in Their 'Jerusalem'

Here is a striking story of one church's outreach. It reveals how easily our national goal of 366 new churches in 1960 can be accomplished if each established church will do its part.

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BY EVERETTE EWING

*Pastor of First Assembly of God,  
Tacoma, Washington*

**F**IRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, TACOMA, Wash., has played a vital part in establishing several new churches in Tacoma and the surrounding area. This church believes in practicing Acts 1:8 by beginning to evangelize at its "Jerusalem"—that is, at home.

Joining forces with our District Home Missions Department, we entered our newest venture for God at Lakewood last September. The Lakes area is a fast-growing community with a present population of 40,000. Our new church is the first Assembly to be established in Lakewood. The membership has grown to fifty since its beginning three months ago.

Services are now being held in a temporary location. However, an excellent piece of property has been purchased by the District Home Missions Department for the future building site. Two young people from First Assembly have been assisting in the new church. The rental of the present location is being paid by the District Home Missions Department and \$50 per month is contributed by the First Assembly.

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Several years ago, three families, all members of First Assembly of God, South 12th and G, Tacoma, Wash., saw the need for giving the Pentecostal testimony in South Tacoma. Although they continued to worship in



First Assembly of God in Tacoma, Wash. Inset: Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ewing, pastors.

their home church, they began Sunday school and weekly prayer services in the home of Julius and Grace Rody in October, 1952. Sunday services were added (also in the Rody home) in December 1954, continuing until November 1955. Those preaching during this period were mainly ministers who attended First Assembly. Up to this point, this new effort had progressed under the encouragement and co-operation of First Assembly.

The first Sunday of December 1955, the Paul Greisens were called to pastor the new South Tacoma Assembly and for a year they conducted the services in the Rody home. During 1956, plans were started for the much-needed sanctuary for the growing congregation. Regional Architect Gordon Nickell drew the plans. Ground-breaking services were conducted that July with R. J. Carlson, Home Missions Director, presiding. District Superintendent D. H. McLaughlin brought the message.

The lot measuring 190 by 198 is strategically located at South 74th and Puget Sound. Half of this valuable land was given free of charge by one of the three families who began the services. The other half was purchased with district funds.

The first unit, which is 35 by 80, now serves as the sanctuary. It was completed at a cost of \$30,000. The first service in the new edifice was the 1956 Christmas program. Dedication services were conducted April 29, 1957. Sunday school attendance has now reached 137.

The Tacoma First Assembly assisted

in financing the construction of the new edifice with a loan of \$20,000. The Northwest District also loaned them \$10,000. The First Assembly contributed \$50 a week for a number of months to assist the young church in its operating expenses. For the following several months, the church financial deficit was shared by First Assembly and the Northwest District. The church is now self-supporting and has been for about a year and a half. The Paul Greisens resigned recently, since they have been appointed to be missionaries to Hong Kong. Ross Chittim is serving as interim pastor.

The University Place Assembly of God in Tacoma was started by the young people of First Assembly. They began by conducting a prayer meeting once each week for a year. Then they started Sunday school in a home. The young people, working on Saturdays, built the original building in one year. Some of them are now members at University Place. During the ministry of the first pastor, A. J. Ahlberg, the parsonage was built. The church was remodeled during the ministry of Elmer Tigner. A loan was granted by First Assembly for this work. (Edwin Oster has been pastor for six years.)

The church has had a commendable increase in membership, and plans are already drawn for a new sanctuary in a prominent location. The Sunday school at present averages between 150 and 200.

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The Milton Assembly of God had

its beginning in the home of the Gus Himes, where prayer meetings were conducted. A group from 12th and G Street Assembly (now First Assembly), under the leadership of the William Pointens, came out from town every Wednesday and Sunday for about two years to conduct services.

In a few months, a portable tabernacle was secured for the little group by the Tacoma church and the new church was named Gospel Light Tabernacle. Shortly after the erection of the tabernacle, Lawrence Steller was appointed pastor. In two years' time, substantial growth was evident and plans for a new church were initiated.

In 1941, the total building fund (\$75) was paid out to have the basement dug. Then came the war! Supplies for building a church were scarce, but with much prayer on the part of everyone concerned, including members of the mother church, a building was erected. God wonderfully undertook and everybody worked hard to make this church a success.

The first service in the new church was conducted on Mother's Day, 1944, and from the beginning the church flourished. A great revival took place under the ministry of Evangelist Claire Brooks with over thirty being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brother Steller was followed by William McNutt as pastor. After three years of ministry there, he was in turn followed by Everett Greeley. A steady growth was enjoyed through these years.

In 1952, Walter J. Phelps from Canyon, Texas, accepted the pastorate. The church, now known as the Milton As-



South Tacoma Assembly of God which was "mothered" by the Tacoma First Assembly. The Paul Greisens were the first pastors.

sembly of God, has prospered under his ministry. A new parsonage was built in 1953. The church building is now being remodeled. Seating space is being doubled and Sunday school facilities enlarged. The Sunday school attendance is nearing the 150 mark. The Milton Assembly of God is growing and expanding with the community.

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Plans for the new church building at Sumner were drawn by Alfred Swannstrom, a member of First Assembly in Tacoma. Our Assembly also has assisted this new church financially for a period of two years. The R. F. Ashworths are the present pastors.

First Assembly can certainly recommend the Mother Church Plan, for its members have experienced great joy and satisfaction in helping to establish new churches. Furthermore, First Assembly has not suffered; rather it has gained spiritually and numerically.

### 400 MISSION USA RALLIES PLANNED

G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Assemblies of God National Home Missions Department, has announced extensive plans for 400 Mission USA rallies to be held throughout the United States in 1960.

In promoting church extension this year, the major emphasis will be on the "Mother Church" plan. If established churches once catch the vision, church extension goals will easily be reached.

Brother Lewis states: "It is my firm conviction that if we are to fulfill our responsibility to get the Pentecostal message to our own American people, we must establish Assemblies of God churches in every community. This will only be done when our present established churches feel the burden and will take the responsibility of becoming 'mother churches.'"



University Place Church in Tacoma, Wash. Edwin Oster, pastor



Assembly of God in Sumner, Wash. R. F. Ashworth, pastor





# New Evangelistic Center Dedicated in World's Highest Capital

BY MONROE GRAMS



Converts baptized at dedication of La Paz Evangelistic Center

**F**IVE YEARS OF HARD WORK AND many miracles make the Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center in La Paz, Bolivia, a living monument to faith.

We recently had the privilege of dedicating the lovely evangelistic center in the heart of La Paz in this land of llamas and descendants of the Inca Indians. It is the largest Protestant church in all of Bolivia—a country ten times the size of Wisconsin. We bought the property five years ago and had only \$600 left with which to start the building. When Brother Perkin visited us in 1954 he said, "Yes, La Paz needs an Evangelistic Center—may God bless you." So we put workmen to begin digging the foundation.

Every sack of cement was a miracle

to us, for construction materials have been very scarce and practically impossible to obtain. We have poured over 2,000 sacks of cement into the building. We have prayed and trusted God for every dollar that has been invested in this building. Many *Evangel* readers have responded with generous offerings. With an investment of \$24,000 (and by careful management) we have been able to construct a church which will seat nearly a thousand people and is valued at \$100,000.

One day, after we had poured 100 sacks of this precious cement into a big part of the main floor, we saw the big South American rain clouds rolling overhead and realized that it might rain steadily for three days. This

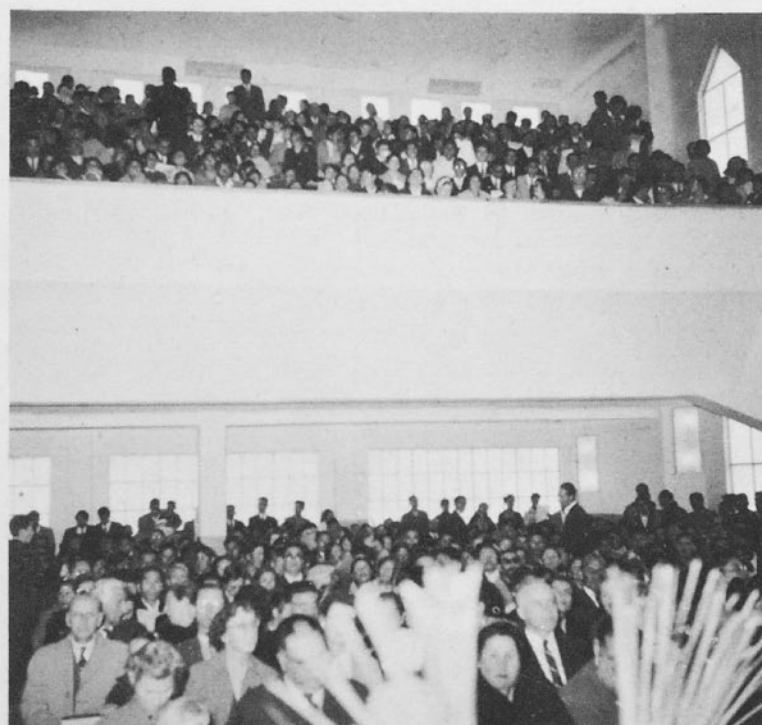
would completely ruin the work and the material. By faith I went outside and looked up through the heavy rain already falling and said, "In the name of Jesus, I rebuke you, rain that would destroy the work of God." In fifteen minutes the clouds were gone—a miracle had saved us!

During the time of construction we were worshiping in a little rented church building which would adequately seat only 40 people but many times more than 100 were jammed in.

God led the Russell Olson evangelistic team from Minneapolis to us for our dedication services. We had 800 friends attending the dedication and God gave us a great day. That night twenty-eight new converts who had fin-



Exterior of La Paz Evangelistic Center which is the largest Protestant church in all Bolivia



800 attended the dedication services of the Evangelistic Center and 300 received the Baptism during the two-week evangelistic meeting

ished their three months' training course were baptized in our new baptistry tank—fourteen women and fourteen men. We felt, as did Solomon, that the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Our missionaries from the remote parts of Bolivia came up to La Paz for a conference during these days of dedication. The Olsons continued with us for two weeks of salvation and healing meetings. Nearly 300 came forward to the altar. Do pray with us that these people will become real disciples. Also over 300 received the in-filling of the Holy Spirit.

