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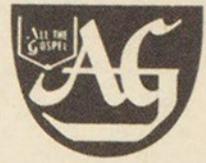
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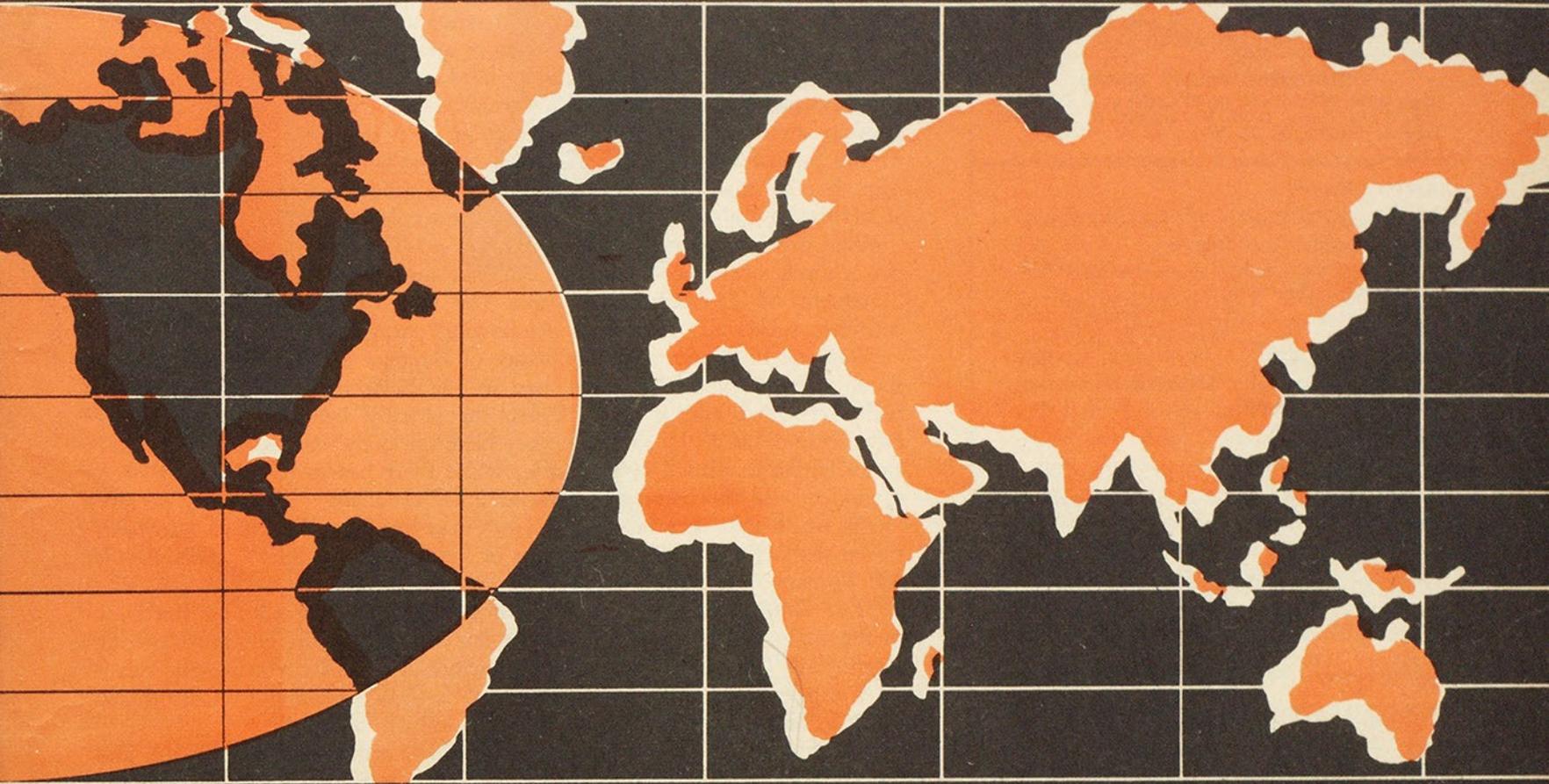
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The Church and Its Members

What is a church? According to the Constitutional Declaration of the Assemblies of God, a church in the early apostolic era was "a representative body of saved, Spirit-filled believers, who ordained and sent out evangelists and missionaries, and who, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, set over the church pastors and teachers. . . ." The Assemblies of God, from its beginning in 1914, has endeavored to follow the apostolic pattern, and teaches that each church member within our fellowship should be saved and Spirit-filled. In this issue of the *Evangel* we are publishing a number of articles on the subject of church membership, hoping that the readers may see the importance and significance of affiliating publicly with a body of Pentecostal believers.

What ordinances should a church observe? The New Testament teaches two church ordinances: Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Statement of Fundamental Truths (to which all Assemblies of God churches subscribe) contains the following paragraphs:

"*Baptism in Water.* The ordinance of Baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed, as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their hearts have already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as inner cleansing. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4; Acts 20:21; Hebrews 10:22."

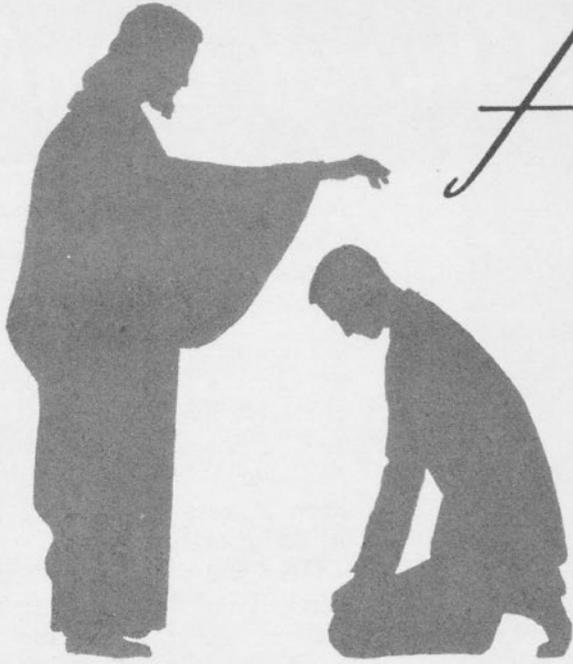
"*The Lord's Supper,* consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26); a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers 'till He come.'"

If any churches have been neglecting these ordinances, the leaders and members should examine their hearts and come into conformity with the clear teaching of the Scriptures without further delay. The Bible does not specify how often we should observe these ordinances (the general practice among our churches is to have a Water Baptismal service several times a year and to partake of the Lord's Supper about once a month) but it does teach clearly and emphatically that they should be observed.

Ask the pastor to baptize you in water, if you are a born-again believer and have not yet taken this step. And if you have been denying yourself the blessing of the Communion ordinance, deny yourself no longer. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." Do it, then, in loving remembrance of Him who loved you and gave Himself for you. Remember Him as the Saviour who lives today to deliver you from all evil and to bless you with His constant presence. Come to the table of the Lord with gratitude and worship. Let your heart be warmed by this beautiful ordinance which symbolizes your communion with Christ and your fellowship with His Church.

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He Careth

FOR YOU

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HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO KNOW that God cares for us! And He does, for a fact. The apostle Peter offered the words as a comforting truth to the believers of the first century who were undergoing fiery trials. He said, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). And through the Holy Spirit, Peter is still saying to all believers everywhere, "God is concerned about that which concerns you." The Lord Jesus Christ invites you to bring to Him your weights, your worries, your problems, your vexations; in short, "*all your care*"!

We *will* do something about our cares. Either they will be presented to God for His solution, or they will crush us and choke God's blessings from our lives, even as the Lord Jesus predicted in His parable of the Sower (Luke 8: 14).

How realistic this verse of Scripture is! It does not deny the presence and the pressure of care. Nor does it suggest that if you ignore your cares they will vanish. Rather, it urges you *to face them*—to do something about them!

No one, not even a Christian, escapes from the pressure of the cares of this life.

A tale from ancient India is of a woman who suffered the loss of her beloved. In her grief, she sought peace by wearisome pilgrimages to faraway shrines. It was to no avail. She found no peace. And then she was told that she would find peace if she could se-

cure a cup of rice from a home in which sorrow had never entered. Her search from house to house taught her the lesson we all must learn: Sorrows and cares come to all.

Not how *to escape* care, but how *to meet* care—it is this about which Peter is talking. For cares and problems can have a special ministry in your life! It all depends on how you face your cares as to whether you will be a victim or a victor; it all depends on how you face your cares as to whether they will be stumbling stones, or steppingstones for you.

Think of Joseph. He was hated by his brethren, and sold into slavery. The disappointments, disillusionments, and false accusations in his life seemed to multiply. But the Psalmist says that through his experiences "his soul came into iron" (Psalm 105:18, marginal reference). Instead of being a spoiled, pampered son, clothed in a coat of many colors, Joseph became the mighty ruler of Egypt, and the great succorer of Israel. Because of the manner in which Joseph met his cares, they were bent to God's purposes of greatness.

Have you ever heard the parable of the kite?

It is said that on one windy day in March a man watched a boy flying his kite. It seemed to the man, as he watched, that he could hear the kite speaking, and this is what he thought the kite said, "How wonderful it is to soar into the blue sky! It is thrilling beyond words. But if only that little

boy would cut the string that is holding me back, I would soar higher than any kite has ever gone. What an annoying vexing thing is that string!"

"But, poor foolish kite," the man said in his mind, "don't you realize that if the string is cut you will crumple and fall to the ground? *The thing that holds you back also holds you up!*"

The special ministry of your cares is to lead you to Christ who careth for you. And the burden you bear was lovingly designed to teach you to cast yourself in full complete dependence upon Him.

The painful mystery of life's cares is but a part of the greater mystery of why our great God concerns Himself with our personal problems. We do not know *why* He cares. We are content, however, in the knowledge that *He does care*. Without His loving care, life would be without meaning. Praise God, He cares!

Martin Luther was passing through a time of deep discouragement. The odds against him appeared to be too great. The battle appeared to be going adversely, and the song of joy had fled from his heart. His wife came into his study clad in the black of deep mourning. He looked up in surprise, and asked, "Has some friend died? Why have you put on the black crepe? For whom are you mourning?"

And she replied, "I am mourning for God. You have looked so sad this week. I thought surely God must have died!"

Martin Luther fell on his knees to ask the Lord for His forgiveness. His cares had well nigh crushed his faith. In the light of the Lord's tender, loving care, Luther saw that his problems

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Why Should I Be a Church Member?



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BY C. M. WARD

and ignore His hospitality? When two of Christ's earliest followers asked where He lived He replied, "Come and see." Friendship is a two-way affair. The world recognizes this friendship when it sees me moving in and out of the church.

Over and over again those who have wrecked and dishonored their lives look back in regret to say that one of the worst follies of their lives has been the neglect of active church membership. A year ago young Starkweather, who went on a murder rampage in Nebraska, attempted to write his autobiography "in his own hand, in a bare cell in death row." He summed up his misspent life with these words:

"I count my life in hours . . . I hold no fear for the electric chair; it is the price I am paying for taking the lives of others . . . I feel no rebellion . . . only love or peace. I received this love and peace through the Bible.

"And if I could talk to young people today I would tell them to go to Sunday school and to church and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour."

I think that every parent ought to take a long, serious look at this matter. Your child is taking his or her cue from you. You wouldn't want your child to be another Starkweather. You wouldn't want your teen-ager to find out too late that your example of negligence—of failure to support the church with your membership and attendance—was a fatal mistake. Example is an influential teacher. Paul reminded Timothy of his spiritual heritage when he wrote to him, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

There's something else I keep in mind in my church life. Perhaps I can explain it this way. An accountant's desk is continually piled high with reports from factory, purchases, sales, and payroll departments. The job is to channel

I THINK PAUL SUMS IT UP VERY well in a passage to Timothy: "These things I write unto thee, hoping to come to thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth" (1 Timothy 3:14-15). We all need to go to church, and we all need to be a part of it.

Many times I have heard the words, "I can be a Christian and not go to church." Assuming you *are* a Christian, have you no ambition? What kind of Christian are you? Of course, you can be one and not go to church. But you are a poor specimen.

A true Christian is one who, having received the great gift of salvation from the hand of God, yearns for fellowship with those of like mind. In the company of the Church there develops the desire to serve the Saviour. A sense of responsibility is formed—a sense that *we are partners with God, in bringing to a wayward world the divine message.* It is in this association that Christian growth takes place.

May I ask you a very personal question? "What or Whom do you worship?" Your answer reveals what you

are now and what you are likely to become.

Everyone worships something or someone. It may be a bank account, social prestige, college degrees, the latest model sports car or boat. Perhaps it is a son or daughter. Some folk claim to be self-made and proceed to worship their maker!

Has anyone ever stated it better than the line found in the catechism, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever?" I affirm this to be true personally as I support the church with my attendance and membership. Nehemiah, the young prince, was quick to discipline the returning remnant of Israel in this respect. He says in chapter 13, verse 10, "Then contend I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place."

I think I go to church for the same reason that I go to dinner with a friend. This friend has invited me and I want to go—not because someone in the home cooks well, or because there is always a good program of entertainment, but because I want to preserve that friendship. Think about that for a moment! The church is His house, dedicated to Him. Can I maintain His friendship

these reports into their proper accounts; then onto the balance-sheets for study. The bookkeeping ends in the proprietor's account. *Here in a single line is recorded the meaning of the large enterprise—the net gain or loss.*

I believe that a man should enter church each Lord's Day expecting to see more clearly the answer to his life. *Right there I want to look at that final focal point.* Like the proprietor in business I want all my activities throughout the week summed up in one line. *I want to know regularly the answer as to what value my way of life has been to others, to myself, and to God.*

Finally, I have always been interested in another line of Paul's writings found in First Corinthians, chapter 10, verse 32, "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." It seems to me that Paul is saying, "Give proper respect to family, nation, government, customs, the rights of others, *and to the church.*" To honor the Church is to honor her Founder, the Lord Jesus Christ! The church is an institution of strength that ranks with the home and government as bulwarks of civilization . . . or as Paul put it in our text, "The pillar and ground of truth. . ."

On the skirts of the town of St. Andrews, Scotland, in the sixteenth century, a slave in a French galley was one morning bending wearily over his oar. For nineteen long months he had done his work faithfully in the galleys; and, unused to such labor, his body was wasted, but his spirit was unbroken. "The day was breaking and, rising out of the gray waters, a line of cliffs, the white houses of a town, and a church tower were visible. A companion touched him, pointed to the shore, and asked him if he knew it. 'Yes,' he answered, 'I know it well. I see the steeple of that place where God opened my mouth in public to His glory; and I know, how weak soever I now appear, I shall not depart out of this life till my tongue glorify His Name in the same place.'"

