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## **Church Music Month**

Vacations are ending, school beginning, and the fall activities of the church are getting under way. September is a good month to focus attention on sacred music and to give it the important place it deserves in the life of the church.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," the Psalmist said. "Come before His presence with singing. . . . Enter into His courts with praise. . . . With harp, and the voice . . . with trumpets . . . make a joyful noise before the Lord." September is the ideal time to reorganize the church choir, revive the church orchestra, start a men's chorus, arrange rehearsals for a new string ensemble or vocal quartet. It will take time, thought, and effort, but God's work deserves our very best.

No people on earth recognize the power of gospel music better than our Assemblies of God people. We know the blessing there is in worshiping the Lord with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." We realize that Spirit-filled singing glorifies God, edifies the singer, and moves the heart of the listener. Let us make a large place in our church life for Christ-honoring music.

Pastors would do well to mention Church Music Month from the pulpit. Urge the singers and musicians to dedicate their talents to God. Perhaps the song leader, organist, pianist, and all who participate in the musical program could be dedicated in a public ceremony some time this month.

Music directors could teach the congregation at least one new hymn this month. Why use only half the hymnal? Select a new hymn and sing it at every service until the people have mastered it.

Deacons should check up on music materials. Perhaps it is time to replace worn-out hymnals or to buy some new music and books on music for the church library.

Sunday School officers should be sure there are songbooks in each department which appeal to the proper age group. How about planning a musical feature for the children in each worship period this month and encouraging pupils of all ages to participate?

C. A. leaders might conduct a talent survey by distributing a questionnaire among the young people. Discover how many singers, instrumentalists, and prospective song leaders are "burying their talents" and invite them to make a musical contribution.

All singers and musicians should be taught to look upon their activities as a sacred ministry. They should pray as earnestly as the preacher for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to rest upon them.

The Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House is developing new hymnals, orchestration books, choir arrangements, sheet music, and other materials at the present time. Edwin Anderson, Music Editor, is working hard at this job and he will do all he can to help our churches develop an effective ministry of music.

THIS WEEK'S COVER: The front page photograph shows a section of the fine choir and orchestra at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri (J. L. McQueen, pastor; Max Eleiott, Minister of Music).

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# How Near Is THE END?

## BY EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL

A UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN REported to his constituents recently, "Two very important authorities, one on disarmament and the other on science, stated in my presence the other day their belief that we would all be dead in ten years and that the earth would be an incinerated relic."

And when has the international picture ever looked blacker than it does at this frightening moment? World conditions are getting out of hand. Satellites circle the earth while scientists tell us that the nation which controls space can easily subject the world to its will. Hideous weapons of destruction are being stock-piled. With little warning, in a matter of minutes, great cities could be blasted out of existence and thousands upon thousands of people blown to bits, or destroyed through nuclear radiation. Components of world crisis are being brought together as never before. It is signally apparent that we are entering a decade which may witness terrifying events. The next ten years may well be the decade of destiny.

It was the year 1869 when a French chemist, Pierce Berthelot, asserted, "In one hundred years of physical and chemical science, man will know what the atom is. It is our belief that when science reaches this stage, God will come down to earth with His big ring of keys and say to humanity, 'Gentlemen, it is closing time.'" Less than one hundred years have elapsed, and man has already accomplished the splitting of the atom and the release of its deadly potentiality.

The period of unparalleled tribulation, anguish and calamity predicted by Jesus could soon be precipitated upon humanity. Its effects would be of such intensity that, were it not God's plan to shorten this reign of terror, the human race would be exterminated. Nobody would be left alive upon earth if the horrible tribulation would continue beyond its appointed time.

The disciples on one occasion asked Jesus point-blank: "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3). And He gave them definite, direct, clearcut answers in great detail. He foretold that wars and rumors of wars, international conflicts, famines, earthquakes, widespread wickedness, universal distress, confusion, perplexity and many other happenings would bring the age to its climax. When these were fulfilled they would know that He was about to appear. Our day has seen these things taking place on a hitherto unequaled scale.

One of the most striking signs of the approaching end given by Jesus was the leafing of the fig tree, the rise of Israel. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ve know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:32, 33). Jesus as much as said that when the Jews become a nation in Palestine we may know that His coming is so near, it is "even at the doors." Surely the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, the re-birth of Israel in May, 1948, as a nation among the nations of the world, was a trumpet blast thundering the message, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Notice that the account in Luke 21:

29 of the parable of the fig tree exhorts us not only to "behold the fig tree" but "all the trees." Since the "fig tree" relates to Israel as a nation, then "all the trees" must refer to all the nations. Never in history has there been such a nationalistic spirit throughout the earth. Never has there been such a rash of nations obtaining independence as there has been in 1960!

Many people have lived through two world wars without perceiving the purposes of God in the affairs of men. Furthermore, earth-shaking events are passing in such rapid succession, they slip by almost unnoticed.

In the first half of the twentieth century five major events stalked the world scene.

1. Germany disappeared as a frontrank power.

2. Russia emerged as one of the greatest powers of all time, thus preparing the way for the fulfillment of her part in Ezekiel's predictions for the "latter days" (Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39).

3. China, as a slumbering giant, awakened to a new position of leadership.

4. Japan lost her place as a nation.5. France fell.

We are living in some of the most momentous days of all history. God has His hand upon the nations. None of these things is happening except by His permissive will.

Multiplied signs which were to characterize the end-time are with us now. Each and every one considered separately becomes impressive. But all taken together they present cumulative

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# Grieve Not the Holy Spirit

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT, WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS THE REVIVAL FOR WHICH WE ARE PRAYING, HE MAY PASS US BY?

**By Charles Van Ness** 

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THE SERVICE WAS OVER. THE ONLY person left at the altar was a youth about twenty years old. He arose from prayer, sat down on the front row of chairs and held his head.

The pastor moved over to talk to him. The boy was discouraged.

"I think I've grieved the Holy Spirit," he said. "He seems to have left me. I must have grieved Him some way."

The youth could not put his finger on any action that had caused the Holy Spirit to depart in sorrow, but he was afraid that somewhere in the service he had failed to yield in just the right manner. This, he thought, had grieved the Holy Spirit.

Possibly he had not grieved the Holy Spirit. Perhaps it was merely that he himself was overly sensitive. But I wonder if some of us are not less sensitive than we should be to the voice of God's Spirit.

In Ephesians 4:30 we are warned against committing the sin of grieving the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul wrote expressly on this matter. He cautioned against bringing grief to the Holy Spirit.

We are living during a time when many persons are looking for and expecting a revival. From the most prominent leaders of the Assemblies of God to the most obscure workers a deep longing for revival is evident. When this revival comes it will be the work of the Holy Spirit.

If we have grieved the Holy Spirit can we have part in this revival? Will it pass us by?

Surely we cannot hope to be blessed by the Holy Spirit if we continually bring Him grief. If we persist in actions that grieve Him, He cannot visit us. How, then, do we grieve the Holy Spirit? What things cause the Heavenly Dove to leave us?

First, we grieve the Holy Spirit by thinking and acting carnally.

In Galatians 5, the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit are contrasted. We are told the flesh wars against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. By yielding to and encouraging fleshly, carnal actions we therefore grieve the Holy Spirit. Indeed, we do more than grieve Him; we attack Him.

Persons who permit hatred, strife, envy—as well as the more gross sins of mental or literal immorality—to occupy their minds grieve the Spirit. When we speak evil we grieve the Holy Spirit. When we slander we grieve the Spirit.

Gather the multiplied gossip of a single hour in this broad land of ours and imagine for a moment the great stench of fleshly actions that ascends to God. What grief this must bring to the Holy Spirit.



**HOSEA 10:12** 

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.



If we wish to stop grieving the Holy Spirit we must cultivate the fruit of the Spirit. In a sentence, we must love our neighbor as ourselves. We must be kind. The Holy Spirit finds pleasure rather than grief in an atomsphere of genuine kindness and brotherly love.

Sometimes the carnal action is dealt with by church administrators. In the Book of Acts seven deacons were selected to assist in solving the problem that threatened the concord of the apostolic Church. By competent administration, factors that had given rise to strife were dealt with. We can often avoid grieving the Holy Spirit by using sanctified common sense.

The Bible also records a far more drastic judgment on carnality. The fearful example of Ananias and Sapphira illustrates the truth that a grieved Holy Spirit instantly may judge the guilty.

Second, we grieve the Holy Spirit by refusing to rely upon Him.

Many sweet-mannered persons are as guilty of grieving the Holy Spirit as are the openly carnal individuals. Their sin is a hidden one. Unknown to others, they refuse to depend upon the Spirit. They assume duties in their own strength. They move forward depending only upon their own ability. Outwardly they may say, "Praise the Lord," but inwardly they think, "I did pretty well." They grieve the Holy Spirit because they never honestly give Him a chance to do something for them.

How does a person become guilty of this sin? The first step is to take glory unto yourself. This step is easy. The temptation is present constantly. The honest compliments of others may form the first step, if you permit them. The next step is pride. Pride will share its seat of honor with no one, not even God. Pride is a jealous overlord. It compels you to tell yourself, "I am really the one who is responsible for this success." Pride even forces you to admit, "I am the one responsible for this failure." It is easier for the pride-controlled heart to say it has failed than to honestly admit that someone else had to help.

Is failing to rely upon the Holy Spirit a serious sin? What would have been the outcome of Gideon's battle if he had failed to rely upon the Lord? Do you think God would have used him with more than 300 men? The likelihood is the Lord would have passed by Gideon completely and used a man who would rely upon Him. First Corinthians 1:26-29 shows us how serious is the failure to rely upon the Lord. The wise, mighty, and noble have been ignored by God while He has chosen the foolish, weak, base, and despised vessels who are willing to trust in Him and the power of the Holy Spirit. Behind our refusal to rely on the Holy Spirit is the desire to glory in our flesh. No flesh shall glory in His presence!

## Third, we grieve the Holy Spirit by treating Him lightly.

This third sin is a normal consequence of our failure to rely upon the Holy Spirit. Since He is not important to us, we treat Him lightly. We speak of holy things without proper respect. We *lightly* say, "Praise the Lord." We *casually* talk about "tongues" or sometimes argue the doctrine in a sacrilegious manner. We worship in the Spirit for a moment or two to fulfill proper form and then settle into the more normal pastime of self-centered rather than God-centered thought.

All this is the natural result of failing to rely upon the Holy Spirit. We will not admit He is vitally important in our lives; therefore we treat Him lightly. We do not spend time in prayer because we "cannot afford to take the time!" We do not attend all the church services because we are "really too busy!"

A people who treat the Holy Spirit lightly are not concerned with introducing Him to others. They need not (Continued on page nineteen)



The Tent Crowd

BY MARY TREGENZA

LOVE THE SYMBOLISM OF THE WORD. Translators may unwittingly rob us of the more tender shades of truth. Theologians may threaten our whole doctrinal structure by contesting a strategic adjective or verb—but who can touch the symbols?

Some of them sparkle like gems against exquisite velvet settings. Take the symbol of the Good Shepherd. Suddenly it illumines by a flash, as no detailed description could ever do, our weakness, our foolishness, and our need of guidance.

Other symbols, not immediately so scintillating, form a subtler pattern in the warp and woof of the Book. The tent symbol is one of these. Long attracted by its significance, I set about to make a more thorough study of the tent life—this apt symbol of those who confess that their Fatherland lies beyond the stars. Can you imagine my sheer delight when I discovered the identity of a sublimely infinite patron saint of this tent crowd lurking beneath the English translation of John 1:14.

The history of mankind is marked by the sacred and unbroken succession of a little band of men "of whom the world was not worthy." Sometimes we find them wandering in deserts, in mountains, in the caves of the earth driven there by those who had no sympathy for them and who were embarrassed by the contrast of their otherworldliness. Oftener they are to be found in the market places and residential areas, "distinguished only by their simpler dress; their girded loins; their abstemious appetites; their loose hold on gold; their independence of the maxims and opinions and applause of the world around; and the far-away look which now and again gleams in their eyes."