Among those healed was our own missionary, Ray Jones of Tarija. As he was praying with some of the candidates for baptism, he suddenly realized that he was hearing from both sides. For over ten years his left ear had been deaf. Now, through the power of God, his ear was opened.

Since moving into our building, our Sunday school attendance has reached 247 and our young people's group has doubled. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." ◀◀

## MISSIONARY News Notes



**GOINGS:** Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bergstrom and family returned to Brazil on December 13 for another term of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bergstrom and family left December 29 for Costa Rica where they will attend language school. They are new appointees to Peru.

The R. J. Harers, new missionaries to British Honduras, left for the field on December 15.

New missionaries to Bolivia are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Balius and children. They left December 29 to attend language school in Costa Rica.

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**BIRTHS:** Joanne Louise was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull in the Dominican Republic on November 22, 1959.



Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bergstrom and children

# Evangelism in Brazil

BY VIRGIL F. SMITH

**T**HE LORD HAS PROVIDED THE means and personnel for a forward move in evangelism in this great country. We have recently put up two tents—one in Sao Paulo, near our house, and the other in Goiania. In Sao Paulo we have overflowing crowds and revival enthusiasm. Already there are enough people to organize a nice church. The nearest Assembly of God has been co-operating with us. On two occasions almost the whole congregation from the church has been in the tent with their band and choir to help us in our services. Sunday afternoon we had a union meeting with them in the public square.

Goiania is a new town—only twen-

ty-five years old—but it has about 130,000 inhabitants. It is a boom town, modern in every respect, having been built from the very beginning according to a scientific plan. It is the capital of the state of Goias, one of Brazil's most promising states. Just about 150 miles away the new federal capital of Brazil is being built. The government of Brazil intends to push the development of this whole area. This development will be one of the historical movements in human history. The opportunities for evangelization are unmeasured. The tent is put up in the very center of Goiania and has had a very good start.

We now have two daily radio programs, one in Goiania and one in Sao Paulo. Radio preaching has proven very successful in this country. We expect that out of this we will soon have a considerable number of new churches to develop.

This all requires money and we are trusting the Lord to supply all the needs. Much of it will come from the Brazilian Christians but we hope we will get some help from our churches in America too. ◀◀

**TEACHERS NEEDED:** Two teachers are needed for the Christian Academy in Tokyo, Japan, where the children of Assemblies of God missionaries are being educated. One teacher is needed for general subjects in the sixth grade and another is needed to teach both music and English in high school. Free room and board are offered but the applicant should have fare to Japan and up to \$50 per month in the way of support. Interested parties should contact M. L. Ketcham, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

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**LITERATURE NEEDED:** David Guenther, missionary in British Guiana, is in need of Sunday school literature. Urgently needed are back-dated copies of *Little Folk's Friend*, *My Picture Paper*, *Junior Trails* and *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Send the material to David Guenther, Box 610, Georgetown, British Guiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Balius and children



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bergstrom and family

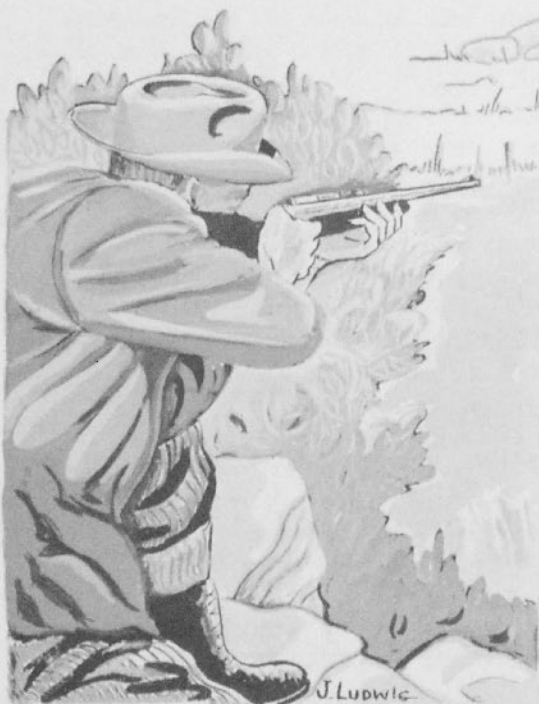


Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harer



# Prayer Changes Things

*What God did for this young man He can do for you—if you pray.*



William waved to her as he turned his pony about and started on his journey. He whistled and sang as he rode along; but as he neared the lonely forest trail, a strange feeling of fear came over him, and he wondered what he ought to do. Then a voice within said, "Be prayerful." He had heard this voice many times before, and he had learned always to listen and obey. So he rode on to the spot where the forest trail began, and then slipped from the saddle and knelt down beside the bushes.

"Dear God," he said aloud, "I don't know why, but I feel very much afraid. Take care of me as I ride through this lonely place. I believe you will, because you have written in your Book, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.'"

He arose, mounted his pony, and rode on with a light heart. He gave the payroll to the foreman of the mill, and the next forenoon returned safely to his home.

His mother met him at the door. "Son," she said, "something peculiar happened to me yesterday while you were away. I was very busy, but a little voice seemed to tell me that I ought to stop my work and pray for you. I felt that you were in danger, and that I should ask God to keep you safe. So I stopped my work and prayed for you until I was sure that you were quite safe."

Then William told her how he had felt and how he had prayed to God

for protection as he entered the lonely trail. After that they often talked of this strange happening and wondered what it could mean.

The young man continued to work in the bank for some time, and then went away to college, and after graduation he became a minister. One day he received a letter from a distant town. "I am very ill and shall not get better," said the writer. "I must see you and tell you something very important before I die. Please come to me quickly." It was signed, "A friend."

William was very much puzzled, for he knew no one in this faraway town. But he did as was custom for many years—talked to God about it in prayer. A voice kept saying to him, "Go. Someone is in need, and your work is to minister to every soul who asks for help."

"But for whom shall I ask when I arrive?" he asked. And the voice answered, "Only go. God will take care of the rest."

He took a train for the town in the distant state. When he stepped out upon the station platform at this town, a gentleman came up to him and asked, "Is this Mr. Sutherland?"

"Yes, I am he."

"I have been sent to meet you, sir," said the stranger. "I have met every train during the past week. Come with me, please."

He led the minister into a room where a sick man lay. Holding out his hand, the man asked in a feeble voice, "Is this Mr. Sutherland?"

"It is," said the minister gently.

"You have never met me before," the man said. "I saw you only once many years ago. You were then entrusted with a large sum of money to take to a certain mill. In a lonely spot you slipped from your saddle and prayed God to protect you. Do you remember it? I heard that prayer. I was among the bushes nearby with my rifle pointed at your heart. I had planned to kill you, take the money, and ride away on your pony. But while you were praying something white seemed to pass between us. I did not know what it was, but I believe that God sent it to protect you. I sat in those bushes, too weak to pull the

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trigger, and watched you ride away—perfectly helpless to harm you. It has haunted me ever since; I cannot meet God without telling you. Can you forgive me?"

William heartily forgave him and pointed him to Christ the Saviour; and at last the light shone in his dark soul. His sins were forgiven and he was saved, for the Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to

them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). He died soon after, and Mr. Sutherland preached his funeral sermon from Proverbs 3:5, 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

God says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:15).

—The Flame



## Our Lord's Yoke

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER



**J**ESUS SAID, "COME UNTO ME, ALL YE that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

No more beautiful words were ever spoken upon earth. No comparable invitation was ever given to this weary world. Therefore, we are almost shocked to find in the call to rest the mention of a "yoke." We think of a yoke as something expressing bondage, slavery, affliction, punishment, or pain—indeed, the very opposite of rest.

But this was Christ's yoke, the yoke of His Father's will. He had found rest in joyfully submitting to it. He said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God" (Psalm 40:8). "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34). "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God" (Hebrews 10:7). "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). The whole life of our Lord throbbled with the spirit of the words, "Not my will, but thine be done," even

down to the hour of decision in Gethsemane.

Jesus had not come into the world to do His own pleasure, to go where He liked, or to speak as He pleased. "For even Christ pleased not himself" (Romans 15:3). He came bearing a yoke; and because He did not resist it, it was an easy yoke.

God has a plan and purpose for our lives, and we shall never know soul rest until we submit to Him. By nature we are self-willed. We love our own way. This is why our yoke is galling and our burdens heavy till we come to Him. It is the way of the transgressor that is hard. Jesus would lift the galling yoke of self and Satan from our lives. That is why He calls us to Himself.

How foolish of us to go on staggering under the burden of sin, sickness, and anxiety when He longs to lift those burdens and set us free. How foolish to permit the devil to continue to press his yoke upon us when Jesus would gladly take it away.

But Christ will not leave us without a yoke. Rather He would place upon us the delightful yoke of His Father's will, a will "good and acceptable and

perfect." Let us gladly yield up our own wills to Him.

*"Lord, on thine altar, O my Lord divine,  
Accept my gift this day for Jesus' sake.*

*I have no jewel to adorn Thy shrine,  
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make.*

*But here I bring within my trembling hand*

*This will of mine: a thing that seemeth small,*

*Yet Thou alone, O Lord, can understand*

*How, when I yield Thee this, I yield my all."*

Only this surrender will give us the rest Jesus promises. He emptied Himself completely, yielding to the Father's will, and in so doing found rest and poise of spirit which He now offers us.