That galley slave was John Knox; and later he went back to that same place, and from it and through him the glory of God went forth over the hills of Scotland and filled the land with new light and life. I feel when I pledge myself to the church that I am publicly acknowledging God's greatest institution on this earth. *It deserves my full support.* ◀◀



Workers Together...

BY THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

And the Lord Added to the Church Daily . . . Acts 2:47

MORE THAN FORTY-SIX YEARS AGO some three hundred ministers from various parts of the United States met in Hot Springs, Ark., to work out areas of agreement in order to promote world missions. At the close of that meeting the Assemblies of God fellowship had come into being.

The beginning was small, but surely the blessing of the Lord has been on that first effort for He has "added to the church daily. . ." Since the foundation of the organization was missions, the fellowship has excelled in that area. And yet, there is much to be done in other areas and millions yet to be reached if the world is to be evangelized.

While working to reach the world, the Assemblies of God has moved into first place in number of foreign Bible schools, fifth in number of missionaries, and has shown excellent growth in the United States. Just ten years ago the organization had only 5,950 churches in the United States; today there are more than 8,100. Sunday school enrollment has advanced from 657,270 in 1951 to 951,178 in 1959.

All of this growth has been under God and to Him goes the glory. However, in one major area we have lacked in our emphasis and growth has been slow. Percentage-wise the Assemblies of God stands in the same membership position as related to other church groups as it did in 1956. We were the 27th ranking denomination in membership then—and we still are. This is not to say we have not grown, but our growth in membership has been smaller percentage-wise than our growth in other areas.

We take no pride in statistics for statistics' sake. None of us will be able to face God with a handful of numbers. Our commission is to reach souls. However, we note that God's Word often records the number of souls saved or met by the power of His Spirit. Acts 1:15 indicates there were a hun-

dred and twenty who continued in prayer in the upper room. Following the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost there is recorded in Acts 2:41 this membership increase, ". . . and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." It is also interesting to note that "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. . ." (Acts 2:42).

Joining the church does not save any individual. It does not necessarily make a person a better Christian. The act will not prevent one from falling from grace. But there are many things it will do for a Christian.

First, joining the church helps to develop a unity of faith and fellowship. It strengthens the church in its commission to reach the world.

Second, it gives an individual a sense of belonging. One who is a church member is not as likely to become discouraged and stop attending worship services.

Third, it gives the young Christian a sense of responsibility. With this sense of responsibility will come an attitude of loyalty to the church, its pastor, and officers.

Fourth, membership in the church gives an individual a unique opportunity to serve, and service is both a privilege and a duty.

Viewing the needs for growth spiritually and in membership, the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, in session in San Antonio, Tex., endorsed a National Membership Sunday and requested the executive officers to carry out the approved plan. A committee, working closely with the Executive Presbytery, is carrying out the suggestion of the General Presbytery.

But lest the organization be accused of "opening the gates and throwing down the standards," the Sunday has been centered in two widely-accepted spiritual emphases to which the Assemblies of God is dedicated. It comes

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Is Church Membership Scriptural?

BY VERNON BOYER

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THIS QUESTION SOONER OR LATER enters the minds of many Christians. There are many sincere folk who feel that if they join the church this act makes them a candidate for heaven. Others who are equally sincere do not even believe God wants them to join a church. They feel that as long as they belong to Christ, with their names enrolled in heaven, that is sufficient. A logical question arises, "Which of these two schools of thought is correct?" Neither one is correct. Both are extreme positions as a study of the subject will reveal.

Upon careful study of the New Testament one discovers the Bible infers *two* "membership rolls"—one in heaven, and the other that of the local congregation of believers on this earth. It is a deception of Satan for an individual to feel he will make heaven his home just because his name is upon an earthly church roll. Salvation is *only* through the merits of the precious Blood shed at Calvary; we receive it by being born again into the family of God through faith, repentance, and public confession (John 3:3-7; Mark 1:15; Romans 10:9, 10).

What a stern warning we have in the life of one disciple of Christ. Judas' name was upon the earthly church roll (Acts 1:16-20, 25), yet he found himself eventually in a backslidden condition, betraying his Lord, and in the end committing suicide, going into the regions of the damned. Yes, it is possible to have one's name on a roll down here and still be lost!

It is essential that we follow the teachings of the New Testament, for it alone is the basis for the faith and practice of the church. Beyond dispute, the Bible teaches there *is* a roll in heaven, upon which are written the names of the redeemed; those who have been born again, and who continue to walk in the light (see Luke 10:17-20 and Revelation 20:11-15).

It is also true that the New Testament implies that the early church had an earthly membership roll, kept records, and voted into office men who should conduct the business of the church. Referring to the disciples who met in the upper room, Luke says, "The number of names together were about an hundred and twenty" (Acts 1:15). Then again, "For he (Judas)

was numbered with us..." (Acts 1:17). It is interesting to note that the original Greek word for *numbered* in this particular passage is *katarithm* meaning *to be numbered down, to number among*.

In Acts 1:26 it says, "And they gave forth their lots (votes); and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles." Now a different Greek word is used in this passage which has been translated *numbered* in the King James Version. The original Greek word here is "*sugkatapsephizo*" meaning *to vote one a place among by depositing a ballot in the urn*.

These two different Greek words reveal an outstanding fact concerning the early church which has been overlooked by many. Believers were *numbered down* (Greek, "katarithm," Acts 1:17) evidently on a roll of some sort. Then they were voted into an official capacity (Greek, "sugkatapsephizo," Acts 1:26). This procedure is also portrayed in Acts, chapter 6. The apostles advised the church to "look ye out among you seven men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," who were to be

appointed over a certain business matter which had arisen. The Scripture states, "The saying pleased the whole multitude (of disciples, Acts 6:2) and they (the multitude of disciples) chose" seven men to hold office. A group of believers would need some type of record system to determine who among them would be eligible for an office or position.

Another interesting side light relative to the record system of the early church is found in Acts 2:41 where it is recorded that the converts numbered about three thousand souls. Later the converts numbered about five thousand men (Acts 4:4). The early church was numbers-conscious! They took time to count the converts!

Church membership and organization is necessary in order to carry out the Great Commission. No one individual, nor one local group of believers, can obey the commission of our Lord independently. It would be impossible for one man or one congregation to support our 1,040 foreign and home missionaries who labor in 71 countries of the world. By the same token, it would be impossible for us alone to support *Revivaltime* on the 371 radio stations around the world. However, the job is accomplished when those of "like precious faith" pool their efforts, resources, and prayers, numbering themselves together in a common cause.

Earnest Christians everywhere desire to walk in all the light of God's Word, the Bible. Therefore, to be a New Testament Christian the believer should be *numbered down* with those of like faith, and be willing to serve the Saviour in an official capacity if the Lord permits him to be *voted a place among* the body of believers.

Be among those who are counted. Join the church and help to evangelize your area and the world efficiently and speedily, thus hastening the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, church membership is Scriptural! "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). ◀◀

I do not believe any man ever yet genuinely, humbly, thoroughly gave himself to Christ without some other finding Christ through him.

—Phillips Brooks

Church Membership As I See It

PASTOR



Membership in the church gives a sense of responsibility. After belonging one doesn't refer to the church as *their* church, or *our* church, but as *my* church. Everyone's responsibility is no one's responsibility. Church membership makes the member personally responsible.

And responsibility is a two-way proposition. Membership makes the church responsible to the individual member. The membership record is an excellent way for the new pastor to quickly learn to know his people. The church can better serve when there is a church membership record.

—Glenn M. Horst, Seattle, Washington

EVANGELIST

Adequate records are indispensable to any business or organization. A lack of records would mean a great loss of continued business from old customers as well as future possibilities of new contacts. Certainly in the greatest and most important work in the world, the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the upbuilding of the church of Jesus Christ, adequate, accurate, and complete, records should and must be kept lest we fall under the condemnation of the Scripture, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Official church membership, while not a means of salvation, has proven to be the plan of God for born-again believers who want to do their best in the Master's service.

—Robert Watters, Los Angeles, California

BUSINESSMAN



The benefits of banding together are conclusive both for physical well-being and spiritual well-being. Church membership, as an outward sign of membership in the body of Christ, is the happy privilege of every born-again believer. Its benefits accrue to the individual, to the family, to the friends and associates, and to the church—the body of Christ.

—Andrew E. Nelli, North Hollywood, California

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

I once heard a preacher speak on the subject "Pillars or Props." Using Revelation 3:12 he surmised that some Christians were more like props than pillars. A prop is for temporary support, but a pillar is a permanent help. The Christian who has not joined himself to the church is quite often nearer to being a prop than a pillar in the house of the Lord.

Many fine Christians stand outside the church waiting to be welcomed into the fellowship. Christ is in the church and every Christian should desire to be where He is.

—N. Cleo Tapp, Southern Missouri District

EDUCATOR



While the New Testament does not describe any example of a person's joining a church, yet there is clear precedent for it. Only God through the Holy Spirit can make a man a member of the true Church. So only God through the Spirit can give the gifts necessary for a ministry. Yet the New Testament gives examples when the local church or its officers laid hands on God's men in recognition of God's work. In like manner, we are justified in expecting the local church, or its representatives, to extend an official welcome into the church membership.

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GROWING

BY MRS. W. E. HAWKINS



ALL THE CHILDREN WERE RATHER excited; and perhaps I was too, just a trifle.

"Mother, how much have I grown?" asked Robert.

You see, it was Measuring Day. We had a family tradition which during the childhood era we observed once a year, that of marking up their heights to see how much everybody had grown.

Each of the children in turn drew himself up to his full height as he stood proudly erect against the door facing between the kitchen and the dining room. Then Mother took a table knife and laid it flat on each tousled head making with it a mark on the facing at exactly the spot which marked its owner's height.

There, too, stood the record of last year and the year before, with an initial beside the marks to indicate the height of each one. Out came the yard stick and when the measuring was over the gains were reported as jubilantly as if

there had been a victory on the football field.

It was a thrill even for Mother to see how much they had grown during the twelve months. It gave one a feeling of exhilaration, this matter of growing. It meant inner activity and life and begat a sense of accomplishment.

But after a while it began to be different, and the joy was not so keen. You see, for several years, Neill, the oldest, had shot up rapidly, an inch and a half this year, two inches the next and the other two boys, Rader and Robert accordingly. But now each in turn found there was little growth from year to year and finally they had all come to a standstill. Our little game was over. They had quit growing.

I thought of that verse in the Bible, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18) and of how it was a direct command of our Heavenly Father that we do so. I seemed to re-

call, too, a question a little boy posed for me on one of these measuring days, "Mother, do you still grow?" How distressed I would have been had one of my children ceased to grow during that formative period! But what about my own growth!

We are all God's children. Do you suppose He measures us from year to year? And that He is disappointed oft-times that we have grown so little? Are we falling under the same old temptations that beset us last year? Are the same old habits clinging that have caused stunted growth for so long?

God's commands are His enablings. The means of growth are at hand—His Word, our daily food; His Presence, the atmosphere we breathe; prayer and witnessing, our spiritual exercise.

If we are not growing there is surely a reason. Let's find it. ◀ ◀

FOR THE JUNIOR READER—

BIBLE BOYS

1. Who killed a giant with a sling and a smooth stone?
2. Who refused to defile himself with the king's meat?
3. What young men were thrown into a fiery furnace for refusing to bow down to an image?
4. What boy was given to God by his mother to serve the high priest in the temple?
5. Who got separated from his parents and was found by them three days later talking with the doctors in the temple?
6. To whom was this verse first written: "Let no man despise thy youth?"

7. Who was hidden from his wicked grandmother by the high priest's wife and proclaimed king when he was seven years old?
8. Who were the first twin boys whose birth was recorded in the Bible?
9. Who was the first boy born?
10. What boy was called a dreamer by his older brothers and sold into slavery by them?

ANSWERS:

1—David; 2—Daniel; 3—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; 4—Samuel; 5—Jesus; 6—Timothy; 7—Joash; 8—Jacob and Esau; 9—Cain; 10—Joseph.

Shaping Us

I have a friend who during the depression lost a job, a fortune, a wife, and a home. But he tenaciously held to his faith—the only thing he had left. One day he stopped to watch some men doing stonework on a huge church. One of them was chiselling a triangular piece of stone. "What are you going to do with that?" asked my friend. The workman said, "See that little opening away up there near the spire? Well, I'm shaping this down here so it will fit in up there." Tears filled his eyes as he walked away, for it seemed that God had spoken through the workman to explain his ordeal through which he was passing. "I'm shaping you down here so you'll fit in up there."

—Billy Graham



The Family Altar



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

Monday, May 2

Read: Philippians 3:1-7

Learn: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ" (Philippians 3:7).

For the Parent: In this passage Paul warns believers to beware of those who cause division and try to get Christians to have confidence in the flesh rather than in God, vv. 2, 3. Paul reminds them that if anyone could have confidence in his own abilities and goodness, he could, vv. 4-6. But though these things seemed like gain, he counted them as loss for Christ, realizing that his life must be completely surrendered to the Lord.

Question Time: Of what did Paul warn the Philippian believers to beware? (vv. 2, 3) Could Paul have trusted in his own abilities? (vv. 4-6) Did he? (v. 7)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. G. A. Anderson, China; Howard B. Hawkes, Pakistan; Arthur C. Sholtis, Korea; William H. Sakwitz, Japan; Anna Mary Hoffman (Indian), Arizona.

Tuesday, May 3

Read: Philippians 3:8-14

Learn: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday, particularly as it relates to Paul's complete consecration to the Lord. This passage amplifies that consecration, giving his reasons for it. Let members of the group seek out these reasons from the verses. Then emphasize that spiritual attainment comes as a result of constant effort and struggle toward victory on the part of the Christian (vv. 13, 14).

Question Time: Why did Paul make a complete consecration to the Lord? (See above) How can we attain spiritually? (vv. 13, 14)

Missionary Birthdays: Peter W. Funk, Hawaii; Mrs. J. M. Lewis, India; E. Charles Spencer, North Ghana; Mrs. Luther A. Cayton (Indian), Nevada; Mrs. Leo G. Gilman (Indian), Arizona.

Wednesday, May 4

Read: Philippians 3:15-21

Learn: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20, 21).