There is no more fitting symbol for the true pilgrim spirit than that of the tent. And it all began with Abraham.

He was sitting one day in his suburban Ur home when God spoke. According to tradition, Abraham was protesting against the idolatry of his times —only four hundred years removed from the flood—and suffering bitter persecution when the Divine summons came, "Get thee out." His true destiny was about to begin!

Have you heard the call? Strange if you have not. Perhaps it has come to you in these words, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I... will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Amos heard it in Tekoa. Matthew heard it from his toll booth. Luther from his cloister. Perhaps it came to you with flashing suddenness as with Paul on the dusty Damascus turnpike, or yours may have been a beautifully simple response like Philip's to the face-to-face invitation of our Lord, "Come and travel with me" (John 1: 43).

Yes, the Son of God was a member of the tent crowd. I hinted at it earlier. Now we are ready for the unveiling. Listen to an authoritative translation of John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us." Thrill at it, comrade of the tent crowd!

Don't hurry away from this moment of breath-taking discovery. Have you (Continued on page thirty-one) \*\*\*\*\*

## STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE TABERNACLE

BY C. C. WILCOX As Told to David A. Womack

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## PART FIVE

HE TABERNACLE WAS A MAGNIFIcent example of the redemptive plan of God for humanity. It foreshadowed that which was revealed fully in Jesus Christ. In the previous four parts of this series we have surveyed the outer parts of the Tabernacle that would have been open for all to see, if only at a distance. Now we enter into the holy place, which was hidden from all except a few.

## The Holy Place

We enter wide-eyed and full of reverent awe, for this is the dwelling place of God. The priest holds back the colored tapestry of the door and we step in between the golden pillars and into the holy place. As our eyes become accustomed to the dim light of the lamps, we are impressed with the

sweet fragrance of burning incense. The walls to our right and left are of burnished gold and the veil in front of us is of many colors with golden needlework. Yet, with all of this lustre we are moved by the very simplicity of the furnishings. The holy place takes up about two-thirds of the entire space of the Tabernacle, but it only has three pieces of furniture. On our right is the table of shewbread. To our left is the golden lampstand with all seven lamps burning brightly, their flaming light reflecting off the dazzling golden wall behind them. And, in front of us is the altar of incense from which a thin wisp of smoke ascends toward the tapestried ceiling.

We are indeed in the holy place and, even though we know that in twelve hundred years Christ will come to die and end all of this, we bow our heads reverently, as the long-robed priest



Furniture of the Holy Place—lampstand, altar of incense, table of shewbread. (Photograph made from the author's model of the Tabernacle)

places a fresh supply of incense on the golden altar. In the awful silence of this hidden place we dare not even whisper the many questions that fill our minds.

### The Table of Shewbread

On the north side of the holy place was the table of shewbread. This was a small table of gold-covered acacia wood two cubits long, one cubit wide, and only one and a half cubits high (36 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 27 inches high). This should indicate to us that all of the provisions of God are within our reach. There were rings on either side through which staves were placed to transport it.

On the table were twelve flat cakes called the shewbread. They were placed in two stacks with frankincense placed on top of each. The name of these cakes should rightly be "Bread of Presence." They represented the twelve tribes camped round about the Tabernacle. Bread is typical of the provisions of life. It represented God's providing for His people in whose midst He dwelt. Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Also, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." We have abundant provision because we have a divine Provider.

The priest did not eat the bread until it had been in the holy place for one week. On the Sabbath Day the old bread was removed and fresh put in its place. The frankincense was sacrificed on the brazen altar. In our partaking of heavenly things, the sacrifice of Calvary can never be by-passed. The bread would get quite dry in the desert air, but the priests ate it along with the wine from the sacrifices. So the Spirit mingles with the Word to make it digestible for us.

Only certain people could eat the shewbread. No stranger or visitor could partake of it. Neither could **a** hired servant. Even a priest's daughter who married a stranger could not eat it. Only the proper priests, their families, and the servants who were born in the priests' houses or who were bought by the priests could eat it. Only the properly initiated can eat at the Master's table, too. The bread of the broken body of our Lord brings communion only to those who have washed in His shed blood.

## The Golden Lampstand

Across the room from the place of

communion and sustenance was the golden lampstand, the place of divine light. Its value was somewhere between fifty and eighty thousand dollars by today's standard. It was beaten of pure gold and probably weighed about one hundred pounds.

A goldsmith in Holland once attempted to make such a lampstand in the same way that the original was made. He failed and said that it could not be done. Yet, it was done by the inspired Hebrew workmen over three thousand years ago.

Although we do not know its exact size, we do know its pattern. It had a central stem with three branches on each lamp, except the center one, made a semi-circle down to the central stem and up to the comparable lamp on the other side. The closer the lamps were to the central stem, the smaller were the branches. At the foot of the main stem there was a base to hold the whole structure upright. The lamps were almond-shaped, olive oil lamps, each with a wick that burned continuously. There was much fine beaten work of flowers and bowls over the whole stand.

If the central stem is typical of Christ and the six other branches representative of man, we have a wonderful analogy of the fact that man (six) joined to Christ (one) equals perfection (seven). All of the lamps were in a row, all on the same level. Christ gives us the same light that He demonstrated. We are on the same level, as far as letting our light shine is concerned. The light that we shine is the gospel that must go out to all the world.

The branches were constructed so that they could not possibly be used for anything unless they were attached to the central stem. They were curved and could not stand alone. We also must be joined to Christ or else we are useless. He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5).

The olive oil for the lamps came from the people. Perhaps this indicates that it is up to us to keep the fuel of our spiritual fire fresh by our own initiative. The ability to let our light shine for Christ depends upon our own conscious effort to do so.

The priests trimmed the lamps every morning and lit them every evening. If we let our light shine for God, our spiritual activity will show up the sins and weaknesses of our lives so that Christ our High Priest can remove them.

Outside the Tabernacle there was the fluctuating light of the sun, moon, and stars. Inside the holy place was the provided light of the lampstand. It was lit from the perpetual fire from the brazen altar, which had been provided by God, and it was kept burning continuously by the oil provided by the people. Within the holy of holies was the supernatural light of the shekinah glory of God. In the world we had the fluctuating light; now we have the provided light of the gospel that we must keep burning by our evangelism and missions. Some day we will enter the land of eternal, divine Light, for "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

[Evangelist Wilcox spent about six months in making his scale model of the lampstand. He hand-tooled it out of brass and overlaid it with gold. Its miniature lamps actually burn during his meetings. He uses tiny bits of string for the wicks and burns a mixture of olive oil and alcohol.]

## The Altar of Incense

Standing before the veil on the western side of the holy place was the golden altar of incense. This altar was built somewhat like the brazen altar. It was one cubit long, one cubit wide, and two cubits high (18 inches square at the base and 36 inches high). It had rings for its two staves and a

HEALING TESTIMONY

## Healed of Hemorrhoids and Complications

For five years before I became completely bedfast I suffered terrible pain with Hemorrhoids. A good share of the time I had to do my ironing while seated. When standing in the choir, I wondered if I could endure the pain. I missed many good fellowship meetings and other gatherings because I couldn't endure the long ride to and from the meetings.

In the spring of 1958 I was confined to bed and for the first three weeks the inactivity was almost as bad to bear as the pain. I was finally resigned to my helpless condition. The only relief from pain, doubt, and disappointment was to bury myself in God's Word. I literally devoured it. It was my only source of relief. My husband and five children did the house work and stayed by me closely. I got worse instead of better. crown-like periphery on the top. There were four horns on the corners of the top. The whole object—altar, horns, and staves—was made of acacia wood covered with gold. With it there was a golden censer that was used to carry burning incense into the holy of holies. It was the highest piece of described furniture.

The symbolic meaning of this altar was prayer. The incense was to burn perpetually. It was replenished morning and evening. So also our prayer must be a constant contact with our God. It is our place of highest worship to God and the closest of all of our activities to that of heaven; for the altar of incense was the closest piece of furniture to the holy of holies.

The incense of the altar burned continually, sending up a sweet fragrance of stacte, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense. It was pure and holy, as our prayer must be. The altar was a place of intercession and deep communion with God. Psalm 14:2 says, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense."

The holy place provides a hidden place of food for our souls, light in which to walk, and prayer or communion with God. It is the inner place of heaven on earth. In the next part of this series we shall examine the veil and the golden boards that form the walls.

Eventually the rectal passage was punctured and I was in acute pain.

I hadn't gone to a doctor and wondered as to whether or not I had cancer. My husband wanted me to see a doctor but I was confident God would heal me and the evidence of that healing began to appear. I passed long strips of skin and in a few weeks I gained ten pounds. (My weight had-gotten down to 82 pounds.)

The first time I was able to stand and wash dishes for my family I literally mixed tears of gratitude with the dishwater. I had my last trace of pain more than a year ago. I do all my own housework, help my husband pastor a church, run a service station and a grocery store and feel just fine. God is so good!—Mrs. J. R. Tuttle, Round Rock, Texas.

(Verified by W. W. Cothran, Presbyter of the Austin Section of the North Texas District.)



## The Purpose, Power and Pattern of the ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

BY C. W. DENTON National Sunday School Secretary

OCTOBER AND ENLARGEMENT Month have become synonymous terms in Assemblies of God Sunday schools. The conclusion of the vacation season and the reopening of public schools with the accompanying back-to-routine atmosphere make the month an ideal time in which to rally our forces and to launch an enthusiastic Enlargement Campaign.

Since 1949 when district Sunday school directors approved a plan for an annual enlargement drive, this program has been received with increasing interest. The chorus, "Take the Gospel Out," gave impetus to the new emphasis on enlargement at the General Council that first year. Each year since, large colorful banners have displayed the Enlargement Campaign slogan in churches throughout our fellowship. A special edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel* has been published annually to make the visitation program of lasting benefit by introducing new friends to the Assemblies of God.

The theme this year is "Reach Them All." Involved in it are three important factors that every pastor and Sunday school worker should bear in mind:

### PURPOSES OF THE CAMPAIGN

The first purpose of the Enlargement Campaign is to develop an impelling desire for the salvation of the lost. The enlargement emphasis should cause each worker to ask the heartsearching question: do I honestly desire to reach new people for Christ and enroll them in the Sunday school? Can each sincerely say as did the apostle Paul, "My heart's desire and prayer to God is that my own people may be saved"? This desire must be stronger than any combination of other desires.

Jesus illustrates this truth through the story of the merchant who found a pearl of great price. Immediately the man disposed of all other matters and invested all he had in the one supreme matter. The purpose of Christ's coming to earth was, as stated in His own words, "to seek and to save that which was lost." He died on the cross that men might live. Matthew 18:14 reads, "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." Such a passage forever magnifies and glorifies soul winning. If Christ yearned after the souls of men and gave Himself in sacrificial death, then what a privilege it is to be an instrument and disciple of Christ and to share in soul winning.

The Enlargement Campaign also provides opportunity for keeping Christ's command. The Saviour's commands are found throughout the Gospels: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20). "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

Reaching people for Christ is not an optional matter. Every member of the church is a steward—every saved person has a sacred trust of a price-

less possession and a glorious heritage. Some Christians will not acknowledge their obligation or obey the Master's instructions. They will not join in efforts to evangelize and reach people. It is even worse when the leadership of the church will not provide channels of service to reach more people. The task of reaching souls is made imperative by the Word of God and by the example of Christ and the Early Church. It is fitting, then, that once a year we encourage our Sunday schools to go all out in an enlargement effort and so fulfill the command of Christ.