Are you struggling to give up your own ambitions, desires, and plans, and to accept God's will for your life? Come to Jesus with your conflict. Wait in His presence until He breaks the heavy yoke and lifts the pressing burdens. Yield to the yoke of the Father's will. You will find it all padded with His everlasting love, and your burden will become surprisingly light. He who is "meek and lowly in heart" will become your Teacher, and you will "find rest unto your soul," as you yield to the yoke He offers. George Matheson put it this way:

*"Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free,  
Force me to render up my sword  
And I shall conqueror be.*

*I sink in life's alarms  
When by myself I stand.  
Imprison me within Thy arms,  
And strong shall be my hands.*

*"My will is not my own  
Till Thou hast made it Thine.  
If it would reach the monarch's throne,  
It must its crown resign.  
It only stands unhurt  
Amid the dashing strife,  
When on Thy bosom it has leaned  
And found in Thee its life."*

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**O**FTEN I SEE A CERTAIN LITTLE OLD lady sitting on her front porch—her sweet wrinkled face framed by soft white hair, shoulders bent, hands gnarled and trembling a little. As I study her, I muse: *Today I am middle-aged. Some day I too will be old. I wonder what I will be like.*

Unfortunately, not all old people are as lovely in spirit as that lady on the porch. If we are honest, we will admit that the halo of charm bestowed indiscriminately upon all the aged is not merited by some. For although age does ripen and beautify personality in many—in others it also deepens and emphasizes traits which make life unpleasant and sometimes unbearable for those who live with them.

A mellowed old saint is most winsome, but nothing is more disappointing than an unsanctified old Christian. It is this, primarily, which often makes burdensome the scriptural duty of caring for aged relatives.

Have you ever noticed how certain physical features of the young become more pronounced in old age? The nose which seemed a little large is now quite prominent; the strong chin be-

# Some Day I Will Be Old

BY ANNE SANDBERG



comes jutting, the heavy brow is shaggy. In a similar manner, our personality traits are magnified. The overly serious youth becomes a gloomy old man; the woman who too freely expresses her opinions of others becomes unmercifully critical with the passing of years; the irritable turn irascible; the talkative, garrulous.

A young woman who had lived a very sinful life was introduced to a beautiful old lady. To a friend she said, "Oh, how beautiful she is. What a picture! How I hope I shall be like that when I reach her age."

"You may be like her," replied her friend; "but if you would paint such a picture as that bye and bye, you must begin mixing the colors now."

It may be too late for the very old to change rigid habits cultivated over a lifetime of careless Christian living. But for us who are thirty, forty, even fifty years old it is not too late. We can begin now, by the help of the Lord, to "mix the colors" for a glorious sunset.

We can become like the one who always responds to a cheerful, "Hello, Grandma, how are you?" with a long woeful recital of her troubles. Or we can determine to be like another elderly lady who has learned in whatsoever state she is, therewith to be content. Despite her many infirmities she cheerfully answers, "God is good and everything is fine."

We can become like a certain elderly relative whose visits we always dread. She is the kind who will insist, on a mild day, that you clothe your children for sub-zero weather. She will berate you for disciplining Johnny. She will

give Susan a handful of cookies just before mealtime, then complain that your children have a poor appetite. Or we can be the type of older person who takes her place as a beloved member of the family, making no attempt to rule the household.

How tragic is the state of those whose youthful critical tendency has grown to such proportion that even their few remaining friends find it difficult to visit with them. How blessed, on the other hand, is the one who has learned not to take up a reproach against her neighbor, and still enjoys the confidence of friends. Here is the possibility of a rich ministry of counseling and intercession.

When I listen to a certain elderly man's repeated recital of the injustice done him fifteen years before, I pray silently, "Lord, teach me now to be forgiving, lest I also carry resentments into old age."

Our final years on earth need not be a time of folding the hands in idleness. Instead of complaining of "nothing to do," one energetic old lady has bought an organ with her savings and is now fulfilling a lifetime desire to learn to play. And how many oldsters there are who, though not acquiring the fame of Grandma Moses, nevertheless enjoy the same creative pleasure in painting and drawing. (The wise middle-aged person will cultivate a hobby or two in preparation for future hours of leisure.)

Because one grandmother I know feels she wants to pass her time both happily and usefully, she does the mending for the minister's family. What

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

## WHAT GOD HATES

Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven things that God hates. They are listed below, but a key word is left out in each item. Can you fill in the blanks? A space is left for each letter of the word.

Notice that several blanks are also circled. When you have all the blanks filled in, write down the six circled letters and then unscramble them to spell the name of Someone who can help you avoid the things God hates.

1. a ..... look
2. a ..... tongue
3. hands that shed ..... blood.
4. a ..... that deviseth wicked imaginations.
5. .... that be swift in running to mischief
6. a false..... that speaketh lies
7. he that soweth ..... among brethren.

ANSWERS:

1—proud; 2—lying; 3—innocent; 4—heart; 5—feet; 6—witness; 7—discord. The unscrambled letters spell: Christ.



# The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS • DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION • MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

## Monday, February 8

**Read:** Psalm 68:1-11

**Learn:** "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).

**For the Parent:** From this psalm point out: (1) the position of the wicked before the Lord, vv. 1, 2; (2) the position and attitude of the righteous before the Lord, vv. 3, 4; (3) the compassion of the Lord toward His people, vv. 5, 6; (4) the power of God, evidenced by nature's reaction to His presence, vv. 7-9; (5) God's goodness to His people, vv. 9-11; (6) our responsibilities in view of all God has done for us, v. 11.

**Question Time:** What two comparisons does David use to show how the wicked react to God's presence? (v. 2) To what do you think verse 11 refers?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Wheeler Anderson, Ghana; Mrs. A. N. Webster, Hawaii; Mrs. P. W. Davidson, Jamaica; Willis G. Long, N. India.

## Tuesday, February 9

**Read:** Psalm 68:15-21

**Learn:** "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Psalm 68:19).

**For the Parent:** Explain verse 18 by reading and discussing Ephesians 4:1-12, emphasizing from both passages the purposes of these gifts. The gifts God gives us should cause us to rejoice and praise His name, v. 19. God is an abundant Giver, v. 19. From Him alone comes salvation, v. 20. He has power over death, v. 20. But His wrath is poured out upon those who disobey Him and His Word, v. 21.

**Question Time:** What are the purposes of the gifts God gives us? (See above) What does verse 20 mean to you?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Norma Johanson, Liberia; Mrs. L. M. McNutt, Togo-Dahomey; Lawrence N. Olson, Brazil; Annie Baillie, Hong Kong.

## Wednesday, February 10

**Read:** Psalm 68:24-35

**Learn:** "Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us" (Psalm 68:28).

**For the Parent:** This passage presents God in His unequalled strength. From this passage point out: (1) we are to praise God in His house, vv. 24-27; (2) our strength comes from God, v. 28; (3) because God is with us, we shall conquer, vv. 29-31; (4) we should worship God because He is strong and because He gives His strength and power to us, vv.

32-35. If we really believe God is all-powerful, we will rely on Him to help us live overcoming lives.

**Question Time:** What is the main emphasis of this passage? (See above)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Mildred Schultz (Indian), Wash.; Forrest G. Barker, Peru; Mrs. L. Percival Breusch, N. India.

## Thursday, February 11

**Read:** Luke 8:40-42, 49-56; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

**Learn:** "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Christ and Jairus" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story, emphasizing Christ's power over death, illustrated by His raising to life the daughter of Jairus. Use this illustration to point to the future resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:51-57), stressing that death has been conquered by Christ (v. 57). If we accept Him, we have eternal life.

**Question Time:** What miracle did Christ perform for Jairus' daughter?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Louis P. Richards, Korea; Mrs. Fred A. Merian, N. India.

## Friday, February 12

**Read:** 1 Kings 12:1-5, 12-16, 19-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

**For the Parent:** Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, had the task of following as king the wisest man who ever lived. This lesson shows Rehoboam's miserable failure. Discuss the incident which resulted in Israel's being divided into two kingdoms. Emphasize Rehoboam's complete lack of wisdom and understanding. Stress the importance of Christian compassion for others.

**Question Time:** What did the people ask Rehoboam to do? (v. 4) How did he answer them? (vv. 12-14) What lessons can we learn from this?

**Missionary Birthday:** Wesley E. Bjur, Chile.

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy that day: they wondered how!  
A ploughman singing at his work had prayed:  
"Lord, help them now!"  
Away in foreign lands they wondered how their simple word had power.  
At home the Christians, two or three, had met to pray an hour.

—Selected

## Saturday, February 13

**Read:** Matthew 26:1-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

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

**For the Parent:** (This story is also recorded in Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8. If time permits, compare these various versions of the story.) Mary's love for Jesus was demonstrated by her act of anointing His feet with precious ointment. Some criticized her for what she did, but Jesus commended her. If we really love Jesus, we will show love in our actions—in doing things for Him and in doing things for others.

**Question Time:** How did Mary show her love for Jesus? (See above) How can we show our love for Him?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Milton Pier (Deaf), Pa.; Virginia E. Watts, N. India; Mrs. R. J. Renfro, Liberia.

**Missionary Birthdays for Sunday:** James M. Reb, Hawaii; Kenneth E. Weigel, S. India; Vivian I. Smith, Ghana.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently the largest building in the Boys Training School in Bassari, Togo, West Africa, was demolished in a bad storm. Our missionaries are beginning to rebuild by faith. Pray that God will provide the necessary funds. Many young men hear the gospel in this school who might not otherwise listen.

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Pray for new evangelistic efforts being launched in India, Ceylon, and East Pakistan.

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Pray that many more of our churches will feel a burden for prison or jail ministry in their cities. Some Assemblies are already doing a commendable work among prisoners; but many areas of opportunity for this great ministry are sadly neglected.

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Missionaries Charles Eason and Gilbert Marrero are now devoting full time to evangelistic ministry in Central America. Pray for their meetings.

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New missionaries are urgently needed for ministry in Pakistan and South India. Pray that the Lord will provide consecrated workers.

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Pray for a great BGMC offering today (February 7).



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# Children Across America

Compiled by STANLEY MICHAEL

GROWN-UPS ARE NOT THE ONLY people who have problems. Some of the most heart-rending letters come to *Revivaltime* from little children. Not all their troubles are big by adult standards; however, more often than not, their problems would cause even an adult's heart to melt in compassion. They often tell stories of broken homes, unsaved parents, drinking fathers. Others write joyous letters reporting answered prayer and blessings received through the broadcast.