For the Parent: In this passage Paul: (1) urges unity, showing that God will help believers to walk together in peace, vv. 15, 16; (2) warns against falsehood, showing that truth must not be compromised and that destruction awaits those who cause division vv. 17-19; (3) reminds believers of our glorious heritage—waiting for Christ to come back for us and make us like He is, vv. 20, 21.

Question Time: What is the end of the enemies of the Cross? (vv. 17-19)

Missionary Birthdays: Floyd W. Olson, (Indian), New Mexico; Mrs. C. Lewis Welker, Alaska.

Thursday, May 5

Read: Luke 16:1-13

Learn: "No man can serve two masters" (Luke 16:13).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Unjust Steward" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the lesson review the story, pointing out why the steward was being dismissed, his problem (he probably could find no other employment), and his course of action. His actions (vv. 4-7) seem to have been to subtract from debts owed his master the amount he had used for himself. This would put him in good with the debtors, but it also apparently reinstated him with his employer (v. 8). From this parable, emphasize the importance of faithfulness to God.

Question Time: What is the important lesson of this parable?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. H. E. Mock, Peru; Mrs. D. H. Peck, Belgian Congo; Erwin E. Shaffer, South Africa; Mrs. Frieda Neuhaus (Jewish), California.

Friday, May 6

Read: Matthew 19:13-22 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Remember now thy Creator in

the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

For the Parent: Jesus loves children and young people. He is their Friend. Remind the group of this. But His love is not enough to guarantee that all will enter heaven. There are definite conditions which must be met if we want to have eternal life with Christ. These are mirrored in the life of the rich young man who was unwilling to give up his riches—to put Christ first.

Question Time: Why didn't the rich young ruler surrender to Christ? (See above) Does this mean a Christian shouldn't have money?

Missionary Birthdays: Orville H. Carlson, East Pakistan; Mrs. J. W. Hurston, Korea; John C. Bennett (Indian), Idaho.

Saturday, May 7

Read: Genesis 37 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Thou shalt not hate" (Leviticus 19:17).

For the Parent: Jealousy causes people to do some strange and evil things. From this story relate Joseph's favored position with his father, his strange dreams, and his brothers' attitudes. Show how Joseph's brothers decided to kill him, but instead sold him as a slave. They made up a story about a wild beast killing him, taking his coat as evidence to their father. Discuss ways in which we are sometimes jealous one of another. Urge members of the group to avoid this sin, for it usually leads to other sinful actions.

Question Time: Why were Joseph's brothers jealous of him? What did they do to him?

Sunday Missionary Birthdays: Raymond D. Morelock, Mexico; Mrs. M. W. Petersen, Liberia.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the missionaries and nationals who are engaged in printing Sunday school literature in the Bengali language of Pakistan. This is a vital ministry in Southern Asia. * * *

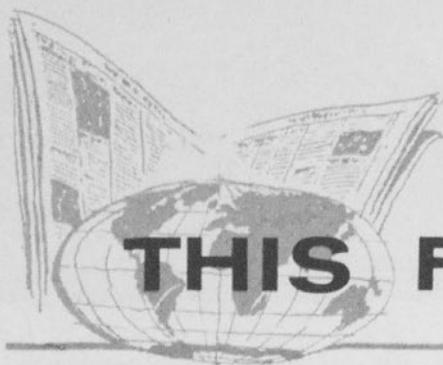
Pray for the Assemblies of God Deaf ministry in New York and New Jersey, under the supervision of Missionary Croft M. Pentz. There is a possibility of reaching ten to fifteen thousand Deaf with his weekly TV program, "Evangel Hour," every Sunday. * * *

Revivals are now under way in Nyasa-

land under the ministry of national leader Gideon Bomba. Pray for a mighty revival to sweep this Central African country. * * *

Students are now being turned away from the Dominican Republic Bible School because of the lack of support for them. Pray that this need may be met. * * *

A series of evangelistic rallies is being held by David Irwin in Egypt. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit and the salvation of souls.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

BIBLES SOLD IN SUPERMARKETS

Bibles are now on sale in several Philadelphia supermarkets. The publishers admit that it seems a bit strange to see the Scriptures displayed on the grocery shelves; but some people seldom go inside a bookstore, if ever. On the other hand, nearly everyone goes into food stores—and every family needs the Bible to feed the soul even more than it needs food for the body!

MARATHON BIBLE READINGS HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN 25 CHURCHES

In order "to protest people's ignorance of the Bible," twenty-five Protestant churches in Goldsboro, N. C., conducted simultaneous marathon readings of the New Testament last month. The readings began in each church at 6 a.m. and took from eighteen to twenty hours. There were new relays of readers every half hour.

The reading was done aloud from the pulpit and the doors were open to the public. In some cases there were people present to listen. In other cases there were none, but the readers went ahead anyway.

BIBLE RESTORED TO GRANT FAMILY

Major General U. S. Grant III, as chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission, is pushing a nationwide drive to turn up letters, records, and relics of those momentous days. One result of his effort thus far is the recovery of a Bible lost by his own family in 1863.

It is a small child's Bible which his father, Frederick Dent Grant, lost at the time of the siege of Vicksburg, Miss. The flyleaf of the 2½ by 3-inch Bible bears the inscription, "Nelle Grant from her brother, Fred, May 2, 1863." Fred was only twelve years old at the time, but he was serving as an orderly in the headquarters of his famous father, General Ulysses S. Grant. He intended to send the little Bible to his young sister but lost it when he was shot and wounded at Fort Gibson, Miss., near Vicksburg.

A woman in Washington, D. C. came across the "Tom Thumb" Bible recently among other old books and decided it should go back to the Grant family.

Ministers

ASSEMBLY PASTOR HEADS SLUM CLEARANCE TASK FORCE

Pastor T. J. Gotcher of the First Assembly of God in North Little Rock, Ark. was named chairman of a "task force" committee organized to clear the slum area behind the city's flood wall on the Arkansas River.

He was chosen by the committee which represents the local ministerial

alliance and members of the police and health departments, state and county welfare agencies, and the Employment Security Division.

Target date for clearance of the area is July 4.

MINISTER MEDIATES IN STRIKE

A Presbyterian minister in Albert Lea, Minn., helped to settle a strike at the Wilson and Company meat packing plant. Pastor Lloyd A. Peterson, acting on his own initiative and at his own expense, talked to leaders on both sides of the dispute over a period of months. He reasoned with management and labor officials, continually urging them to compromise in order to get the

ITALY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GET OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

SPRINGFIELD, MO. — After waiting more than thirteen years, the Assemblies of God of Italy has received official recognition, according to a recent issue of the *Gazette*, counterpart of the United States *Congressional Record*.

Although the Supreme Council of Italy, highest court, ruled in favor of the Assemblies of God more than five years ago, official registration of the decree has been held up in the office of the Minister of Interior, denominational leaders said. As a result, the denomination has been prevented from holding property, legally performing marriages, and holding funerals. Buildings owned by the Assemblies of God have been held in the name of trustees who are leaders of the church. The government has assessed taxes but these have been unpaid during hearings on an appeal.

Noel Perkin, director emeritus of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department, has indicated "official pressure" was brought to bear on the Italian Government to get the decree out of the Minister of Interior's office. "It has taken a long time," he said.

Pentecostal work was begun in Italy around 1908. However, lack of official recognition has hampered rapid growth. Currently the Assemblies of God in Italy has approximately 500 churches and a membership of around 100,000. It is said to be the largest Protestant group in the country.

In 1947, most of the independent Pentecostal groups united and affiliated with the Assemblies of God of the U.S. The group has remained autonomous in its operation, however.

The churches of Italy have been supported by the U.S. Assemblies of God and by the Christian Churches of North America, an Italian Pentecostal body. During recent months, the American churches have raised funds for a new Bible school in Rome, replacing smaller facilities. The new building will take care of some 100 students.

Alfred J. Perna, representative of the U.S. Assemblies of God, works closely with the churches of Italy. He hailed publication of the decree as the dawn of a new day of freedom and opportunity for the Assemblies in that land.

workers back on their jobs; and toward the end of the process he went without sleep for forty hours, shuttling back and forth over a well-beaten path between the company's general offices and the labor union's headquarters two miles away. Urged by his continual pleading and persuading, the two sides gradually whittled down their differences, and the 108-day strike was brought to an end.

Post Office

NEW POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNED FOR RELIGIOUS MAILINGS

On June 17, 1960, the Post Office Department will issue a one and one-fourth cent postage stamp, in preparation for an increase in the bulk mailing rate for religious and other non-profit organizations which goes into effect July 1. It will be the first time the U.S. has issued such a fractional postage stamp, although at present 1½-cent and 2½-cent stamps are issued.

POST OFFICE FIGHTS OBSCENITY WITH CANCELLATION SLOGAN

The Post Office Department is placing slogan cancellations in use in thirteen major post offices in a drive to encourage the public to co-operate with its drive against the mailing of obscene literature. The slogan says: "Report Obscene Mail to Your Postmaster." The cancellation dies are available for all post offices if postmasters or postal inspectors request them.

Miscellany

TEEN-AGERS WANT PARENTS TO ATTEND CHURCH WITH THEM

One way parents can raise the moral standards of the country is to stop sending their children to church and to take them instead. This was the consensus of a cross-section of more than 12,000 teen-agers at a Future Homemakers annual convention in New York City.

"If parents do not attend church with their children, the children feel the church is not important," the teen-agers said. "Parents and school teachers should not tell and teach us one thing and do something different."

NEW ENGLAND CATHOLICS WORSHIP IN SHOPPING CENTER

A Roman Catholic chapel has been installed in a store in downtown Portland, Maine, for the convenience of Catholic shoppers and store clerks. Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday morning.

May 1, 1960

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

AN ALL-EXPENSE TOUR OF BIBLE LANDS will be available to people attending the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem next year. The Advisory Committee of the World Conference (of which Gayle F. Lewis is Secretary) has arranged a 24-day trip by air from New York and return, including a guided tour of Bible lands, costing only \$995.00. Watch your Evangel for details.

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS WILL OCCUR THIS SUMMER on the campus of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. The first is a school of orientation for new and prospective foreign missionaries, to be held June 6 to 17. Noel Perkin, Missions Director Emeritus, will be in charge.

THE OTHER EVENT is the Advanced Christian Training School (A.C.T.S.) which will be conducted August 22-26 by the Sunday School Department. The program is designed for Sunday school and child evangelism workers and for all ministers desiring help along the lines of Christian education in their churches.

THE BOOM IN CHURCH CONSTRUCTION is continuing across America. Adverse weather of the coldest March in many years cut new construction to \$74,000,000 but this was still \$7,000,000 ahead of a year ago. The first quarter of 1960 produced almost 10 per cent more church construction, in terms of dollars, than the first quarter of 1959.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, in its annual report, said that portions of the Bible were published in 15 new languages and dialects last year, bringing to 1,151 the number of tongues in which the Scriptures now can be read. Only 219 languages have complete Bibles, however, and only 271 others have the entire New Testament. There are still about 1,000 tongues in which no part of the Bible whatever has yet been published.

DURING THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE on Children and Youth there was a very strong emphasis on the importance of religious and moral training. The 18 forums into which the 7,500 delegates were divided approved a total of 1,600 recommendations. These are being processed into a final report which will be published and given to the nation in due time.

THE FORUM ON MASS COMMUNICATION MEDIA, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution calling for more scientific research into the effects of television and radio on children, youth, and parents.

THE FORUM ON EDUCATION adopted a recommendation that religious education among youth be encouraged by classes away from schools conducted during "released-time" in the regular school day. The vote was 206 to 14.

THE FORUM ON FAMILY LIFE adopted a report favoring the dissemination of birth control information, following spirited debate. The delegates voted 233 to 65 on the issue.

A FORUM CONSIDERING PROBLEMS OF THE CHILD from infancy to puberty recommended "that the school assume supportive responsibility for moral and character values by example and the teaching of ethical principles."

Growth at Nigeria's Eastern Bible Institute

BY KENNETH L. GODBEY

Missionary to Nigeria

EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA has had a short but eventful history. The school came into existence as a women's training institute designed to meet the needs of many of the women and girls in Ogoja Province. Girls from three areas were given spiritual teaching and practical help to equip them to be effective in testifying to their people and in their villages. Soon the need was apparent for a place of training for both young men and young women for the work of the Lord in Ogoja.

Three areas in Ogoja Province have been entered: Obudu, Ogoja, and Bansara. New converts and candidates for the ministry had to be sent some 300 miles to Central Bible Institute of Nigeria if they were to receive formal training for the ministry. This involved great expense in travel, which neither the students nor the missionaries were able to afford. Too, students from more primitive areas had little or no educational background. We recognized the need for a preparatory class in Ogoja for students from the primitive areas must minister the Word of God to their people from the English Bible since they have no Bible or literature in their vernacular.

At the beginning of 1958 we launched a preparatory Bible course for the Ogoja-Egede fellowship and adapted the instruction to meet the problems of students from these more primitive areas. Preparatory classes were begun on three levels of English knowledge: one for the benefit of students with no education, another for those with a little training in English, and a third

for those with more advanced English understanding but not sufficient to qualify them for first year Bible school work. Twenty-three students enrolled and twenty-one of them completed their preparatory studies at the end of 1958.

The question might arise in the minds of some as to why these students were not taught in their own vernacular. There are several reasons why this was not and could not be done: first, there is no Bible or literature in the vernacular of these students; second, students from at least six different tribes (each with its own vernacular) were attending the classes; third, changing conditions in Africa, and especially in Nigeria, are making it more and more imperative that all Nigerians know English to span the great gulf caused by so many different languages being spoken in this country. Since Nigeria is expecting independence this year, it is

imperative that a common means of communication be established.

All of the students were anxious to learn. Along with their studies in English they also received studies from the Bible. The more advanced students were promoted to first year Bible school work at the beginning of the school year in 1959. The remaining students continued to study and eventually will be passing on to first year work.

With this nucleus, and others who were capable of first year studies, we launched our own first year Bible school work in 1959. Word was sent through national pastors to the churches that first year Bible school work was available and 56 students enrolled for preparatory and first year Bible school training. Of this number, 21 were enrolled as first year students. This meant that added staff members were needed. Miss Florence Metcalf and Miss Irene Crane lived on the compound, and Miss Minnie Ecklund came 300 miles from Umuahia to assist in the school. My wife and I drove to the Bible school from our station in Obudu once a week—a round trip of about 73 miles—to minister in the school.