The third purpose of the Enlargement Campaign is to build the visible Church of Jesus Christ. Out of a desire to obey the command of Christ and to see people saved comes the desire to build the church of Jesus Christ. Some churches are deceived as to the purpose of the Enlargement Campaign and we hear such expressions as, "It is not numbers that count but quality." There is a measure of truth in the statement, but it is not all truth. To say, "I would rather have a good Sunday school than a big one," is simply to reveal a deceived or indifferent heart. Any adverse comment concern-



ing numbers in Sunday school does not come from the Scriptures. It is Satan who is against *numbers* studying the Word of God. He is doing all he can to block any program of the church that will lead multitudes to Christ and the study of His gospel.

Is it right to set numerical goals for the Sunday school? It can be. It was not considered irreverent to report the statistical results of the Day of Pentecost. To say "Let us see if we can win twenty-five people during October" will send workers out with more of a challenge than if the appeal is "Let us try to win all we can during October." Generalities often lack incentive. Goals put dimensions to our tasks. Bringing people into the church is the great desire which the Head of the Church has expressed. We dare not forget the importance of our responsibility to build the church.

## Power for Action

Every worker who seriously engages in any phase of Christian service feels the need for power. This is true whether a Christian seeks to direct, organize, teach, preach, visit, write, or engage in any other service for the Lord. As we launch our enlargement efforts in October, it will be helpful to keep in mind *four* means of securing power.

Recognize the source of power. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). The verse says, "We receive of Him." This recognizes God as the source of all power in heaven and on earth. Every servant of Christ can say with David, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Psalm 18:2). When in service for the Lord we may be assured of His divine enablement. His command is "Go" and His promise is "Lo, I am with you alway."

Ask for power. First John 3:22 contains the phrase, "whatsoever we ask." In these three words we note two things: first, we should ask of God; second, our request should not be limited. Surely in such a venture as evangelism we will not refrain from asking for power to make the Enlargement Campaign a fruitful effort. Ask largely, for in this endeavor, we are asking for souls to be saved.

Live for power. Another means of securing power for our task is to live

for it. Again, in 1 John 3:22 we read, "because we *keep* his commandments." Jesus said to His disciples, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love" (John 15:10). And again, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). When Christians abide in the life, light, and love of Christ, they place themselves in line to receive His promised power.

Serve for power. The last portion of 1 John 3:22 tells us that we must "do those things which are pleasing in his sight." Followers of Christ must

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THE PATTERN TO FOLLOW

A well-planned campaign can bring about an enlargement of your Sunday school enrollment. The following suggestions set forth a number of things to do in outlining your plans for October.

Conduct a workers training course. (Continued on page twenty-three)



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. . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

## PRESENT WORLD

## National PRESIDENT DESIGNATES OCTOBER 5 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Following a custom of several years' standing, President Eisenhower designated Wednesday, October 5, 1960, as a National Day of Prayer. He asked every citizen of the U.S. to pray on that day, each in his own way, mindful of the source of all our national blessings.

### KENNEDY NOMINATED BY PROTESTANTS

It was rumored that a majority of the delegates who attended the Democratic National Convention, at which Senator Kennedy was nominated for the Presidency, were Roman Catholics; and this was cited as an explanation of the fact that a Catholic was nominated for the nation's highest office.

*Religious News Service* reports that a survey was conducted to determine whether the rumor was true. The survey showed that only 28 per cent of the delegates and alternates were of the Catholic faith, while five per cent were Jewish, and about 67 per cent were Protestants. (About a dozen of the 32-member Hawaiian delegation were of the Buddhist faith.)

If the attitude of the Protestant delegates at Los Angeles toward the religious issue is an indication of the attitude millions of Protestant voters will take in November, it is possible that the U. S. is destined to have a Roman Catholic in the White House next year. Whether he would uphold the separation of church and state, as he vows, or gradually bend away from that position toward the historic position of his church, only time would tell.

#### SOUTHERNER CALLS KENNEDY NOMINATION A "BIG JAR"

The nomination of Senator John F. Kennedy as the Democratic Party's candidate for the Presidency may be the "big jar" needed "to wake us up to what is happening all about us." So says Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, a Southern Baptist weekly published at Little Rock, Ark.

In a July 21 editorial, McDonald declared the religious issue in the campaign has been injected "like a hypodermic needle by the Roman Catholic Church."

He wrote: "We are not against Catholicism as a religious faith.... Roman Catholicism is more than a religion. It is totalitarianism with a world organization centering in a foreign land and denying the right of any religion to exist outside its own hierarchy."

### PROTESTANT LEADER QUESTIONS INDEPENDENCE OF CATHOLIC CANDIDATE

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), said in a formal statement released in Atlanta, Georgia, that Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy's promises of independence cannot be reconciled with the declarations of the Roman Catholic Church to which he belongs.

Dr. Newton's statement was promp-

ted by an editorial in the Atlanta Constitution saying, "Georgians will do credit to themselves and the state if they will rule the issue of Senator Kennedy's religion out of bounds now."

Quoting from Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, which said last May 17 that in "every sector of his activities he (a Catholic) must inspire his private and public conduct by the law, orientation, and instruction of the hierarchy," Newton said: "The senator and the press insist on keeping the religious issue in this campaign, through his protestations that he will not be bound by his allegiance to his church." He suggested Shakespeare's Hamlet had a lesson in that "The lady doth protest too much, methinks."

### CATHOLIC PRESIDENT COULD ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SERVICES

Newsmen asked the dean of the School of Sacred Theology at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., whether a Roman Catholic President of the United States could attend a religious service of another faith without violating any canons of his church.

## NEW NAVY CHAPLAIN REPORTS FOR DUTY

Chaplain (LtJG) Robert Glenn Brown, an ordained Assemblies of God minister from the Rocky Mountain District, has now completed training at the United States Navy Chaplaincy School, Newport, Rhode Island. Following his training in Newport, Chaplain Brown has been assigned to duty with the United States Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Since the Marines have no chaplaincy corps of their own, they are serviced by the chaplaincy corps of the Navy.

Chaplain Brown's entry to active duty raised the Assemblies of God chaplaincy strength to 19 with a distribution of Air Force 6; Army 9; and Navy 4.

Assemblies of God chaplains, as well as chaplains of all denominations in the military, are provided literature and other materials without charge by the Assemblies of God Servicemen Division, Springfield, Missouri.



LtJG Robert G. Brown, CHC, USNR NAS Quonset Point, R.I.

The Catholic theologian replied that the code of canon law permits Catholic holders of public office to attend religious services of another faith "when their attendance is a reasonable part of their public functions." However, he said he would act in the capacity of a "passive participant," or "observer." The Roman Catholic President would not be permitted to read the Scripture, partake of Holy Communion, or join other rituals in a non-Catholic service, he explained.

## TV INSPIRES REVERENT ATTITUDE

If delegates to the Republican National Convention were more reverent than usual during the prayers that opened and closed their sessions, it was not without reason. Each delegate was handed a mimeographed note asking him to stand with head bowed, eyes closed, during prayer.

"Remember that you never can tell when the television cameras are focused on you," the delegates were told. "And the example you set will be seen by your fellow citizens."

A better motive for reverence during times of worship would be to remember that God's eye is focused on you, as well as man's; and if there is reverence in the heart it will be evident in your conduct. Why should TV cameras make any difference?

## Foreign

### FOURTEEN HUNDRED AMERICAN MISSIONARIES FLEE FROM CONGO

The U. S. State Department estimated that of the fifteen or sixteen hundred Americans who left their homes in the Congo when violence erupted, at least fourteen hundred were missionaries. The missionaries fled on the advice of the U. S. Embassy. Only a very few remained at their mission posts.

A correspondent of U. S. News and World Report cabled from the Congo, saying, "The full horror of the mutiny of black troops in the Congolese army is only now coming to light." He told of hundreds of white women being violated, while some men were beaten with rifle butts, knocked down and trampled on, when Congolese soldiers attacked their mission station.

Missionary evacuees declared that had it not been for the prompt action of courageous American and Belgian airmen who rescued the whites, it is possible that thousands of men, women, and children would have been slaughtered in the riots.



Did Jesus not show in Matthew 16:18 that the Church was to be built on Peter?

In the Greek New Testament we find that Jesus used two different words in this verse: *Petros*, meaning a small stone, and *Petra*, meaning a large rock. Jesus said, "Thou art *Petros* (a small stone), and upon this *Petra* (large rock) I will build my church." The rock upon which the Church is built is not Peter but the revelation of truth that he had just made known when he declared, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." For we are told in 1 Corinthians 3:11, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

What do people mean when they speak of the "canon" of the Scriptures?

There were many writings handed down to the Church from antiquity which claimed to be inspired but the leaders of the Christian Church doubted these claims in a number of instances. Finally the Church leaders selected the sixty-six books which we have in our Bible and rejected the rest. The sixty-six books are said to be "canonical"; that is, they are the "canon" or the genuine and inspired Holy Scriptures. The other books are said to be "apocryphal"; that is, they are legendary or mythical and possibly spurious. "Canon" means a generally-accepted standard or rule by which we measure our doctrine and conduct.

The Evangel says the Bible is God's infallible inspiration. Are messages in tongues with interpretation and prophecies given also infallible?

If messages in tongues with interpretation and prophetic utterances were all infallible Paul would not have needed to instruct "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge." 1 Cor. 10:29. The gift of discernment was given that true inspiration might be known whether from a wrong source, or from mere human thought or opinion. Now that we have the Word of God, all inspirational speech must harmonize with the Word, otherwise it is false inspiration.

## In Heb. 6:4-6 is a warning against "falling away." In v. 17 is assurance to the believer. Are these not two classes of people?

In Heb. 6:4-6 is a warning to believers that if they turn against the salvation which is in Christ they will be lost. In v. 17 is assurance of the faithfulness of God. Man may "count the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing" but God who has provided the covenant of salvation, will ever be true to His covenant with those who trust Him.

Please explain what Jesus meant when He said "and from the days of John the Baptist the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Matt. 11:12.

Some say the meaning is that the kingdom of heaven would be violently opposed. Others say it means that we must with vigor press in and prevail if we are to receive the benefits of the kingdom of heaven. The latter I believe to be the correct explanation. It is in harmony with the way it is stated by Luke. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16. We are hindered, kept back too much, from receiving what Christ has provided for us, because we fail to press in, standing on the promises of God.

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).



## WILL WE LOSE The College-Age Group?

BY FRED J. GREVE INSTRUCTOR, BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

 $T_{\rm HE}$  youth of our land are living under pressure, and no segment of the youth population is under greater pressure than our C.A.'s in college. Hard, cold facts indicate that we are losing some of them. Is the solution to keep them out of college? Hardly.

Even though we do lose some of these students, many, many are staying true to their convictions. College is increasingly necessary to the life's work of a young person in our society. If we can understand intelligently the unique pressures to which these collegians are subjected, we can better pray for them and we can better offer them the kind of understanding and counsel they need. Here are some of their problems.

College is more difficult than high school. It is partly a commentary on

the inferior nature of our present-tense high schools and it is partly the nature of college level work, but college is much more different than high school. The college must extract both "intensive" and "extensive" work from its students. Thousands of students wash out in the first weeks. The transition from high school work to college work is a shattering experience for many. Some Christian students lose out with God because they are unprepared for .such hard work.

College is away from home. Many young people have seldom been away from parental supervision—and decision-making—before they leave for college. For them suddenly to have the combination of making independent decisions, together with a newly discovered freedom, is a real trial. Some

young people experiment with their new freedom, loosening a bottled-up rebellion against parental authority. They sometimes lose God right at this point.

College has unique social pressures. Some young people have a hard time handling the idea that "everybody does this, you should too." The idea of being in the "out group" is almost intolerable for some. Some colleges and some professors make fun of the "out group" people. Some young ladies feel that they can never rate a date if they do not conform to the rest of the population.