### Muskegon, Michigan

"I first heard your broadcast a week ago and was thrilled with it. My little brothers received a crystal radio set, and I thought I would try it out. After I had tuned in your program. I decided to listen to the entire broadcast before having my prayer time. I had received an answer to my prayers that very day and was happy because I had received an answer and because others throughout the world were receiving answers to their prayers. How won-

derful it is to be saved and have a God that hears and answers prayer. I have heard your program twice now and will make it a point to listen in every chance I get."—James.

### Tampa, Florida

"Until about a month ago I didn't know too much about Jesus. I have been from one home to another all my life. I really haven't known my real mother. I now stay with my father who is not saved. I am hoping some day he will be. The main reason I am writing to you is for you to ask Jesus to save me. I know you will do this for me."—Carl.

### Griffithville, Arkansas

"Kind sir, I am sending in my request. I am a boy nine years old, and I have a darling mother, a dear dad, and one sister, eleven years old. We go to the Assemblies of God church. The trouble is Dad doesn't go to Sunday school and not often to church. I want you to pray for him that he

### HEALING TESTIMONY

## BABY HEALED

WE ARE PRAISING GOD FOR HEALING our baby boy, who was born three years ago without a rectum.

Emergency surgery was performed a few hours after his birth to remedy the unusual situation. The doctor seemed to fear that the opening would close up again and told us to take certain preventive measures. However, we prayed this would not happen and God answered prayer so that we did not have to use the preventive means at all.

When the child was two months old,

the doctor said the nerves that were required for controlling bowel movements were missing. We decided we ought to trust God to heal him, so we took him to an evangelistic meeting where the Holy Ghost was moving in mighty power. We asked that our baby be anointed with oil and that prayer be offered for his healing. Evidently God performed a wonderful miracle that night, for the child's condition was different from that time on. His system of elimination functioned normally and he was well in every way.

The doctor insisted that he be hospitalized in order that tests and X rays might be made. After three weeks of



## Write to Revivaltime

will come to Sunday school and get back to God. And pray for my mother that she will come to Sunday school oftener. My grandmother goes every Sunday."—Royce.

*Denver, Illinois*

"I am twelve years old and I like your radio program. My parents and I look forward to your program each Sunday evening on our way home from church. We go twenty miles to attend church twice each Sunday. Then your program is like the 'nut or coconut topping on the frosting of a good cake,' as my mom says. We have a good pastor and church."—Daniel.

*Brooklyn, New York*

"My daughter (seven years old) will not go to bed until your program is over. She has her milk and cookies during that time—and she makes sure they last one half hour."—Mrs. A. B.

*North Charleston, South Carolina*

"I wrote you to pray for my grandson to take an interest in school. A

month later he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. This month instead of E's and D's his report card had three B's and all the rest were A's. His teacher asked him what happened. He told her, 'I'm a Christian now.'"—Mrs. G. D.

*Chicago, Illinois*

"Would you please send me one of your decals? I would like it very much. I am only eleven but I still pray for

my father who left my mother, my two sisters, and me. I think that maybe if you would pray for him also, it might help."—Maria.

*Oregon, Wisconsin*

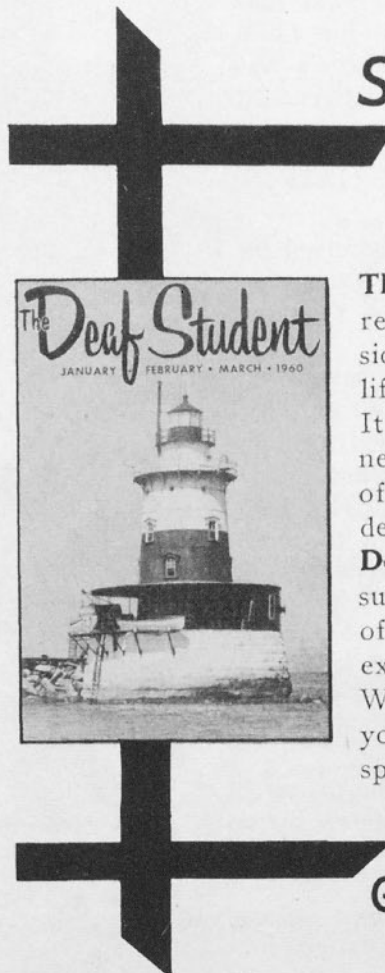
"Could you please send me a copy of your wonderful sermon? I listened until you were done speaking, then fell asleep. I felt good after I finished listening to your program. I hope you will also send me some tracts and tell me what station I would hear you on if I were in Milwaukee. I am in the Oregon State School for Girls."—Diana.

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Children have not hardened their hearts against the gospel, as is the case with so many adults. Their minds are not bound by prejudice. Their souls are eager, tender, and they long to hear the story of Jesus, told in clear language they can understand. *Revivaltime* has a message for these little ones of whom Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Won't you do your part to reach these hearts while they are young and pliable? Write to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

observation and two complete sets of X. rays the doctor declared he was all right.

Last summer the same doctor examined the child and pronounced him completely normal and well. He is the picture of health: he plays, sings, runs, jumps, and when he prays he thanks God for healing him although he does not understand just what God did for him. Thanks be to our wonderful Lord for performing an operation that left no after effects, no scars, no pain, no bills to pay. When God does a job, He does it right.—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller, 1001 Delhi Ave., Cincinnati 4, Ohio. ◀◀



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## CHRIST AND JAIRUS

Sunday School Lesson for February 14, 1960

LUKE 8:40-42, 49-56; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

### MAN'S EXTREMITY AND CHRIST'S OPPORTUNITY (Luke 8:40-42)

When we compare Luke's account with Mark's (Mark 5:22-24), we are at once struck with the faith of Jairus.

(1) *His faith was unexpected.* A ruler of the synagogue ordinarily would have been prejudiced against Christ and far too proud to seek His help. This attitude of Jairus teaches us that there are those in high places who may be brought to a realization of their need of Christ.

(2) *His faith was humble.* "He fell down at Jesus' feet." This was a healthy sign in one who might have been quite pompous.

(3) *His faith was the result of grief.* Jairus was driven to Christ by the fact that his daughter's life was fast ebbing away! The adversities and crises of life are a challenge to us, intended of God to draw us to Him who longs to reveal His saving and delivering power!

(4) *His faith led to earnest prayer.* Jairus "besought Him greatly." He had been accustomed to formal, ritualistic prayers. Rugged reality stirred him to prayer that was equally real—and it is such prayer that God answers.

(5) *His faith secured a response.* Christ entered into the grief of Jairus and went with him to heal his child. We have not been guaranteed exemption from life's difficulties, but the Lord promises He will be with us in the midst of them!

### MAN'S HASTE AND CHRIST'S DELAY (Luke 8:43-48)

(1) *The interruption.* Interruptions often occurred in the ministry of Jesus. See Mark 2:4; 10:46-52. Yet Christ was never distracted or hurried, never at a loss to know what to do.

(2) *The delay.* The heart of Jairus must have been torn with the agony of suspense as Jesus stopped to meet the need of the poor diseased woman who pressed through the crowd to touch Him. But Christ knows what He is doing. His help to one never interferes with His help to another! The delay worked out for good in the end.

### MAN'S DESPAIR AND CHRIST'S COMFORT (Luke 8:49, 50)

(1) *The heart-rending report.* "Thy daughter is dead." Imagine the effect of these words! It would seem all hope was gone, yet things are not what they seem if we move in the spiritual realm!

(2) *The discouraging advice.* "Trouble not the master." These words which seemed reasonable did not please Christ. It troubles Him *more* when people do *not* seek Him (John 5:40). He encourages us to come to Him.

(3) *The encouraging exhortation.* "Fear not: believe only." These words are also spoken to each of us today! To live by them will revolutionize any life!

### MAN'S EXCITEMENT AND CHRIST'S CALMNESS (Luke 8:51-54)

(1) *A special choice.* Here is the first mention where the "inner circle" witnessed a special revelation of Christ's power. Why did Christ allow only these three disciples to enter the house? Perhaps it was because of their faith and unity with Him.

(2) *The sharp displeasure.* V. 52. Compare Mark 5:38, 39. While some of the grief manifested was undoubtedly real, much of it was the wailing of professional mourners. Again, it was an exhibition of deep unbelief.

(3) *The authoritative declaration.* "She is not dead, but sleepeth." What did Jesus mean? Was she already made alive and only sleeping at this moment? Or was Jesus referring to death as sleep because she was soon to awaken?

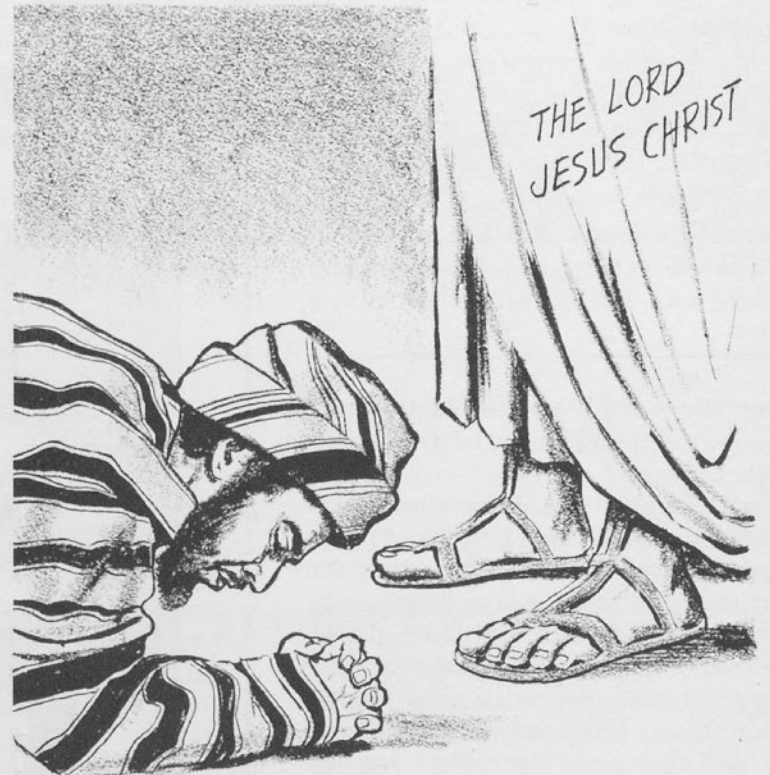
(4) *The drastic action.* "And he put them all out." Those who laugh at Christ's Word are not worthy to behold His wonderful works. And would not the presence of these unbelievers hinder even the power of Christ Himself from being manifested? See Mark 6:5, 6.