The next pressing need was for classroom space. God undertook in a most wonderful manner. During the visit of one of our Pentecostal pastors from the States, this need was presented. Immediately upon his arrival back in the States, he presented the need to both his own church and to the pastors and churches in his section. As a re-



Students and faculty at Eastern Bible Institute of Nigeria

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sult, funds have been forthcoming for the erection of three classrooms. The students, with a real zeal to help, have moulded practically all the cement blocks, cut the wood forms, carried (on their heads) most of the sand and rock used for the concrete, plaster, etc., and have contributed greatly toward the completion of these classrooms.

Nigeria Eastern Bible Institute is not dependent upon one or a few persons, but upon teamwork—you at home with your prayers and gifts, the missionaries on the field with their know-how and knowledge of the need, and the African converts themselves contributing their share. Truly we are workers together with Christ. This is His work and His church, and one day we will share the rewards together. You have a very definite part in the preparing of these young African men and women for the work of carrying the gospel to their darkened peoples and to areas where no light has shown. Your prayers are coveted by native workers and missionaries alike.



National evangelist, Oscar Galdona, at the pulpit during the Ciudad Bolivar revival

Revival Comes to Venezuela

By W. C. STEPP

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF PRAYER meetings, both in the church and in the neighborhood homes, it was felt that this was God's time for revival in Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela. We launched a Pentecostal revival campaign with national evangelist, Oscar Galdona. Brother Galdona is pastor of the largest church in Barquisimeto. The Lord has blessed his ministry in salvation and healing crusades. He has an outstanding radio ministry and has opened five outstations.

The revival here in Ciudad Bolivar was Brother Galdona's first Pentecostal

revival. When he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he was pastor of a denominational church and has since left that church because of his Pentecostal testimony. Each night during our revival the attendance increased, filling the church with as many as 500 present. Each night souls responded for salvation; 30 were saved each of the last three nights of the Crusade. Testimonies of healing continue to be given several months after the Crusade closed.

We are thankful to God for His outpouring upon this Venezuelan city.

service the **Gordon Markers** have gone to Mexico. Their previous service was in Bolivia.

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MARRIED: Miss Evelyn Withers (North India) became Mrs. Andrew McCabe on February 12.

Church Participation

In Missionary Giving

December 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
N. Dakota	49	49	100%
Nebraska	79	73	92%
New Jersey	98	89	91%
Minnesota	146	132	90%
Montana	67	59	88%
S. Dakota	50	43	86%
Kansas	164	141	86%
N. Calif.-Nev.	337	285	85%
Michigan	174	147	84%
Potomac	172	145	84%
New York	154	129	84%
Northwest	276	231	84%
Oregon	199	166	83%
S. Florida	161	134	83%
Eastern	266	220	83%
S. Idaho	57	47	82%
W. Texas	132	108	82%
S. N. England	63	51	81%
Ohio	172	138	80%
S. California	382	305	80%
New Mexico	79	63	80%
Wis.-N. Mich	137	109	80%
Illinois	209	165	79%
Mississippi	94	73	78%
W. Central	221	171	77%
Rocky Mtn.	127	96	76%
Georgia	136	101	74%
Wyoming	37	27	73%
Indiana	162	116	72%
Tennessee	113	80	71%
N. Carolina	74	52	70%
N. Texas	521	360	69%
S. Carolina	54	37	69%
Oklahoma	489	335	69%
S. Texas	268	183	68%
S. Missouri	353	236	67%
W. Florida	143	95	66%
Louisiana	149	97	65%
Alabama	249	162	65%
Arizona	91	58	64%
Appalachian	73	39	53%
Arkansas	438	210	48%

MISSIONARY News Notes

GOINGS: Mr. and Mrs. Riley Kaufman and family left recently for Hong Kong. They previously served in the Philippine Islands.

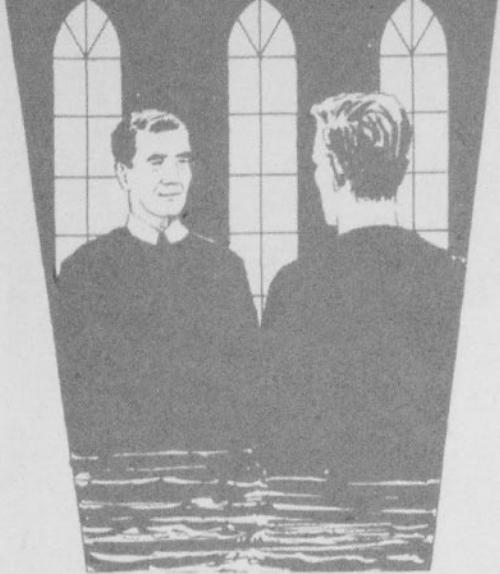
For their current tour of missionary



Mr. and Mrs. Riley Kaufman and family



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marker



DEAD— YET ALIVE!

BAPTISM AS A RITUAL IS NEVER ENOUGH TO SAVE
A SOUL. ONLY A PERSONAL HEART KNOWLEDGE
AND POSSESSION OF CHRIST BRINGS ETERNAL LIFE.

BY KEITH GERNER

HAVE YOU EVER TALKED TO ANYONE who was dead and buried? It might happen to you at any time, though you do not know it! There are quite a few "dead" people walking around today—men and women who have been converted from the Jewish faith, and whose funeral has already been solemnly held by their families. For one of the chosen race to accept the Lord Jesus means a very real dying to an old life!

This should, in fact, be the experience of every child of God—the experience of death to an old life in water baptism (Romans 6:4). Compare the crossing of the Red Sea and the death of the army of Egyptians which enabled the children of Israel to see their old masters stretched out on the sand (Exodus 14:30). Here we have a type of water baptism in which all our old sin, with its mastering power, is killed and we are free to yield ourselves to God (Romans 6:10).

Are you free from sin's power? How can you be? There is a simple way of faith.

The faith which delivers you from sin is more than believing certain facts of history. Certainly we believe that Jesus took on Himself the whole of our old sinful nature (2 Corinthians 5:21). He also bore sin's penalties of disease and separation from God (1 Peter 2:24). Yet the power of God was still able to raise Him from this state (Acts 2:31) and to place him at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Ephesians 1:20-21). All these are facts of history.

Now apply these facts to ourselves. We must believe that not only did our

old sinful nature die with Jesus, but also that the same power which raised Him is available also to raise us (Ephesians 5:6-7). This faith we show by our actions (James 2:17).

The steps are quite simple. You have asked Jesus to come into your heart. You know He has come in—otherwise He is a liar when He makes the promise of Revelation 3:20. Since He has come in, God says that all things are become new and your old life is passed away (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you believe God keeps His word, then show your friends in water baptism that you are a Christian and that (no matter how you feel) you believe God has changed your nature. You go down into the water of baptism to show your old nature is dead. You come up out of the water to show that God has raised you up a new person. Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved from your sin, according to Romans 10:9. You are not properly "saved," it would seem, until you have taken this step in faith. You must be known as a Christian if you really want to enjoy God's power!

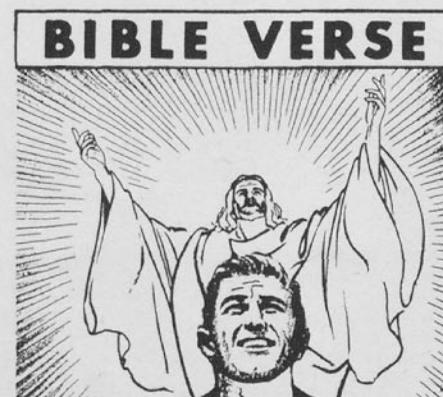
Baptism in water, then, is a public confession of faith in the Lord Jesus to change your character. The washing of the body in water and the cleansing power of the Lord's blood is fully described in Hebrews 10:22. Then the Word of God goes on to say: "Let us hold fast the *profession of our faith*" (v. 23). This is the New Testament description of water baptism. Have you taken this step?

Must a person be baptized to be saved from sin's power and penalty? The Bible suggests that in abnormal

circumstances—such as the thief on the cross (Luke 23:43)—a simple confession of faith in the Lord Jesus was sufficient; but the normal New Testament way was baptism after conversion (Acts 8:36-37). Not only that, but the Lord Jesus Himself was baptized as an act of obedience to God (Matthew 3:15) and suggests that baptism was shown to mankind from heaven (Mark 11:30). Can we afford to neglect His example?

Baptism, of course, does not guarantee salvation. The washing of the body in water—or any such ritual by itself—cannot save you. "Baptism doth also now save us," explains 1 Peter 3:21, "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh; but the answer of a good conscience toward God."

Some folk believe you can never have a clear conscience or be free of sin, and quote 1 John 1:8. George Fox, the Quaker leader, answered one such by pointing him to 1 John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and



And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. **EPH. 5:2**

just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When all unrighteousness is cleansed, how much unrighteousness is left?

Yes, the conscience may be cleansed, not only by the confession of sin but by the acceptance of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for you personally (Hebrews 9:13-14). Then alone has water baptism any real meaning for you. This is *your* responsibility.

Some folk who are doubtful on this point are like the young man who was dressing up to go out. "Is my collar dirty?" he asked, bursting in on his mother who was bending over the stove in the kitchen with her back toward him.

"Yes," she said without even looking round. "But how do you know?" asked her son. "I've been out all day with it on and I've only just come in." "You wouldn't be asking me, if it were clean," she replied. An honest dealing with sin solves many of our problems in a similar way!

What about baptizing infants who have no conscience? If the saving work of baptism is linked to individual conscience by God's Word, it follows that we should not baptize those with no real knowledge of sin against God. For instance, in the case of Timothy, the only certain third-generation Christian in the New Testament (2 Timothy 1:5), we are told that when called to eternal life he was able to profess his faith before "many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12). Nobody else replied for his conscience. He made his own confession at baptism. Similarly while Jesus Himself blessed many infants (Mark 10:13-16) He never considered it necessary to baptize one (John 4:2). The Bible says, in fact, that baptism as a ritual is never enough (1 Corinthians 10:2, 12). Only personal heart knowledge and present possession of Christ can save you (1 John 5:10-12). What, then, is the point of baptizing infants? You may be baptized and think you are going to heaven, when in reality you are well on your way to hell.

As far as children are concerned, we may gather that God's kingdom includes infants before the age of discretion (Matthew 19:14). Their angels—heavenly beings who are sent to minister to those who will be heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14)—are able to see God's face (Matthew 18:10). May we not infer that such a little one passes directly on to the Lord when he dies?

Holiness is placed by some folk after

conversion and linked with a baptism of the Spirit. The Bible, however, links holiness always with water baptism (e.g., Romans 6; Galatians 3:27 and 5:24; Ephesians 5:26-27; Colossians 2:11-3:6; 1 Peter 3:8-4:5, etc.). Certainly the Word brings increasing light on our life, but obedience and a new nature mark a child of God from his birth (1 John 3:5-10).

Other folk think it impossible to be holy and pure till Jesus returns. Romans 6:12 says: "Let not sin reign in your *mortal body*"—not your immortal one! 1 Peter 4:1-2 adds: "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the *flesh* to the lusts of men but to the will of God." In fact, as Pentecostal folk we do well to heed the warning of Matthew 7:22-23. As those looking for the coming of Jesus we must remember that without holiness "no man

shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

The Lord Jesus has asked for our perfect love and obedience; in fact, He has commanded it (Matthew 5:48)! He would not have given this command if it were not possible for you to obey and if God's power (which raised Him) were not able to raise you. If you have confessed your sins, repented, and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, the next step you should take is to be baptized in water. —*Redemption Tidings*

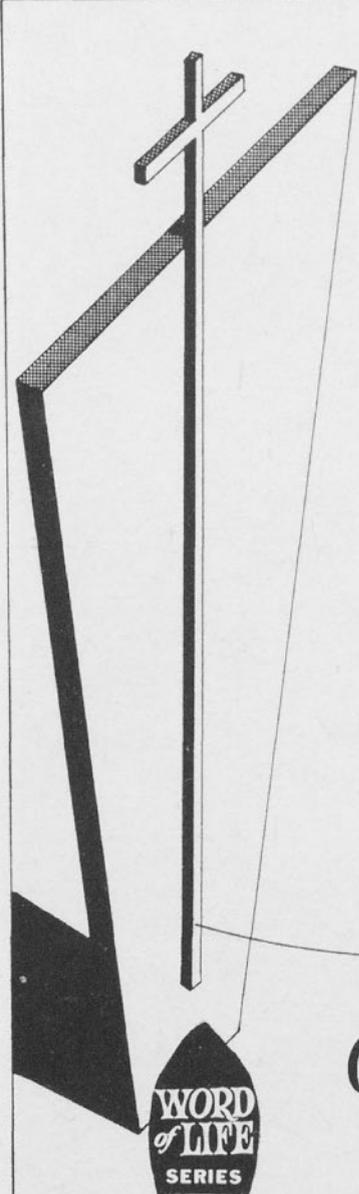
A preacher of a former age, his name unknown to us, left these words of wisdom:

"That which does not anger the unconverted will not edify the converted.

"What offends not the obstinate cannot awaken the sleeping.

"That which does not slay sin cannot give spiritual life.

"Bees without stings make no honey."



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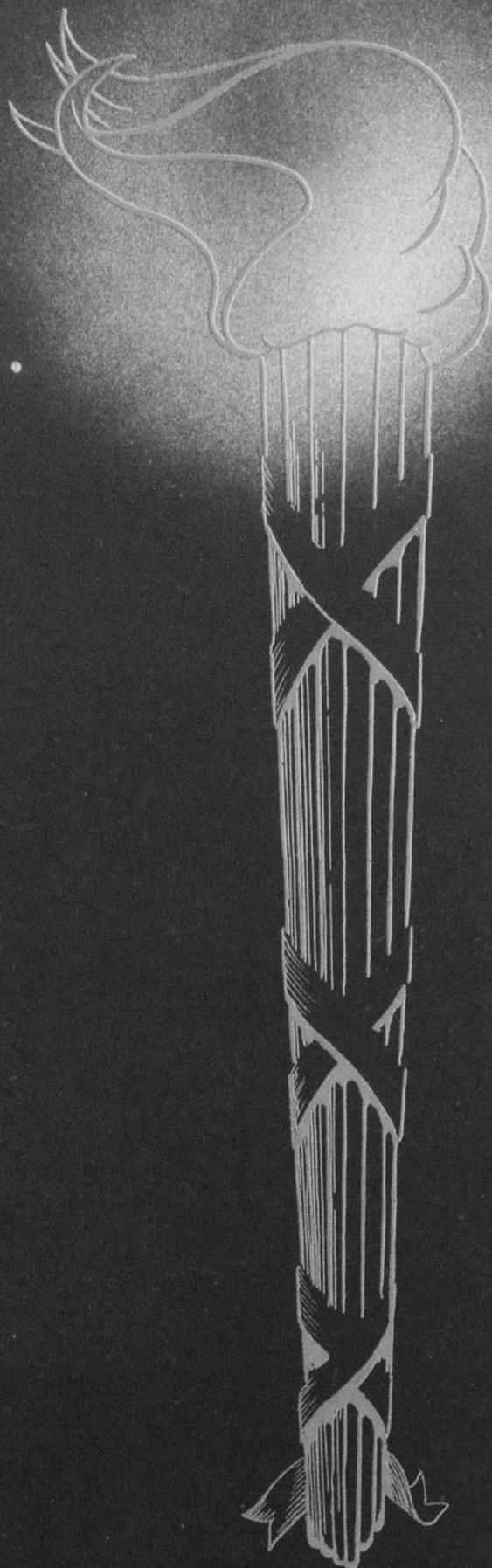
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And the Lord added to the church . . .