College has a new philosophical system. The typical C.A. is pretty well trained to handle the problem of evolution. He may even speak out in class to defend his position. But all the while, an insidious thing is going on. The modern professor is committed to what is loosely called the "scientific method." He says that the only way to know things is through sense observation. He does not spend time denying God. He just shrugs his shoulders and says, "We can neither say there is nor say there isn't a God. We can't know this kind of thing through the scientific method." The effect is devastating.

The professor also believes in "relativity" in relation to morals. He says there is no such thing as right and wrong. It all depends upon the viewpoint you take. A thing might be all right in one society and all wrong in another. Some young people are shaken loose from their standards of holiness by this idea.

College professors are intelligent. We make a big mistake if we sterotype professors as absent-minded, bumbling fellows—or as sinister, vicious men. The modern professor is a sharp, sincere, personable man. So when he says something in his classroom, it carries the logic to the student's mind, "This fellow is pretty smart; I wonder if what he says is true." But it is likely that the professor is committed to the ideas of liberalism which he presents with a plea for broadmindedness.

College has financial pressure. The cost of higher education keeps climbing. The student who must partially or entirely pay his way through school is caught with heavy assignments on the one hand and with the need of holding down a job on the other. It is likely, too, that for the first time in his life he must manage his financial affairs independently. It is probable that he will get confused at first and become discouraged.

College may mean falling in love. Because he is at the age when most people meet their life's companion, and because he is thrown with other eligible young people, he may fall in love. This, it is to be observed, is a confusing state of affairs. If he gets married and has a family when he is in college, pressures multiply.

College presents a special kind of discouragement. Discouragement has afflicted God's people through the ages. But in the modern college the student who is over-worked is hit hard when he makes poor grades, when his parents do not write, when his church does not understand him. (It is surprising how many Assemblies still look upon a college student with critical eyes.) When he gets weary from overwork and from late-at-night studies, things can become so overwhelming that he is defeated by the devil.

Probably at no period of life is one subjected to such a combination of pressures. While all of these do not impose themselves on a person all at once, yet in combination they may sweep a person off his feet spiritually.

## WE MUST DO SOMETHING

There is something which we, as responsible adults, can and must do.

In the first place, we can give these young people understanding. We can be friends with them. We can provide a place in our Assemblies for their Christian service. We can have Sunday school classes, geared to their level, intelligently taught.

Next, we can pray for them. Real intercessory prayer. The world and the devil are making a big bid for them. The Communist scheme is designed to capture their minds. It is time that we hold up this group with our most earnest prayer.

Finally, and very important, it is the task of our church to provide higher education in a Holy Spirit atmosphere. This is being done in our Bible colleges and in our own liberal arts college, Evangel College. It certainly seems logical that a person can better do his college work and retain his spiritual commitment in a Christian college.

Evangel College and each of our Bible colleges are worthy of your complete and dedicated support.

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ONE NIGHT DURING A REVIVAL CAMpaign several children came to the altar and at the very close of the invitation one man came also. The church was extremely interested in him and he was soon surrounded by a group earnestly praying for him. I slipped up and prayed with three small children whose parents had never been in our services so far as I know. They all prayed simply and said Jesus saved them. One wept bitterly as she prayed; two shed no tears. Perhaps only one was really saved, perhaps all three were. God knows; I do not.

A few days later a young mother told me her five-year-old son had also been to the altar that night. When she asked him later if he was saved she said his face fell and he said, "No one prayed for me." She had taken her crying baby to the basement during the altar call. I was conscience-stricken as I told her I did not know her little boy was at the altar that night.

I have seen the same thing happen before. Without pleading or coaxing our children come to our altars. After prolonged singing and urging, many times, an adult or two will come and no one prays with the children. God forgive us if we overlook them. A child's heart is so tender, his faith so spontaneous. If we get our children saved we will not be wringing our hands because we have no Christian young people in a few years.

We ought never to think a child is too young to give his heart to Jesus. I have a sister two years younger than I. When we were four and six our mother told us the story of Jesus and His death on the cross for us. I do not remember what she said, it was just a story to me. What I do remember is my little sister's response to the story. She asked questions—and she cried. Later in the day Mother found her kneeling in a corner sobbing as if

## Are We Guilty of CHILD NEGLECT AT OUR ALTARS?

## BY GENEVIEVE THOMPSON

her heart would break, while I hovered in perplexity nearby. When asked what was wrong, she replied with a flood of tears, "Mother, I love Uncle God."

Amusing, yes! Also touching and highly significant. I believe she was truly saved that day. First because she said, "I love," and she tried to define a love relation between herself and God. Remember she was only four. I believe she was saved for another reason. All through our childhood and teens she had a more lovable nature than I. She was kinder, more sympathetic, sweeter. I thought then she was so by nature. But after I was saved I felt I knew why.

Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein" (Luke 18:16-17). Shall we then encourage our children by all our attitudes to give their hearts to Jesus? It is so easy for a child to believe. Let us never ignore the children at our altars.

-Herald of Holiness

The true civic center of our municipalities will be found not in some towering edifice with stately approaches, nor in broad avenues flanked with magnificent mansions, but around the family altar of the American home, the source of that strength which has marked our national character, where above all else is cherished a faith in the things not seen. —*Calvin Coolidge* 



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



## Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY

Read: John 9:1-11

**Learn:** "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4)

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of the healing of the blind man. Especially stress the sense of mission which Jesus had (vv. 4, 5) to work for God. Each Christian has a responsibility to labor for God—and there is an urgency attached to our work (v. 4). Point out also how Jesus is the light of the world—bringing healing to blinded eyes (vv. 6-11) and spiritual light to sin-darkened souls.

**Question Time:** What urgency is attached to our work for God? (v. 4) What do you think the term "night" refers to? How is Jesus the Light of the world? (See above)

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. H. S. Jones, Upper Volta.

## Tuesday, September 6

Read: John 9:11-25

Learn: "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). For the Farent: Review the material studied yesterday about the healing of the blind man. Point out that Jesus was not with the man when he received his sight (vv. 7, 8). This healing created quite a stir, finally reaching the jealous Pharisees. Show how they attempted to discredit Christ because the miracle was performed on the sabbath (v. 16). Also discuss the division among the receive (v. 16). Point out the differences in the testimonies of the blind man and his parents—they would testify only to his former blindness; he testified to his healing!

Question Time: What excuse did the Pharisees use to try to discredit this miracle? Missionary Birthdays: Warren B. Denton, Philippines; Ovid A. Dillingham, India; Lewie E. Spencer, Costa Rica.

## Wednesday, September 7

Read: John 9:26-41

**Learn:** "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth" (John 9:31).

For the Parent: Review the material from the previous two days. Goaded by the questions of the Pharisees who sought to discredit his healing and the Healer, the man who had been blind blasted the unbelief of the religious leaders (vv. 26-33). For this the Pharisees cast him out of their midst, (v. 34). But Jesus found him and then gave him spiritual sight (vv. 35-38). Jesus then used this as an occasion to point out the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees (vv. 39-41).

**Question Time:** Why do you think the blind man's testimony angered the Pharisees?

Missionary Birthdays: Frances J. Ivy, India; John H. Kennedy, Sierra Leone.

## Thursday, September 8

**Read:** Numbers 16:1-3, 31-35, 41, 44-47 **Learn:** "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you" (1 Thessalonians 5:12).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Moses' Leadership" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) In leading Israel, Moses not only had a grumbling, complaining people, but he also had some who thought that they, too, should be leaders. Fill in details of this story from this chapter. Emphasize the seriousness of opposing a leader whom God has chosen. It is easy to criticize; it is Christian to do all we can to help our leaders!

**Question Time:** Why did Korah and the others oppose Moses' leadership? What happened to them?

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. D. K. Irwin, Egypt.

## Friday, September 9

**Read:** Genesis 24:10-19; Matthew 10:42; 5:40, 41 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors) **Learn:** "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

For the Parent: The Christian's service to others should go beyond what would ordinarily be expected of anyone. From the story of Rebekah and the servant, show Rebekah's kindness. Point out the rewards it brought to her. Then show how Jesus emphasized going the second mile in service to others. No matter how small the kindness, God notices it and will eventually reward it. This is Christianity in action, proving to the world the reality of Christ.

Question Time: How should the Christian

From silken self, O Captain, free Thy soldier who would follow Thee; From subtle love of softening things, From easy choices, weakenings (Not thus are spirits fortified; Not this way went the Crucified); From all that dims Thy Calvary, O Lamb of God, deliver me. —Amy Carmichael look at this business of service to others? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Glen Davenport (Indian, Washington; Ralph J. Harer, British Honduras; John S. Mattox, W. Africa; Shirley Ann Mooney (Deaf), Missouri; Henrietta A. Tieleman, Formosa; Mrs. J. B. Wiles, Ghana.

## Saturday, September 10

**Read:** Numbers 11:1-23, 31-33 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed (1 Corinthians 10:10).

For the Parent: The children of Israel were up to one of their regular tricks in this lesson: once again they were complaining. This time it was because they had had no meat to eat. Review how God had been giving them manna from heaven. Then discuss their complaint, God's promise to them, Moses' wonderment at God's promise and the miraculous way in which God supplied quail for them. But though they got what they wanted, the Israelites displeased God and suffered for it.

**Question Time:** Why do you think God sent a plague on Israel after giving them what they wanted? (v. 33)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Joy M. Adams, South Africa; A. Walker Hall, Hawaii; Theo O. Johnston, South America; Homer I. Specter, Haiti.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Mollie E. Baird, Philippines; David L. Kensinger, Costa Rica.

**NOTE:** There will be no Family Altar feature in next week's Evangel, due to the fact that it will be a special issue for general distribution during the fall and winter. The readings for September 12-17, therefore, are given here.

## Monday, September 12

Read: John 10:1-11

Learn: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). For the Parent: To begin, have the group read or recite together Psalm 23. Show its relationship to this passage. Emphasize how Jesus taught spiritual truths through parables—using as His illustrations things with which His hearers were familiar. Show how Jesus is both the door to the sheepfold and the Good Shepherd. Salvation is through Him only. He also provides the protection we need and supplies all our other needs.

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## Ground Broken for New Headquarters Building

On Tuesday morning, August 2, hundreds of people gathered in front of the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Missouri, for the official ground-breaking ceremony of the new headquarters administration building of the Assemblies of God. This much-needed building for replacing two outgrown office buildings, which was first planned fifteen years ago, and which has been on and off the drawing boards ever since, is now on the way to becoming reality.

Among those assembled were not only the executives, leaders, and employees from headquarters, but governmental and civic leaders from the city of Springfield as well. The Mayor, the City Manager, and most members of the City Council were present. A number of the Assemblies of God district officials from nearby states attended. Other denominations sent their representatives.

The building, which will adjoin the Gospel Publishing House plant completed in 1949, will be 360 feet long and 105 feet wide. It will cost approximately three million dollars. The structure will be four stories high and will front on Boonville Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares of the city. There will be sufficient foundation strength for four additional stories when needed.

During the course of the ceremony, General Treasurer M. B. Netzel told of the plan whereby the constituency of the Assemblies of God, and other interested persons, can participate in and profit from the building program. He announced a bond issue of two million dollars, carrying 5 per cent interest and payable semiannually. The bonds are backed by assets totaling six million dollars.

The contract calls for the work to be completed in 350 calendar days. Work, which was started by the executives with gilded shovels, is now being done rapidly with heavy earth-moving equipment of the Sharp Brothers Construction Company of Kansas City.



Charles W. H. Scott served as chairman of the program and director of the singing.





Over five hundred people assembled in the noonday sun for the ceremonies. Among them were not only church officals but the Mayor and many other officials and civic leaders of Springfield.