### MAN'S POWERLESSNESS AND CHRIST'S STRENGTH (Luke 8:54-56)

With what simplicity Christ performed this miracle! A number of practical lessons are suggested here: (1) *Man is powerless in the presence of death.* (2) *Christ is the master of death and through Him so shall we also be.* Hebrews 2:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55. (3) *All those whom Christ raised from the dead were young people.* Is not this fact a clear indication of the truth that all premature death from sickness is contrary to the will of God? (4) *And is it unthinkable to expect that Christ is able to raise the dead today?*

—J. Bashford Bishop

### WHERE EVERY NEED IS MET



A RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE...FELL DOWN AT JESUS' FEET. LUKE 8:41

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Walt Boring was graduated from Bethany Bible College in 1947. In 1955 he left a successful pastorate in Sacramento to become C. A. president of the Northern California-Nevada district. Known as the "Flying D-CAP" because he flies his own plane, he is loved by C.A.'s for his inspiration, vision, and enthusiasm.

#### CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Evangelist Jimmy Brown was graduated from Central Bible Institute in 1952 with a diploma and returned to receive his bachelor of arts degree in 1955. In addition to his extensive evangelistic ministry, Brother Brown is in great demand as a camp meeting and convention speaker. He is known for his deep love for souls and the Word of God.

#### EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Paul Berg was graduated from Eastern Bible Institute in 1951. Brother Berg spent five years in Japan as a successful missionary. "Music with a mission," a plan he has developed to help the natives on the mission field build churches, includes the recording of sacred music, proceeds of which will go toward this project.



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#### EVANGEL COLLEGE

Thomas Zimmerman graduated from Evangel College in 1959. He is currently enrolled in the University of Missouri where he is working toward a Ph. D. in clinical psychology. The university has granted him a graduate assistantship. There is a great ministry for the Christian psychologist in counseling as well as living a testimony among associates.

#### NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE

Delmar Kingsriter was graduated from North Central Bible College in 1945. As a missionary to Africa, he served as instructor and principal of a Bible school, evangelized three new areas, constructed ten new churches, and served as secretary of the East African Field Missionary Fellowship.

#### NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Ronald G. DeBock received the B. A. degree from Northwest Bible College in 1953, and the B. D. degree from Western Evangelical Seminary in 1960. He expects to be commissioned as lieutenant (Junior grade), chaplain corps, U. S. Naval Reserve, May 26, 1960.

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#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

Bonnie Jean Olson was graduated from Southern California College in 1959. When she stated her educational qualifications to a suburban school board near her home in Minneapolis she was promptly hired. As she puts it, the board members said it was definitely to their advantage to have a teacher with a religious background.

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**N**OTHING LIVES TILL IT IS BORN. The beginning of animal life is at birth. The beginning of human life is at birth. The beginning of divine life is by birth also.

The doctrine of the new birth is undoubtedly the most logical of all the elements of salvation. Because man is by nature a sinner, and because God is by the very essence of His own being sinless, there must come to pass a fundamental change in any man who would fellowship with that holy God. It simply cannot be otherwise. Men do not enter into heaven on the basis of what they profess, but on the basis of what they are! Birth determines nature, and nature determines destiny! The simplest logic requires that before fellowship with God can be experienced, both man and God must be of the same nature. God cannot change His nature, nor can He forsake it, but He can and does offer to every man His own nature. Before such an experience can come to any man, basic changes must necessarily affect him.

#### WHAT IT IS

The new birth provides four things absolutely essential to any man who would spend eternity with God. First, the new birth provides a *new life*. It is endless life. To spend eternity with God it is necessary to have a life that you cannot lose. You may lose the life that you now have in the body but you cannot lose the life that is received by faith through Christ in the new birth. Secondly, the new birth provides a *new relationship*. Instead of being a child of the devil you become a member of the family of God. "We are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:26).

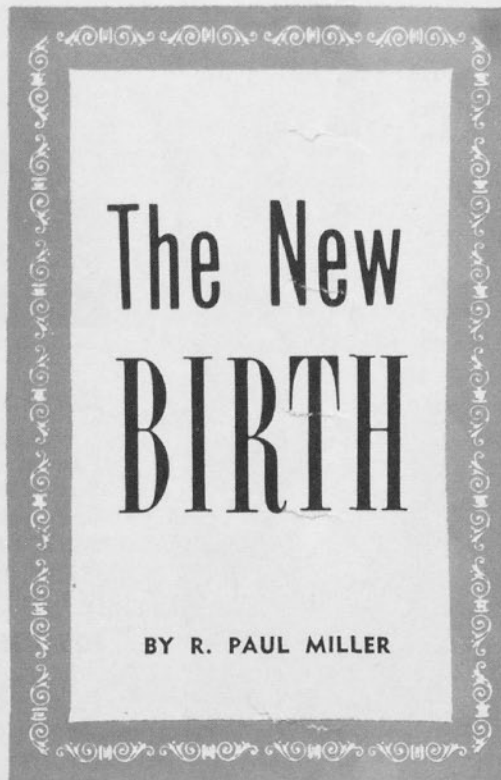
In the next place, the new birth provides a *new occupation*—"to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10). This is a complete transformation of life, interest, and purpose. Finally, the new birth provides a *new destiny*—heaven. The question of an endless life with God is ruled out. The believer becomes an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ of all God is and all God has. Romans 8:17 is very clear on this point. You may join a church and experience none of these, but once you have committed yourself to Jesus Christ you have all of these.

The universal need is the new birth.

The idea that those who have not violated the laws of decency do not need to be born again, and that only those who have gone to the depths of moral depravity need such an experience is wholly wrong. Jesus said in John 3:3: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." That settles it for all mankind. There is no further argument. The Son of God has spoken.

#### HOW TO GET IT

The new birth is the implanting of the nature of God in the heart of a man. When a baby is born into the human family it receives life, nature,



and character from its parents. Just so, when a man is born into the family of God he receives life, nature, and spirit from God. This is plainly told us in 2 Peter 1:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature."

How is the new birth attained? By receiving and confessing Christ as Saviour and Lord. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:26). No one can be a child of God until he is freed from his sin. By receiving the settlement that Christ made for sin on Calvary a holy God can accept him as His own child, and He does just that!

#### HOW TO PROVE IT

How may we know that we are born

again? The evidences of the new birth are very simple, and very easy to recognize. The first proof of the new birth is the *witness of the Spirit*—"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16, ASV). This is an absolute and unfailing evidence that cannot be imitated. It never fails. The Spirit of God with His own voice speaks to the spirit of the believer in Christ apart from all outside influences. If you have the inner voice of the Spirit of God assuring you that you belong to God, that you are His child, the whole world may shout to the contrary but it matters not. Whether you are sick or well, rich or poor, well known or unknown, the voice of God's Spirit will give you inner assurance that your eternity is fixed forever with God.

Another evidence of the new birth is the *witness of the Word*. John 15:3 quotes this statement of fact by the Lord Jesus: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." A promise is no better than its author. But when its author is God, the promise is unfailingly dependable. Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). No matter how much you are tempted or tried, nothing alters God's promise to you. Since God is the final arbiter of all men's eternal destiny, if He says you belong to Him because you have accepted Christ who is able to cancel it? That is what Paul meant in Romans 8:31: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" That is, who can successfully lay charges against us before God so as to cut us off from Him? Before one can change God's Word he must overpower God Himself. Who is able to do that? "As many as received him [Christ], to them gave he the right to become children of God" (John 1:12 ASV). Since God said it, that settles it!

The third evidence of being born again is a *transformed life*. This is emphatically stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

To become a new creature involves birth. Each creature has its own appetite. The natural man, the unsaved man, has but one appetite, and that is to satisfy his flesh. The moment a

man truly receives Christ as his Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit takes up His dwelling in that man's heart and mind and from then on his dominant aim in life will be to please the Lord and to do His will. That will change the man at home, at work, at school, and at church. These things will then take first place in his life.

The new birth is essential for fellowship with God. Some people have amazing ideas of spiritual values. They seem to have the idea that, regardless of their present moral and spiritual appetites, if they could just get to heaven as they are they would be happy. *They would be miserable!* To be suddenly separated from all the things in this world they love, and be forced forever into spiritual things they have no use for at all, would make happiness impossible. If anyone is to live in heaven with God he must love the things God loves or there can be no fellowship with God. The wonderful thing is that God can and will change a man completely so that he has a new love, a new desire, a new appetite. Will you let Him change you—now?

—Brethren Missionary Herald

## Christian Culture

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nothing to adhere to; no standard to guide you; no Bible to set before you a proper valuation of Christian ethics. Formal religion, while better than none, is not enough. There must be help from God.

Since culture, according to the dictionary, is a result of "mental and moral training," the Christian religion offers both. It does not discount the natural learning processes, but it adds to scholastic learning moral training which produces uprightness, honesty, trustworthiness, proper consideration for others. It reveals itself in temperance, by which we mean self-control, modesty, and heavenly mindedness. Follow the Word of God and you will find life, peace, and happiness. Follow the customs of a fallen world and you will come to spiritual death. The Christian seeks not to imitate the world in its ungodly way of living, but rather to be a witness before the world of what Christ can do in a life that is yielded to Him.

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## Healed of Rheumatoid Arthritis

By PASTOR VERNON BOYER  
Brookville, Pennsylvania

Reginald Gaunt, Sunday school superintendent of our church in Brookville, is a walking testimony of God's power to heal.

