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Righteous Rulers

In the past eight years we have been reminded repeatedly of the words of Proverbs 29:2—"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." No doubt all Christian people have admired the high ideals of President Eisenhower and have been thankful for the way he has encouraged a spiritual awakening throughout the land. By his own church-going habits and many other acts, such as the prayer he offered publicly on his inauguration day, and the directive he issued to open every meeting of his Cabinet with prayer, he has taught America to bend its knees once again.

Mr. Eisenhower has taken his place in American history alongside George Washington and other great Presidents who showed themselves to be men of strong faith in God and in the divine authority of the Bible. As one of the chief architects of our American democratic foundations, General Washington said: "It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the Bible," for, said he, "true religion affords government its surest support."

America's second President, John Adams, was so zealous for Christ that he declared our nation was called of God to give the Christian message to the world. He said: "The destiny of America is to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to all men, everywhere."

That conviction was echoed more than a century later when President Woodrow Wilson made this statement: "America was born a Christian nation for the purpose of exemplifying to the nations of the world the principles of righteousness found in the Word of God." If space permitted we could go down the list quoting one President after another, all of whom subscribed to the Scripture that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

God's Word gives solemn warnings to rulers, saying: "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God" (2 Samuel 23:3). But it has something to say to us who are ruled over, too; for righteous rulers need the support of righteous citizens. All of us are responsible to cooperate with those who are in authority.

The Bible tells us: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well" (1 Peter 2:13-15). In Romans 13:1 the apostle says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." And in Titus 3:1 we are told to "be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates. . . ."

Especially do we need to remember 1 Timothy 2:1-6 where we are commanded to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Many new officials take office this month, not only in the White House but also in Congress and in state capitols, county court houses, and city halls as well. Our prayers will enable God to control governmental affairs so that His will shall be done on every level.—R. C. C.

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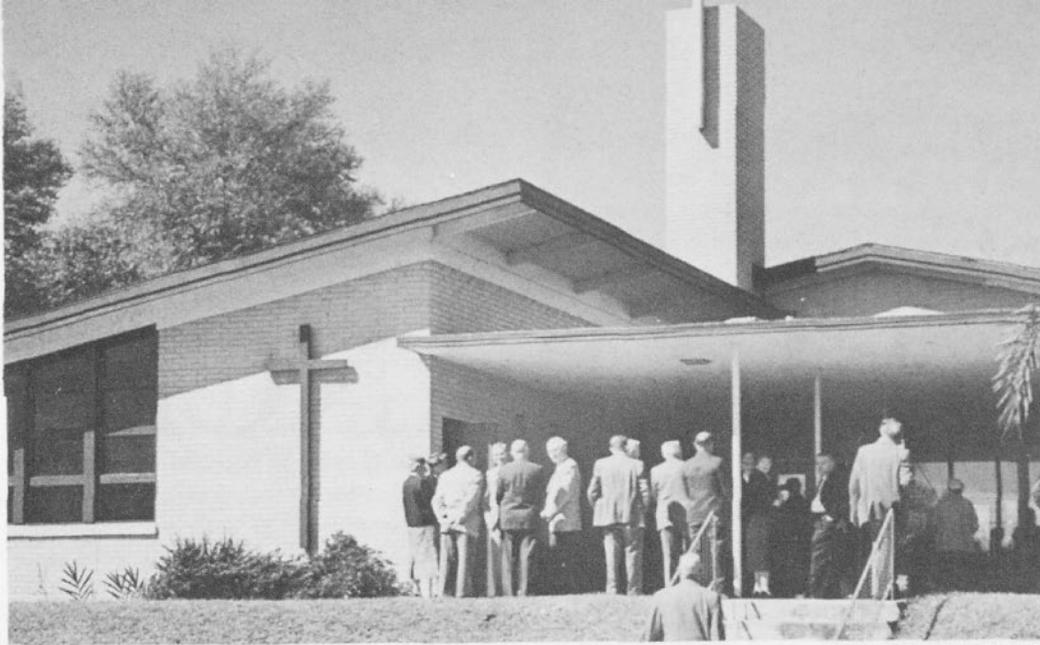


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In a Church—But **LOST!**

By JAMES E. ADAMS

MANY TIMES THE CHILDREN—AND as the years went by, the grandchildren—of David Porter Heap climbed the 898 steps to the top of the Washington Monument. Vainly they looked for a marble stone which their illustrious ancestor, a Union Major and doctor during the Civil War, had donated.

According to guide books the stone should have been placed somewhere in the walls around the stairway along with 188 other stones received as tributes from different states, countries and societies when the Monument was being built. The story of the acquisition of this stone was interesting.

In 1854 David Porter Heap sailed off to Tunis, the modern city built near the ruins of Carthage. (His late father, Dr. Samuel Davies Heap, had been consul at Tunis at his death in 1853.) There he secured a beautiful block of marble from the ruins of the ancient city for the Washington Monument. The stone of variegated red and white marble was cut from one of the

columns of the temple of Esculapius and bore an excellent and accurate presentation of the arms of Carthage. It was shipped to the Monument for a place of prominence, but somehow in the process of building it became lost.

Recently, workers who were installing a new elevator in the Monument found a 200-pound marble stone in a corner of a stair well. The inscription stated, "Carthage—David Porter Heap, M. D.—July 4, 1855." A color inlay of a horse and palm tree only added to their mystification.

But these clues enabled Edmund J. Fitzgerald, historian-supervisor of the Monument, finally to solve the mystery and he notified descendants of the stone's donor. Now he has recommended that the Carthage stone be placed prominently at the foot of the stairs to lure more visitors up the long flight of steps to inspect the other memorial stones.

Mr. Fitzgerald thinks the marble block may have been mislaid during

the two decades between 1860 and 1880 when no work was done on the monument. At any rate, the stone was inside the Monument all the time—but was lost and unused in the building.

There is a lesson here for us today. For almost two thousand years the Church, a great memorial indeed, has been in the process of construction to show forth the praises of Jesus Christ, who has called men out of darkness into His marvellous light. The apostle Peter further states that Christians are lively stones built into this spiritual house or church (1 Peter 2:5-10). Even as Doctor Heap's stone was lost within the Monument, so many people today are near or in the earthly church but actually have no place in the spiritual building of God. They may be within the protection of the sanctuary, but they are not a part of the true Church.

I am thinking of a certain man and his wife who seldom attended any church but they did enjoy attending street meetings every summer. One evening the speaker talked about the soon coming of Christ. The couple went home troubled: they knew they were not ready for His return. They had been within the influence of the ministry of a church for several years, but they were still lost. When they realized their lost condition they decided to attend church, where they accepted Christ and found their place in His building.

Another man never missed Sunday evening services in a church near his home. He enjoyed the singing particularly. The sermons were good, he felt, but did not apply to him because he "lived a good, clean life." But finally he became uneasy. Why couldn't he pray like these people? Why couldn't he feel God as near and dear as they claimed He was? Although he had been in the church regularly for years, he went forward to an altar of prayer one day and became a son of God, a living stone in the spiritual building of God.

Then there was Tom. He had been brought up in the church. For almost as long as he could remember he had been singing special numbers in his

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The Grace of PERSEVERANCE

God's rewards are reserved for those who finish the job.

BY ARTHUR HEDLEY

LUKE, THE EVANGELIST, WRITING IN Acts 2:42 of events which happened in the early days of the church, said, "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." Looking back he recalled the fact that those who embraced the Christian faith were patient, persevering, and consistent.

The Greek word translated "continued stedfastly" means "to adhere to a man"; to be true and faithful to him under all circumstances; or to continue in a certain task, refusing to allow anything to hinder; not to abandon that which we have begun.

Those first believers after the descent of the Holy Spirit were stedfast in purpose, faithful in their adherence to the teaching of the apostles, consistent in their participation in the Lord's Supper, and they found great joy in Christian fellowship. There was a true spirit of love and unity existing among them, for they "continued daily with one accord" (v. 46) in their devotions and in Christian fellowship. They were stable, stedfast, sure, and their meeting together so consistently and joyously must have had a profound effect on the many unbelievers who witnessed these things.

Our attendance at the sanctuary is observed by outsiders far more than we realize. It is unconsciously influencing them for good or ill, according to the manner in which we attend. When they see professing Christians wending their way to the house of the Lord regularly and with obvious pleasure they cannot but be interested and impressed. A very devoted Christian told me his father never would enter the church, but he often would stand and listen outside when the worshipers lifted up their hearts and voices in praise to God.

Perhaps one of the hardest graces to cultivate is the grace of perseverance—to continue stedfastly in the Christian faith, in divine worship, in the service

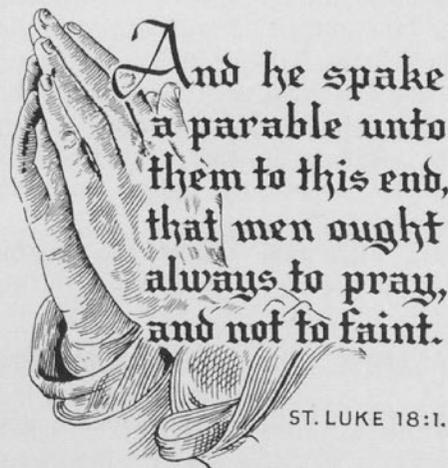
of the Master, in daily meditation on God's Word, and in communion with God. Our Saviour was conscious of the fact that many would fail to stand the test of time. For a while they would be enthusiastic and joyful, regular and punctual in their attendance at the assembly and earnest in their Christian witness. However, they would "endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended" (Mark 4:17), "and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). Therefore Jesus said to certain Jews which believed on Him, "If ye *continue* in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

In the service of the Saviour this grace is especially needed. At conversion we are eager to do something for Him so we take up with enthusiasm some form of Christian service. We volunteer to teach a Sunday school class, to do something in the young people's service, to undertake tract distribution, or to engage in personal evangelism. We may even feel called to be a missionary, and we make certain prepara-

tions to equip ourselves for what we believe to be our future vocation. We may continue "stedfastly" in service for a while, but ultimately we meet with much disappointment. The children in the Sunday school are inattentive, irregular, and the parents are indifferent to the moral and spiritual welfare of their children. So we grow weary and discouraged because there seems so little fruit for our labors. Service, instead of being a pleasure, becomes burdensome, and our early love, enthusiasm, and devotion grow feeble and are ready to die. We feel like giving up and then we become an easy prey to Satan.

Happy are those who refuse to succumb to the tempter and "continue stedfastly" in Christ's service, rising above failure, disappointment, and weariness by waiting on the Lord and thereby renewing their strength in accordance with His promise (Isaiah 40:29-31). Nothing is finer than to witness aged servants of the Lord who have never retired, still taking some active part in His vineyard. Such set an example to their younger brethren.

The apostle Paul was often tried, persecuted, weary, and worn after arduous labors, disappointed when he found his good work was damaged by men with evil motives, but there was never any thought of giving up. Writing to a church which had given much cause for concern he said: "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you: though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved" (2 Corinthians 12:15). His great ambition was to finish his course "with joy" (Acts 20:24), so that at the end he could say with triumph, "I have fought a good fight: I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). To his last breath he "continued stedfastly" in his witness for Christ.



George Whitefield who was such an earnest and successful evangelist, was "faithful even unto death." When at the end of his career he set out to preach at Newbury Port, he was asked on his way to speak at Exeter. He could not refuse, for though ill he had not the heart to decline.

A friend said to him: "Sir, you are more fit for your bed than the pulpit."

"True, sir," he replied, and turning aside he clasped his hands and lifted his voice heavenwards, saying: "Lord Jesus, I am weary *in* Thy work but not weary *of* Thy work. Let me speak the Word of Truth once more." He preached with great effectiveness and then went home. Two hours later this warrior who "continued steadfastly" in the service of the Lord passed into His presence forever.

There is no finer virtue than steadfastness—of perseverance in Christian service. This virtue when it shines brightest is the one we admire the most. What the world regards as success may be failure in God's sight. We call a church successful when it is attended by crowds, when wealth is poured into its treasure, when it is noted for its architecture, the eloquence of its preacher, the efficiency of its choir. But success is not to be measured thus. Instead a church should be measured by the number of faithful souls who labor on untiringly to win men for Christ and His kingdom.

David Livingstone possessed this quality of perseverance to a remarkable degree. He went on in spite of opposition, many disappointments, and physical handicaps. One of the last entries in his diary said, "I will open up a path into the interior of Africa, or perish. I shall not swerve a hair's breadth from my work while my life is spared. Nothing earthly will make me give up my work or cause me to despair. I succor myself in the Lord my God and go forward."