Signing the contract. Seated (I. to r.) Bert Webb, Thos. F. Zimmerman, and Don Sharp, contractor. Standing: C. W. H. Scott, Eugene Johnson, architect, C. Wallace Walter, attorney, and M. B. Netzel.



Other Pentecostal or greet R. O. Corvin Pentecostal Holiness Chairman

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Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, leads in breaking ground while others await their turn. (I. to r.) Gayle F. Lewis, M. B. Netzel, E. S. Williams, Ralph M Riggs, Charles W. H. Scott, Bert Webb, and Noel Perkin.



zation participate in the ceremonies. (1) Noel Perkin, M. B. Netzel, (4) E. S. Williams.



Other Pentecostal organizations sent representatives. Officials greet R. O. Corvin (second from left), General Secretary, Pentecostal Holiness Church and R. Bryant Mitchell, General Chairman, Church of the Open Bible.

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### AUGUST 23, 1960

Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained by writing to: General Council of the Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

I am interested in assisting with the financing of the new Assemblies of God Administration Building. Please send me additional information.

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## **MOSES' LEADERSHIP**

Sunday School Lesson for September 11, 1960 NUMBERS 16:1-47

The incident in our text, sad to say, is one which finds a modern counterpart in not a few of our own churches in these days. It is the story of a "split movement" in the Old Testament church, a split due to selfish ambition and carnal pride, a case of corrupt politics in the name of religion.

THE LEADERS OF THE REBELLION PARTY. Vv. 1, 2.

(1) Korah, the ringleader, was a Levite and the cousin of Moses and Aaron. (2) Dathan and Abiram were leaders of the tribe of Reuben, the eldest son of Jacob who lost for his tribe the birthright privileges because of sin. See Genesis 49:3; 1 Chronicles 5:1, 2. (3) "Two hundred and fifty princes," men who were the most distinguished and influential of the congregation, men who had public prominence and had a carnal desire for more. "Birds of a feather flock together," is a true saying which applies here. Carnal ambition often consolidates its forces and can always find a following!

### THEIR PLATFORM. V. 3.

These men adopted as their slogan—"A new deal for Israel!" Their platform included the following:

(1) Equality and Fraternity! "All the congregation are holy," they claimed. They were right in a measure. It was true that Israel was a nation of priests (Exodus 19: 6) but Korah was a few thousand years ahead of his time in advocating actual democracy for two reasons: first, Israel was not ready for self-government; second, an exclusive and specialized priesthood was necessary because the people as a whole were spiritually unfit to serve in the sanctuary. It is true that in the sight of God all believers are equal, but it is equally true that God has placed in His church leaders and ministers who are divinely authorized to represent Him. See 1 Corinthians 12:12, 25-31; Romans 12:4; Ephesians 4:11-13.

(2) Down with Dictatorship! "Ye take too much upon you." Korah charged Moses with assuming too much authority. He posed as the people's friend, but was really trying to advance his own interests. He accused Moses of dictatorship; but he himself would have been a real tyrant!

(3) No More Mismanagement! In verses 13, 14, Korah accused Moses of having bungled the job of leading Israel. We wonder how well he would have done the job! THEIR REAL MOTIVE

When Moses heard the criticism of Korah and his followers, "he fell upon his face" before the Lord and wisely committed the affair to Him. Then he acted with firmness, earnestness, and dignity. He warned his opponents concerning the seriousness of what they were doing, told them that God would vindicate the side which was in the right, and then 'put his finger on the very root of the matter—"Seek ye the priesthood also?" Korahs are plentiful today, who reveal their own secret desire for places of prominence by criticizing and undermining those who, in the will of God, occupy them!

## THEIR PUNISHMENT

God vindicated His own appointed leaders; unprecedented judgment came upon Korah and his household, upon his 250 chief supporters, and upon 14,700 of the people who foolishly persisted in siding with Korah even though God had judged him.

Thus we are taught that selfish ambition invites its own destruction. There was only a night between the sin of these men and their punishment. Sometimes, God does not execute His judgment so swiftly and men are tempted to think that success has crowned their carnal and God-dishonoring schemes. Yet judgment will come at last and it will be all the more terrible because of its delay.

The only safe ambition is that which Christ holds out —"Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." God-approved leadership expresses itself in seeking to serve rather than to be served, in self-sacrifice rather than self-exaltation. Of all the plans for ensuring success, the one which stands out above all others is Christ's own —"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life [as did Korah and company] shall lose it; and he that hateth his life [as did Moses] in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

-J. Bashford Bishop



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

## Moses Prays for His People

## Sunday School Lesson for September 18, 1960

## Exodus 32:11-14; Numbers 14:13-19; 21:7

Moses was blessed with great natural assets—highly educated, a military genius, and an eloquent speaker. Yet it was none of these things that made him a great man of God and a mighty blessing to Israel. It was rather the utilization of an avenue of power open to the most untalented—the avenue of intercessory prayer. It is just such intercessory prayer which will bring about in these days an unprecedented outpouring of God's Spirit.

## INTERCESSION FOR IDOLA-TORS. Exodus 32:11-14, 30-32.

1. The Occasion. While Moses was in the mount receiving from God His law and plans for Israel, the people had built and were worshiping the golden calf. This is an "attempt on the part of the human spirit, which shrinks from the effort of communion with the unseen and spiritual, to associate God with what it can own and handle; so as to have a constant and evident token of the presence and favor of God." Here was a definite violation of the second commandment.

2. The Intercession. Vv. 11, 14, 30-32. The intercessory prayer of Moses should be studied carefully, since it is an example of the purest and most powerful kind of prayer—the kind of prayer needed today if men are to be saved from idolatry.

(1) It was earnest. One cannot read the prayers of Moses and not feel the passionate, wholehearted desire that God should spare Israel.

(2) It dealt with God on the basis of His character and of His Word. Moses advanced three powerful arguments. First, Israel is God's people, upon whom God has expended great grace, mercy, and power in the past. Must not He who began a good work in them finish it? Second, if Israel were destroyed her enemies would have occasion to glory and to deride. Third, God's promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob must be fulfilled. Such reasoning in prayer is well pleasing to God who has given us the invitation, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18).

(3) It was unselfish and self-renouncing. When God offered to wipe out Israel and bring forth a great nation out of Moses, He was testing Moses. And how nobly Moses shines forth as an example of the love that seeketh not its own. He gave no thought to the proposal which would have brought glory and honor to him. On the contrary, so intense was his love and desire for Israel that he offers to have his own name blotted out of the Book of Life if only Israel can be saved.

(4) It was effectual. Had it not been for the intercession of Moses, Israel surely would have been destroyed. What an illustration of the power of prayer!

INTERCESSION FOR REBELS. Numbers 14:13-19.

Once again the Israelites' sin and the wrath they incurred from God brought out the nobility of the character of Moses. In sheer unbelief and utter defiance of the exhortation of the faithful Caleb and Joshua, Israel chose to abide by the unbelieving and cowardly report of the other ten spies. In consequence, God once again proposed to wipe them out and make a great nation from Moses. Once again Moses pleads for the people. "Pardon, I beseech thee," is the keynote of Moses' intercession.

 (1) He acknowledges that their sin is great.
 (2) He shows zeal for the honor of God, pointing out that God's reputation among the heathen is at stake.
 (3) He shows His faith in the Word of God, again pleading divine promises.
 (4) He shows his faith in the mercy of God, pointing out to God that to be merciful again would be consistent with His character and with His dealings with the people in the past.

## INTERCESSION FOR MURMUR-ERS. Numbers 21.

"And the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." As it was with them, so it often is with Christians today. Does not this incident prove that to murmur because of one's circumstances is a serious and solemn sin? Israel objected to (1) the direction of the way—it seemed to be retreat; (2) the length of the way through Edom would have been shorter than around it (yet short cuts may be perilous—see 1 Samuel 27:1; 1 Kings 12:26-30); (3) the roughness of the way—among rocky and mountainous roads and treacherous enemies; (4) the provisions of the way—they were not satisfied with the miraculous fare which God provided, so God sent serpents among them to bite them and thousands were killed.

"Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." Here is the only occasion in which Israel definitely asked for prayer. And here again Moses prays, forgivingly, earnestly, and effectually. God gives directions for the healing of the people. Are we not to realize and act upon these selfevident lessons from the incident: (1) God will save and heal through intercessory prayer. (2) The man who is big enough to intercede for those who have abused him is a man whose prayers will change things! (3) Definite repentance before God will bring God's mercy and forgiveness!

-J. Bashford Bishop

## Grieve Not the Holy Spirit

## (Continued from page five)

evangelize the world. They wouldn't think of offending someone by asking with earnestness, "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" They prefer to become disciples of ecumenicity, willing to forsake principle for plurality.

These persons need not worry about whether the revival will pass them by. Unless they stop treating the Holy Spirit lightly they won't be in church when the revival comes.

We desire revival. If we, personally, are to share in revival we must stop grieving the Holy Spirit. We must lay aside the sins which so easily beset us. We must court the presence of the Holy Spirit. We must encourage His movement upon us. We must recognize our utter dependence upon Him and testify to others of His power. We must present Him to the world.

When we do this we will find that He is willing—yes, eager—to move into the vessel who no longer brings Him grief.

NOTE: There will be no Sunday School Lesson page in next week's Evangel, due to the fact that it will be a special issue for general distribution during the fall and winter. The comments on the lesson for September 18, therefore, are given here.

## New Church for Texas Suburban Community

IOME MISSIONS

BY PAUL W. KLINGER Houston, Texas

**P**<sub>IONEERING</sub> NEW CHURCHES IS NOT exactly new to us. We have been engaged in this work for nine years and we like it! Nothing else gives the blessing we receive from seeing a new church get on its feet and proclaim the full gospel in a community.

In the latter part of May, 1957, I was called to a home in Houston, Tex., where a group of people had gathered. In this home I was asked to pastor, organize, and guide this group in building a work for God in this community. After prayer I accepted their invitation and immediately began making plans for services.

With a group of men I went to the Houston School District and signed the necessary papers for renting a school auditorium. We began services the following Sunday at Brooklane School. We remained in this building for thirteen months, organizing the young people, appointing officials to help in the administrative work, and creating a building fund for the day we could start to build.

On July 2, 1958, one of the executive committee members called and asked me to look at some property on Telephone Road, one of the busiest arteries of traffic in the city. (We had been looking for property for months but every door had closed. Property in this section of Houston is very expensive. Several times we felt we had the place we should purchase, but each time our attempt failed.) I went to see the property on Telephone Road. It was just short of one acre with a very large house on it. The real estate people, were just nailing up a big sign advertising the property. To



The Gulfgate Assembly is one of fifty-one Assemblies in the Houston area. It is located in a thriving community and already the Sunday attendance tops one hundred

make a long story short, we contracted to buy this property and a Baptist lady loaned us \$1,000 for the down payment.

Members of the congregation donated their time, effort, and money to clean out the building, to sheetrock the walls, to paint, to hang venetian blinds, and to tile the floors throughout.

Merchants of the city gave us useful appliances. Strangers called, donating stoves for heating the rooms; and a piano from an unsaved man came our way. God began to bless us from the very beginning.

The local newspapers have given us wonderful publicity. Our sectional presbyter set the church in order and in October, 1958, Kermit Reneau, South Texas district superintendent, dedicated the property.

In July, 1960, we marked our second anniversary at this location in the city. This is a thriving community, just one and one-half miles from a \$20,000,000 suburban shopping area and fifteen minutes from the International Airport.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klinger, pastors of the Gulfgate Assembly of God

A hospital and a hotel are to be built in our community within a short time.

Easter Sunday brought out 113 to services to break all previous Sunday school records. Robert W. Cummings of Springfield, Mo., was in meetings with us at this time. The congregation has been blessed with a wonderful variety of ministries from pastors, missionaries coming home on furlough, and evangelists. People have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Miracles have taken place as God has moved among His people.