He was stricken a number of years ago with rheumatoid arthritis of the spine and feet. The diagnosis was verified by X rays and by a complete physical examination. His condition grew worse until he could not stand the weight of a sheet on his feet. If medicine for pain relief was not taken regularly he would spend sleepless nights. The pain from the crippling disease was so intense that Brother Gaunt was forced to crawl around the house on his hands and knees in the mornings. He became unable to work.

In February 1959 he made application for a "family policy" with one of the largest life insurance companies in America. However, he was rejected on March 9 because of his physical condition.

On Sunday evening, March 29, Evangelist Andrew Basell and I anointed Brother Gaunt with oil (in accordance with James 5:14, 15) and laid our hands on him with a prayer for healing in the name of the Lord Jesus. Brother Gaunt was healed immediately, and from that day to this (eight months later at the time of writing) he has not taken one bit of medicine, not even an aspirin. His healing is complete.

Brother Gaunt has been working eleven to fourteen hours a day as an automobile mechanic. He works on a cement floor in various bodily positions. He has not missed a single day's

work for physical reasons since his healing on March 29, and has no discomfort from his former affliction.

The same insurance agent, of the same company that had rejected him, approached Brother Gaunt recently relative to insurance. A second application was filled out and Brother Gaunt submitted to the second thorough physical examination. The physician told Brother Gaunt during the examination, "You alone know what has been done in your body. You are fortunate." The insurance company accepted Brother Gaunt this time and issued a policy on November 8 with no clauses attached.

We at First Assembly rejoice with Brother Gaunt and give all the glory to the Lord, "who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2, 3).

## Nerves Healed

IN MARCH OF 1957 I SUFFERED A severe nervous breakdown and entered the Warrensburg (Mo.) Medical Center for treatment. For months I had been taking tranquilizers and sleeping tablets in order to get any rest. I could not do my housework or care for my three children. I was tormented day and night by fantastic thoughts. I lived in a state of fear that something dreadful was going to happen in our family.

After twenty-six days of treatment in the hospital I was released, but I still depended on tranquilizers and sleeping pills and was seemingly no better than before.

On May 18, 1957, a group of ladies came from the church to pray for me. On that day God gave all present the assurance of my healing through a message in tongues and interpretation. I gathered up all of my medicine and poured it down the drain, in faith, believing that the work was done.

It has been well over two years since that day and I have not taken one dose

of nerve medicine nor any sleeping pills. I am enjoying the best health I have ever known. Besides doing all of my housework and taking care of my own children, I also care for some other children. I haven't missed Sunday school for over two years, and during this same period I have missed only three church services of any kind. To Jesus be all the honor and glory. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits."—Mrs. Jewel Patterson, 425 East Gay, Warrensburg, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert A. Sites, First Assembly of God in Warrensburg, Mo. He says: "Sister Patterson is currently enjoying wonderful health and is one of the most co-operative and untiring workers for the Lord that I have ever known. She is presently serving as our Sunday school superintendent and is active in every part of the church program.")

## I WILL BE OLD

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a blessing to a busy pastor's wife! Another elderly friend has poor vision, which limits her activity. But she has conceived the idea of inviting neighborhood children into her room where she sings and tells the gospel story. Sometimes she gives cookies or a few pennies to those who memorize Bible verses. With the children she is the most popular person in the neighborhood, and she is a favorite of their mothers as well.

One lady who is past eighty-five and practically an invalid, invites prayer requests by phone or mail. Because through the years she has developed a ministry as a "prayer warrior" she is now receiving enough requests to keep her fully and joyfully occupied.

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As I think of the sweet old lady on the porch, and of the many other aged people I know, both pleasant and otherwise, I pray more frequently: *Lord, help me now to be preparing so that when I join the ranks of the aged I will be a blessing rather than a burden to those with whom I live.* ◀◀

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God, to open the heart to the love of God.

—William Temple

# Facts on Fire

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ning and we always had a good time of prayer before leaving. Our hearts were so satisfied there seemed no need or desire for other entertainment. If the spiritual balances the social, the latter will be kept in its proper place. No age-group responds more eagerly to a spiritual challenge than young people who recognize the moving of God's Spirit.

Today there is still a cry in many hearts, "O God, to see thy glory, so as we have seen it in the sanctuary!" And God will answer. He may not manifest Himself in the same manner as He did forty years ago, but the same characteristic principles are always present when God moves.

We are grateful to have been brought out of our mission halls and inadequate places of worship. Much that was un-

desirable has disappeared. But, are there not some things we would do well to recapture? We are thankful for our new edifices with lovely carpeted aisles and soft-cushioned seats. But are we more concerned with building beautiful churches than strong Christian character? A new church may bring people in, but it takes the warmth of God's fire to keep them in.

In his last meeting with the ministers during the London Crusade (which the Writer was privileged to attend) Billy Graham spoke to twenty-six hundred people. At one point he turned to a certain group which was predominant, and said, "I know you are accustomed to a more formal way of worship. But if you want to keep these converts coming you will have to put more warmth into your services. They were born in revival fire and it will take the same warmth to keep them in."

Today the Church of Jesus Christ faces its climactic challenge as we hasten to the end of this age. Church membership is at an all-time high. There is an awareness of God among people. Popular songs carry a religious

note. Announcers on radio and television glibly say, "God bless you." But all this emphasis without real spiritual life creates a vacuum that only Christ can fill. This challenge will be met if the Church gets back to her first love, shakes off liberalism and lukewarmness, and preaches the gospel with burning hearts. If we pay the price, our absolutes *will* be facts on fire.

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THE MUSIC WORKSHOP will be led by Edwin Anderson, Gospel Publishing House Music Editor. Every phase of Christian music will be discussed. There will be something of vital interest to every Christian worker, from the pastor to the custodian. The value and work of music will be emphasized.

THE CAMPING WORKSHOP will be directed by Billy Reeves, Child Evangelism Division supervisor. This workshop will emphasize the place of day camping and retreats in the local church program. The benefits, organization, and mechanics of a camping program will be discussed.

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# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **NO. RICHLAND HILLS, TEX.**—The Assembly here was recently blessed, strengthened, and lifted up spiritually by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge. There were several definite healings, and one was filled with the Holy Ghost.  
—*James L. Barnes, Pastor*

► **SAN ANGELO, TEX.**—First Assembly of God here recently concluded two weeks of revival with Evangelist Hardie G. Weathers of Waco, Tex. From night to night the power of God was witnessed by the congregation. Quite a number were saved, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were several wonderful healings. The straightforward presentation of the gospel proved very helpful and strengthening to the church.  
—*Jimmy Phillips, Pastor*

► **AVENAL, CALIF.**—Over 145 boys and girls accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour during the children's meetings conducted here by Evangelist Jack Thompson. The average attendance throughout the campaign was 241. The meetings left permanent results in the church, and a number of families were enlisted in the Sunday school as a result of them. The church now has the list of 145 names of children who have no church home.  
—*Joe Trucks, Pastor*

► **HONOLULU, HAWAII**—During 1959 the First Assembly of God here was fortunate to have two great revivals that were an inspiration to the people. Bill McPherson of Toronto, Canada, preached for a week in August and a number of young people found Christ as Saviour. Some were also filled with the Holy Spirit. Later Evangelist Gladys Pearson of San Pedro, Calif. conducted a meeting of four weeks' duration. Her ministry brought a number to the Lord, as well as encouraging many to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit.  
—*Eldon Vincent, Pastor*

► **DUNKIRK, OHIO**—A very good evangelistic crusade has just come to a close at the First Assembly of God here. The evangelist was Mel Jennings of Plymouth, Mich. Two were definitely saved, including a friend from a Jehovah Witness family. Some new families became acquainted with the church through attending the meetings. The anointed ministry of the Word and music stirred hearts, and the altar services were indeed precious. Brother Jennings conducted a special program in the public school, and that too was helpful to the church. The Sunday school enjoyed a steady increase every Sunday during November.  
—*N. C. Ruppert, Pastor*

► **HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA**—Evangelist Bill McPherson was greatly anointed when he conducted twelve days of revival meetings in the Central Gospel Tabernacle here. Several prayed through to salvation and some testified to physical healing. On "Holy Ghost night" a man from another denomination gloriously received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He has since joined our assembly.  
—*J. H. Blair, Pastor*

► **DANVILLE, OHIO**—The Assembly here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Ken Haddaway. Souls were saved and one Baptist lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Strangers came to the meeting every night. The Lord be praised for this moving of His Spirit.  
—*John Seeley, Pastor*

► **BEECH GROVE, IND.**—Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Oklahoma recently conducted meetings here. His ministry in the Word of God, chalk drawings, and music was a real blessing to all. There were some outstanding conversions, and about 100 new people attended the meeting during the nine days.  
—*James P. Monson, Pastor*

► **MUSKEGON, MICH.**—The Broadway Assembly of God just recently closed a good revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Her straightforward messages caused great heartsearching and new consecrations were made. One outstanding victory came on the last night of the revival when a young man was reclaimed who had not attended church for several years. After a few days he was reunited with his wife and family.  
—*E. E. Froats, Pastor*

► **MANCHESTER, N. H.**—Evangelists John and Olive Kellner recently conducted a very successful campaign here at First Assembly. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. There were many healings and deliverances. Two individuals who were deaf for 26 years or more received their hearing instantly. One man with a very serious eye infection was healed. The Lord manifested Himself in every service, and the faith of the people was greatly built up. God be praised for the Holy Spirit's anointing upon these meetings.  
—*R. Vivian Fredrikson, Pastor*

► **KIRKLAND, WASH.**—A special week of very successful meetings was conducted recently on the campus of Northwest Bible College by Pastor Wesley Paul Steelberg of North Hollywood, Calif. Four students received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were moved to greater dedication to the service of the Lord. The

messages were characterized not only by spiritual inspiration but by practical instruction. Services were held during the chapel hour each morning and each evening as well. The administration and faculty of the college are indeed grateful to the Lord for this visitation of God's Spirit during this first Spiritual Emphasis Week on the new campus.  
—*C. E. Butterfield, President*