May His grace be given to each one to show the same courageous, patient, and steadfast spirit in the Saviour's service! ◀◀

The Divine Order

Here is the divine order of events surrounding the first great Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. 1—The risen Christ went *up* (Acts 1:9). 2—The Holy Spirit came *down* (Acts 2:2-4). 3—The disciples went *out* to win souls (Acts 2:46, 47).



Personal Devotions

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THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY BY which nature turns winter into spring: by bringing the face of the earth into a new position toward the sun rays. Then the snowbanks vanish, seeds sprout, grass peeps out, buds open, and the sun renews the face of the year.

Even so there is but one way to be delivered from a spiritual winter which blights our graces and kills all spiritual activity: by coming back to God through prayer and consecration, that His face may shine upon us. There is absolutely no substitute for the "shut door."

The first thing that really counts in our lives as Christians is not the amount of service we render, the number of meetings we attend, how many sermons we preach, nor even the fact that we are regularly present at the prayer meeting. The one thing that counts far more than anything else is our appreciation of and our practice of communion with God and private prayer. The test as to the real value and power of a Christian life is not made in the realm of outward things, but the service in which we engage when we are shut away from every human eye and alone with God in the secret place of prayer enjoying fellowship and communion.

In every life where there is a

"shut door" there will be an inflow of divine power and the conscious joy of His presence, and an outflow of fruitful service to glorify God and bless the world. There can be no deep realization of the peace and presence of God and no real Holy Spirit fruit if the secret place of prayer is neglected, breaking close communion with God.

The Lord took it for granted that His people would be men and women of prayer, for He said, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).

Do we pray? How much do we really know about the secret place of communion with our heavenly Father? Let us learn to say with the song writer:

"Shut in with God,
In the secret place,
There in the Spirit beholding His face.
Gaining new power to run in the race,
I love to be shut in with God."

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My Adversary

He publicized my failures, and laughed at all my faults;
He criticized my least mistake, and pointed out my flaws.
He thought my blunders comic; my errors were great fun.
He robbed me of the strength to do the good I might have done.
He blocked the path before me, and hemmed me in behind;
He hindered all my progress, escape I could not find.
He beat me and he crushed me, down to the very sod;
He did me one great favor for—he left me only God.
He saw I had escaped him, and scorned me in his wrath;
Oh yes, I learned some lessons from the one who blocked my path.
In climbing, I escaped him—this wisdom will abide—
I never would have scaled the heights, if he had stood aside.

—Mrs. Fay Keen

THIS IS THAT!

by EDWARD
J. JARVIS

Peter had an answer for the mocking, doubting, bewildered crowd that asked the meaning of the Pentecostal phenomenon.

THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT emphatically asserts that the baptism in the Holy Spirit can be the experience of every sincere born-again believer today!

In the early days of this movement four main doctrines concerning Jesus Christ were emphasized; He was proclaimed as the Saviour of the soul, the Healer of the body, the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost, and the soon coming King. In those days the last three of these truths were not preached by many others, even in some evangelical circles. Now, however, many denominations believe in Divine healing, and many proclaim the second advent of Jesus. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is now the only distinct message that justifies us in still being a separate movement. Apart from this great Bible truth we could happily join our evangelical

friends. There are very few today outside the official Pentecostal bodies who accept this message experimentally. To enjoy and appreciate the mighty blessing of the Pentecostal experience fully one must accept it in all its literal reality and power.

Let me state that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not a vague, obscure doctrine, taken from a few isolated scriptures. It is one of the most prominent themes of the New Testament.

The sincere seeker after truth always asks: "What saith the scriptures?" This then must be our approach to this vital subject.

THIS IS THAT WHICH WAS PROPHESED BY JOEL

To the mocking, doubting, bewildered crowd that asked, "What meaneth this?" Peter, with holy boldness, replied: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:16-18; Joel 2:28, 29).

It is significant that the Spirit should fall upon "all flesh," no social distinction being made between old or young, men or women, bond or free. This was the beginning of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

In Old Testament times, only special people such as prophets, priests, judges, and kings received the anointing, and then it was often the special anointing that confirmed their office or calling. This new anointing was for "all flesh," not the special few. Again, before the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell upon those special men "at times" (Judges 13:25), and usually for some specific purpose, such as intervening in a crisis or meeting some emergency with supernatural power. The disciples, however, were Spirit filled, endued, baptized; not having an intermittent, spasmodic, occasional outpouring but the mighty perpetual indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

THIS IS THAT WHICH WAS PREDICTED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

The forerunner of Christ said: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but . . . He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." (Matthew 3:11). John's baptism was "unto repentance," an outward symbol of the washing away of sins. The believer's baptism is "upon repentance." In his historic sermon on that Day of Pentecost, when the convicted audience asked Peter "What shall we do?" he answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you . . . for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Notice the scriptural order is first repentance and obedience, and then the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

In his prediction John underlines the fact that it is a baptism of fire. Fire in the Bible is ever a symbol of the presence of God. The very nature of God is fire (Ezekiel 8:2; Hebrews 12:29). Fire is also a token of Divine approval. This is amply illustrated in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Solomon, Elijah and others. This fiery, thrilling Baptism, foretold by John the Baptist, was of God.

THIS IS THAT WHICH WAS PROMISED BY JESUS

Our Lord confirmed John's prediction when He said: "John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be bap-



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tized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:5).

Jesus made two outstanding promises to the Church in relation to His departure from the earth. One was, "If I go . . . I will come again" (John 14:3). The other was with reference to the Holy Spirit: "If I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7). The latter promise began its fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost and continues until this present day. We of course still await the day of His personal return.

The physical presence of Christ on earth was limited both in time and place, and so on the eve of His death He said: "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). His going away, which at first filled the disciples with sadness, was gloriously compensated by the coming of the Comforter.

Our Lord's earthly ministry began after He was filled with the Holy Ghost. This of course defeats the argument that the baptism in the Spirit is synonymous with the new birth. He was the peerless, perfect, sinless Son of God. We, because we are born again and made the sons of God, can, according to the promise of Jesus, claim an identical experience—a mighty infilling of the Spirit of God.

Jesus, in His teaching concerning the operation of the Holy Ghost in the believer, describes three distinct phases: (1) "with you" (John 14:17); (2) "in you" (John 14:17); (3) "upon you" (Luke 24:49).

"With you" in guidance, for "He shall guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

"In you" in regeneration, which explains that difficult incident recorded in John 20:22: "He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost," Newberry (margin) says, "He breathed 'in' them." This was the resurrection day. Jesus stood in their midst, a living, life-giving Saviour, and performed the symbolic act of breathing into them. Just as Adam became a living soul in Genesis 2:7, so they became partakers of His Divine nature through the Holy Ghost.

"Upon you" in power. Some forty days after this, on His ascension day, He said: "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). The Greek word for endued is *enduo*; that is, to be "clothed with." The Holy Spirit would mantle them, envelop them, baptize them. His

last promise to the disciples was: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Ten days after this Jesus kept His promise.

THIS IS THAT WHICH PREDOMINATED IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Every waiting member was filled with the Holy Ghost. The Third Person of the Trinity became the Divine President of the Church. The Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled believers now moved in the realm of the Spirit. Men who hitherto had been timid and shrinking became bold and brave. They withstood councils, resisted evil powers, and "turned the world upside down."

Furthermore, this heavenly endowment was repeated and maintained in their lives and ministries. In Acts 4 a mighty repetition took place and the result was that "multitudes believed."

A little later the Samaritans, on whom the "sons of thunder" once would have called down the fire of vengeance, now received an outpouring of the fire of Pentecost (Acts 8:17).

Some years later a Roman household to whom Peter was preaching the remission of sins through faith in Jesus received a mighty spontaneous baptism in the Holy Spirit. Peter was sure of this "for they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46). When the apostles and brethren at Jerusalem contended with Peter because the Gentiles had received the Word of God, Peter explained that "the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). This convinced the men at Jerusalem. It says: "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God." Criticism ceased and praise commenced.

About twenty years after Pentecost a similar outpouring took place in the Grecian city of Ephesus. Men there who were disciples of John were ignorant of the supernatural infilling of the Holy Ghost. After they were immersed in water, Paul laid his hands on them in the name of Jesus and "the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

It is evident that the baptism in the Spirit was a standard experience among the believers in the Early Church. This mighty, powerful, overwhelming, revival-producing Spirit was available to all who obeyed God in accepting Christ as their Saviour and Lord. Sometimes it was received after tarrying; sometimes during the laying on of hands;

sometimes it was completely spontaneous; but always it came after conversion, for it is a distinct and separate experience. The glorious Person of the Holy Spirit, indwelling the saints, predominated and promoted the spiritual life of the Early Church.

"THAT" IS "THIS" WHICH WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE TODAY

Although the baptism in the Spirit did occupy a prominent place in the life of the apostolic Church, there is no scriptural indication that it was that generation's exclusive possession. Contrariwise, a careful study of church history will reveal that through the centuries men and women of God have enjoyed the identical experience that the 120 enjoyed on the Day of Pentecost.

Especially during this twentieth century has God vindicated His Word in sending "rain in the time of the latter rain." A mighty increase of this heavenly deluge began to fall at the dawn of this century. The Holy Ghost fell on a group of students in Bethel College, Topeka, Kansas, and almost simultaneously on other groups of believers in various parts of the world, quickly encircling the earth, until today there are hundreds of thousands who have received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

People still react in various ways to this spiritual phenomenon, just as they did on the Day of Pentecost. Some are amazed; others are in doubt; some attempt a natural explanation in a vain attempt to explain away the supernatural. We Pentecostals join with Peter and declare with confidence, "This is that"; and furthermore "that" is "this" which will perpetuate the work of Christ upon earth until the end of this dispensation. —*The Elim Evangel*

True Perfection

There is nothing so admirable and so rich in its possession, as that holiness which is the summit of true perfection. Not a holiness which is distant and frigid, but a holiness which makes the eyes more tender in their softened light, and the lips more effluent of genial speech, and the hand more helpful in its ready service; which makes an end in the human heart of its passions and selfishness; which lifts man up to God, and brings God down to man; and which, should it become pervasive and universal, would make every soul a miniature heaven, and change our woe-filled earth into a Paradise regained.

—*Bishop Nindo*

800 MISSIONETTES AND SPONSORS ATTEND RALLY IN SACRAMENTO

NEW ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Stairway to the Stars⁺ INTRODUCED



Missionettes and sponsors listened attentively to speaker during the rally.

THE LARGEST GROUP OF MISSIONETTES and sponsors ever to meet together in one place gathered in Sacramento on November 11, to attend the first districtwide Missionette convention of the Northern California-Nevada district. More than 800 girls and sponsors crowded into Bethel Temple to hear Mrs. Goldia Anderson, district WMC president, bring a heart-touching devotional message. This was followed with a talk by Mrs. Mercedes Bowen, district Missionette director. Her subject was, "A Successful Missionette Club."

At noon the girls were served tasty sack lunches in Bethel Temple's Gaston Hall. The lunches had been prepared by WMC's of the Capitol and Butte Sections.

Missionettes from fifty-four churches competed in the afternoon "Parade of Dime Bouquets." The beautiful and unique bouquets were studded with the girls' dime offerings. Competition was keen and judging very difficult, but

the final results showed that the first place winner with over \$100 in dimes in their bouquet was First Assembly, Sunnyvale. In the smaller church class, Stockton, East, took the top honor. Other awards went to Carmichael Assembly and Oakland's First Assembly of God.

Mrs. Fern Murray's message, "Life's Highway," challenged every heart, and hundreds of girls rededicated themselves to live holy lives. An hour of "Talent Time" was greatly enjoyed by the girls. First place winner was Miss Karen Arneson of Biggs, Calif., who played a piano solo.

The final meeting of the day was a lovely banquet held in Governor's Hall at the state fairgrounds. A delicious turkey dinner, prepared by the WMC's of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, was served to 835 people.

Mrs. Mercedes Bowen colorfully illustrated the new Missionette achievement program, STAIRWAY TO THE

STARS, using visual aid and a real stairway to depict the four steps of the program. To climax the day's activities, Mrs. Paul Pipkin, missionary to Japan, brought a heart-to-heart message to the girls. A sincere spirit of consecration and dedication prevailed at the end of an extremely full day.

Mrs. Goldia Anderson and Mrs. Bowen had anticipated an attendance of approximately 350 girls for the convention. However, two days prior to the date of the convention 722 had registered, and the final count revealed that more than 800 were in attendance.

At the present time the Northern California-Nevada District leads the nation with about 175 active Missionette Clubs. The tremendous growth of the program is very evident when we realize in 1958 the district had only 59 organized groups.