Very recently remodeling work has been done on the small chapel enlarging the seating capacity to 150. Sunday morning services average over 100 in attendance. Eventually the present auditorium will become a C. A. chapel as the congregation continues to grow, forcing the erection of a brick auditorium to meet the challenge of giving this section of Houston the full gospel. The property is appraised at \$40,000.

Greater interest in giving to foreign missions is being stimulated and the vision of the people is reflected in the steady growth. This has been a work of faith, building as we go. With the exception of a gift from our South Texas District of \$1,000, the congregation has borne the financial burden of this work since it was organized in 1957. Our vision is to have a great work established, thriving for the glory of God, in this southeastern section of the city.

## The Jew in God's Plan



## **BY MEYER AND ALICE TAN-DITTER** Bell Gardens, California

THE JEW IS RIGHTFULLY CALLED A wanderer. In our daily visitation contacts, we meet Jewish people from many parts of the world. The Jew has been accused of many crimes of which he is not guilty. He has been persecuted, robbed, ill-treated and misunderstood. He has suffered and endured unjustly. And even in this day, the Jew is neglected and almost forgotten or ignored in the missionary program of the Church.

Yet, regardless of his unbelief and blindness, the Jew today clings very strongly to his religious faith. He believes in God. His rabbinical, traditional and ceremonial heart still holds to his Judaic customs and faith in a living God. The Jew still believes in Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one."

The Jew is a shrewd businessman. He loves money and material things because they mean security to him. He works very hard and long to gain security. The Jew is also a lover of education and will go a very long way to acquire knowledge. He seeks all this because, in the very depths of his heart, he believes that wealth and wisdom mean security, and he does not have anything else on which he can depend.

The Jew is a free thinker. He believes in personal freedom. He despises regimentation, for he has suffered much in his past history under it. He loves liberty and progress. He wants to be loved. His heart yearns for understanding and consideration. He does not wish to be told what to do or what to think or how to act. The Jew is an individualist and the whole world knows he is different. He has special characteristics all his own because God made him so.

The Jew has a hope that someday he will prove to the whole world that Israel is God's chosen nation. He is proud of his history, heritage and contribution to the world. He believes in the future restoration of Judaism. He has a deep-rooted religious streak regardless of his outward way of life. Only those who deal with him day after day are able to recognize this fact.

The Jew knows he gave the world the knowledge of a true and living God and the Bible which contains the Law and Magna Charta. He gave us the patriarchs, the pioneers—the trail blazers of our true faith—the prophets, priests, judges and kings of old. The Jew believes that he gave us the New Testament, the Christian Church and the very Christ we love and serve. He believes that the true followers of Christ in the Early Church were all Jews.

Regardless of the very few traitors, communists, atheists, and ungodly individuals in his group the Jew still is God's beloved and His choice; and one day he will be the salvation, hope, and peace of the world.

With all the Christian missionary work that has been done in the past and is now being done and will yet be done; with all the ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers put together, this world will *never* be evangelized until the Jewish Messiah, none other than our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, returns again. Then all Israel will be saved, restored, redeemed, regenerated, resurrected; revived, and recommissioned. Then the righteousness of God will cover the whole earth even as the waters cover the seas.

The Jew is God's prophetic time clock. He is God's choice and channel of hope for a future world. God will change him. God will cleanse and purify his heart (Romans 11:24, 29: Ezekiel 37; Revelation 7 and 14). The Jew will come back to God. He will acknowledge, recognize, confess, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's unchangeable program. The Jew will yet be a blessing to the whole world (Genesis 12:3). God's hand is still on him. God will use the Jew and the whole world will know it.

Your faithful support of Assemblies of God Jewish Missions helps to keep the fourteen home missionaries to the Jews on the field, witnessing through personal evangelism, mission work, and literature distribution. God has promised to bless those who bless the Jews.

## "Now We See"

Recently, a prisoner in Joliet-Statesville Prison wrote the following letter to National Prison Representative Arvid Ohrnell:

"Reverend Ohrnell, you are known among us as our "seeing eyes," for through the wonderful and inspiring courses that you have prepared, you have become our "seeing eyes." Many of us were blind to things in the Bible, but through your Bible study courses that many of us are taking here, whereas we were blind, now we see.

Many a prisoner has been inspired by a friend who has been taking a correspondence course from you. The unsaved prisoner watches the effect that the course has upon his friend. When he sees the student become a changed man, through the Bible course, then he too is tempted to take such a course. . . .

"I can remember when only five of us were taking the Basic Bible courses; but since that time hundreds have received diplomas issued by you for completed courses. . . . Our prayer is that God will always use you as "seeing eyes" to many that are "blind."





### J. Robert Ashcroft

Mrs. George Davis

## Evangel College Council to Meet Next Month

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri - The 1960 meeting of the Council of Evangel College will convene on the Evangel College campus, Springfield, Mo., October 5, 6, and 7, Council president A. J. Rediger, Burbank, Calif., has announced.

The 261 members of the Council are Assemblies of God men'who promote Evangel College. Laymen compose 80% of the membership.

Evening speaker October 5 will be Evangel College President J. Robert Ashcroft. In his third year as president of Evangel, Brother Ashcroft has stressed apostolic academics-combining academic training with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit in the lives of laymen as well as ministers.

Speaking in the evening meetings October 6 and 7 will be Dr. James Brown, pastor of Upper Octorara



James Brown

Demos Shakarian

United Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, Pa. After seven years as a minister, Dr. Brown was converted and filled with the Holy Ghost. Until 1958 he taught Systematic Theology at Lincoln Theological Seminary.

Mrs. George Davis, Assemblies of God missionary to Costa Rica, will address the Ladies' Auxiliary as well as the entire Council. She is author of I Was a Hobo Kid, widely reprinted article that first appeared in the Saturday Evening Post.

Also speaking will be Demos Shakarian, founder and president of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. He is co-owner of Reliance Dairy Farms, Downey, Calif., and is a shopping center developer.

Tony Fontane, who was a recording artist and singing star on radio and television before being converted, will sing in the Council rallies and also give his personal testimony.

Guests are welcome to attend the evening rallies and noon luncheon meetings. There is a registration fee. A special program is being planned for prospective students at the Council meeting.

Emphasis of the meeting will be on the power of the Holy Spirit in education.

HOW NEAR IS THE END?

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evidence to the imminence of Christ's second coming. "When ye see ALL these things," declared Jesus, "know that it (Christ's return) is near."

How near? "This generation shall not pass, until all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24:34). The people who see all these things come to pass will be the people who will live to see the end and the second coming of the Lord.

How near is the end? Peter's posi-

tive declaration solemnly states, "The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7). The end of the age is at hand. Christ's coming is upon us. But during the interim preceding His appearing, thousands are being carried into eternity. This very day, for many thousands, the end of all things was at hand.

Yesterday Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and other well-known figures walked among men. Today they are gone. Yesterday some of our friends and loved ones were here. Today they are no longer with us.

Never was I more stunned by the uncertainty of life than when my father suddenly was taken away. After a brief visit with me on a Saturday, before leaving the house, he declared so confidently, "Louise, I'm good for another twenty-five years." And most anyone could have believed it.

My father was a large man, weighing 225 pounds-200 when he could keep down to it. He was well preserved for a man in his sixties, and I do not recall that he was ever ill.

Monday the doorbell rang. At the door stood my father whom I had not expected to see again for some days. "Put me to bed; I'm sick," he managed to utter.

The Christmas holidays had passed recently. His illness couldn't be serious-possibly too much rich eating! So the family thought. But within a few days he slipped away.

"Good for another twenty-five vears!" I can hear the words over and over again. But eleven days from the time they were spoken, my father was lying cold in death. For him the end of all things was at hand.

Life is uncertain! Civilization is threatened with annihilation! Jesus is coming soon! It is necessary to be ready for any eventuality.

A man's greatest need is not so much a bomb shelter as a soul shelter. "Fear not them which kill the body. but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

God has provided a sure refuge in Jesus. We must hide ourselves in Him. He is a shelter in the time of storm. a "hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest." In Christ's stupendous sacrifice is complete protection from God's wrath against sin. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1).



For information write to the Secretary of the Advisory Committee—GAYLE F. LEWIS, 434 West Pacific Street, Spring-

field, Missouri

## **Enlargement** Campaign

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Since many of your people will be enrolled for visitation, it will be worthwhile to conduct a training course on personal evangelism. Many who have studied D. V. Hurst's book Ye Shall Be Witnesses have found it to be very helpful. Other books listed on the workers training book list are Taking Men Alive, by Charles B. Trumbull, and The Personal Workers Course. The latter, being brief, might well serve as a refresher course.

Build a prospect list. Weeks in advance of the Enlargement Campaign a prospect list should be compiled. Visitation will require assignments for your workers; thus a list of prospects is essential. Such a list can be built by several means. A church census is the best way to start, because of the people already attending who will have relatives and friends they can list. The name and address of every visitor attending Sunday school or church should also be secured.

The cradle roll department should be able to furnish a good list of prospects. If your school does not have such a department, it would be well to appoint someone to keep a record of all the babies born in your community during September. The list would include the name and address of parents. The local newspaper usually prints all birth announcements.

Your prospect list can be built up through the assistance of the individual classes and the co-operation of the teachers. If each pupil is prospectconscious, he will constantly furnish names of friends and new acquaintances.

If your church has not taken a community census within the past year or two, such an activity will be of utmost value. Following the census, a good list of prospects will be available.

Utilize the workers conference. Every church will receive a special folder from the National Sunday School Department. In it will be helps for outlining the Enlargement Campaign. The program should be presented to the workers in a positive and enthusiastic manner. (Avoid using the negative approach of the defeated salesman, "I don't guess nobody wants to buy nothing, do they?") Crystallize your program during a workers conference by:

1. Appointing committees

- 2. Assigning detail work
- 3. Outlining visitation program

4. Establishing goals for school, departments, and classes

5. Planning opening services for the month

6. Deciding on amount of extra literature needed

7. Building improvements and equipment

Open a branch Sunday school. In

many instances church school facilities are already crowded. Why not consider starting a branch school during Enlargement Month. This is in keeping with the campaign since it is a means of enlarging the ministry of the local church.

Start something this fall—a new class, a new department, a new Sunday school, a new emphasis on evangelism. Failure to start means failure to grow and enlarge.

The man who humbly bows before God, is sure to walk upright before men.



What about Cuba? No, it isn't mentioned in the Scripture, but C. M. Ward has found many passages of Scripture which bear on the questions Communist-leaning Castro raises. He has prepared a *Revivaltime Bulletin* on this subject.

We face a new situation. Cuba is next door! What direction can we take now?

How can America apply the time-honored *Monroe Doctrine* and still adhere to the principle of self-determination of peoples?

What will be the position of the Catholic Church in Cuba? Will it succeed as it did in Argentina?

What can America do? We need prayer more today than ever before. Read this bulletin, share it with your friends, and encourage them to pray during these crisis hours.

Not only is there a political crisis today, but we are also living in crisis days spiritually. *Revivaltime* is combating forces of evil both at home and abroad.

We must have your support if *Revivaltime* is to continue to do this. We have two gift copies of the Cuba Forecast Bulletin for you. Fill out the coupon and mail to REVIVAL-TIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

Remember to enclose your offering to help *Revivaltime* wage war against the forces of evil in the world today.

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## **BUILDING FOR** CHRIST IN CEYLON

BY PASTOR M. D. WILLIAM As told to Rosa Reineker, Missionary to Ceylon

THE HAND OF GOD LED US TO Nawalapitiya in July, 1957. With a burden in our hearts we joined the few believers here in praying for souls as well as for a place for worship. Soon we had the assurance that God was going to grant us a building and also some souls for His fold.