► **CONNEAUT, OHIO**—The Assembly here recently closed a very successful three-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Arnold Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. The meetings were well-attended and the Sunday school record was broken. At least 10 people came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. The Segesmans are very talented as musicians and artists, and their ministry of the Word was challenging.  
—*Earl E. Hart, Pastor*

► **STROUDSBURG, PA.**—The First Assembly of God here greatly enjoyed a week of special meetings with Evangelist John McDuff of Houston, Tex. The very first night a special communion service was conducted by the evangelist in which each participant was invited to face the cross alone. The Spirit of God was manifest in an exceptional way; young people came sobbing to the altar, surrendering their lives to God. There were a number of visitors in every service. The Sunday school reached a new high.  
—*W. Lawrence Perrault, Pastor*

► **ADRIAN, MICH.**—The Bethany Assembly of God has just concluded one of the finest revivals in its history with the Hance Evangelistic Team. It was truly an old-fashioned Pentecostal revival with hungry hearts seeking God until after midnight every evening. Six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and 15 persons knelt at the altar for salvation. Many first-time visitors attended the meetings. A new Sunday school record of 441 was established.  
—*Arthur G. Clay, Pastor*

► **SHEBOYGAN, WIS.**—God graciously sent a revival to the First Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist Paul B. Hoff. There were numerous miracles of healing performed almost nightly, including the restoration of sight to a woman who was almost blind and the lengthening of a baby's leg which was  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches short. Many outsiders came to the meetings and some of them came forward for salvation. Some of the converts have been received into church membership. Others are continuing to attend the services.  
—*Thomas O. Grams, Pastor*

## NEW PASTOR IS CALLED

MARINETTE, Wis.—Joseph Johnson has been called to be pastor of Calvary Temple (Assemblies of God) in Marinette. The former pastor, Paul Hild, resigned to re-enter the evangelistic field. Brother Hild writes:

"We surely praise the Lord for the souls He saved, the sick He healed, and the number that were baptized in water and added to the church last year. We enjoyed visits from people in many different cities and states, including a number of ministers and missionaries who preached from our pulpit.

"Three successful revivals were held, the evangelists being Joseph Johnson, the Musical Vanns, and the Joseph DeGrado family.

"The C. A. group was organized and the young people sang in rest homes and numerous rallies. Outdoor speakers were mounted on the Temple tower as a project of the C.A.'s.

"The Men's Fellowship placed three signs on the highway and by the church. One sign preaches the gospel twenty-four hours of every day. The men also sponsored the installing of a fine Hammond organ.

"All Sunday school rooms were newly decorated as well as the lower auditorium. Construction was begun on a new parsonage. The WMC work has been outstanding. Missionary giving has increased.

"During the summer the congregation took the gospel outdoors by holding two rallies in the park and bandshell."



This picture was taken at Calvary Temple in Marinette, Wis., when the congregation celebrated the second anniversary of its new church building. Left to right: James Hamann of Racine, Wis., former pastor; Morris Hayes of Columbus, O., former pastor; and Paul Hild, who has since resigned as pastor.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**HOMECOMING**—Feb. 14 at Assembly of God, Alpaugh, Calif., commemorating the 25th anniversary of the church. Former members invited. W. H. Weaver, Jr. is pastor.—by Harvey Morris, Church Secretary.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Scottsdale	First	Feb. 7-21	Jim Collins	Dan Hughes
Ark.	N. Little Rock	First	Feb. 9—	Donnell-Holler Team	Thomas Gotcher
Calif.	Hermosa Beach	A/G	Feb. 14-28	Winferd Mack	Guy Heath
	Lincoln	Full Gospel Tab.	Feb. 9—	G. A. Snavelly & wife	Carl Oney
	Rohnerville	First	Feb. 7-21	Fisher-Cheek Team	Joseph Murray
	Salinas	Alisal	Feb. 14-28	Glynn Hall	Joe D. Wright
	Salinas	Calvary	Feb. 14-28	Edwin L. Cole	Ray C. Oliver
Colo.	Denver	First	Feb. 10—	Paul Riggs	V. J. Crews
	Denver	South Denver	Feb. 7-28	Dwayne Madsen	H. J. Jackson
	Pueblo	Central	Feb. 14-28	Bob Muir	C. F. Ferguson
Fla.	Ft. Walton Beach	Evang. Ctr.	Feb. 2-14	Ernest Eskelin	R. A. Turton
	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Feb. 7-12	Bob Olson	Harold Schmitt
Idaho	Pace	A/G	Jan. 31-Feb. 14	W. O. Stephens & wife	Glyn Lowery
	Nampa	A/G	Feb. 2—	L. H. Sheets Family	Ray Murphy
Ill.	Seneca	A/G	Jan. 31—	Joseph DeGrado	Roy Wilson
	Virginia	A/G	Feb. 9-21	Joel & Esther Palmer	Cox & Brown
Iowa	Davenport	North Pine	Jan. 31-Feb. 14	Willis-Ford Team	C. D. Sullivan
	Des Moines	* Central	Feb. 8-28	J. B. Davis Party	E. S. Henning, Chm.
Ky.	Keokuk	A/G	Feb. 8-14	Garfield J. Unruh	A. L. Ullestad
	Henderson	First	Feb. 9-21	Bob McCutchen	W. H. Hemphill
La.	Lexington	First	Feb. 7—	A. F. DiMusto Party	D. A. Edwards
	Shreveport	Glad Tidings	Feb. 2-14	Lolita Thompson	J. M. Cason
Mich.	Chelsea	A/G	Feb. 9-21	Wesley C. Wibley	Harvey Meppelink
Miss.	Escatawpa	A/G	Feb. 2—	Roy Lee & wife	O. E. Gordon
	New Albany	First	Feb. 9—	Frank Martin	J. D. Middlebrook
Mo.	Kansas City	Eastside	Feb. 14-28	Glenna Byard	Darrell D. Massey
	Springfield	Southside	Feb. 14-28	Tommy Barnett	Jack West
N. Mex.	Alamogordo	A/G	Feb. 9—	Don George	Floyd Grant
	Belen	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 14	H. Glen Anderson	Paul Wilson
	Grants	Milan Station	Feb. 9—	Neale Sheneman	Carl Swink
Ohio	Johnsville	A/G	Feb. 9-28	L. K. Dodge	Terry T. Diehl
	Orrville	A/G	Feb. 2-14	John Higginbotham	Kenneth Wireman
	Woodville	First	Feb. 2-14	Mel Jennings	Edgar H. Mitchell
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Grace	Feb. 14—	Keith L. Belknap	J. D. Keen
	Turley	A/G	Feb. 14-28	A. N. Burns	Donald C. Scott
Oreg.	Salem	Evang. Temple	Feb. 14-28	Ron Prinzing	Austin H. Barton
Tex.	Beaumont	First	Feb. 7-14	George Hayes	Bob Willis
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Feb. 12, 13, 14	Warren Litzman	H. C. Noah
	Port Neches	A/G	Feb. 7-21	Hildreth Ethridge	J. E. Inlow
	Texarkana	Calvary	Feb. 8-21	Leon Morrow	Derwood Jumper
Wash.	Aberdeen	Calvary Temple	Feb. 7—	The Quanabush Team	N. F. Langford
Wis.	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 13-29	Musical Mathans	H. L. Fiaherty
Canada	Calgary, Alta.	Capitol Hill	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Bob Muir	Charles Yates
El Salvador	Santa Ana	A/G	February	Stanley McPherson	Sterling Stewart
Malaya	Singapore	A/G	Feb. 14—	Watson Argue	R. B. Cavaness

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## WORKERS TRAINING

**TULSA, OKLA.**—Feb. 8-12 at First Assembly of God. A. N. Burns, instructor. Clyde Daniel, pastor.

**FILLMORE, CALIF.**—Feb. 8-14 at Assembly of God. Virgil and Edythe Warens, instructors. Neville E. Carlson, pastor.

**ATWATER, CALIF.**—Feb. 15-21 at Assembly of God. Virgil and Edythe Warens, instructors. Otto Schmidt, pastor.

**OCEANSIDE, CALIF.**—Feb. 1-14 at Assembly of God. C. C. Wilcox, instructor. P. C. Walcher, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

**CURTIS SNAIR**, 79, Tampa, Fla., went to be with the Lord on January 5, 1960.

Brother Snair had been an ordained minister for twenty-four years, ministering mainly in Florida. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

**WILLIAM E. GUNDERSEN**, 47, Taunton, Mass., passed to his reward December 25, 1959. Brother Gundersen was a member of the Southern New England District and pastor of First Pentecostal Church in Taunton until his death. He is survived by his wife and one child.

**FRANK BEARD**, 60, Laurel, Miss., went to be with the Lord on November 24, 1959. He was pastor of the Kingston Assembly in Laurel at the time of his death. Brother Beard served as a pastor and as an evangelist in several states following his ordination in 1930. He is survived by his wife, who is an ordained minister, and one child.



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Gaal's conspiracy at Shechem 263  
there, for fear of Ā-bim'-ē-lēch his brother.  
22 ¶ When Ā-bim'-ē-lēch had reigned three years over Israel,  
23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Ā-bim'-ē-lēch and the men of Shē'-chēm; and the men of She-

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out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.  
34 ¶ And Ā-bim'-ē-lēch rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shē'-chēm in four compa-



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to the  
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President Eisenhower at Church

Friends were with us in Washington and we looked in the local newspapers for a Christmas Eve service. We noticed the advertisement, "No Room in the Inn," so we drove down to the National Presbyterian Church thinking it would be a pageant.

We entered the lovely candle-lighted church and were ushered quite near the front. Soon the usher returned and moved some of our group across the aisle, telling us the President had called and that he would soon arrive. In about ten minutes President and Mrs. Eisenhower entered and were seated two rows behind us. He looked so fine after just returning from his tiring trip abroad. They gave everyone a big smile.

The choir sang beautiful Christmas music; the pastor brought a stirring sermon on "No Room in the Inn"; then Communion was served. At the close of the service the pastor walked down the center aisle, stopping at the fourth row to escort the President and the First Lady out of the service before the congregation stood to leave.