Mrs. Anderson attributes the phenomenal growth of the Missionette pro-

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Mrs. Mercedes Bowen (at the microphone) introduced Stairway to the Stars. Visual aid is visible next to stairway.



The rally was directed by Mrs. Mercedes Bowen (left) and Mrs. Goldie Anderson.





Shown at speakers' table are Mrs. Walt Boring, Walt Boring, Goldie Anderson, Violet Pipkin, Mercedes Bowen, and Pearl Stump.



The Missionette choir from East Side Assembly, Stockton, Calif., sang for the convention. Mrs. A. R. Trotter is director.

MISSIONETTES FIVE YEARS OLD

THIS MONTH MISSIONETTES ARE CELEBRATING THE fifth birthday of the inauguration of the Missionette program. During the past five years there has been a steady increase of interest and enthusiasm for the program.

Originally designed for girls from twelve to seventeen, Missionettes has now been revised to include the junior age, nine to eleven. Provision has been made in the achievement program, STAIRWAY TO THE STARS, for all girls from nine to seventeen.

Separate handbooks are available for both age groups as is a manual for sponsors. Attractive die-cut seals go with each handbook, and may be purchased to place on the beautiful three-color wall chart.

The four steps on the STAIRWAY are named after four Bible women—Susanna, Tabitha, Anna, and Ruth. You will notice that the first letter of each of these names forms the word STAR.

As each girl climbs the STAIRWAY she will receive appropriate awards. Upon completion of the climb she will

be known as a STAR. Then she may go on to do the extra honor work and eventually become a Missionette HONOR STAR.

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS has been prepared in response to a demand from Missionette leaders. It is designed to teach the girls more about God's Word and our own Assemblies of God beliefs. One of the main purposes of the program is to help the girls become witnesses for the Lord.

As we begin another new year with approximately 17,500 Missionettes, it is the sincere desire of the national office that many girls will join the ranks of Missionettes during 1961. The steady growth of Missionette Clubs indicates that the program is meeting the needs of our girls today.

Help your girls to help themselves and others. A Missionette Club can be an asset to any church. Reach girls when they are young to hold them when they are older.

To learn how to organize a club write to the Missionette Division, National WMC Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. ◀◀

1. First prize winner for larger churches in the dime bouquet parade was First Assembly of Sunnyvale. 2. Missionettes of the East Side Assembly, Stockton, Calif., won first prize for smaller churches.



3. The winners of the second prize were the Missionettes from First Assembly, Oakland. 4. Carrying away the third prize were Missionettes from First Assembly in Carmichael, Calif.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Temperance

ALABAMA FOOD STORES CRITICIZED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Local grocery stores in Birmingham, Ala. have been asked by the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham to cease "the stocking, selling, and displaying of alcoholic beverages." The Protestant ministerial group stated that alcoholic beverages are "not a food and that their presence in grocery stores fosters the impression that they are a food and should be considered a regular part of one's diet."

TAX RECEIPTS FOR LIQUOR AND TOBACCO SET NEW RECORD

In its annual report, the Internal Revenue Service at Washington, D.C. disclosed that taxes collected on alcoholic beverages and tobacco products increased in the past fiscal year as consumption reached new highs. Alcohol taxes mounted to \$3,193,000,000 against \$3,002,000,000 the previous year. Tobacco taxes yielded the treasury \$1,911,000,000 compared with \$1,806,000,000 in fiscal 1959.

Civics

PAROCHIAL PUPILS NOT ALLOWED ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES

Transportation of pupils attending parochial schools in Monte Vista, Colo., has been discontinued by the local board of education on the advice of the state attorney general's office.

PORTLAND DROPS EASTER PROGRAMS

Easter religious programs in public schools, and baccalaureate services in Protestant churches, have been banned by the superintendent of schools in Portland, Oreg. He said some church and synagogue groups have protested against the practices.

SUPREME COURT DOCKET INCLUDES RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSIES

Of the 450 cases on the docket of the U. S. Supreme Court in the current session, 26 have some bearing on religion or religious freedom.

Items of religious significance include: the so-called "blue laws" prohibiting business and commercial activities on Sunday; the reading of the Bible in public schools; laws requiring

the observance of religious holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, in public schools; distribution of information concerning contraceptives; and the case of a man in Maryland who has been denied the right to serve as a notary public because he is a declared atheist.

One of the most unusual questions relates to the Hutterites, a religious group which believes in communal living and common ownership of worldly possessions. Although the Montana courts have declared that this organization should be taxed as a corporation, the Hutterites have appealed on the ground that their possessions represent religious property.

THREE STATES DEFEND BAN ON SUNDAY BUSINESS

Officials of three states defended their right to prohibit business and commercial activities on Sunday, as the U. S. Supreme Court took its first close look at the constitutionality of so-called "blue laws."

Attorneys for the states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Maryland argued that Sunday closing laws are no different from other legislation enacted to protect the health, safety, and welfare of workers. They denied that they constitute an enactment of religion in violation of separation of Church and State, despite the Puritan background of the ancient colonial laws on "Sabbath keeping" from which the modern statutes have evolved.

Attorneys for the appellants agreed that the states have a right under their police powers to require that business establishments observe a day of rest for both proprietors and employees.

This left the court to decide only whether it was legal to require everyone to observe the same day of rest, insofar as possible, and to select Sunday as that day.

UNIVERSITY TO STUDY ANTI-SEMITISM

The University of California is launching a five-year study to determine the nature and extent of anti-Semitism in the United States at the present time. The study is expected to cost \$500,000.

Catholics

NEGRO PRIESTS IN U.S. NOW NUMBER 106

Twelve Negro priests in the U. S. were ordained by the Roman Catholic Church in the past twelve months, the largest number ever ordained in a single year. They boosted the number of Negro Catholic clergymen in the U. S. to 106. Thirty-one of these are diocesan priests and 75 are members of 17 religious orders, according to a survey made by *St. Augustine's Catholic Messenger*, a Negro publication.

CATHOLICS TO TRAIN AFRICAN LEADERS AT ROME

A Roman Catholic institute for training future African political, social, and economic leaders will be established at Rome in the near future, it was announced last month. The institute will serve to counter the effects of the Communist-sponsored People's Friendship University set up in Moscow last September for the training of African as well as Asian and South American students.

COURT POSTPONES KNIGHTS' LIBEL SUIT AGAINST MINISTER

Action on a \$100,000 libel suit filed by the Knights of Columbus against a Baptist minister in Farmville, N. C., has been postponed by a U. S. District Court judge until May 18. The suit charged the minister and another person with printing and circulating a pamphlet containing the "bogus oath" attributed to the Roman Catholic fraternal group, during the recent Presidential campaign.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES ADOPT TITHING METHOD OF CHURCH SUPPORT

Holy Souls, the largest parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, has adopted tithing as its means of supporting the church. Monsignor Francis A. Allen announced that every wage earner will be asked to "pledge the first ten per cent of his gross income to God."

Said Monsignor Allen: "Almighty God never intended the church to rely on bingos, carnivals, raffles, and games of chance for support."

Some weeks earlier, it was announced that St. Agnes Roman Catholic parish in Cleveland had decided to use tithing to replace all other forms of fund raising. Auxiliary Archbishop Floyd L. Begin said that during a trial period of tithing, Sunday collections just about doubled.

The archbishop said the custom of giving ten per cent of gross earnings (mentioned forty-six times in the Bible) will replace carnivals, bazaars, raffles, and parish dinners.

Miscellany

ITALIAN COURT UPHOLDS HECKLER OF SERMON

A court at Trecastagni near Catania in Sicily has ruled it is no offense for an Italian to heckle a Roman Catholic priest during the church sermon "if the priest is talking politics." It found the priest was urging the congregation not to vote for pro-Communist political parties when a villager shouted, "Don't hold a political rally—get on with the Mass!"

MINISTER FINED FOR REFUSING TO PERFORM MARRIAGE

The position of a minister in a nation where there is no separation between Church and State is shown by a recent incident in Sweden. A local Lutheran pastor at Eskilstuna, central Sweden, was fined \$15 when he refused to marry a couple because one of them was a divorced person.

The prosecutor held the minister had no right to obey the dictates of his conscience in the matter. He charged the minister with "dereliction of duty" because the law says that a minister of the State Lutheran Church must not refuse to marry couples if one of them is a parishioner. "In such cases," he said, "the minister is considered to be a civil servant bound by the civil law."

INDIGNANT MOTORIST SIGNS WARRANT TO ARREST TWO MINISTERS

Two Church of Christ ministers who circulated anti-Catholic literature during the recent Presidential election campaign were fined \$25 and costs at Hammond, Indiana. They were Audrey C. Belue, Jr. of Griffith, and George F. Dancer, Jr. of Hammond. They were penalized for breaking a Hammond ordinance which prohibits posting of literature on parked cars.

They had been arrested on a warrant signed by William F. McMahon, Chicago, who said he saw them placing the literature on his auto. We wonder if the indignant motorist would have signed a warrant if the literature had turned out to be a grocery ad!

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Was Simon, who bore the cross for Jesus, a Jew? Matthew 27:32.

I believe that Simon was an Israelite living in Cyrene. It is probable that he had come to Jerusalem to observe the Passover.

Who were the elders that worked with the chief priests to take Jesus? Matthew 26:47.

It is said that the chief priests were representatives of the priesthood, while the elders were the representatives of the people in the Sanhedrin.

Was it Moses or his son that God threatened to kill because the son was not circumcised? Exodus 4:24.

The Pulpit Commentary states that the reference in this passage is somewhat obscure. However, it believes that the son, not Moses, was the one whom the Lord threatened to kill, since he, being uncircumcised, was not within the Jewish covenant. See Genesis 17:10.

In 1 Chronicles 3:1 reference is made to a Daniel. Is this Daniel the prophet?

The Daniel of 1 Chronicles 3:1 was a son of David the king. Another Daniel, son of Ithamar, is mentioned in Ezra 8:2. However, neither of these is the Daniel of the Book of Daniel.

Why does a God of love require a blood sacrifice for atonement of sin? Is this logical?

God requires a blood sacrifice because "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11). In His sacrifice on the cross Christ "poured out his soul unto death," which means that He poured out His life—the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). The blood of Christ was the blood of the God-man. Deity and humanity united in Him. His blood had the value of Deity; thus it was sufficient to atone for the sins of the whole world.

Both sheep and goats are clean animals. Why then did Jesus, when speaking of separating the saved from the lost, compare the two groups to these particular animals.

Jesus used the sheep and goats as illustrations of saints and sinners because the sheep and goats grazed together during the day, but separated when night came. The Jews understood the illustration. Believers and unbelievers may mix in this day of grace, living and working together, but when the day of grace is over there will come a separation between them.

Where do we get the term "Pentecostal"?

The word "Pentecostal" is an adjective. It is used to describe the events that took place on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts, chapter two; or events like those which occurred on that day. To be Pentecostal is to identify oneself with the experience that came to Christ's followers on the Day of Pentecost; that is, to be filled with the Holy Spirit in the same manner as those who were filled with the Holy Spirit on that occasion.

Who were the men on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and what was their sin? Luke 13:4.

All we know is that they were persons who evidently suffered an accident. Some among the Jews thought the accident was a judgment of God because of sin. It was more or less common in Israel to think that either a sufferer or his parents had sinned, which was not necessarily so. See John 9:1-3.

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).

A FILLED HOUSE! A SHAKEN HOUSE! Have you experienced this?

A filled house? "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it *filled* all the house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). The house was filled.

A shaken house? "And when they had prayed, the place was *shaken* where they were assembled together" (Acts 4:31). The very walls felt the impact when the place was filled with the Holy Ghost.

A house may be filled with the lilt of happy children's voices. A house may be filled with grief and loneliness. A

house may be filled with laughter and song in bright anticipation of a beloved daughter's wedding.

There was a house filled with the fragrance of a sacrifice of great love—the rare ointment from Mary's alabaster box. This was a broken box. "And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment" (John 12:3).

When the ark was brought into the temple the trumpeters and the singers were as one to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. "Then the house was filled . . . for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God" (2 Chronicles 5:13, 14). His house was so filled that even the priests could not minister.

How humble were the "houses" of our first churches. Sometimes only a brush arbor. Sometimes a tent. Often a storefront building. But there was one common characteristic—these houses were filled with the aroma of heaven. The tears that trickled down from under closed eyelids to splash upon humble altars; the heart-searching cries for mercy; the sobs of surrender; these all brought the fragrance that was not of this world.

Casual onlookers sat riveted to their seats, reluctant to leave. Though the hour became late, they still lingered. What held them?