June 5 (Pentecost Sunday) has been designated as Membership Sunday—a fitting climax to the PENTECOST CRUSADE. If you do not belong, why not join a church on Pentecost Sunday?



The Unseen Destroyer

BY ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

STRONTIUM-90 HAS BEEN LABELED: "The Unseen Destroyer." It is one of the deadly radioactive substances created in nuclear explosions, and a mantle of it now surrounds the earth. It falls to earth in snow and rain. It then becomes absorbed by the soil and is taken up by growing vegetables and grass and makes its way into the milk of cows. Strontium-90, which we then eat in vegetables and drink in milk, finds its way into our bones and may well be the deadly factor in the great rise of bone cancer and leukemia.

Many cases are now known of human beings who accidentally or ignorantly took small amounts of radium into their bodies and died later of cancer. Experiments made on rats, mice, rabbits, dogs, and monkeys prove that animals die of cancer of the bone several months after S-90 has been administered. And the S-90 content of our bones rose about sixteen times between 1953 and 1958! *It is still rising!*

It is in the bone marrow that the red and white blood cells are formed. And the type of radiation which S-90 emits is known to cause cancer of the bone and blood. Growing children are more susceptible to S-90 than adults. They need more calcium than adults and thus their bones take up more S-90. Should no more nuclear tests be made, the S-90 level in human bone would continue to increase until 1966; and some S-90 content, from bomb tests already over, should the world hold together, will be present in soil, vegetation, and human bone in the twenty-first century.

Look about you today and contemplate the situation. What you will realize, after reflection and meditation, will not be good. These facts are not the rantings of one who does not know the world situation in the light of nuclear explosions, but are the statements of the eminent scientist, Dr. J. Gordin Kaplan. He said: "As the situation stands at present, only a fool, a cad, or an ignoramus would not be alarmed by the S-90 fallout problem of today."

In the Book of Revelation, the Scriptures inform us that sores will break out in the bodies of men. These sores need not necessarily be a direct judgment from God. They might be the direct or indirect result of nuclear explosions. Man's inventions (which could be used for the good of humanity) could easily play havoc with the human race.

We are living in momentous times. Dispensations do not break off as one would make a clean break of a rotten stick. Dispensations become as rotten as a stick but they overlap. Already we can see the build-up of the terrible judgments which will eventually engulf the human race. Man is already on the way to destruction!

If we are correct in our interpretation of Scripture, the Book of Revelation reveals that more than half the population of the earth will be destroyed during the Great Tribulation. Man is already preparing horrible death for his fellow man. God knows that unregenerate man, left to his own devices, will certainly destroy himself.

In the light of these events which

are already breaking upon us today, what hope does the future hold? Very little, my friend, very little! As one scientist has said: "There is no future."

Death comes slowly to some and suddenly to others. What causes that death is of minor importance. It is important, however, as to how we die, whether with faith in Christ or otherwise. If we have no faith in Christ, we are eternally lost. With faith in Christ, we are secure.

The unseen destroyer (Strontium-90) can destroy the body, but never the soul! Sin can destroy the soul—**ETERNALLY!** It is more to be feared than S-90. Jesus said: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Dr. Kaplan has said that Strontium-90, the unseen destroyer, is in the bodies of men, women, and children around the world today! Nobody can escape it! Likewise, the S-90 of sin, the terrible moral cancer, is in the souls of all men everywhere, and it too is doing its silent, deadly work, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Terrible days are ahead for the world of men. But a terrible eternity is ahead for every individual who rejects the Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." For "the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). ◀◀

The trouble with us is our proud hearts refuse to accept the position in which God's Word places us. It charges us with sin and corruption and we would like to excuse ourselves and harp a little upon the dignity of human nature. . . . Not until we accept the position of sinfulness and weakness are we prepared to receive His blessing.

—A. C. Dixon



TODAY

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Spared Surgery Through Prayer

On November 4, 1959, I suffered an internal hemorrhage. In spite of my instructions not to do so, my son-in-law contacted a doctor.

After a hurried examination the doctor said I must go to the hospital for a blood transfusion and then an operation. I was reluctant to do that and asked my pastor to pray for me. (He had arrived at the same time as the doctor.) The Lord healed me instantly.

I feel fine and praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness.—James B. Steele, Frostburg, Md.

(Endorsed by Pastor Charles E. Fussell, First Pentecostal Church, Lonaconing, Md.)

Pain Departs from Heel

Approximately five years ago, and prior to my conversion, I jumped from a fast moving locomotive, causing considerable damage to my left heel. At times the pain was so severe I could hardly walk.

Since finding the Lord as my Saviour, I attended a revival meeting conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Kellner at the Assembly of God in Easton, Pa. After being prayed for, the pain left my foot and I haven't had a recurrence of it since.

I thank God for His miraculous healing power in my behalf!—Woodrow W. Stiles, Bethlehem, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Edwin Stigile, Assembly of God, Hellertown, Pa.)

ARE YOU WILLING?

Are you willing to close your book of complaints and open the book of praise?

To believe that other people are as sincere as you are, and to treat them with respect?

To ignore what life owes you, and to think about what you owe to life?

To stop looking for friendship, and to start being friendly?

To be content with such things as you have, and to stop whining for the things you have not?

To enjoy the simple blessings of life, and to cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?

To forget what you have accomplished, and to meditate on what others have done for you?—*Methodist Layman.*

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

I hear ministers say, "Church membership will never save you," then hear them urge that we join the church. Is church membership important? Why?

There are a number of reasons why believers should join the church. It is a means of identifying themselves as members of the body of Christ, the local congregation of believers. It gives them a voice in the business activities of the church, voting for pastor, church officers, buying or selling of church property. It causes them to feel that they are part of the family of God, responsible members working together.

How am I, a Sunday school teacher, to defend the need of church membership against those who say we ought to be free? Where is the Scripture that I might use?

All those who were Israelites had their names recorded as members of Israel, and Israel is spoken of as "the church in the wilderness."

The New Testament Church consists of the "ekklesia," those called out. The church has always been a body of Christian believers, uniting for service and fellowship, as is shown all through the New Testament. The church members assembled together; they had their appointed services, shared together in the Lord's Supper, had their elders and deacons, and carried the work of the Lord forward together. There was need of knowing who were members that they might know where each lived and be able to deal with those whose conduct was a reproach.

Some who believe they ought not to become members, are as faithful as any who are members; but most of those who oppose joining a church, saying, "We must be free," are persons who wish to flit here and there taking no responsibility for the welfare of the church either spiritually or financially. A church is a body of responsible people, willing to be identified as members, working one with another for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and mutual edification of each other.

Does Jesus weep as He sees the world now?

He evidently grieves as He sees the world condition, and the Bible teaches that He "is touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Hebrews 4:15, 16). But the descriptions we have of Jesus since His return to heaven tell of power and triumph. John might weep as he sees no one worthy to open the book, but Jesus the Lamb triumphantly takes and opens it. (Revelation 4:7). We will know more about it by and bye.

How did the term Protestant originate?

Persons favorable to Luther and his doctrine of salvation by faith without works protested against the decision of the Diet (or council) of Worms against Luther. Those who protested were spoken of as Protestants. Later, the term came to be used also for other groups who refused to follow the dictation of the Roman Catholic Church.

How many women are spoken of in the Bible as prophetesses?

There were Miriam (Exodus 15:20); Deborah (Judges 4:4); Hulda (2 Kings 22:14); and the false prophetess Noadiah (Nehemiah 6:14). In the New Testament there was Anna (Luke 2:36, 37); and there were the daughters of Philip the evangelist who prophesied (Acts 21:8, 9). I believe these young women preached, or declared the gospel under the inspiration of the Spirit. Then there may have been a false leader in the church at Thyatira who called herself a prophetess, spoken of in the scripture as a Jezebel (Revelation 2:20).

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).

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE UNJUST STEWARD

Sunday School Lesson for May 8, 1960

LUKE 16:1-13

THE FACT OF STEWARDSHIP

"There was a certain rich man which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods." A steward is "one who manages the household affairs and expenditures of another; especially one who manages a large estate, establishment, or institution."

The Bible tells us that Christians are stewards of the Lord because: (1) All they possess really belongs to God. See Psalm 24:1; Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 50:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:1. (2) They themselves belong to God both by creation and by redemption. (3) All they possess as to time, talents, life itself, is God-given and God-sustained.

Just as it was possible for this steward to be careless or dishonest in handling his master's affairs, so may a Christian be unwise or careless in the handling of possessions and abilities entrusted to him by the Lord.

THE STEWARD'S ACCOUNTABILITY

"Give an account of thy stewardship." This every child of God shall do. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10). "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

THE STEWARD'S FORESIGHT. Vv. 3-7.

These verses need not puzzle us. This steward had an eye to his own future, and in that respect he is an example to us. When he realized that he was about to lose his position he decided to use his master's money in such a way as to make friends who would receive him into their homes when he lost his position. So he quickly contacted those men who were in debt to his master and discounted their mortgage notes! He may have been dishonest in this act but he was very wise in his purpose—and it was for that wisdom that he was commended and held up as an example.

THE STEWARD'S WISDOM

"For the children of this world are considerably more shrewd in dealing with their contemporaries than the children of light. Now my advice to you is to use money, tainted as it is, to make friends, so that when it comes to an end they may welcome you into eternal habitations" (Phillips). In these words of Jesus we have the application of the entire parable. The unconverted act with more wisdom and foresight, and make better investments "in their generation" (that is, in the realm of material things) than do the Christians in the realm of spiritual and eternal things. Therefore, Christ exhorts us to follow the example of the steward by using our earthly goods in such a way that when we leave earth for heaven we shall be welcomed by those whom our money and possessions have helped. We are to invest our money in the light of eternal values,

so we may enjoy an eternal interest from our investments.

In the Old Testament God's people were taught, through various laws and sacrifices, this same principle of stewardship. They were taught particularly to be faithful in bringing to God's house, as an act of worship, both "tithes" and "offerings."

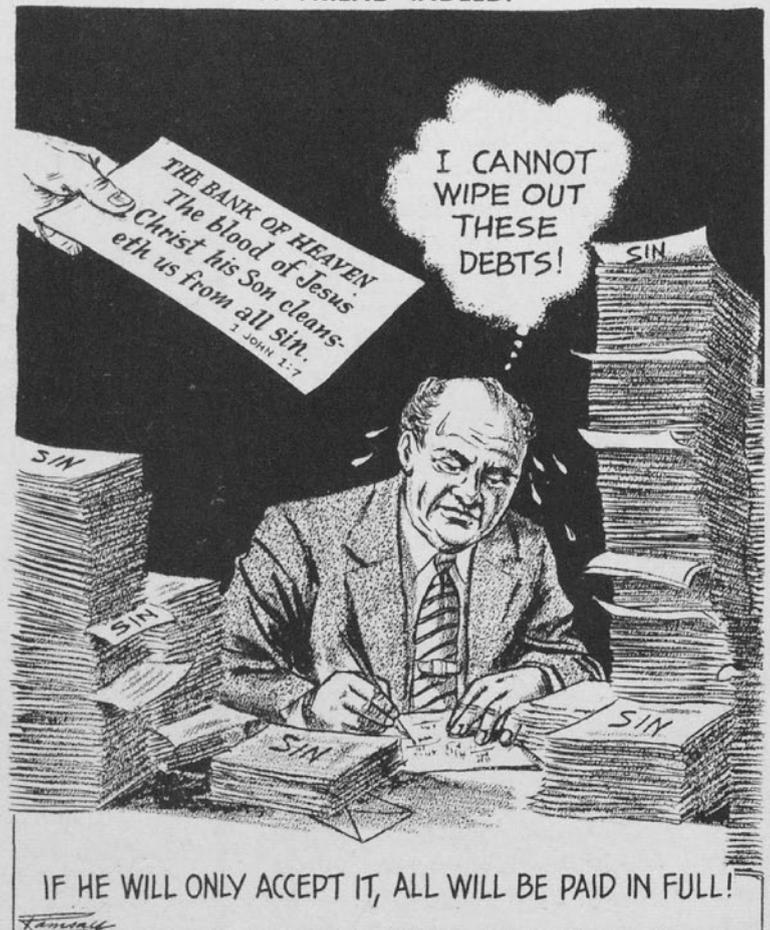
During the administration of President Wilson a new tax bill was being considered by a government finance committee. This bill, to become known as the Income Tax bill, would provide exemption from taxation of ten per cent of one's income if that amount were given to church and charity. But before the bill could be voted on, a representative of the orthodox Jewish faith appeared before the committee and, quoting from the Old Testament, showed that this bill as it stood would be unfair to his people, for he declared that the faithful orthodox Jew has always given at least fifteen per cent of his income to the synagogue and charitable institutions. As a result the bill was altered to permit deduction of up to fifteen per cent!

If a Jew, under the law, gave at least fifteen per cent (and some scholars who have done a great deal of research on the subject say the amount went as high as thirty per cent) how can a Christian, living in this privileged dispensation of grace, conscientiously give less! (If all of God's true children gave at least fifteen per cent of their income to the Lord, how many more churches might be built here at home, and how many more missionaries might be sent to foreign fields!)

Finally, since the Christian is a steward, he will surely give an account unto God, not only for what he has given—whether ten, twenty, or thirty per cent—but for the total income and all possessions which God entrusts to his stewardship.

—J. Bashford Bishop

A FRIEND INDEED!





PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

BY P. S. JONES

Calgary, Alberta, Canada



THE APOSTLE JOHN, THE REVELATOR, has recorded in the Apocalypse the vision God gave him on the Isle of Patmos of things shortly to come to pass. The scenes he witnessed while in the Spirit are faithfully and dramatically written.

The description of the throne, with multitudes surrounding it, is climaxed as John sees the Lamb proceeding to take the book out of the hands of Deity sitting upon the throne and to open the seals thereof. We then read the significant words, "And when he had taken the book, the four living ones and the four and twenty elders fell down before the lamb, having each one of them harps and vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints."

There are many wonderful things which could be said about this powerful scene, but our particular attention is directed to the tremendous fact that such a prominent place should be given to the prayers of the saints at a time of the unfolding of climactic truth.

The prayers of God's people are never forgotten in the remembrances of heaven. We are informed that they are *bottled up*, preserved for the final action of Almighty God in the completion of His redemptive plan in this evil world and in the cleansing of the universe from the disastrous effects of

sin. Their groanings and travailings may seem to have been ignored—but not so. God remembers every plaintive cry: He never forgets their pains, their sufferings, their tortures, and their martyrdoms, and now judgment is at hand.

Golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints, are brought into focus before the mighty armies of men and angels, so that all may know that God answers prayer. Not one entreaty is forgotten, not one earnest plea is set aside. The redeemed of all ages sing together, with angelic accompaniment, "And we shall reign with Him on earth." That sounds to me like a final anthem of complete answered prayer!

From that throne scene, the word picture is given of the terrible judgments of God which follow the riding forth of the apocalyptic horses. To read is to understand. Says the Spirit, "Blessed is he that readeth," and the seven angels with seven trumpets usher in the awful anger of Almighty God against all sin and uncleanness. Another angel appears having a golden censer; much incense proceeds therefrom, which he offers with the prayers of the saints. "And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." To read is to marvel at the desolation wrought by God's wrath as He remembers the prayers of His suffering, sorrowful saints. "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with the fire of the altar; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and earthquakes."

The prayers of God's royal priesthood down through the ages are about to be answered once and for all. The saints have cried with broken hearts, "Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Their prayers were heard, and now they are remembered by the God of their salvation. It is quite plain that those prayers have much to do with the sounding of the terrible trumpets.

Here is the vision given of the vindication by God of His faithful believers. The day of God's wrath has come at last. The poor, downtrodden saints who lived and died in the patience of the gospel, are to witness the amazing judgments of God as He answers their prayers and makes the world to know that "God is faithful" and that He will do what He has prom-

ised. Heaven's administrations are moved by the prayers of those who cried at the mercy seat saying, "O Lord, how long?" It is your prayers and mine, which mingle with the prayers of all saints, that bring into action the long-awaited divine move to deal with Satan and his power over man.

All God's people should read over and over again the revelator's description of the vision God gave him. Many are the interpretations in differing schools of thought concerning this marvelous Book of Revelation, but none need cease from reading it just because men differ in understanding. The blessing is promised to the reader and not to the supposed exact interpreter. The full understanding of such a mysterious book will undoubtedly be unfolded as the age progresses to the climax, as portrayed by the Spirit of God to His servant John. The intention of this article is to bring to our attention the linking up of prayer with God's wrath outpoured upon an evil and perverse generation of Christ rejectors. The heart-rending cries of the saints down through the long years of persecutions have been, and are, "How long, O Lord, how long," and the message from God is that they should have patience because their prayers are kept in trust up in heaven for the final burst of God's fury and the complete vindication of His Blood-bought people.

Knowing this, how precious should be the practice of prayer in our own lives. Prayer is by no means a popular pastime, yet it is indispensable to the believers. The arm of God is outstretched to help all His people, and that omnipotent arm is moved by prayer which lifts the soul on to faith's most holy ground. The fellowship of the Creator with His creatures is essential in the divine purposes. Revival is earnestly desired, but sometimes we forget that revival is basically judgment on a church which has left its first love.

We desire to see men saved; we long to see the sick healed by the power of God; we love to see believers filled with the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptures. Then pray we must until God is pleased to hear and answer prayer. The history of revivals in the Christian Church is the story of the conquering prayers of consecrated and devoted people of God. Think of it! God moves in final judgment because of the prayers of His redeemed people. God depends on our prayers. Let us pray! ◀◀

*The Ministry of Norman T. Spong Illustrates*

THE POWER OF A PIONEER SPIRIT

BY RUTH LYON

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASTORING four established churches over a period of thirty years, Norman T. Spong has not lost his pioneering spirit.

In 1954, he was called to serve a pioneer church in Somerville, N. J., and accepted. Responding to this challenge took courage and faith, but Brother Spong had both. On April 15, Good Friday night, a lovely new \$75,000 Assembly of God church building was dedicated in Somerville because the pastor and his seventy-member congregation had a vision of the possibilities and "worked together with God" to make it come true.

Pioneering is not new to Norman Spong. After two years at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., and graduation from Southern Bible College, Pasadena, Calif., Brother Spong pioneered a new church in Erie, Pa. During that time he also served as C. A. director and Sunday school representative of the Eastern District which, at that time, comprised four states. While serving in these capacities, he was appointed to the five-member committee to present to the General Council a Sunday school program. Other churches Brother Spong pioneered were: West Side Assembly, Youngstown, Ohio; The Greek Assembly, Los Angeles, Calif., and the Assembly in Coldwater, Conn. He also contributed to the establishment of the Assembly in Salem, Ohio.

When Brother Spong became pastor of the congregation in Somerville, N. J., the property carried a mortgage of \$18,000 and the pastor's salary was \$20 a week. The site had been purchased by the New York-New Jersey District of the Assemblies of God in 1952. Soon, with God's blessing, the new church matured and became a sovereign assembly and it affiliated with the General Council in 1957.

In July, 1959, the pastor and the congregation felt it was time to erect

a church building. The indebtedness had been whittled down to \$8,000 by this time, so the little congregation agreed with the pastor to begin operations on the new building with the \$5,000 building fund (which might have been paid on the old mortgage). The congregation was expanding and Brother Spong saw the potential for tripling the congregation with a new church building.

This enthusiastic group did not let any grass grow under its feet. On August 23, ground was dedicated for the building site and excavation work was begun August 29. After three and one-half months, the thrilled pastor and his flock laid the cornerstone of the new edifice. A newspaper reporter who happened to notice the construction work wrote a small announcement about the new church. Then, a reporter and photographer for the New York Daily News made an appointment for an interview with the pastor. Three other

newspapers in New Jersey became interested and carried stories about the new church.

Since Brother Spong had been a professional engineer for seven years before he entered the ministry, he was able to act as general contractor. At the time of the cornerstone laying, *The Daily Home News*, New Brunswick, N. J., boldly declared, "Do-It-Yourself Project Makes Church Reality." And this was true. There were only five paid workers on the construction site—three masons and two carpenters. The rest of the work was done by the pastor and approximately a dozen men from the congregation who donated their labor at nights and on Saturdays.

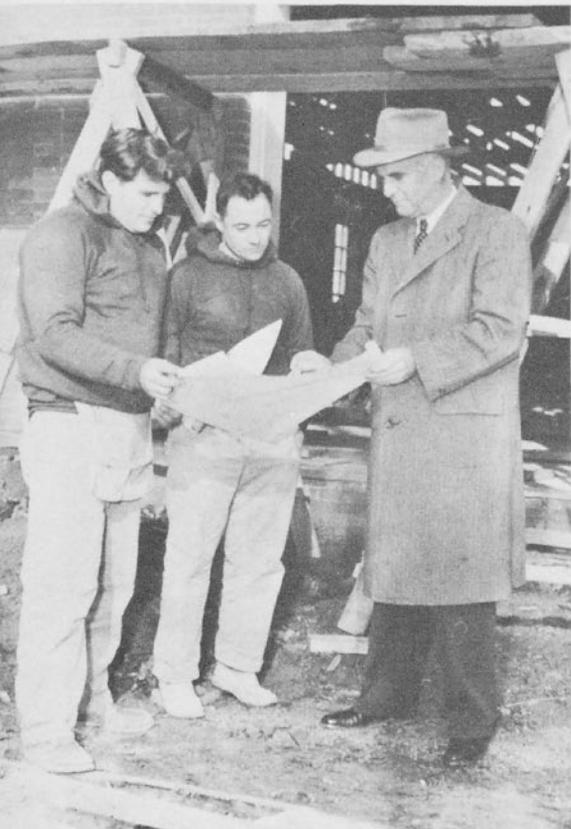
Brother Spong served as chief chef, too, during the construction work. He prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the men working on the job. One lady from the congregation even pushed a wheelbarrow for the workers the day they leveled the ground floor!

Nicholas La Rosa, carpenter-contractor of Vineland, N. J., supervised the pastor and his parishioner-helpers in the building of five 46-foot wooden trusses to support the roof of the church. James Wilson, also of Vineland, was masonry contractor and Clayton Coffman, an Assemblies of God member of Milford, Pa., served as architect. Among the part-time workers was Brother Spong's son, Charles, who is employed elsewhere during the day and attends Rutgers College three nights a week.

The small congregation provided cash as well as labor for the project. Help came from unexpected sources, as well. Private contractors who were not affiliated with the church but desired to help donated some materials and professional services. The one-story, modern design, brick-and-wood structure, costing \$22,000, has a floor area of 62 by 66 feet and a seating capacity of 300.



Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Spong, pastors of the new Assembly at Somerville, N. J.



Pastor Spong (right) goes over plans for new Assembly with Nick LaRosa, carpenter-contractor and William Wilson, mason



Norman T. Spong (right) and members of the official board break ground for the new Assembly of God in Somerville, N. J. Left to right: Ralph Ascolese, Robert Antonsson, Laben Hollenbeck, and Raymond Fish

The pioneering spirit such as exhibited by Norman Spong and his enthusiastic congregation is essential if the Assemblies of God is to make strides for God in the future. Over 135,000,000 souls are yet unreached in the U.S. by the full gospel.

Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of the Home Missions Department, says, "If established churches once catch

the vision, the Church Extension goals will easily be reached. A national goal of 366 new churches in 1960 has been set. It is my firm conviction that if we fulfill our responsibility to get the Pentecostal message to our own American people, the task must be accomplished by establishing Assemblies of God churches in *every* community. This will only be done when our present estab-

lished churches feel the burden and will take the responsibility of becoming 'mother churches'—that is, assist in starting other churches either within their cities or in areas adjacent to them. Just as a church will grow through supporting foreign missions, so a church will grow as a result of sharing in the homeland in order to establish other Assemblies of God churches."

WORKERS TOGETHER

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on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at the close of the annual Pentecost Crusade, and it climaxes the Sunday School Loyalty Campaign with the theme, "Our Church Day—I Belong."

The theme of the Pentecost Crusade is, "United... Anointed." How beautifully this fits in with the Loyalty Campaign theme and the scriptures. Our churches do not wish to open their doors of membership to those who are not transformed by God's saving power, and they will not knowingly do so.

We reaffirm our membership stand-

ards. Materials have been prepared and are being mailed to every pastor to be used in connection with National Membership Sunday. A membership application blank has been printed with a stronger emphasis than ever on the standards and beliefs of the Assemblies of God. It has been prepared so that each new member accepted into the church may be given a tract containing the standards of the church and the statement of faith of the Assemblies of God.

It is strongly urged that each church throughout the fellowship open its doors on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, for a truly Pentecostal membership day. Not to take in people simply to fill the roll book, but to bring into active and responsible fellowship those born-again believers who can become a force of strength in each congregation.

May we renew our dedication to reach the lost of our communities, and having reached them let us urge them to follow the Lord in water baptism and church membership. Should Jesus delay His coming, we have an even greater task during this decade than during the past one, for there are more people to reach, and we have faster and more effective means to tell them the message of salvation. ◀◀

Co-Workers With Him

Little is much when God is in it;
Man's busiest day's not worth God's minute,
Much is little everywhere,
If God the labor does not share;
So work with God and nothing's lost,
Who works with Him does best and most:
Work on! Work on!

—A. A. Rees



Revivaltime Is a Ministry of **DELIVERANCE**

REVIVALTIME HAS A MESSAGE OF DELIVERANCE to souls bound by sin. Letters are received daily from persons who have found freedom from sin through Jesus Christ because of the broadcast ministry.

A man in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently sent this report to the Radio Department:

"I am writing to let you know what the Lord has done for me and my home. I have been drinking for twenty years. Each day I came home drunk. I fought with my wife and I thought that drinking was my only happiness. I was half-drunk when I was listening to your broadcast on January 24th. When the altar call was given, I prayed to the Lord to take my drinking away from me. As I got up, I got the beer, poured it down the drain and said, 'Lord, let this be the last, in Jesus' Name.' I haven't taken a drink since that morning and I have lost my taste for beer. Now I have really found true happiness at last. My wife and I both praise the Lord that we have found the love of God in our home."

By Lois Hokanson

Thank God for His power to free men from the bondage of sin. Through the ministry of *Revivaltime*, men and women have been delivered from the chains of the smoking and drinking habits. The personal, Holy Spirit-inspired messages of Brother C. M. Ward reach right into the homes of sin-bound persons through the means of radio. As hearts are touched, God works to bring His freedom to these men and women.

In addition to the direct results of the broadcast, friends and relatives have sent prayer requests for loved ones bound by sin. As Christians pray, God works. Grateful relatives, joyous converts, and delivered persons have written to the Radio Department to let us know what *Revivaltime's* ministry has meant to them.

A mother in Seymour, Missouri, wrote about the deliverance of her teenage son. "Just a few weeks ago I wrote to you for prayer that God would deliver my fifteen-year-old son from the cigarette habit. A few days after

I mailed my request, God marvelously did the very thing for which we prayed. In our Wednesday night service the following week my boy swiftly made his way to the altar where he wept many tears and prayed his way through to a new experience with the Lord. He said he has never had the least desire to smoke since."

Let me quote another letter. "Some time ago I wrote to you asking for prayer that my husband would be delivered from cigarettes," Mrs. A. W., Columbus, Georgia, writes. "Thank God it has happened. As you were praying I also asked my pastor to pray with us, and last month God did the work. My husband had smoked for about thirty years, but that was nothing in the sight of our great and wonderful heavenly Father."

Sometimes the answer to prayer is delayed. But the answer *does* come. A mother in San Pedro, California, sent this testimony. "My son, for whom I requested your prayers several months ago, has been delivered from narcotics. I surely am praising the Lord for what He has done."

And here is another testimony: "Last spring I wrote to you asking prayer for my husband who was un-saved and a slave to alcohol," a Wilmington, Delaware, woman says: "I'm happy to say he was saved in a revival meeting."