How each citizen in the United States should thank God for our President who chose to spend Christmas Eve in the house of God.

RUSSELL E. PRATT  
Minister of Music  
Full Gospel Tabernacle  
Washington 1, D. C.

Catholics Set an Example

For a number of months I have been receiving a Roman Catholic periodical. I did not subscribe to it and I wondered who was responsible for my receiving it. Then I learned that this particular Catholic periodical was being sent to 25,000 Protestant ministers, without charge, to acquaint them with the Catholic viewpoint.

Perhaps the Protestants ought to reciprocate by sending magazines like *The Pentecostal Evangel* to 25,000 Roman Catholic priests to acquaint them with the Protestant viewpoint. It might do much good.

VICTOR A. HUDAK  
Secretary, Hungarian Branch  
Cleveland, Ohio

The Bible in Our Schools

With reference to the editorial in the January 17th issue of the "Evangel." . . .

We need to have the Bible read in our schools, for the amount of religious education people receive today is but small.

As the *Chicago Daily News* said some time ago, "The Bible was the chart and compass of the fathers of this Republic,

and was the guiding star of the framers of our Constitution. It never entered their minds to prohibit the reading of the Bible in the schools.

"Yet the Supreme Court of Illinois, by a vote of five to two, has prohibited the reading of the Bible in the public schools of Illinois. How paradoxical is this prohibition and a provision of an Illinois prison law which stipulates that 'it shall be the duty of chaplains to perform religious services in the penitentiaries... and to furnish, at the expense of the State, a Bible to each convict!'"

Let's furnish the schoolboy with a Bible rather than to wait until he reaches the penitentiary.

DAVID A. BLATTNER,  
Pastor Paradise Valley  
Assembly of God  
Cresco, Pennsylvania

#### A Pastor's Wife Writes

We appreciate the "Evangel." Our people read it each week eagerly, and we are sure it is making a great contribution to their maturity in the things of God.

Brother Copeland almost always has something to say from the pulpit about the excellent editorials or other articles.

MRS. MOSES COPELAND  
Full Gospel Community Church  
Kansas City, Kansas

#### Sharing the "Evangel" with Others

Just a short letter to let you know we are still enjoying *The Pentecostal Evangel*. We pass our copies on to others after we have read them. We give the papers to various people in our neighborhood, including ministers of other denominations, and we have had some nice compliments from these friends.

BEECHLEY S. BATES  
Pastor, Assembly of God  
Cottonwood, Arizona

#### Patients Love the EVANGEL

We give out hundreds of *Evangels* every week at the Seattle hospitals and the patients love them. People want the knowledge of a God who cares. We give out other papers too, but the *Evangel* is the one they like best. We wish we had more copies. We beg them from individuals, churches, WMC groups, wherever we can get them.

If you have extra *Evangels* that are clean, and not too old, we can use them to excellent advantage. We like to leave behind us a message of salvation, healing, and sound Christian living as we go from bed to bed.

RENA E. PIATT  
Route 1, Box 4197  
Issaquah, Washington

#### Teaching Children to Pray

I have eight children (the oldest is sixteen) and I cannot tell you how much the Christian Home page and Family Altar feature have meant to me. I began family worship before my first child started to school. I had no training but God plainly told me to start it so I did my best. I read the Bible to them and prayed with them each morning. I have no regrets at all but if I had had these helps that are now found in the *Evangel* I might have done a better job.

MRS. ALBERT BROWN  
Fort Worth, Texas



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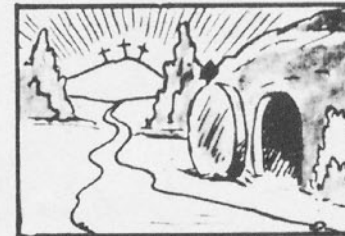
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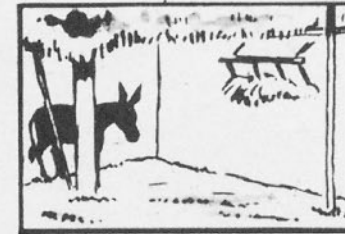
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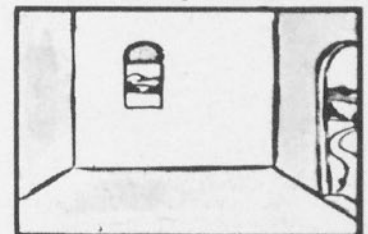
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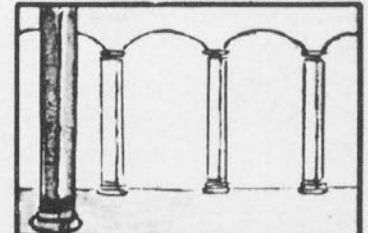
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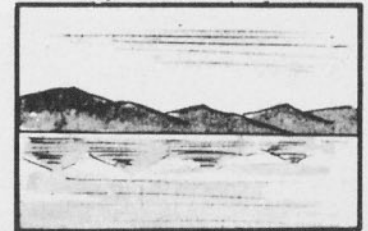
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# The secret of DYNAMIC Energy

By A. B. SIMPSON

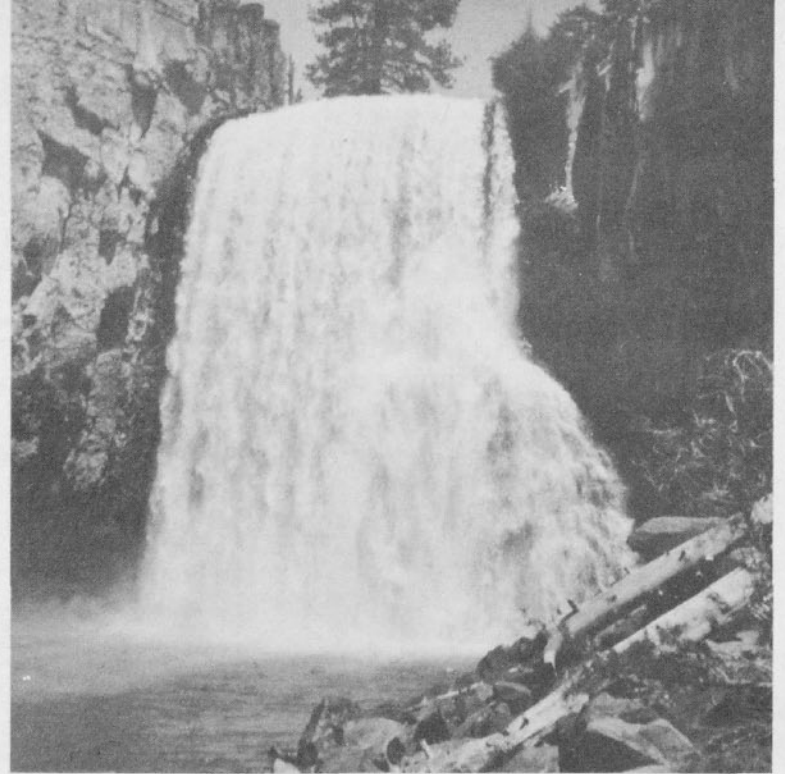


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AS WE LOOK AT THE ECONOMY OF NATURE WE FIND that the secret of power is *resistance*. Sometimes the wheels of railroad trains refuse to advance because the rails are covered with ice; they are too smooth, they need a rough surface in order to have a grip. If our pathway is too smooth we may find, like the train, that our way is blocked by our very ease.

Dr. Bell's discovery of the principle of the airship—adjusting it to the resistance of the atmosphere—is the real principle of spiritual progress. It is the same with a sailing vessel: the helm has to be held hard against the wind, in order to give the purchase.

If you explode a mass of gunpowder on the roadside it will be without force, but if you enclose one-quarter of that amount in the barrel of a gun it will carry a bullet for miles because of the resistance of the barrel. Even the treasures of sea and mine have come to us through natural convulsions and conflicts. The gold is the offspring of the fire, and the pearl of the struggles of the little mollusk to protect itself from the grain of sand that intrudes into its shell.

In the history of nations we observe that difficulty has been the parent of energy. The races of tropical regions, where nature spontaneously supplies their needs, have been weak and enervated; while those of northern climes, who have had to fight the battle of life with storm and rock and sea, have developed corresponding vigor.

And it is so in the economy of grace. It seems to be necessary to the production of spiritual forces that there should be difficulty, conflict, and resistance. It was in the face of famine and sacrifice that Abraham grew to be the hero of faith. It was in the crisis of Peniel that Jacob emerged from his littleness and meanness to be the founder of his people. It was from the abasement of an Egyptian prison that Joseph arose to the mastership of the world and the height of human goodness.

David was fitted for his throne after nine years of sufferings and testing. Christ, the Captain of our salvation, was made perfect through suffering; and Paul, His chief apostle, said he was set forth as the last spectacle on the stage of suffering, to show how much a man could bear through God's enabling grace.

Just as they hang a weight to the clock to regulate its movement, and counterpoise machinery by corresponding checks, so God regulates our spiritual balance by alternate joy and suffering. Just as the fleetest yacht with her immense spread of sail has to carry corresponding ballast to hold her in equilibrium, so our lives are stayed by the weight of trial.

After Christ had been baptized with the Holy Ghost on the banks of the Jordan, immediately, "He was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." And so, in our experiences, the joy of conversion is soon followed by the first sharp test of temptation, and the deeper experience of the Holy Spirit's baptism is counterbalanced by the most trying ordeals of spiritual suffering.

Therefore it comes to pass that those who have been called into closer fellowship with the Master and higher spiritual experiences find their lives linked often with the most uncongenial environments. The very wife of your bosom becomes perhaps a check upon your enthusiasm, and reproves your slightest stumbling, in order to keep you from thinking that you have reached self-perfection. Your business perhaps calls you into the most trying associations, and you are often tempted to think how much better a Christian you could be if the people and things around you were more according to your mind. You are quite mistaken. God knows what weight you can carry and what discipline you most need, and you will find at last that He makes no mistakes, and that even the buffeting of Satan is to be counted among your means of grace.

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