Was it not the aroma of heaven that attracted them? It can be found nowhere else in the world. Among the penitent, the seeking, the humble, broken and contrite hearts, it was there. How it penetrated every corner of the "house," until a hush of reverence fell upon our spirits. We could not talk carelessly nor loudly while tender cries of praise to our blessed Lord Jesus filled the air. The house was filled—the house was shaken! How unforgettable! How magnetic its power!

Now we have come upon different days. Our houses of worship have become finer. The appointments are all in better taste. No longer are there sawdust floors; nor is there straw to kneel upon at the altar. Everyone is dressed better. The timing of the services is exact. From every angle our aesthetic taste is pleased more. No apology need be made if we invite strangers to attend.

We are constrained to ask: *What fills the "house" today?* Do spiritual, temporal, or material attractions fill our minds? Is it efficiency? Is it correctness in each minute detail? Is it the

achievement which brings credit to the architect and the interior decorator?

How about the "odor of the ointment" of a complete surrender, and of sacrifice? How about the tender fragrance from a "broken and a contrite spirit"? How about that early hunger and thirst after God? Do hot tears still splash upon the altar amid cries of contrition and confession of sin? How about those exultant shouts of joyful victory when the needy seeker prays through?

Hidden away in some obscure corner of the building are there still those who refuse to leave the spot until they have "prayed through"? Bowed low in sorrow, with burdens for an onrushing, unsuspecting world about to face the coming wrath of God's judgments, are there still saints of God like Anna of old, "of great age," who "departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day"? Are there still those like Simeon, "just and devout, waiting . . . and the Holy Ghost was upon him"? If these are still found in the sanctuaries, then the aroma of heaven will still be there.

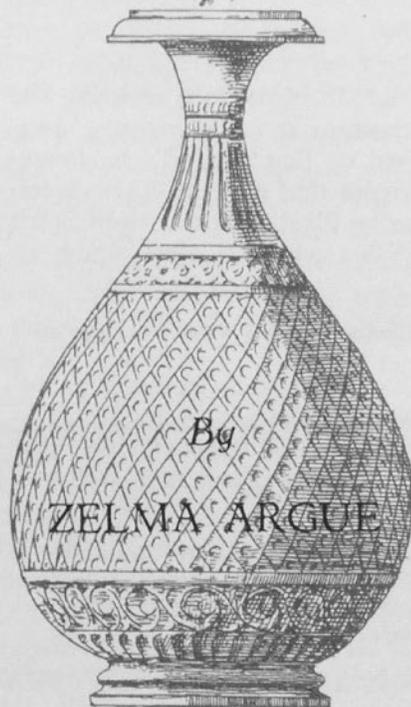
Heathen people in distant lands are enjoying their day of visitation. In British Guiana scores are being filled with the Holy Ghost. In Australia there are mass movements towards the Lord in Pentecostal fullness among the aborigines. In the Fiji Islands altars are filled with weeping, earnest seekers, and scenes of great power and victory and joy are resulting. In Africa masses are moving toward the Saviour. Often the surroundings of these people may be very humble, but the meeting places have the aroma of heaven as cries of penitence rend the air.

God will not despise the cries of repentance. As long as we are seeking out the broken and contrite, the needy, the penitent, and their cries are ascending to the throne, the aroma of heaven will still be there.

In the face of approaching judgments, may "Ichabod" never be written over our houses of worship, but may the cloud of glory "fill" and "shake" all of our sanctuaries. ◀◀

Moody told of a man who said he would like to come to Jesus, but he was chained and could not break away. A Christian said to him, "But, man, why don't you come, chain and all?" He said, "I never thought of that. And I will." He did and Christ broke every fetter.

The Aroma of Heaven



Our God's Quiet Conquests

"In silence and in quietness
God's mighty works are wrought,
Unheard, unseen, His workmanship
Is to perfection brought."

GOD'S QUIET OPERATIONS ARE LIKE Himself; they are deep, and quiet, and seem to be slow and circuitous, and have to be searched into in order to be appreciated. When we stand upon the margin of a swift river, it often happens that there are whirling eddies near the shore where the water runs back up the stream, and it looks as if the river were going the wrong way, but when we look out in the channel we find the current speeding on toward the ocean. This is a picture of the way God works. In many things in the Church, and society, as well as in religious experience, it looks as if God were being defeated and as if the movements of His grace and providence were failures; it appears as though all His purposes were going the wrong way. It is only when we lift our eyes and look farther away from the shore of the present moment, and take into consideration the entire stream of God's government among men, that we see that He is constantly getting the victory, as it were by strategy and in quiet circuitous ways.

God works in a hidden way, and by what we call second causes, and by forces which are spiritual and not mechanical. His great operations in grace, in subduing the soul, are accomplished by the invisible and almost unrecognized power of serious thoughts, gentle heart-yearnings, heavenly attractions in prayer, secret apprehensions of great

danger, or sudden openings, in the mind, of hope; or the alternation of a sense of utter helplessness on the one hand, and then great courage on the other.

Have you noticed that great rough old sinners are usually captured and conquered in the most unexpected ways, and by some little pathetic circumstance full of quiet gentleness, exactly the opposite of what we would think essential to produce such results? Infidels may not be converted by big sermons, but more frequently by the quiet faith of some poor old saint, or the whispered prayer of a little child.

Whatever is done by Satan or the flesh is with great show and noise and demonstration. You would think they were upsetting the universe at every turn! God quietly conquers some heart and through that heart He pours His purpose like a mighty river.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

The tower of Babel was built by a national committee, who said, "Let us build us a city and a tower." But God singled out one man, Abraham—called him to be a pilgrim, and the founder of a race of those who had faith.

The king of Syria marshalled an army to capture the prophet Elisha, but that lone prophet prayed, and the army went blind. The Lord carries His point and makes His conquests by keeping His saints in a helpless condition in various ways, that He may make them live by faith, and depend on God alone. Men of great faith are

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never allowed to get beyond having their faith tried. God's plan is that there shall be none of self and all of Christ. Our true conquest is to form a secret alliance with God, to take His side against our natural selves.

We succeed by agreeing to be what other people would call a miserable failure. We conquer our enemies by loving them, and by quietly letting the Lord manage them; receiving their treatment as a part of God's will for us. God always comes out ahead and on top. He seems to give Satan and sinners, and old self, all the advantages, and then handicaps Himself, and like lame Jacob He conquers and carries His point in such a quiet way that He seems to be doing nothing; yet all the while, like the magic of chemistry, He is working miracles out of sight and far underground.

—Triumphs of Faith

"Faith is never surprised at success."

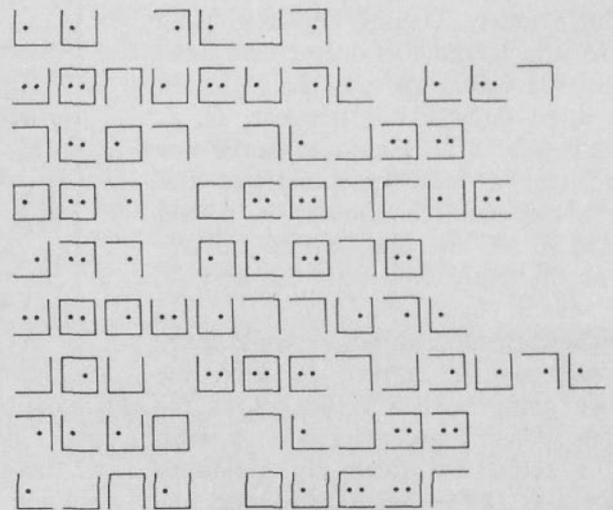
FOR THE JUNIOR READER

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MESSAGE



(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 28:13)

Restored to Life After Being Pronounced Dead

After suffering with heart trouble and gall stones for five years, I was healed in answer to prayer. God did what doctors and hospitals were unable to do, though they tried by every possible means to help me.

At one point I actually died and was restored to life when the surgeon made an incision in my chest and massaged my heart.

Various ministers prayed for me but I seemed unable to receive my healing. I went to the hospital two or three times each year. I had to stay in bed ten to twelve weeks at a time, to let my heart rest. I had to miss church often and could not do my housework.

One day I had a gall stone and heart attack and was rushed to the hospital for surgery. I was there without meals for ten days before the doctors decided to operate. They counted as many as fifty stones and said there were many more. These had cut and caused much damage to my pancreas.

Due to my weakened condition, the doctors decided not to remove my gall bladder at this time. Instead they took me to the recovery room and it was there, forty-five minutes later, that the surgeon examined me and pronounced me dead. I am so glad that my husband, pastor, and friends were praying for me. God answered prayer and restored me to life.

Two years passed but I did not return to the hospital for the removal of the bladder. Then I began to have severe attacks as the doctor had predicted. I vomited up mouthfuls of gall. For three days I did not eat. C. J. Johnson of Terre Haute came to our church for a missionary meeting but I felt too sick to attend. A friend phoned to tell me that several had received the Holy Spirit in the service, and several had been healed. I said I wished Brother Johnson could pray for me, and he agreed to keep the service going until I could get to the church. When I arrived I was so weak that I could not raise my hands to praise the Lord—but God healed me that night.

That happened several months ago. Since that time I have testified to doc-

tors, nurses, and officials of our city. Almost everyone in our town knows how God healed me.

I am so well now that, in addition to doing all my housework, I can work in my brother-in-law's store. Besides this I am busy in the church, working in the Sunday school, singing special

numbers, and serving as president of our WMC's. Yes, God still heals His people. After suffering for five years I am completely healed.—Mrs. Cordella Frederick, Crawfordsville, Ind.

(Endorsed by John Smith, pastor of the First Assembly of God, Crawfordsville, Ind.)

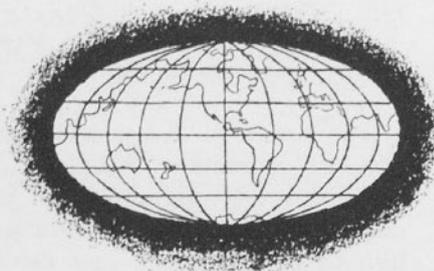
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Matthew 13:3

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MONDAY, JANUARY 16

READ: 2 Timothy 1

LEARN: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

FOR THE PARENT: This is the second letter Paul wrote to Timothy. (Review Acts 16:1-5 for background on Paul's meeting Timothy.) Paul regarded Timothy as his own son (v. 2), and this letter contains some fatherly advice to the younger minister. Its principles are applicable to all Christians. Point out: (1) Paul's love and concern, vv. 1-4; (2) Paul's desire for Timothy's spiritual growth, vv. 5-7; (3) Paul's counsel to Timothy on the importance of steadfastness regarding the faith, vv. 8-18.

QUESTION TIME: What has God *not* given us? (v. 7) What *has* He given us? (v. 7) What did Christ do to death? (v. 10) How does this truth apply to us today?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Irene E. Crane, Nigeria; Mrs. R. Morris Devin, Indonesia; David W. Nyien, Hawaii.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

READ: 2 Timothy 2:1-14

LEARN: "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Timothy 2:12).

FOR THE PARENT: In this passage Paul counsels Timothy to: (1) be strong, v. 1; (2) teach others, v. 2; (3) be a good soldier, vv. 3-5; (4) remember what he had learned, vv. 7, 8; (5) recognize that Christians will suffer persecution for their testimony, vv. 9-12; (6) remember that God is always faithful and unchanging—regardless of what we do, v. 13; (7) proclaim a message that is profitable to those he teaches—profitable from eternity's viewpoint, v. 14. Apply this counsel to situations of members of the family group.

QUESTION TIME: What is the promise to those who suffer for Christ? (v. 12) What will happen if we deny Christ? (v. 12)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Anne R. Eberhardt, India; Mrs. F. O. Seawood, Malaya; Mrs. T. O. Johnston, Bolivia.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

READ: 2 Timothy 2:14-26

LEARN: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

FOR THE PARENT: The first few verses of this passage emphasize the importance of words. Point out: (1) the folly of words of no spiritual and eternal profit, v. 14; (2) the importance of studying God's Word, v. 15; (3) the necessity and purpose of avoiding "vain babblings"—words of pride, hate, and division, vv. 17, 18; (4) our faith rests on the living and written Word of God, v. 19. The remainder of the chapter deals with the various ministries of different ones in God's kingdom, vv. 20, 21. It also tells us what we are to avoid and what we are to do, vv. 22-26. Discuss these items.

QUESTION TIME: What must the servant of the Lord do? (vv. 24, 25)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Waldo E. Nicodemus, Cuba; Wheeler W. Anderson, Ghana; William L. Cummins, Alaska.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

READ: John 3:1-16; Romans 5:8

LEARN: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Man Who Came by Night" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review this story. Stress the important message Jesus gave Nicodemus—the message of the new birth. Nicodemus had a hard time understanding what Jesus was talking about, so Jesus used everyday illustrations to drive home a spiritual truth. The new birth is available to us only because Jesus died for our sins.