The following letter was received from a lady in Beloit, Wisconsin: "I have been wanting to write for some time to tell you about a prayer request I sent in over a year ago in regard to my brother's drinking. It has been a year now since he has taken a drink, so far as I know. Thanks to my wonderful Father in heaven who does hear and answer prayer."

Men and women are being set free through the ministry of *Revivaltime!* These persons, bound by chains they cannot break in themselves, are seeking a source of power stronger than themselves. The full gospel in sermon and song has reached their hearts, offering strength and power through Christ.

Revivaltime—a proven world-wide deliverance ministry—urgently needs your prayer and offerings to continue its great work. Send your letter assuring us of your prayer for these people and for the broadcast. Write to: REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

He Careth

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were completely answered by an all-wise, all-powerful God. He served the *living God*—one who really cares. *And so do you!*

God is concerned about that which concerns you.

"What then shall I do with my cares?" you ask. The apostle Peter is most practical in his answer. He says, "Cast them on the Lord."

And by "cast" he simply means that you are to place yourself and all of your problems in God's hands. Do this with the certain knowledge that He lives, and that He loves and cares for you.

I like the little boy's version of the hymn, "Trust and Obey." He thought they sang, "Trust and Okay."

In the language of the Psalmist, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." He also said, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." ◀◀

The Department of Benevolences
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cordially invites you
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Bethany Retirement Home
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Sunday, May 15, 1960
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Speaker
Thomas F. Zimmerman
General Superintendent

Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director
Curtis W. Ringness, National Secretary

"If I Had Known"

A dear old lady from the country went for the first time on a railway journey of about fifty miles through an interesting and beautiful region. She had looked forward to this trip with great pleasure. She was to see so much and enjoy it all so greatly. But it took her so long to get her basket and parcels adjusted, her seat comfortably arranged, the shades right, that she was only just sitting down to enjoy her trip when the conductor called out the name of her station, and she had to get up and hustle out.

"Oh, my!" she said, "if I'd known that we would have been here so soon, I wouldn't have wasted my time fussing."

Dear friend, the wheels of time are

flying; the last station is at hand; these things are so trifling. Get your mind on the main business of life. Live as you would wish to have lived when the porter calls out the last station, and don't waste any more time "fussing."
—A. B. Simpson

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **HAWTHORNE, CALIF.**—Evangelist O. D. Burkett of Bakersfield, Calif. recently concluded a wonderful revival meeting here. The preaching was a blessing and inspiration to the people. Each message was anointed and straightforward.

—*J. A. Ireland, Pastor*

► **KAILUA, HAWAII**—Two weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist Z. E. Miles of Kansas City, Mo. were recently enjoyed by the Assembly of God here. A number were refilled and healed. The faith of the people was greatly increased by the anointed messages.

—*Glen E. McCollister, Pastor*

► **RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.**—God moved mightily in blessing many hearts as a result of the anointed preaching of Evangelist Harold May, Jr. during a two-week revival conducted here at Bethlehem church. Some were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings closed with a water baptismal service at which time 12 candidates followed the Lord in baptism.

—*Wm. J. Behr, Pastor*

► **PECOS, TEX.**—A real move of God was experienced here during a 10-day revival with Evangelist Hardie G. Weathers of Waco, Tex. Four were saved, 10 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the entire church received a refilling and was spiritually uplifted. Some were wondrously healed by the power of God. The faith clinic conducted by Evangelist Weathers each morning proved to be very profitable and was one of the highlights of the revival.

—*A. R. Vaughan, Pastor*

► **OSCEOLA, MO.**—The church here recently closed a two-week revival with Evangelist George Hammett. The presence of the Lord was very real in each service, and all the Christians were blessed and drawn closer to God. Five were at the altar for salvation and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many people from other churches attended and witnessed the blessing of Pentecost for the first time.

—*Vern D. Stoughton, Pastor*

► **MELBOURNE, FLA.**—Evangelists Arthur and Anna Berg of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., ministered here for two weeks recently. The anointed preaching, singing, and music of these consecrated workers was a great blessing to all. Several prayed through to salvation. A new Sunday school record of attendance of 88 was reached, and some 20 adults and children came forward for church membership. The Musical Eskelins continued the revival with inspiring meetings which resulted in the salvation of souls. The work of these splendid evangelists did much to help this new church.

—*Stafford S. Anderson, Pastor*

► **NORWICH, N. Y.**—The Assembly of God here still rejoices over the wonderful move of God recently experienced in their midst. Evangelist George W. Brooks of Toronto, Canada, ministered the Word of God under a mighty anointing. As a result of these three weeks of meetings there were six decisions for Christ, eight baptized in the Holy Ghost, several refillings, and one backslider was reclaimed. Many were healed by the power of God. Per-

sonal problems were straightened out in the lives of some individuals.

Neighboring pastors and congregations co-operated in the meetings. The meetings ran late into the night as many were prostrated under the power of God. These old-fashioned Holy Spirit-anointed meetings were truly refreshing times as the Lord poured the oil of gladness upon the people. Some of the young people testified of a greater desire to read the Word.

—*Lloyd D. Ward, Pastor*

► **LEXINGTON, MO.**—The church here recently enjoyed a very successful three-week revival with the Smith-Rasmussen Team. The attendance was excellent. Over 100 visitors came to the services, many for the first time. Fifteen were gloriously saved as a result of the anointed preaching of the Word. In addition to the regular preaching, there were stories for children, chalk drawings, and a ministry in song that added much to the meetings. The church was greatly encouraged, and the revival fires are still burning.

—*Benjamin Tims, Pastor*

► **SIoux CITY, IOWA**—A three and one-half week revival has just been concluded here at First Assembly by the Musical Vander Ploegs of Toledo, Ohio. The services attracted the largest revival crowds the church has ever had, with many attending for the first time. Some 75 were either saved or reclaimed and approximately 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many testified to the work of deliverance that had been wrought in their lives.

—*K. D. Baker, Pastor*



A week-night crowd attending the Musical VanderPloegs meeting in Sioux City, Iowa. K. D. Baker is pastor.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—During the latter part of January the Ron Evangelistic Party of Dallas, Tex., conducted a splendid revival in which a large number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The attendance was very good throughout the entire three weeks.

—*R. D. Shaw, Pastor*

► **FONTANA, CALIF.**—Evangelist Lloyd Portin of Oregon recently conducted meetings in the West Fontana Assembly of God which are believed by many to be the best in the history of the church. There was a wonderful move of the Spirit of God in each service. The people were greatly encouraged and one whole family came forward to accept Christ. The ministry in music and preaching was a real blessing to the church.

—*Charles H. Miller, Pastor*

► **WOODVILLE, OHIO**—Evangelist Mel Jennings recently conducted a two-week crusade in the church here. Many were saved and blessed at the altar services, and the people were led deeper with the Lord. The evangelist was given an hour of assembly time in each of the city schools to show colored pictures of the Orient and Asia. He also personally contacted business men, and those contacts brought new people to the church for the first time.

—*E. H. Mitchell, Pastor*

► **WICHITA FALLS, TEX.**—Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. recently conducted one of the greatest prophetic revivals that has ever been held at the South Side Assembly. The church was filled even on week nights with hundreds in attendance. The messages moved many to seek God and quite a number came into the fellowship of the church. Brother Minton used his large, oil-painted chart. The ministry was a unique combination of teaching and evangelism. The church here will soon break ground for a new 60 by 120 auditorium.

—*Carl Alcorn, Pastor*

► **SALEM, N. J.**—First Assembly was recently blessed during the ministry of the Sid Regnier Party of Hartford, Conn. Several were saved and others were healed as well as spiritually edified. Most of these new converts have followed the Lord in water baptism and also joined the church, and are earnestly seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The anointed preaching, the musical talent, and the films on Europe and Russia in particular were a great blessing to all. The campaign was preceded with several weeks of prayer, good promotion, a visitation program, and a daily telephone evangelism program. The local newspaper co-operated with good coverage which attracted strangers to the services.

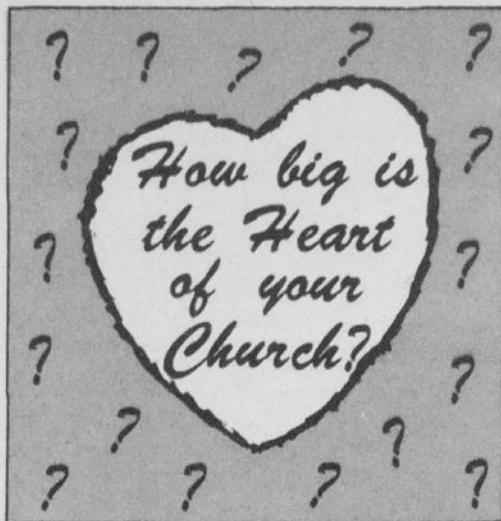
—*Robert J. Lundstrom, Pastor*

► **CUPERTINO, CALIF.**—Evangelist Everett Stenhouse recently concluded a most profitable evangelistic campaign here. The anointed ministry was a challenge to everyone within the church. Some 16 or more were saved or reclaimed, and at least five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healing. The Sunday school attendance showed a substantial increase. One of the most encour-

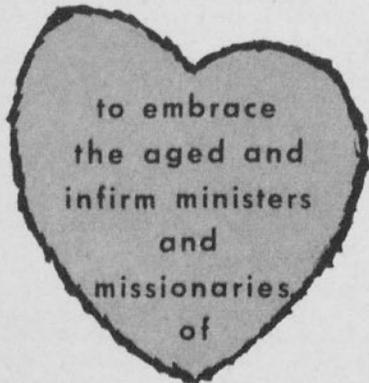
STATE	CITY	DATE	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Alexander City	First	May 2-15	Bobby Jackson	Benny Jackson
	Anniston	First	May 1—	John Stallings	Cortez Frazier
	Dothan	Northeast	May 1-15	Lewis T. Coleman	W. T. Meadows
	Lanett	First	May 3-15	Bob & Jeri Winford	James Dykes
Ark. Calif.	Monticello	First	May 8—	Tommy Lofton	O. B. Hubbard
	Brentwood	A/G	May 1—	Merl Thornton Party	Grover Pollard
	Citrus Heights	A/G	May 1—	Lloyd Portin	Warren Parker
	Delhi	A/G	May 1-15	Arvel Kilgore	Otto J. Bell
	Fairfield	Glad Tidings	May 3—	Sam Klein	Leonard Palmer
	Glendora	First	May 3—	The Musical Rogers	Gerald Fry
	Hayward	Bethel	May 1-8	Bill McPherson	James Swanson
	Keyes	A/G Tab.	May 1-15	Fred Carrington	C. J. Brown
	Lodi	First	May 3—	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Gene Forrest
	Long Beach	First	May 1-8	Forseth Musical Trio	Fulton Buntain
	Redlands	A/G	Apr. 27-May 8	Musical Vanderploegs	James F. Pepper
	San Diego	Point Loma	Apr. 26-May 8	Benny H. Sapp & wife	Sam Horton
	Sunnyvale	First	May 1-15	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Ralph Hillegas
	Tracy	First	May 1-6	Chas. Senechal	Eugene Lawrence
Tulare	A/G	May 1—	Robert Pruett	Paul J. Smith	
Colo.	Holly	A/G	May 1—	H. Early-M. McCulloch	M. E. Headding
Fla.	Cottage Hill	A/G	May 2—	Clarence Lambert & wife	Atha Lackey
Idaho	Moscow	A/G	May 1—	C. Linfield Crowder	John Stavros
	Chicago	Bethel Temple	May 8—	J. G. Hall & wife	L. R. Nowell
Ill.	Elgin	A/G	May 1—	Michael Lord	C. Merrill Johnson
	Chesterton	A/G	May 1-15	V. M. Dullabaun & wife	Robert Mayfield
	Gary	Full Gospel Tab.	May 1-15	Wallace Bragg	James Menzie
	Gary	West Gary	May 1-22	Harold Brumback	B. E. Hillman
Ind.	Indianapolis	Lighthouse GT	Apr. 27-May 15	John Higginbotham	Wm. Totman
	Michigan City	A/G	May 2-15	Jimmie & Carol Snow	Stewart Robinson
	Muncie	Northside	Apr. 29-May 1	Bob Ludwig & wife	Lonnie Calloway
	Terre Haute	Hulman St.	May 4-22	Bob McCutchen	Paul D. VanWinkle
Iowa	Ottumwa	First Pent.	Apr. 24—	F. Don Rippey	Stanton Johnson
	Elwood	A/G	May 1-15	C. M. Smitley	Arnold Brown
Kans.	Humboldt	First	May 3-8	Ernie Eskelin	Ray Eskelin
	Jennings	First	May 8—	Wm. Theiler & wife	B. L. Cornwell
La.	Lake Charles	Calcasieu	May 3—	Donnell-Holler Team	C. H. Robertson
	Westwego	A/G	Apr. 29-May 1	Warren Litzman	J. C. Seymour
Md.	Cabin John	Riverside	May 2-29	L. K. Dodge	A. B. Marks
	Worcester	First	May 3-15	Donald W. Cantelon	S. Paul Carlyss
Mass.	Ironwood	A/G	May 8-15	Garfield J. Unruh	N. L. Shotwell
	Monroe	A/G	May 3—	Lolita Thompson	Henry Rose
Mich.	Clarkfield	Gospel Tab.	May 8-22	William N. Inisky	James S. Ryan
	Hutchinson	A/G	May 3-15	Sherman Buschow & wife	Ray Crouse
Minn.	Mexico	* A/G	May 8-13	Fred & Gladys Voight	Merle J. White
	Puxico	A/G	May 1—	Glenna Byard	Bud Lawrence
Mo.	Lincoln	Glad Tidings	May 1—	Gene Allen	John W. Smith
	Albuquerque	West Mesa	May 1-22	B. D. Bennett	F. Wesley Smith
Neb.	Bayard	First	May 1—	Jerry Roberts	James Trewern
	Farmington	First	May 1-15	Winferd Mack	Don Stover
	Bay Shore, L. I.	A/G	May 3-15	Jack & Clara Peters	Eugene Benjamin
	Buffalo	Faith Tab.	May 1-15	John & Olive Kellner	James E. Murray
N. C.	Charlotte	First	May 3-15	Carl Walker, Jr.	Chas. H. Cookman
	Bedford	A/G	May 3-15	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Fred H. Neubauer
Ohio	Cincinnati	First Christian	May 8-22	Ira Stanphill	D. Leroy Sanders
	Mansfield	Emmanuel	May 3-15	Joel R. Palmer	W. V. Stahlecker
	McAlester	First	May 8—	Joseph DeGrado	Harold Powell
	Tulsa	Central	May 6, 7, 8	Warren Litzman	R. C. Voight
Okla.	Tulsa	Timber Ridge	Apr. 25—	J. B. Essary & wife	Flavel L. Baker
	Brooks	A/G	May 1-15	Denny Davis	Robert Swope
Oreg.	Sweet Home	First	May 2—	Everett Olp	W. P. Rutledge
	Apollo	A/G	Apr. 23-May 8	Ralph A. Creider	Paul Baughman
Pa.	Norristown	Full Gospel	May 1-15	Dale V. Helle	J. R. DeJulio
	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	May 4-22	Ron Ripley	Peter Bedzyk
	Uniontown	A/G	Apr. 26-May 1	Mel Blundell	David Selleck
	Pierre	First	May 6-15	Andrew G. Basell	C. E. Nielsen
S. Dak.	Knoxville	Island Home	May 8-22	Troy B. Helms	L. M. Hadler
	Amarillo	San Jacinto	May 3-15	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	J. E. Burkhalter
Tenn. Tex.	DeLeon	First	May 1—	J. W. Farmer	Calvin O. Wiley
	El Paso	* Valley	May 3-8	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Wesley J. Lange
	Holliday	A/G	May 1—	Leon Bayless	Richard Van Horn
	Houston	Lake Forest	May 4—	Glen Shinn	D. R. Johnson
	Lubbock	First	May 4-15	Hardie Weathers	Homer Sheets
	Front Royal	First	May 3-22	J. Merrill Rayner	T. B. Pierce, Sr.
	Seattle	Faith Temple	Apr. 27-May 8	The Tanner Team	M. E. Hayes
	Tenino	A/G	May 1-15	Donald B. Strong	Leo Lovin
Va.	Wapato	Pentecostal	May 1-22	Eric M. Johnson	Martin Haack
	Portage	Gospel Tab.	May 8-22	Arthur & Anna Berg	Harley Haack
Wash.	Kamloops, B.C.	Calvary Temple	May 8-15	Louise Nankivell	P. A. Gagliardi
	Kenora, Ont.	Calvary	May 1-15	Paul & Dorothy Olson	James N. Vance
	Lethbridge, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	May 8-22	Bob Muir	James Hazlett
	Montreal, Que.	Evangel Pent.	May 8-22	Robert Watters	Robert Argue
	Penticton, B.C.	Bethel Tab.	May 8-22	W. F. Rourke, Sr.	W. C. Irvine