One of our local churches, seeing our need, came forward to help us by purchasing a piece of land for our building site. With great joy we accepted the gift. God provided the first installment by one of His children giving 1,000 rupees. With this amount we started the work on October 21, 1958. Since that time God has supplied our needs.

Some of our missionary brethren not only prayed for us, but helped us by giving offerings toward this project. In the meantime, as the Lord assured me, He led some Ceylonese families to our fold. Some of them had been saved and were longing for deeper truth; others were seekers after salvation.

As we were building our chapel, the

Spirit of God started building a true and living church in our midst. With the oneness of the Spirit my believers stood by me and not only prayed for the work, but contributed liberally, even in their difficulties. Several children of God helped us by their prayers. One of our local churches, the Gospel Tabernacle, helped us by advancing some money without any interest.

Our building has cost nearly 16,000 rupees so far. We humbly praise the Lord for what He has done in our midst. We also gratefully thank each and every one who prayed for us and helped us materially. With great joy we dedicated the chapel for the glory of God on May 1, 1959.

It has been a great joy to see a number of people saved since we occupied our new chapel. God also has graciously filled several of them with the Holy Spirit. It is my heart's desire to reach this vast district through the believers God has entrusted into my hand. There are thousands of neglected souls up country area; they are



Pastor William baptizing convert in Bethel Chapel baptistry

indeed sheep without a shepherd. Most of our believers are keen to know how they can present Christ successfully and win souls for Christ. I know this will one day result in a great victory for the Lord. When I lift up my eyes and see Ceylon, I see a field which is ripe for harvest. This makes me urge you to pray with me for my people.



**COMING: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutsell** have returned from Paraguay. Their mail should be sent to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The John Halls have returned from Upper Volta. Their mail should be sent to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



Dedication service at Bethel Chapel Nawalapitiya, Ceylon



The John Franklin family

**GOING:** John Franklin has returned to Guatemala for another term of service. Sister Franklin will join him on the field in the near future.

**NEEDED:** A house trailer is needed for missionary housing in Mexico. An aluminum or rust-resistant trailer, approximately 30 feet in length, is desirable. Anyone having such a trailer to donate to missions should contact the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Arrangements will be made to transport the trailer to Mexico.

## **Global Conquest Sermon**

A RADIO SERMON BY C. M. WARD Revivaltime—ABC Network

"The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me..." (Genesis 4:9). "But one of the soldiers with a spear

"But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood..." (John 19:34).

THERE IS A BLOOD TIE BETWEEN ALL men that cannot be broken. Hell and the legions of darkness would shatter it—but Calvary pleads for the human race. There are frightening specters today. We need to be stimulated by yesterday's victories.

Less than eight hundred years ago barons still owned any woman they wanted among their "paysans." Farmers still clenched hands full of soil as they swore allegiance to their liege lord. Men rotted in the mines to make the corporate owners rich. No cow or plow belonged to the man who used it. Not even the dead wood of the forest was free for the taking. Men were strangled for killing crippled deer for meat.

In one country there were 160 crimes punishable by hanging. To steal a loaf of bread cost a life. This was the country where public hangings were the only public diversions except that a man could get drunk for a penny or "dead drunk for tuppence...," the sign said. Yes, sir, darkness is always threatening! And blood crieth unto blood.

Satan and his conscripts are fully aware of those words in our Bible which say: "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now hinders will hinder until he be taken out of the way." Yesterday it was Luther sending word that he would come to Worms if the very shingles of the roof turned to devils from hell. It was Cranmer burning off the hand with which he had once signed a retraction of his Protestantism before he allowed his persecutors' flames to have the rest of his body.

Today Spirit-filled men are still on the move. Our people, filled with the Spirit of God, and fellowshiping together as the Assemblies of God are in the race against time. According to the 1960 Yearbook of American Churches we rank 27th in church membership—away down the list—but first in foreign Bible schools, with 66 in full-time operation. We rank 5th in number of foreign missionaries approved and appointed—while printing and distributing daily more than five tons of soul-winning literature.

We are in a "crash" program. There are 2,700,000,000 people in the world —half of whom have never heard the gospel. The United Nations estimates a net gain in the world's population of 129,600 people every twenty-four hours. Two fifths of the world's population is now under the direct domination of Communism. From an estimated strength of 190 million Protestants in the world there are not more than 27,000 active Protestant foreign missionaries. There is one missionary for every 313,000 souls in India and Pakistan.

The slow, out-of-date methods of the past will not do. Assemblies of God people have raised their sights. One year ago, 8,107 American churches dedicated themselves to God for a program we call "Global Conquest."

The first thing that has been done has been to cut through committee snafus and administrative red tape. *Moneys are allocated and spent without delay.* Speed is the watchword. These moneys are directed toward three things: (1) literature, (2) foreign Bible schools, (3) evangelism.

For instance, in Seoul, Korea, as soon as building plans were secured for the Seoul Evangelistic Center, \$20,000 of Global Conquest funds was forwarded to buy building materials. And even in the midst of construc-

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to ASSEMBLIES OF GOD Foreign Missions Department 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. tion more Global Conquest funds are being spent for gospel literature distribution and saturation in Seoul preparatory to the opening evangelistic campaign.

Global Conquest funds have been hurried to the city of Amman in Jordan—a city already old in history when David plotted a brave soldier's death before the gates of that community in order to have Bathsheba for his own. But now there's revival in that city! The blessing of God has grown to such proportions that it has been necessary to secure a large auditorium. A Spiritfilled Jordanian—a true son of the desert, Ayoub Rihany—is seeing the same kind of things happen in Amman that Philip saw happen in Samaria in Bible times.

Global Conquest funds have been sent to *Holland*. This Protestant land is experiencing an awakening. People there are seeking and finding "Book of Acts" experiences. So there is a great need for trained evangelists. Money has been hurried there to open another Bible training school.

No better way can be found to fight unbelief and moral decay and religious lethargy than to give and pray for Global Conquest. Do I need to remind you that Americans spent \$70,000,000 for parakeets alone in one year-or that, as a nation, we spend four times more for recreation than we do for all religious purposes combined-that we spend \$175,000,000 a year for dog food against \$130,000,000 for foreign missions? Do I need to remind you that the Communists spend \$3,400,000,-000 on printed propaganda each year, enough for every man, woman, and child to have four or more pieces?

Here is news from Cuba—news of a different sort. The Cuban Assemblies of God have launched their own "crash" program. It is not an American evangelist at work. It is a Cuban evangelist—Pedro Placeres. Faith will open doors. In one place the Cuban brethren found a free hall which will seat 600; in another place they found a theatre seating 1200 that became available for a low rent.

And just one block from Havana's big military hospital (in the heart of Marianao, a teeming suburb of 150,-000) God sent revival results in a seven-week campaign. These meetings are scenes of evangelism. In every service there are new testimonies. I think of the young married man who

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September 4, 1960



▶ REEDLEY, CALIF.-Full Gospel Tabernacle here recently enjoyed two weeks of evangelistic meetings with the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio. There were a number of souls saved. It was especially thrilling to see the response of the young people as they sought God and consecrated their lives to Him. The ministry of the evangelists in word and song was a great blessing to the church.

-Paul Long, Pastor

▶ BURLINGTON, IOWA—First Assembly here was recently blessed by the ministry of Evangelists Joseph DeGrado and Floyd Garrett. During this three-day revival 10 souls came to the altar to accept Christ as their Saviour. One was filled with the Holy Spirit, and numbers were healed by the power of God. On the last night of the meeting one lady, who had not walked without the aid of canes for eight years, was healed and walked out of the church unassisted. On the following Sunday she testified that she had accomplished so many things that she had previously been unable to do before her healing. -A. J. Sothern, Pastor

CHAFFEE, MO.-The Assembly here just closed a glorious two-week revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. Several souls found the Lord and two received the Holy Spirit in the regular revival services. One special feature was a Sectional C. A. Rally held during the revival. District C. A. President, Gene Putnam was guest speaker in that service. It was a glorious night with at least three saved and four receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. These individuals were from three different churches in the Section. On the closing night of the revival there was the greatest break of all for the entire church. Wave after wave of Glory filled the building. There were reconsecrations and a large part of the congregation received one wonderful refreshing and refilling of God's Spirit. Thank God for His Glory.

-William H. Marshall, Pastor

MONTREAL, CANADA-Evangel Pentecostal church here is grateful to God for His work in the midst of the people during the past several months. This is Canada's largest city, with an overwhelming percentage of French Roman Catholics. God is faithful and under the able ministries of Evangelist Robert Watters and Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Coxe, many were saved and almost 50 received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Several outstanding healings took place which were well authenticated by the medical profession here in Montreal. Prayer meetings lasted on past midnight, night after night as folks were blessed, filled, and re-filled. A goodly number also found the Lord under the ministry of Evangelists Joe Talley and Tommy Barnett. Thank God for His continued work here at Evangel.

-Robert M. Argue, Pastor

NOCONA, TEX .- The First Assembly of God here has just closed a three-week revival with the Briggs Evangelistic Party of Ft. Worth, Tex. God blessed in this revival. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The effects of this revival is still felt in the midst of the -M. L. Milton, Pastor people.

▶ OSHKOSH, WIS.-Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. just concluded a glorious five-week revival here at First Assembly. The blessings of God were present in every service, and the church was stirred by the anointed and soul-stirring messages of Brother Eldridge. A goodly number of souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, others were reclaimed and refilled, and the entire church was greatly encouraged and drawn closer to God. Some testified to definite healings, and the church as a whole was greatly blessed and inspired to press onward to greater spiritual victories. The untiring efforts of Brother and Sister Eldridge around the altar was especially appreciated. -Lonnie L. Osborn, Pastor

▶ PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Evangelist B. R. Minton recently closed a meeting here at Dirego Park Assembly that proved to be a real blessing. The evangelist spoke from his 6 x 30-foot prophetic chart, calling attention especially to current events as they are pictured in prophecy. The hearts of saint and sinner alike were stirred to realize anew the soon coming of the Lord. -Crawford B. Railey, Pastor

▶ FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Three-week revival conducted in the Assembly of God here by Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. was very well attended. Interest and results were very good as neighboring churches and pastors co-operated in this effort. There was a general reviving throughout the whole church. Eleven were saved and 13 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God be praised for the stirring that was mani-



AMARILLO, Tex .- The San Jacinto Assembly had a revival with the Lee Krupnicks in May. Six or seven persons were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit in these special meetings. Our church was greatly blessed by the good preaching of Brother Krupnick and his wife.

We do thank God for the growth He has given this Assembly since it was started six years ago. The Sunday school, which began

with eight, has had as many as 204 present. We now have a beautiful brick building with nine Sunday school rooms, in a fine location.

The pictures show (1) the old store building where the church began in December, 1953; (2) our present church home valued at \$45,000 on which the indebtedness is only \$5,000; and (3) the attendance at one of the Krupnick meetings in May.

-J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor

fested in the midst of the people. The church was greatly benefited, the Pentecostal faith strengthened, and the people have entered into a greater liberty in the things of God than ever before.

-Nelson Garcia, Pastor

▶ DONIPHAN, MO.-An old-fashioned revival was experienced here during the ministry of Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. Three found Christ as Sav-



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iour and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many others were blessed and re-filled. Several visitors attended the meeting, but the main blessing was in seeing the members of the congregation waiting upon God at the altar.

-Thomas L. Morris, Pastor

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

29th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE-Sept. 4 at First Assembly of God, Council Bluffs, Iowa. T. E. Gannon, superintendent of West Central District, speaker .--- by C. E. Turner, pastor.



D TEEPLEJACKS ARE MEN WITH NERVES of steel, unafraid of heights, proud and independent tradesmen who regard themselves a class apart from the ordinary men of the building trade. As president of the Toronto Steeplejack Company, Limited, that's the way I must describe my men.