QUESTION TIME: What position did Nicodemus hold? (v. 1) What qualification for entering heaven did Jesus set? (v. 3) How did Nicodemus react? (v. 4) How is the new birth made available to us? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Raymond A. Fox (Indian), Arizona; Mrs. Wesley D. Hansen, Alaska; Ruth L. Plymire, Taiwan.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

READ: John 4:46-54 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "He sent his word, and healed them" (Psalm 107:20).

FOR THE PARENT: When Jesus returned to Cana of Galilee, He was met with a problem. Point out: (1) what the problem was—the nobleman's son was about to die, v. 46; (2) the nobleman took his problem to the right place—to Jesus, v. 47; (3) the seeming rebuke Christ gave, v. 48; (4) the nobleman's continued prayers, recognizing that Christ had the only answer, v. 49; (5) the manner Christ chose to bring deliverance, v. 50; (6) the nobleman's faith demonstrated by his actions, v. 50; (7) the miracle verified, vv. 51-53.

QUESTION TIME: What was the nobleman's problem? (v. 46) How did Jesus heal the boy? (v. 50)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Charles B. Anderson, India; Mrs. J. S. Kessler, Ghana; Harold H. Landrus, Liberia; Mrs. Donald Ramsey (Indian), Arizona.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

READ: Joshua 7 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place" (Proverbs 15:3).

FOR THE PARENT: Even though no one else may see, God sees and knows everything we do. Demonstrate this from the story of Achan and his sin—disobeying the commandment of the Lord. Show also how Achan's sin affected the whole nation—Israel was defeated in battle because of it. This emphasizes: (1) our sins affect others beyond ourselves; (2) God cannot tolerate sin in any form; (3) only when sin is put away can there be real victory for God's people.

QUESTION TIME: What was Achan's sin? (vv. 20, 21) How was his sin punished? (vv. 24-26)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. Gertrude Clounce (Jewish), Chicago, Ill.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS ON SUNDAY: Carl S. Glick, Alaska; Oliver Treece (Indian), Arizona; Herbert W. Butler, Republic of Upper Volta; Richard W. Palmer, Peru.



Revivaltime's Annual Prayer Meeting

Thousands of Prayer Partners Throughout the World Join in Service of Intercession at Thanksgiving

REVIVALTIME'S PRAYER MINISTRY which continues throughout fifty-two weeks of the year was highlighted on Thanksgiving Sunday by public prayer meetings in many churches across the land. Theme of the 1960 prayer service was, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

More than 12,500 individual requests were mailed to the Radio Department for this year's world-wide prayer meeting, the eleventh to be sponsored by

Revivaltime. These requests revealed strong and simple faith in God. They also revealed a trust that has been placed in *Revivaltime's* prayer partner; they denoted confidence in the *Revivaltime* staff and praying friends throughout the country.

Participating in this year's prayer service were 460 prayer groups across America. With the co-operation of the Women's Missionary Council groups

and the Men's Fellowship groups, local churches made up the greater part of this dynamic prayer force of more than 18,000 individuals participating.

In the headquarters city of Springfield, Missouri, a great number assembled for the anchor prayer service which lasted from 10 to 11 p.m. Ten of the local pastors and approximately 225 lay members took part in the prayer service following a special origination



C. M. Ward led in prayer opening the broadcast service which preceded the prayer meeting.



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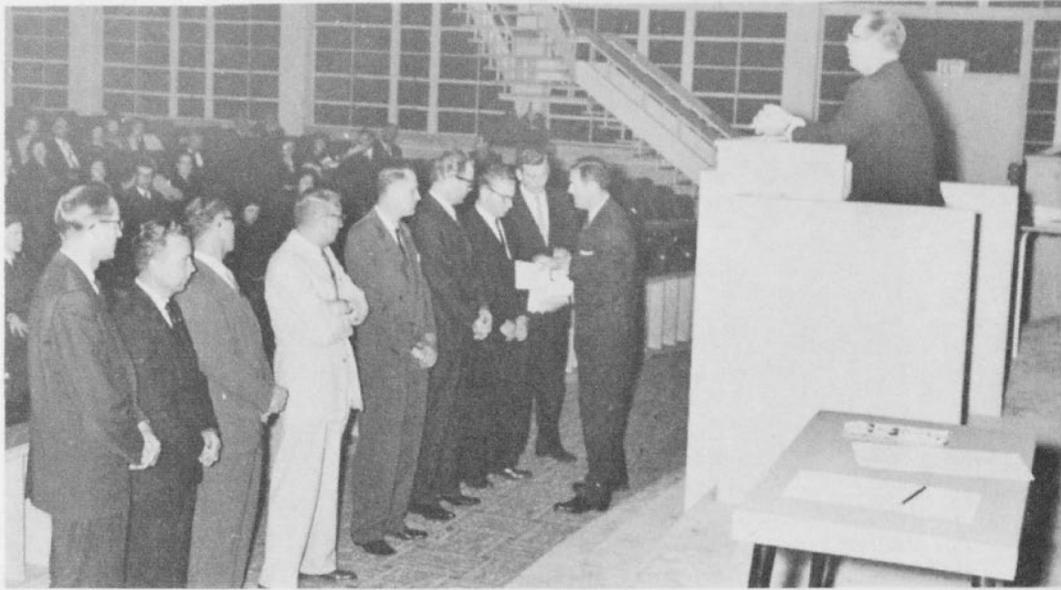
direct from the Central Assembly auditorium.

God has honored these prayer meetings over the years. Hundreds of testimonies have resulted from these combined efforts to pray for people in need.

Already testimonies have been received from the latest meeting. A woman whose nephew was in the state hospital wrote that he has been released since the prayer meeting; a mother has written to tell of her daughter who came back to God the following Sunday; many others are reporting how God is working in their homes. Results will continue to pour in throughout the year, testifying of marvelous answers through God's wonder-working power, and pointing back to this particular prayer meeting. In addition, revival of an entire church often results from joining in the intercessory prayer meeting.

Revivaltime reaches into hundreds of thousands of homes each week—homes in which sickness, sin, and other problems are causing heartaches and discouragement. Burdens are heavy; members of the family are unsaved; there is no help but God. *Revivaltime* comes to these homes with a message of hope and salvation. It offers guidance, prayer, and Christian fellowship.

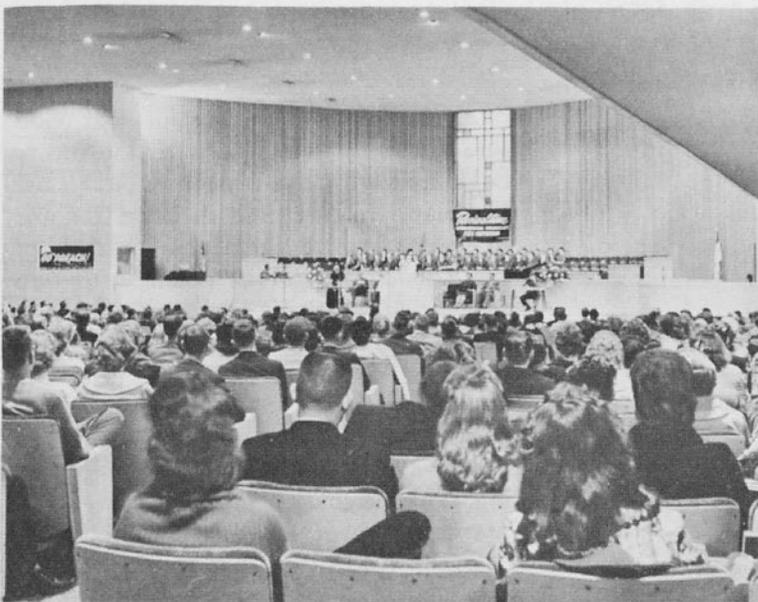
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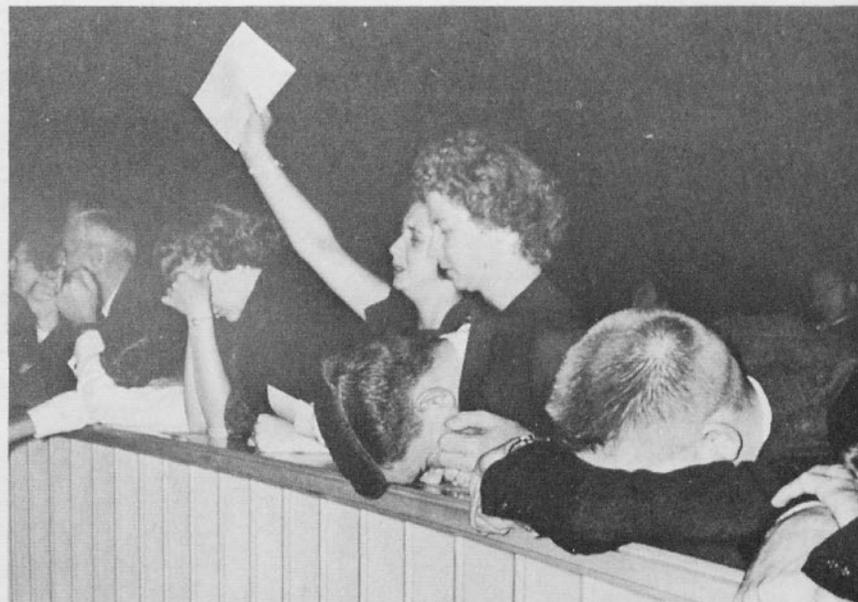
After the broadcast, C. M. Ward instructed the people while Pastor James L. McQueen gave the prayer requests to participating ministers. Left to right: Melvin Skaret, Ted Murphy, Paul Luckey, G. A. Green, Charles Harris, Clifton York, W. E. Bills, and James Radford.



The ministers gave the prayer requests to all the people. Melvin Skaret is shown handing some requests to Sister Larson.



The congregation listened while C. M. Ward told his radio audience about the prayer services being held across the nation.



The praying people presented each request before the Lord as earnestly as if they were praying for their own loved ones.

INSIDE CUBA

An interview with Alva and Louise Walker, missionaries who recently returned from Cuba



Louise and Alva Walker

Q. Were you forced to leave Cuba?

A. Yes and no. We were not obliged to leave, although we were advised to do so within hours if possible.

Q. Did you have any trouble in Cuba?

A. Up until the time we left (the first of November) we were treated with every courtesy and consideration. We found more red tape than usual in leaving the country. It seemed strange to see almost no Americans in Havana. People were expecting invasion momentarily by counter-revolutionary forces, which most certainly would have brought serious trouble for all Americans in Cuba and for anyone who sheltered them. And yet the people were very friendly to us, in odd contrast to the ever-present anti-American slogans displayed on buses, trucks, and public buildings.

Q. What about the other missionaries that are still in Cuba? Are they coming home? Are they in danger?

A. Of course, the safest place for anyone is the center of God's will, no matter what that may involve. Many of us missionaries were definitely led of the Lord to leave Cuba; others just as definitely feel that God still has a work for them to do there. The issue

is not basically a matter of personal safety or danger—it is what is best for the work of the Lord in Cuba.

Q. What about the work: won't the withdrawal of the missionaries be a severe blow to our efforts in Cuba?

A. There is a saying that the missionary's job is to work himself out of a job. In other words, the basic principle of our work is to train the nationals to take over and carry on the work of the Lord in all of its many aspects.

For years the Assemblies of God has been working toward the establishment of strong, self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating churches in every country. Sometimes God, in His sovereign power and practice of turning Satan's blows into blessings for those who trust in Him, uses strange means to answer our prayers and carry out His purpose. Faced by the rising tide of nationalism, a number of denominations came to the conclusion months ago that it was the logical time to turn the entire responsibility of the work over to the Cuban Christians and accordingly withdrew all of their missionary personnel. Of course, new workers assumed heavy responsibilities.

The same problems exist in our work in Cuba today but responsibility brings growth and development. We trust and pray that out of it all God will bring a stronger national leadership for His church.