* Children's Revival

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aging factors of the meeting is the evidence of genuine revival which is still manifest. Since the special meetings closed seven or more have been saved. The teenage Sunday school class, which was averaging five or six in attendance, has grown to 20 or more. —*Houston R. Baker, Pastor*

▶ RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Special meetings were conducted here by Evangelist Paul Riggs of Oklahoma City. They lasted for five weeks and services were conducted twice daily. Results were very gratifying. —*D. F. Ferguson, Pastor*

▶ CENTURY, FLA.—Evangelist Douglas Bartlett of Mobile, Ala. just closed four weeks of meetings here. Some were saved, three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled. There were also several who testified to physical healing. —*Roy Kennedy, Pastor*

▶ BERKELEY, CALIF.—First Assembly here recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Silas H. Jones. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, others were healed, and a definite work was done for God. The whole church was revived and strengthened. —*Eleanor Johnson, Pastor*

▶ DOWNEY, CALIF.—For the past year the church here has witnessed a large number of conversions among the young people, and many of these have also been filled with the Holy Spirit. In February Evangelist Everett Stenhouse came to the church for a week of meetings, and there was revival every night. Numbers were saved or received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. —*Ray F. Curtis, Pastor*

▶ JOHNSVILLE, OHIO—The Assembly here recently closed a very successful four-week campaign with Evangelist L. K. Dodge of Williamson, N. Y. The meetings were well attended. At least 20 came forward for salvation, and 21 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were also many definite healings. —*Terry T. Diehl, Pastor*

▶ CHESTER, OKLA.—The Elm Grove Assembly of God enjoyed a wonderful two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Albritton of Fort Worth, Tex. One received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to the healing touch of the Master's hand. The church as a whole was blessed and edified by the anointed preaching. —*J. Ruel Baxter, Pastor*

▶ CANADIAN, TEX.—The Assembly here enjoyed a very profitable revival, with Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Albritton of Fort Worth. In spite of the bad weather, the revival was one of the best in the history of the church. An 18-year-old deaf mute, healed in answer to prayer, can now hear and is learning to talk. At least 10 were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One of those was a man 76 years of age. Three young married men were saved. Seven adults followed the Lord in baptism. The children's service conducted each night by Sister Albritton was a great help also. —*H. A. Wilson, Pastor*

▶ RIDGEFIELD, WASH.—An outstanding evangelistic campaign was conducted here at Pioneer Assembly by the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. The Holy Spirit anointed the preaching of Brother Tanner and blessed the Christ-honoring music. The attendance was extremely good each night. Souls were saved and lives were challenged to live a Spirit-filled life.

—*Elvin D. Irwin, Pastor*

▶ ST. JAMES, L.I., N. Y.—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graben of Vineland, N. J. just concluded three wonderful weeks of old-fashioned Holy Ghost meetings here. Souls were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many testified to what God had done in their lives. The Sunday school attendance record was broken on the last day of the campaign. Pentecostal fire is still burning among the people.

—*Harry Tripp, Pastor*

▶ AMARILLO, TEX.—The San Jacinto Assembly of God has just closed a very fine revival with Evangelist and Mrs. B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. Five or six were saved, and many made new consecrations and dedications to the Lord. The church was filled almost every night. In spite of the snow and ice the crowds continued to come. On Monday (the closing night of the revival) extra seats had to be brought in. The Sunday school record attendance was broken with 204 present. During the meetings the evangelist taught and preached on "The Plan of the Ages."

—*J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor*

▶ DETROIT LAKES, MINN.—Recently the church here enjoyed two very fine revivals. In late November and early December Evangelist Dale Helle of Seattle, Wash. conducted services. Five found their way to an old-fashioned altar to find Christ as personal Saviour, and several reported physical healings. The deep ministry of Brother Helle, anointed by the Holy Spirit, met many needs.

In the last part of January and early February Evangelist Bill McPherson of Toronto, Canada, conducted a "Deeper Life" crusade. Three received their personal Pentecost on the second night of the meet-



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ing, and three more came through to a real Acts 2:4 experience later. Seven gave public testimony to finding Christ as personal Saviour. Many were refilled with the Spirit as well.

—Claude Bratvold, Pastor

► **SO. HOUSTON, TEX.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Covina, Calif. were instrumental in bringing a mighty move of the Spirit of God to the church here. The services continued for four weeks. No two nights were the same, yet someone was saved or healed in every service. Some 20 persons knelt at the altar for salvation. Brother Shinn appealed to the congregation to send the pastor and his wife to the Pentecostal World Conference in Jerusalem, and sixteen hundred dollars in cash and pledges were given.

—C. C. Swaim, Pastor

► **FROSTBURG, MD.**—The Assembly of God here just concluded one of the finest revivals in its history with Evangelist Hilda Groves. God graciously moved every night saving souls, healing sick bodies, and baptizing men, women, and children in the Holy Ghost. Some 30 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and at least 15 were saved. There were several wonderful healings. New families have been added to the church, and the people are praising God for victories. The revival spirit continues upon the congregation.

—George A. LeRoy, Pastor

► **CLARKSDALE, MISS.**—The First Assembly of God here recently closed one of the best training courses in the history of the church. It was conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Davis of Springfield, Mo. Every age group was reached, and a number were saved and healed. Outstanding musical numbers were enjoyed each night, but the main emphasis was on the book *Personal Soul Winning* written by Brother Davis. Since the evangelist left, souls have continued to find Christ as Saviour in the regular services. The church has definitely been stirred to win souls by personal work.

—H. L. Carroll, Pastor

► **FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.**—The Evangelistic Center here just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin of St. Petersburg, Fla. In every service there were from 10 to 25 visitors. Souls were saved almost every night; many were healed, and the members of the congregation were brought to a closer walk with God. Some were also filled with the Holy Spirit. The messages were an inspiration to all, and the musical talent added greatly to the services.

—Ronald A. Turton, Pastor

► **TAVARES, FLA.**—During the first week of March, Evangelist Robert E. Olson conducted a special Children's and Youth Crusade. The use of ventriloquism, cartoons, Bible puppets, chalk drawings, and other unusual means served to captivate the children and adults, and they received the Word with all readiness at the same time. About 25 or 30 children received Christ into their hearts. On the closing night there were 103 present, 78 of whom were under 15 years of age.

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—*Bob Bryson, Pastor*

► **KALISPELL, MONT.**—Recently the congregation of the Assembly here was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Dale Helle. People are still talking about the great blessings they received. One week after those meetings closed, another series started with Mrs. Helen Wood Birnie, a former Communist organizer, now truly born again and Spirit-filled. That series of services stirred Kalispell to its foundations. The crowds were unusual, both in size and in the type of persons visiting the services.
—*G. J. Mandigo, Pastor*

► **ELAMVILLE, ALA.**—The Assembly and community here were greatly stirred and blessed during a three and one-half week revival with Evangelist Michael Lord and his mother. Souls were saved and reclaimed. Some were filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire Assembly was encouraged and drawn closer to God.
—*Gene Casey, Pastor*

► **COTTON PLANT, LA.**—God graciously sent a mighty move to the Ward 9 Tabernacle here under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm. There were many miracles of healing, including a can-

cer which fell from the face of an elderly woman. One man seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost for years, was filled. Three were saved, and the Lord manifested Himself in every service. The faith of the people is at an all-time high.
—*Mrs. H. M. Mayes, Pastor*

► **CABIN JOHN, MD.**—Evangelist Roy W. Frazier just concluded four weeks of revival in the church here. God truly honored his ministry by reviving the church. A number accepted the Lord as Saviour, six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many in the church testified to marvelous healings. The entire congregation has been stirred with a greater desire to press onward in God. A. B. Marks is pastor.
—*Mrs. Dorothy Fields, Secretary*

► **LAFAYETTE, IND.**—The Assembly here just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Richard R. Vinyard of Dallas, Tex. Several were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Many also testified to definite healings. One of those healed was the son of a well-known minister. He is now enjoying health after many years of sickness. Visitors who attended the meetings from neighboring assemblies were also greatly blessed.
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BERKLEY E. MOORE, 58, pastor of the Assembly of God in Spendor, Texas, passed away on March 21. He was ordained in 1948 by the Texas District and served both as pastor and evangelist in that state. In addition to the widow he leaves three daughters and one son.

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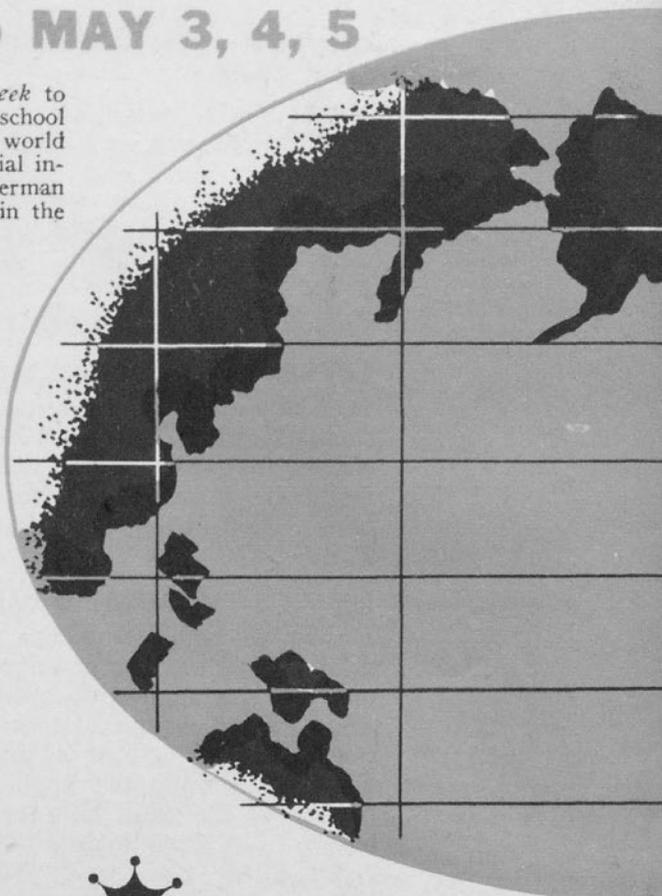
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TUESDAY, MAY 3

2:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS
6:45 Musicales
7:00 OPENING RALLY
International Interviews
Message—Billie Davis

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:00 a.m. Leadership Breakfast
9:00 UNITED SESSION
Bible Study—
J. Robert Ashcroft
Idea Time
Challenge to Expansion:
New Schools—R. L. Brandt
Outreach—William Kirschke
BGMC in Action—
George Davis
BGMC Awards

2:00-4:30 p.m. INSTITUTES AND SEMINAR
6:45 Musicales

7:00 UNITED RALLY
Message—Victor Trimmer
Visual—"The Lost Stone"

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. UNITED SESSION
Bible Study—
J. Robert Ashcroft
Sunday School Survey—
C. W. Denton
Idea Time
Message—J. Philip Hogan

2:00-4:30 p.m. WORKSHOPS AND SEMINAR
6:45 Musicales
7:00 UNITED RALLY
Parade of Foreign Delegates
International Interview
Message—P. S. Brewster
Visual—"Good Ship SS
Evangelism"

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS
Crafts Don, Del, and Martha Fellows
Writers Ralph W. Harris
Music Edwin Anderson
Camping Billy Reeves

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2:00 TO 4:30 P.M.

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Junior Harold Burris
Teen-age Bill Eastlake
Young People Paul Fenton
Adult Hardy Steinberg
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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 TO 4:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS
First Session—2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Branch Sunday Schools R. L. Brandt
Building Planning Joe Colombo
Child Evangelism I Billy Reeves
Counseling in the Sunday School Alex L. Hunter
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Enlisting and Training Workers .. L. B. Keener
Evangelists and the
Sunday School William Kirschke
Missionary Education
in the Sunday School J. Philip Hogan
Music in the Sunday School .. Edwin Anderson
Teacher's Self Improvement R. W. Harris
Teaching Aids Don Bauter
Second Session—3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Child Evangelism II Billy Reeves
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