Steeplejacks are rightly named, for they repair church steeples and are jacks of all trades, part painters, masons, carpenters, riggers—in short, steeplejacks must have a working knowledge of the most uncommon trades as well as a few of the common ones! Church steeples are the most dangerous to work on, being so high, with little or no protection from the elements.

It's a dangerous job, that's for sure; yet there's a thrill in it like sitting on top of the world. Then too, it provides good wages, lots of fresh air, and variety, for no two jobs are ever the same. A good steeplejack never takes unnecessary chances, and the biggest danger is not the height, but overconfidence and subsequent carelessness.

It's a very treacherous business, yet not nearly so much as living in sin, lost and without Christ as your personal Saviour. Sinners who live this way live the most dangerous lives in the world, almost like living on a trap door to a lost eternity, just one step from here to hereafter. That, my friend, is really living dangerously! The Bible says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31). Maybe you have never realized the danger you are living in, but stop and think that "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" Hebrews (9: 27). Do not take any more unnecessary chances! Christ has died on Calvary, paying the price for your redemption. If you are lost eternally it will be because of your own carelessness.

Having been a steeplejack most of my adult life, I've had some exciting thrills. A few times I've been less than a step from eternity. Yet I can honestly say that the greatest thrill anyone can experience is to know the joy of sins forgiven. The greatest danger is to live without the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Acknowledge that you are a sinner and need cleansing. Believe that Jesus Christ is truly God's Son and that "we were reconciled to God by...his death" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Confess your sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

-American Tract Society

## GLOBAL CONQUEST

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stood up to say, the next night after he was saved:

"I was on my way to a theatrical entertainment when it began to rain. I thought I would find shelter for a moment under the big tent. Instead I felt the power of Christ and stayed for the altar call. I fell on my face crying tears of repentance until it seems now that a big load has lifted from my heart...."

The Assemblies of God are strong, forthright believers in *national churches*. We don't build "little segregated American colonies" where we go in other countries. That is not our aim at all. *Our aim is to get a national church* 

## BERT WEBB TO ADDRESS SUN-DAY SCHOOL CONVENTON

ST. LOUIS, Missouri-Bert Webb, President of the National Sunday School Association, will deliver the keynote address at the 15th Annual National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, Mo., October 12-14, 1960.

Brother Webb was elected president of NSSA in 1958. He has served as Executive Director of the National Sunday School Department (and, more recently, of the whole publication department) of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Springfield, Mo.

His denominational responsibilities have taken Brother Webb to many of the world's mission fields and broadened his outlook and influence as an international Christian statesman.

He will speak to convention delegates Wednesday afternoon, October 12. Other convention speakers are W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Clyde Meadows, president of Christian Endeavor International; Theodore Epp, director of Back to the Bible Broadcast; and Clate Risley, executive secretary of NSSA.

The theme for the convention this year is "VOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL."

Clate A. Risley, executive secretary, invites you to write to the National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois, for a convention program.

started there as quickly as possible and give only technical and inspirational advice by our missionaries. We want to get the citizens of that country born again—filled with the Spirit—trained to know the Bible—and out preaching and supporting their own gospel movement—a completely indigenous church. Already we have trained 11,845 national workers in 71 countries. But this pace must be accelerated. Someone has estimated that over forty square miles of territory is being absorbed by the Communists every hour as measured by the pattern set in 1956.

The time for the casual and the usual in missions is past. We must intensify our evangelistic efforts.

I think a dramatic example of this is our work in *Nyasaland*, East Africa. The Assemblies of God began work there in 1946. Sixteen American missionaries are there to counsel with a growing African gospel movement. Bible school students are formed into soul-winning teams. Literature in local dialect is trucked into these sites previously selected for soul-winning invasion—and the team goes into action with the evangelist. Global Conquest funds provide the tools. Gideon Bomba is one of those team evangelists. The crowds are deeply moved when he preaches old-fashioned salvation. Recently in the Nyasaland city of Lilongwe scores came forward to receive Christ.

And what wonderful converts are added to the Church when these New Testament, Pentecostal methods are used! Joao Inhampingo, a business man from Portuguese Mozambique, crossed the border to close a contract. He speaks Portuguese fluently. While there in Nyasaland on business he heard about Gideon Bomba's campaign and decided to attend the meetings. It was the Spirit's appointment for him. Saved and baptized in water, both he and his wife received permission to enroll for Bible training. *This is the way the work must spread*.

Your missionary dollars will get there when given to Global Conquest. We needed those dollars three months ago when the city of Montevideo, Uurguay, was experiencing a move of God. Bold Uruguayan believers found a downtown property that could have been turned into an evangelistic center seating 1,000 people. *Eighteen thousand dollars would have done it.* These "openings" come quickly. Therefore we need a lot of missionary dollars that are "mobile"—that can be used to meet these openings at once.

Never forget this! God has not given up on the human race. "Thy brother's blood crieth...." And if you live near to Jesus you will hear that cry.

Over 500,000 of India's 700,000 villages are without an established witness. One thousand tribes in Africa have little or no evangelism. There are 20,000,000 physically blind in the world. Two hundred million souls lie down physically hungry every night but 2,370 million lie down without hope in Jesus Christ.

Will you pray for the dedicated missionary program of the Assemblies of God—Global Conquest? Will you fight in the Name of Jesus the powers of darkness with your prayers—with your dollars—with your talents, and with your sons and daughters? Unless you do—the Blood will cry out against you!



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The whole month of September is dedicated to spelling out this responsibility through our pulpits and publications. Sunday, September 18, has been designated as a day to support all of our schools with a generous offering.

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## **Family Altar**

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**Question Time:** To what did Jesus liken Himself in this parable? How can we obtain salvation? (See above) Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd?

## Tuesday, September 13

Read: John 10:11-21

**Learn:** "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Emphasize the difference between the false shepherd (the hireling) and the true or the good shepherd. The hireling is concerned only about himself and about how he can profit. The good shepherd is concerned about the sheep and how they can profit. Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, loved us so much that He gave His life for our sins. We can have eternal life through accepting Him as our Saviour.

**Question Time:** What are the differences between the hireling and the good shepherd? (See above)

Missionary Birthday: Lillian F. Hogan, Africa.

## Wednesday, September 14

Read: John 10:22-39

Learn: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:27, 28).

For the Parent: Review the material used earlier this week. Much of it has been related to the Good Shepherd. This passage deals with some of the things which are expected of the sheep. They: (1) believe in Christ; (2) hear Christ's voice; (3) follow Christ; (4) have eternal life from Christ, vv. 26-28. Jesus then reasserted His diety, showing the Jews that He is truly God. Let us be good sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Question Time: What are some of the things expected of Christ's sheep? (See above) Why did the Jews seek to kill Jesus? (v. 33) How did Jesus answer them? (vv. 34-38)

## Thursday, September 15

**Read:** Exodus 32:11-14; Numbers 14:13-19; 21:7

Learn: "I exhort...that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Moses Prays for His People" is on Sunday's Lesson page.) When Moses led Israel, he led a people who were spiritually immature, who were constantly complaining, who doubted God's power. Frequently Moses found himself in the role of an intercessor, praying for his people. From the verses read, show how Moses interceded for Israel. Then discuss our responsibility to prayer for one another. **Question Time:** What was the spiritual status of Israel at this time? (See above) What did this mean that Moses had to do frequently? (See above)

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## Friday, September 16

**Read:** John 1:40-42; Acts 4:36, 37; 11: 22-26; 13:1-3 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors) **Learn:** "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves (Philippians 2:3).

For the Parent: The verses of this lesson are about two men, Andrew and Barnabas, who were willing to take a second place, letting the spotlight fall on others who were more capable. Review the stories of the two men, showing how eventually Peter and Saul (Paul) come to the forefront in Christian service, while Andrew and Barnabas were in second place. We cannot all be leaders. Some must be followers. But it takes Christ's help to be a follower, too. Question Time: What did Andrew and Barnabas have in common? (See above) What lesson is there in this for us today? Missionary Birthdays: Robert W. Edwards, India; Walter J. Kornelsen, West Africa.

## Saturday, September 17

**Read:** Numbers 13:26 to 14:9, 22-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart" (Proverbs 3:5).

For the Parent: After several difficult years wandering through the wilderness on their way from Egypt to Canaan, the Israelites were now about ready to cross into Canaan. Discuss: (1) the sending of the spies into Canaan; (2) the evil report of 10 spies; (3) the good report of Caleb and Joshua; (4) the reaction of the people; (5) the faith of Caleb and Joshua; (6) the punishment of Israel because they did not believe God's promises. They had seen God's mighty power, yet they still doubted Him.

Question Time: What report did the spies bring back concerning Canaan? For what are Caleb and Joshua noted here?

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## The Tent Crowd

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been eyeing the cities of the plains from your little tent door of late? Longing for the security of earthly houses and lands and the companionship of city living? Who knows what the love of homes and congenial companionship has cost the kingdom of God? But wait—

If you leave the tent crowd you leave Jesus. Jesus, who turned His back on an infinite affinity with the Father to say nothing of the unspeakable comforts of a celestial world, to come and "pitch His tent among us."

And you leave the society of Abraham in whom "all the families of the earth are blessed!" Abraham, you know, had to be content as runnerup for the patron saint title, because Jesus said of him, "Before Abraham was, I am."

Other fellow travelers appear in the 'Westminster Abbey of faith,' Hebrews 11. Humbly we take our place with them in the pilgrimage! After the Hebrew writer tells of Jacob and Joseph and Moses—heaven's aristocracy —he admits that time would fail him to tell of scores more who identified themselves in their earth life with the tent crowd.

Rare indeed are the earth creatures who can build up vast bank accounts, amass property, consort with the great of this world, without finding at last that the heart is irrevocably tied with these perishing things of clay. The fool in Luke 12:15 discovered it all too late. The prodigal discovered it after he had invested his youth and manhood only to find that the things he lost were waiting for him back home in the Father's House-clothes, shoes, jewelry, food, drink, and mirth. "If we get these things apart from the Father's house they blast and damn. . . ." "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

There is a power in Sodom that is stronger than you, Brother Lot. Pluck out the eye that looks with relish on Sodom. Remember the subliminal part —the possibilities for good or evil lurking below the threshold of your consciousness that only God knows about. And think of your tall sons and lovely daughters yet unborn, Lot, before you

deserted the tent crowd for the fleeting, questionable distinction of sitting in Sodom's gateway as one of its aldermen.

Perhaps if Lot hadn't been so eager to pitch his tent near Sodom and later desert the outlandish tent crowd, modern evangelists would be deprived of a favorite text, "Remember Lot's wife." I detect a subtle undertone in the record that tells us, "And Lot entered into his *house*."

Every erstwhile symbol must fail when that which is perfect is come. Our tent symbol is no exception. Is there a traveler, footsore and weary, cramped by the confines of his tent, who doesn't refresh himself with thoughts of home at the end of the road? Yes, the same Voice that invited, "Come and travel with Me," also promised, "In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you." The refreshing wonder of it— "He hath prepared for him a city!"

Think of it for a moment. If isolated tent-living is the symbol of our relationship to our earth life, what vast dimensions of glorified spirit, soul, and body await us in the symbol of celestial mansions in the city of our God. How John strains the already ornate language of the apocalypse to attempt a description—foundations of exquisite jewels like jasper, sapphire, emerald, topaz and amethyst! Gates made of pearl, streets of transparent gold, the crystal water of life, no death, no night, and no tears! But how quickly all of this pales to insignificance with the knowledge that the Lamb is in the midst and "God himself shall be with them and be their God."

The manufacture of saints is no child's play. The tent *is* cramped. The way *is* long. The path of the separated man can never be an easy one. And long after his tent is shifted, an altar stands where the man of God has been —the altar of his own body as a living sacrifice, the altar of his Isaac, and the altar of his heart.

Leave the tent crowd? Never. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." —The Evangel (New Zealand)

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