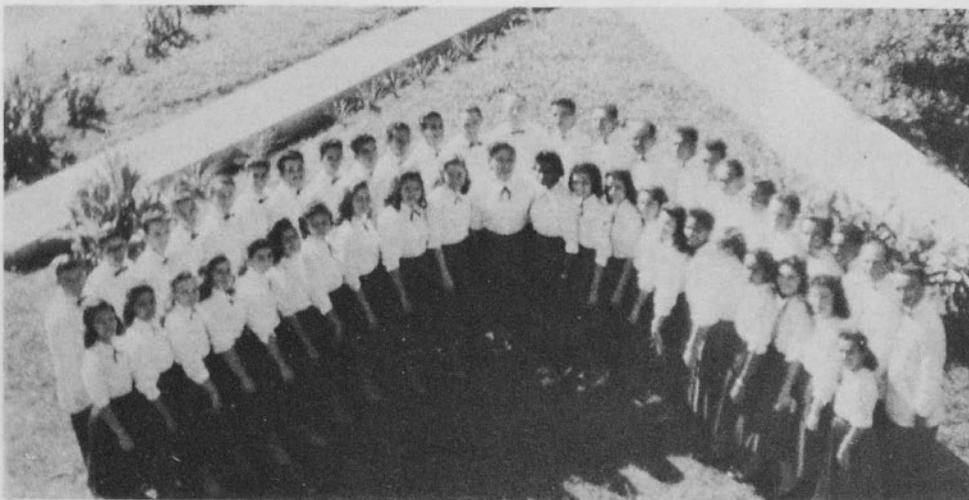
Q. What about the church: is there freedom to preach the gospel or is there persecution?

A. There is complete freedom to preach the gospel anywhere in Cuba. The government has been co-operative and has shown every courtesy to the evangelical churches. In turn the evangelicals have taken an active part in many of the social reforms that the government has sponsored, such as the literacy campaigns and relief work. As long as we have remembered that our citizenship is in heaven and followed the church's traditional policy of not mixing in politics, we have found the doors wide open. Of course, one should use wisdom and not become involved in controversial matters because our chief interest is winning souls to Christ and we don't want anything to hinder our efforts or sidetrack us from that purpose.

Q. Has there been any special preparation to help the Cuban church get ready for the withdrawal of the missionaries?

A. Yes. (Isn't it wonderful that God sees ahead of time just what the future holds and what the need will be!) Last February Brother Hodges came to Cuba to help organize the Cuban branch of the *Global Conquest* "crash" program for evangelization. For the past ten months its emphasis on prayer, training, and co-operative effort in every-member evangelism has not only resulted in a real Pentecostal revival, but has also been invaluable in strengthening the churches, promoting unity, and preparing them for the present crisis.

Q. You speak of a crisis and adjustment problems, and yet you say there is religious freedom and a real revival



Cuban Bible Institute students, 1960-61

on in Cuba. What do you mean by crisis?

A. Sudden drastic changes produce crises—crucial times that may result either in progress or in a real setback to the work. Take, for example, our Cuban Bible school and the situation there. For months a tremendous sense of urgency has gripped the Cuban church. The Christians have responded wholeheartedly to God's call to "work while it is yet day." In an all-out effort the Bible school accepted twice as many students as it was financially able to support, feeling that at such a time as this no Cuban called to the ministry should be denied training for lack of funds. The first week of the term was spent in prayer instead of classes, and God marvelously met us in a Pentecostal outpouring of His Spirit. In spite of international tensions, the following weeks were filled with glory as we feasted together on God's Word and saw His power manifested in revival all around us. Then suddenly half of the faculty and staff decided to leave for the States.

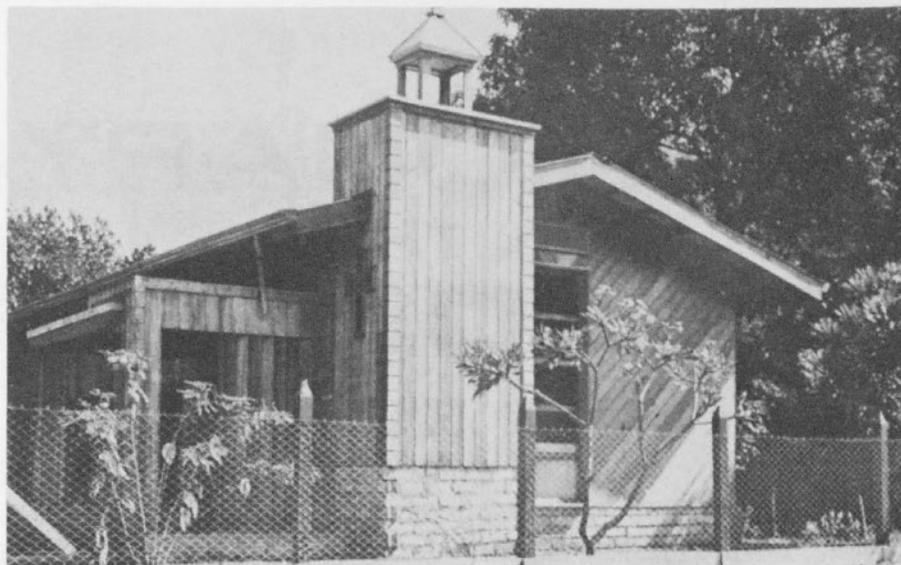
It was wonderful to see the way the Cuban brethren responded to the emergency. Some of them gave up their personal plans, pastorates, and jobs to come and teach, taking up courses that someone else had started. Both the teachers and the students will appreciate our prayers in the resultant period of transition.

But the crisis is not just in the matter of getting teachers. The problem is their support. They have come by faith in answer to God's call and the urgency of the need. The Cuban churches are helping support the school and there are many faithful scholarship sponsors, but about thirty students still lack the \$20 per month support. Several denominations did not even attempt to open their Bible schools this year. Ours is open and enjoying an unusual moving of the Spirit of God. We must not allow the lack of funds to force it to close at such a time as this.

Q. What does the future hold for Cuba?

A. Only God knows the answer to that question, but we are more firmly convinced than ever that Jesus is coming soon and that whatever we are going to do for His cause we must do quickly. "The night cometh when no man can work."

If you would like to help train a Cuban national worker, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: CUBAN BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT.



Central Assembly in San Jose, Philippines

New Assembly in PHILIPPINES

BY M. L. KETCHAM
SECRETARY FOR FAR EAST

SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE PROVINCE, ON the Island of Panay in the southern Philippines, is the location of a new Assemblies of God church. Through the sacrificial effort of Missionary Warren Denton and the local Christians the framework and outer covering of a building have been erected. However, windows, doors, floors, and all interior work must be completed. The Philippine Christians are willing to do the work, but \$2,500 is required for material to complete the sanctuary.

This is an urgent need. Central Church in San Jose serves as a rallying point for our rapidly growing work on the Island of Panay. The church will be used for special meetings, conventions, Bible training classes, C. A. rallies, and a local evangelistic center.

If you would like to assist in completing this new Assembly, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., Designation: Warren Denton, San Jose Central Church.

MISSIONARY News Notes

COMING: Mr. and Mrs. Charity Harris and family are home from Tanganyika. They are making their home in Mission Village while Brother Harris is attending CBI. Their address is 3230 North Grant, Mission Village, Springfield, Mo.

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GOING: Mr. and Mrs. James Revell, newly-appointed missionaries, have sailed for India.

The Russell Kensingers have returned to Nicaragua for another tour of service.

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TRANSFER: The Dale Barbers have transferred to the Philippines to supervise the Chinese Assembly in Manila. Their address is Box 18, Manila, Philippines.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Revell and sons



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kensingers

MISSIONARY IN THE UTAH DESERT

THE LITTLE AMERICAN TOWN WAS AS DARK AS AFRICA UNTIL TWO LAY WOMEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT.

THOMPSON IS A TINY TOWN IN THE Utah desert. It had four bars but no church nor Sunday school. Children were growing up in the community with little or no knowledge of God. They might as well have been in the darkest part of Africa—until December 1959.

But God sent Ada Nicholson Brownell, like Philip, to the desert. Her husband is a railroader and was "bumped" from his job in Minturn, Colorado. In the Minturn church they had been very active. Mrs. Brownell was the Christ's Ambassador president. They were surrounded by Christian friends. It was quite a change when God took them out of their "bed of roses" and placed them in a "bed of cactus."

The town of Thompson seemed to be ruled by Satan himself. For two and a half years the Brownells struggled against temptation. They were the only people in town who ever went to church. No one wanted anything to do with them because they were "peculiar." They suffered much in heart and mind.

Then, miraculously, the people began

to be hungry for God. They began questioning about religion. Remarks were made about the way the Brownells would drive thirty-eight miles to church every Sunday night, in spite of rain, snow, or sweltering heat. They wished a church could be opened right in Thompson!

The Lord sent a fine Baptist woman to help Mrs. Brownell and give the encouragement she needed. Just before Christmas they received permission to have a non-denominational Sunday school in the schoolhouse.

Many of the children who attended heard the Christmas story for the first time. They didn't know there was more to Christmas than Santa Claus and exchanging gifts. Their wonder and response at hearing the story of the Holy Babe in the manger brought tears to the workers' eyes—and joy to their hearts.

Later Mrs. Brownell told the story of creation. Dennis, a bright little four-year-old, went home to his mother very excited. He supposed she had not heard

it and said, "Did you know God made a garden, the flowers, the birds, and even made me?"

The women taught them about sin, lying, stealing etc., by using illustrated stories about children and by object lessons. One day the object lesson described how our hearts become black when we tell lies, but become white when we come to Jesus.

One little lad, after going home, somehow smeared color on the sink. His mother asked if he did it. "No," he lied, "I didn't do it."

All day he kept looking at the sink and acting strangely.

Finally at supper he blurted out, "Mommy, I did color on the sink. I don't want my heart to be all black!"

The children were taught to pray, and many of them now pray at home. When they were told how God heard the prayer Jonah offered down in the belly of the great fish, they were amazed. The fact that God can hear our prayers anywhere sank into their hearts.

Sometime before Easter the women began to lead up to the story of the Crucifixion. When they told about Christ's sufferings, the crown of thorns, His stripes, and how they drove nails through His hands and feet, sorrow spread over the children's faces. One boy exclaimed, "They killed Him!" They thought it was the end. But oh, the joy when they learned He arose from the dead!

Mrs. Brownell says: "We hectograph the memory verse and the children take it home. They memorize it nearly every Sunday. It also helps the parents. One woman asked me how to be saved; others have expressed a desire to stop their bad habits. A few of the mothers attend, although our meetings are planned just for the children."

All the children are in one class with an average attendance of about twenty. This may sound small, but Thompson's total population is only 90! Nearly every child in town attends.

Some might question such an effort. "What's the use?" they might ask. "The children's parents aren't saved; what chance have they?"

But Christ is the Saviour, and He knows how to save people and keep them saved. He placed the Brownells in Thompson for a purpose. There is a season for sowing and there is a time for harvest. Pray that the good seed that is being sown in these children's hearts will bear precious fruit—and that the fruit will remain. ◀◀



Mrs. Brownell and her assistant with some of their Sunday school children

New Book on Soul Winning For Men

ACTION MANDATORY, the three-phase personal evangelism program of the Men's Fellowship Department, enters its second phase of development during March in a concentrated training program on soul winning.

WIN OR LOSE, a new book by C. M. Ward on how to win a man to Christ, has been recommended by the National Committee of Men's Fellowship for a study guide because of its simple, direct approach to the subject and its conversational style. The text is built around five basic Scriptures in the belief that the criterion for soul winning is not the amount of Scripture used, but a dependence upon the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Personal evangelism is receiving an increasing emphasis as church leaders recognize the place it fills in the church program. Pastors should not be responsible for the major part of soul winning. Christ commissioned all Christians to be witnesses and to point men to Him.

Men's Fellowship leaders believe men of the Assemblies of God should be leaders in the ministry of evangelism. Seldom will an unsaved man come to the Christian asking for help, because he does not realize his need of Christ. Therefore, the Christian must be prepared to take the gospel to the unsaved.

A man does not have to be a Bible school graduate to win souls. It is only necessary that he live close to Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to speak through him. As men recognize this and take their places as soul winners, the work of the Church will be revolutionized.

The Men's Fellowship Department encourages churches everywhere to designate March as soul-winning month. Many groups have already experienced the joy of interceding and winning souls in the three-month period from November through January previously set apart for this spiritual groundwork. Through prayer chains, early morning prayer times, and sectional prayer gatherings, men have been able to prepare their hearts before the Lord.

Just as it is necessary to have blueprints for the construction of a building,



By C. M. Ward

Christians want to win souls, but few know how to go about it. Written for Men's Fellowship, **WIN OR LOSE** contains helpful advice and information on the vital subject of winning the lost. Many books on personal evangelism tell us why we should be soul winners but few tell us how. Presenting a simple step-by-step method for leading men to Christ, the author illustrates soul winning as a partnership between God and the soul winner. A perfect reference source for all "fishers of men," this book will be a valuable addition to your religious library.

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plans must be defined in the field of evangelism. Prayer, faith, and works must be combined for effective results. A book such as *WIN OR LOSE* can be a valuable tool in the training of competent soul winners. Plan now to use it. Copies may be purchased for 60 cents each from the Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

In a Church—But Lost

(Continued from page three)

own and neighboring churches. One day he was singing the chorus, "What will you give in exchange for your soul?" which he had sung many times, and suddenly he realized it was more than words, more than a song—it was a question Jesus put to him.

He listened to the sermon more close-

ly after that, and soon came to realize that he had never repented of and confessed his sins. For years he had been inside the church, but lost. Now Christ found him and gave him a place in His spiritual building.

No, it is not enough to be in the church or within its influence. The real question is, "Are you a part of the spiritual Church—do you abide in Christ and He in you?" When you accept Him as your Lord and Master, then you will be found of Him and have a place in the true monument to Him—the Church everlasting.

"The Lord is not . . . willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). He has a place in His Church for all who applied for pardon. Is it reasonable to be in a church, but lost, when simply by inviting Christ into your heart you may become a part of the house of the Lord forever? ◀◀

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THE MAN WHO CAME BY NIGHT

Sunday School Lesson for January 22, 1961

JOHN 3:1-16; ROMANS 5:8

We have seen in previous lessons that John the apostle wrote his Gospel for the purpose of inspiring faith in the hearts of men toward Jesus as the Son of God. In order to accomplish this purpose, he tells the story of the impression made by Jesus upon the lives of certain individuals. John tells us that "among the chief rulers also were many that believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue" John 12:42. This statement, plus the interview which Christ had with Nicodemus, proves that there were those among the leaders in Israel who were convinced of Christ's Messiahship.

THE NEED FOR THE NEW BIRTH. John 3:1-3.

(1) *The position of Nicodemus.* He was a "Pharisee;" that is, a member of the strictest and most religious sect among the Jews, belonging to a party devoted to observing the letter of the law as well as all the traditions of the elders. He was "a ruler of the Jews;" that is, a member of the Sanhedrin, the highest governing body among the Jews. Nicodemus came to visit Jesus by night. Some think he came by night because he did not wish his colleagues and friends to know of his interest in Christ. On the other

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO FEEL IT



hand, he may have chosen such a time simply because he knew Christ would have more time at that hour.

(2) *The words of Nicodemus.* "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God." It is possible that Nicodemus came to Jesus as a representative of other Pharisees and members of the Sanhedrin who were wondering about the claims of Christ.

(3) *The answer of Jesus.* "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." At first sight the answer of Jesus does not seem to have any connection with the words of Nicodemus. However, Christ was answering not Nicodemus' words but his heart attitude. Without doubt this ruler was under what we call today Holy Ghost conviction, yet he labored under a wrong impression concerning entry into Christ's kingdom. Thus Jesus said to him, in effect, "Nicodemus, you cannot join My kingdom as you would join an organization; you must be born into it. What you need is not a God-sent teacher, but a God-sent Saviour."

THE NATURE OF THE NEW BIRTH. John 3:4-8.

Nicodemus was mystified by Christ's words, taking them in a literal sense only.

(1) *The means of the new birth.* "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit." To be "born of the Spirit" means to have an experience in connection with the Spirit. Christ said one must have an experience of cleansing; namely, "the washing of regeneration" (Titus 3:5); and an experience of receiving divine life; namely, "the renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). See also Ephesians 5:26.

(2) *The spirituality of the new birth.* "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus pointed out the dire necessity of a spiritual birth by stressing the fact that the physical and spiritual realms are distinct from each other. Just as an animal is born into the animal kingdom by birth, and as a human being is born into the human kingdom by birth, so in order to enter the spiritual kingdom one must be born into it.

(3) *The mystery of the new birth.* John 3:8. Jesus compares the moving of the Spirit in effecting the new birth to the moving of wind which, incidentally, is a type of the Spirit. The moving of wind is real to us; it is visible; its effects are easy to see, though the wind itself cannot be seen. Just as there is mystery in connection with the wind's origin and consummation—"thou canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth"—so is it with the new birth.

THE SOURCE OF THE NEW BIRTH. John 3:9-16.

In these verses Christ pointed out that the new birth originated in the heart of God and was made possible by the death of His Son.

(1) *The love of God.* "God so loved the world . . . God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world." In the beginning man enjoyed spiritual life and fellowship with God. Through sin that fellowship was lost and spiritual life forfeited. God, however, already had devised a way whereby sinning man might be brought back into fellowship with Himself and be made a partaker of that eternal life which is in Him.

(2) *The atonement of Christ.* "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The new birth, fellowship with God, and spiritual life are only possible because Christ paid the penalty due to man for his sins. Our sins formerly shut us off from the flow of divine life from God. Faith in the substitutionary and atoning death of Christ opens the way for the reception of a new nature and eternal life. See Galatians 3:11-14.

—J. Bashford Bishop

Virginia Churches Affiliate With Assemblies of God



Galax, Va.



Austinville, Va.



Wytheville, Va.

BECKLEY, W. Va.—Four churches recently affiliated with the Appalachian District Council of the Assemblies of God. The board of trustees of each of these churches met with the District board during the camp meeting at Raven, Va. at which time the possibilities were discussed and the groundwork laid for affiliating with the Assemblies of God.

On Sunday, July 31, the District Superintendent by invitation met with the congregations and explained to them the doctrines and principles of the Assemblies of God. A question and answer period followed. After due consideration the congregations voted unanimously to affiliate with the District Council and to change their deeds and church name to "Assembly of God."

These four churches previously operated as a unit with only a meeting in one of the churches each week.

Since the congregations affiliated with the Assemblies, Pastor and Mrs. G. C. Elliott have taken charge. Sunday school and regular morning service have been established in three of the churches. It is hoped that eventually each church will have a full-time pastor.

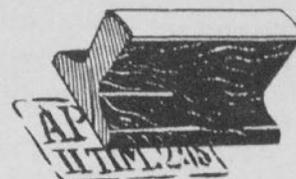
These good people have been given a hearty welcome into the Assemblies of God fellowship. Their action in affiliating with the Appalachian District has strengthened the Assemblies work in this area and it is hoped that the Assemblies in turn will be a blessing to them.

—by *W. Glenn West*
Appalachian District Superintendent

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BY CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

Salt is an amazing thing. Composed of an explosive (sodium) and a poison (chlorine) it becomes, when these unite, sodium chloride, an absolute *must* for the maintenance of life.

Paul admonished the Colossians: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (4:6).

"Say something," shouted the angry man. "Say something so I'll know how to get at you!" What a temptation an occasion of this sort may be! What an opportunity for the smart, the sarcastic, the cutting retort! What a chance to show our cleverness—and what a chance to becloud our spiritual horizon! Frederick the Great of Prussia

summed it up well: "He who knows not when to be silent knows not when to speak."

When Bishop Latimer was being tried for heresy, he heard the scratch of a pen behind the heavy curtains. He at once realized that every word he said was being taken down by a concealed clerk. From that moment he spoke with extreme care.

Speech with grace—speech with salt!

The grace of God can take the explosive qualities of our speech (the sodium) and the poisonous characteristics (the chlorine) and combine them into a life-sustaining substance.

Gracious speech seasoned with salt—why? "That ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." God still speaks to every man; and His channel is frequently the gracious, seasoned utterance of the dedicated tongue.

—*Herald of Holiness*



World-famous Helen Keller enjoying a daily study of her Bible and other books from her library.

GIVE ME LIGHT!

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THE WORDLESS CRY IN THE SOUL of Helen Keller, after she had been plunged into a dark, silent world, was, "Light! Give me light!"

Helen was born a normal baby in Tuscumbia, Ala., in 1880. At eighteen months of age, she became both deaf and blind through an undiagnosed illness. When she was well enough to be out of bed, she spent most of her time on her mother's lap or clinging to her dress as her mother went about the

household duties. She was in twofold solitude and tender words of affection could not penetrate her darkness.

The desire to express herself grew. She learned a few crude signs which helped such as the nod of the head meaning "Yes," and a pull meaning "Come," and a push meaning "Go." Soon these signs became inadequate. Feeling that invisible hands were binding her, she made many frantic efforts to free herself. Failures to make her-

self understood were invariably followed by outbursts of rage and emotion.

When Helen was six, her parents appealed to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell for counsel regarding training and education for their unfortunate child. Some people thought that she was an idiot; but her parents were confident that she could learn if she had an opportunity to overcome her handicaps. They finally wrote to Perkin's Institute for



Beginning to learn many things at the age of seven.



Helen at fifteen years of age with her teacher, Anne Sullivan.



Graduation from Radcliffe College in 1904 with honors.

the Blind. A few months later Anne Sullivan, who was then twenty years of age, came from the institute to the Keller home to attempt to teach young Helen. After a month of training the uncontrollable child became gentle.

The patient teacher spelled by manual alphabet words such as doll and water in Helen's palm, but at first the spelling had no meaning. On April 5, 1887, Helen first made contact with reality. While Anne Sullivan pumped water over Helen's hand it came to the child in a flash that water, wherever it was found, was water, and that the finger motions she had just felt in her palm meant water and nothing else. She was thrilled to know that she could communicate with other people. A new world of light, hope, and anticipation came to Helen.

It is very hard for a deaf-blind child to understand abstract words. One morning Helen brought some violets for "Teacher," as Miss Sullivan was called. Miss Sullivan put her arms gently around Helen and spelled into her hands, "I love Helen." "What is love?" Helen searchingly asked. Again Miss Sullivan drew Helen close to her. Pointing to her heart, she told her that love was there.

The words puzzled Helen, for to understand something she must touch it. Helen then asked whether the sweetness of flowers or the warm sunshine was love. She was disappointed when the answer was negative. A few days later, after learning the meaning of the abstract word *think* she began to understand the meaning of the word *love*.

A deaf child does not learn in a month, or even in one or two or three years the numberless expressions used

in simplest daily intercourse. During the spring of 1890 Helen learned to speak. She was thrilled and repeated again and again ecstatically, "I am not dumb now!" One of her ambitions in life was to speak normally like other people; however, this goal was not quite reached. Often, because she cannot hear her own voice, her speech is hard to understand.

Frequently, discouragement and weariness cast Helen down, but she was determined to conquer her handicaps. She now knows the sign language, how to read Braille, and how to use her voice. In October, 1896, she entered the Cambridge School for Young Ladies to prepare for college. She entered Radcliffe College just four years later and was graduated in 1904 with cum laude honors.

Since graduation Helen Keller has won world-wide fame as educator, philosopher, and humanitarian. She enjoys living for others. One of her life's goals was attained when she began working with the American Foundation for the Blind in 1923. Since that time she has traveled throughout the world in the interest of others who are handicapped. Her interpreter and companion, after the death of Anne Sullivan in 1936, was the late Polly Thompson. Helen has a great passion for the Deaf and the Blind and feels that she can help them by being a humble instrument in the hands of God.

In her times of discouragement Helen finds strength and help from above. The following words best portray her trust in God: "A simple, childlike faith in a Divine Friend solves all the problems that come to us by land or sea. Difficulties meet us at every turn. They



Helen conversing with her companion the late Polly Thompson, with finger spelling.



Miss Keller in conversation with her lifelong friend, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

HOW TO ORDER BRAILLE MATERIAL

Printing Braille literature is one of the newest ministries of the Home Missions Department. Available at the present time are the *Adult Student*, *Teen-Age*, *Junior Pupil*, and *Primary Pupil* quarterlies. *The Pentecostal Digest* is a monthly Publication and includes a compilation of articles from *The Pentecostal Evangel* and various Sunday school publications. *My Personal Worker's Guide* by C. M. Ward has also recently been transcribed into Braille. Gospel tapes are provided for the Blind who have tape recorders.

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are the accompaniment of life. They result from combinations of character and individual idiosyncrasies. The surest way to meet them is to assume that we are immortal and that we have a Friend who 'slumbers not, nor sleeps,' and who watches over us and guides us—if we but let him.

"With this thought strongly entrenched in our inmost being, we can do almost anything we wish and need not limit the things we think. We may help ourselves to all the beauty of the universe that we can hold. For every hurt there is recompense of tender sympathy. Out of pain grow the violets of patience and sweetness, the vision of the Holy Fire that touched the lips of Isaiah and kindled his life into spirit, and the contentment that comes with the evening star. The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. The hilltop hour would not be half so wonderful if there were no dark valley to traverse."

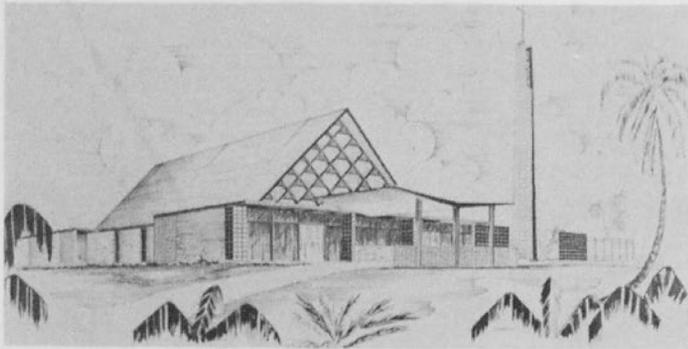
At the end of each busy day Helen finds deep satisfaction and comfort from her Braille Bible which she has read completely through. She has discovered that, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

NEWS in PICTURES

GLIMPSES OF SOME LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES



BLYTHEVILLE, Ark.—Pastor Billy Hatfield of the Half Moon Assembly baptized eleven converts after a revival with Evangelist Bobby Tidwell.



SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—This sketch shows the newly-completed Northside Assembly of God Church, located in one of the city's newest residential areas. C. E. McNeely is pastor.



WILMINGTON, Calif.—At least twenty-five of these pupils at the Wilmington Christian School were converted recently through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn. Pastor Ming and Principal Pickens are at the left rear.



STEVENS POINT, Wis.—Pastor M. E. Schroeder and members of Assembly of God Gospel Tabernacle moved their church to a new site and remodeled it extensively.



FORTUNA, Calif.—The Fortuna congregation dedicated this beautiful building to God's service entirely free of debt. The pastor, Samuel L. Sanders, reports that Joseph L. Gerhart was guest speaker for the dedication service.



COLUMBIA, Tenn.—The Assembly of God recently purchased this building and remodeled it. R. F. Allen has been pastor since 1949.



HOLLYDALE, Calif.—This was the scene at Hollydale a few months ago when ground was broken for the new Bethany Chapel (Assembly of God). The pastor, A. Watson Argue, Jr., told the people that if they were willing to help and give their all to the building program



HAMMOND, Ind.—The western theme used by Evangelist Paul Hild in his children's crusade at the Hessville Assembly helped to win many boys and girls to Christ. Pastor Harold Duncan said total attendance for two weeks reached 1400, giving Sunday school a good increase.

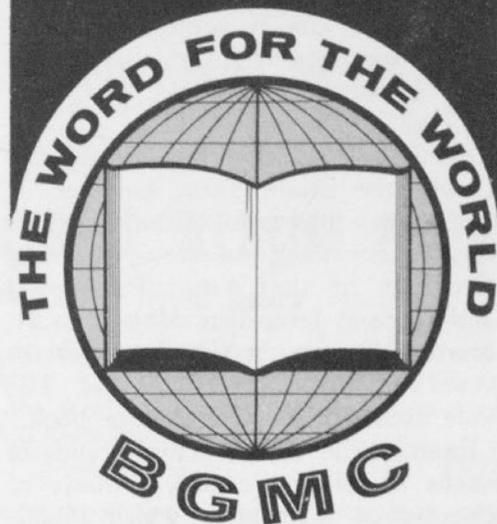


GRANITE CITY, Ill.—Eleven couples who had been married fifty years or longer were honored in a golden wedding anniversary service at their church, the First Assembly of God, on December 4. Pastor Paul Evans presented gold wedding bands to each couple.



they should bring a shovel to the ceremony. The ground-breaking therefore became a group affair, symbolic of the fact that the construction work was done entirely by donated labor (with the exception of the plastering). The church was completed in eighty days.

"The Word for the World" aptly describes the ministry of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade—supplying Christian literature for the mission fields. This year, all of the money received on BGMC Day will be used to translate, print, and distribute literature especially directed to the children of the world.



FEBRUARY 5 IS BGMC DAY

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Bible Lands Study Tour Offered by C. B. I.

THE FIRST C. B. I. BIBLE LANDS STUDY TOUR is planned for this spring, according to Robert Cooley, professor of archaeology and dean of students at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., who will conduct the tour.

Planned especially for Pentecostal friends, the Study Tour, however, is open to any interested Christians. The trip will take nearly six weeks, including attendance at the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem, May 18 to 21. Interest will center around the important events and sites of the Holy Land. The Bible itself will serve as a guide book.

Examination of the actual scenes of dozens of Biblical events, a study of archaeological discoveries which illuminate the Bible, and a view of Holy Land customs and geography, will make the trip highly profitable and full of interest.

For the layman such a trip will give a better understanding of Bible lands and their relation to the Scriptures and world history. For Sunday school teachers, students, and ministers it will provide a better foundation for further Bible study and teaching.

The Bible Lands Study Tour will visit Rome, Athens, Cairo, Lebanon, Syria, Damascus, Amman (ancient capital of the Ammonites) and then ten days will be spent in and around old Biblical Jerusalem.

There will be all-day trips to Bethlehem and Hebron; to Bethel, Shiloh, Samaria, and the excavations at Dothan; then to Jericho, the Jordan River, and the traditional place of Christ's baptism; to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; and finally a visit to the Dead Sea.

The tour will cross from Arab Jerusalem to Israel to see the New Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Plain of Armageddon, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, and then return to Jerusalem

to attend the World Pentecostal Conference.

An interesting feature of the voyage will be lectures each morning by Brother Cooley. These will prepare the member for the sight-seeing to follow, and will enable him to utilize time in the Bible lands for actual sight-seeing.

Robert Cooley, leader of the study tour, has been on the staff of the Wheaton Archaeological Expedition for two years, excavating the site of ancient Dothan. He has assisted the Wheaton Tours in planning fourteen of their trips to the Bible Lands and other foreign countries.

Sailing date will be April 24, 1961, from New York on the beautiful American Export Liner, the *S.S. Constitution*.

Return will be via Athens and Rome, arriving back in New York on May 31.

Those who wish college credit for the trip will be able to secure six hours at C. B. I. (Bible 406—*Archaeology of Bible Lands*). Further information about this "Trip of a Lifetime" may be secured by writing Robert Cooley, C. B. I. Bible Lands Study Tour, 3000 N. Grant Street, Springfield, Missouri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Jan. 19-22 at First Assembly of God, Bellflower, Calif. Ernest Reb, speaker.—by David Pearce, pastor.

DEDICATION of First Assembly of God, Maryville, Mo., Jan. 16. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by R. M. Anspaugh, pastor.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Evergreen	First	Jan. 15—	Jimmie & Annette White	A. L. Shehan
Calif.	Chico	First	Jan. 17-29	Ron Prinzing	Vernon Klemm
	El Monte	A/G	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Watson Argue	Paul J. McKeel
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Bill & Ila Murphy	Douglas Scott
	San Diego	Calvary Temple	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Linfield Crowder	Dallas Miller
Colo.	Denver	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 17-29	Oliver & Fern Johnson	L. A. Duke
Del.	Selbyville	Evang. Center	Jan. 15-29	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Jack Kylor
Fla.	Blountstown	A/G	Jan. 15—	Douglas Bartlett	Z. Buttram
	Clearwater	First	Jan. 17-29	Ernie Eskelin	A. L. Shell, Jr.
	Jacksonville	Norwood	Jan. 17-29	J. B. Davis Party	Clyde B. Wasdin
Ill.	Belleville	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 17-29	Bob McCutchen	T. M. Kimberlin
	Harvey	Calvary Temple	Jan. 17-29	Joel Palmer	W. J. Sawyers
	Rockford	First	Jan. 17-29	Garfield J. Unruh	E. A. Manley
Ind.	Hobart	A/G	Jan. 17-29	J. H. & Mrs. Wooldridge	Frank Fortier
Iowa	Red Oak	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Geoffrey Duncombe	Dale Waldemer
Kans.	Topeka	Faith	Jan. 22—	Floyd Heady	O. W. Hollis
La.	Lake Providence	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Sid T. Regnier	Paul Young
	Monroe	Central	Jan. 18—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	William R. Blair
Mich.	*Niles	First	Jan. 17-22	Paul Hild	A. O. Marialke
Mo.	Bolivar	A/G	Jan. 15-29	D. A. Hastie	Clarence Wiegand
	Chaffee	A/G	Jan. 20-29	Loyd Middleton	William Marshall
	St. Louis	Southside	Jan. 17-29	Eric M. Johnson	Manuel Shoults
	Willow Springs	A/G	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Floyd L. Dennis	Freda Richmond
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	First	Jan. 18-29	Jerry Roberts	James Brankel
N. Dak.	Crosby	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Paul Clark Team	Leslie King
Ohio	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Jan. 11—	Arnold & Anita Segesman	E. P. Cooper
	Uhrichsville	A/G	Jan. 17-29	John Higginbotham	J. M. Bryan
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Southside Faith	Jan. 22-29	George Hays	W. A. McCann
	Tulsa	Mingo	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	A. N. Burns	R. B. West
Oreg.	Portland	Evangel Temple	Jan. 22—	Jimmy Brown	Joseph Dunets
Pa.	Mt. Union	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Bob & Virginia Bradley	Oran Catterson
Tex.	Garland	First	Jan. 16-22	Hardie G. Weathers	Leonard Wood
	Groves	First	Jan. 18—	Bill Taylor	C. T. Owen
	Longview	First	Jan. 15-29	Leon & Ann Bayless	D. E. Ferguson
	Rockdale	First	Jan. 17-29	Leon Morrow	R. H. Zercher
	San Antonio	Woodlawn	Jan. 15—	Adams-Flugate	Dave E. Laughlin
	Silsbee	First	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	M. R. & Mrs. Boatright	J. A. Hendrix
Utah	Salt Lake City	A/G Tab.	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Arthur & Anna Berg	Peter Pilot
Wash.	Maple Valley	Tahoma	Jan. 17-29	Denny Davis	Glen D. Cole
Wis.	Green Bay	Central	Jan. 18—	The Tanner Team	O. W. Apple
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THIS WEEK'S COVER

Pictured on this week's cover is the stairway used to introduce the new Missionette Achievement Program at the Sacramento Missionette Convention. Girls completing this achievement program, STAIRWAY TO THE STARS, will be known as STARS.

Linda Titus, Watsonville, Calif., stands beside the stairway. Linda is a charter member of her local Missionette Club which was organized in 1956. Since that time she has held the offices of president, vice-president, and treasurer of her club. She is also pianist for the group.

About a year ago Linda organized a club for younger girls, calling it Junior Missionettes. She has sponsored this group while remaining active in her own club.

Linda is now a senior in high school, a business major, and an honor roll student. She is typical of the more than 17,000 teen-age girls around the world who are proud to be Missionettes.

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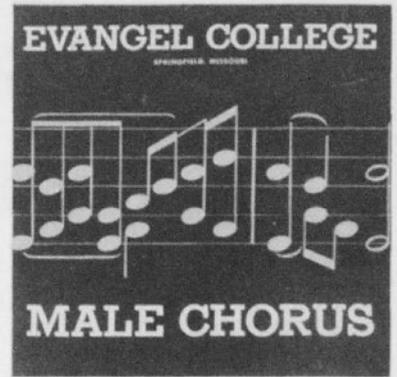
gram in her district to the capable and untiring ministry of Mercedes Bowen, and her assistant, Mrs. Pearl Stump, and to each local club sponsor. One person alone cannot make any program successful, but with the co-operation of many, great things can be accomplished.

The ministry of Missionettes reaches around the world. Two large rooms at the convention were filled with displays of beautiful handwork, made by the girls for our ministers and missionaries everywhere. The work of the girls combined with their prayers is of much encouragement to those who labor for the Lord on foreign fields and at home.

November 11 may be just another day to most people, but to the Missionettes and sponsors of Northern California-Nevada it will always be remembered, for history was made on that day by hundreds of teen-age girls. The success of the convention and enthusiasm shown by the girls and sponsors call for conventions of this type whenever they can be arranged. God is richly blessing the 2,000 Missionettes of this district as they go forward in Him, living up to their slogan, "Because We Care, We Serve." ◀◀

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LIVING WHERE GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

BY ALEXANDER LINDSAY

ABRAMHAM, KNOWN AS GOD'S FRIEND, was a mighty man of faith. In Genesis 18:23-32 we have one of the outstanding prayers in the Bible and it was prayed by this man whom God called "My friend."

God granted to Abraham every request he made. The Lord had just told Abraham that He was about to destroy Sodom because of its great wickedness. As soon as he heard this Abraham began to intercede for the doomed city.

He began his prayer by appealing to the righteousness of God, saying, "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city—wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far

from thee . . . to slay the righteous with the wicked" (Genesis 18:24, 25). "And the Lord said, if I find in Sodom fifty righteous . . . then I will spare all the place for their sakes" (Genesis 18:26).

Having gained this point Abraham pressed it home, and kept on interceding until finally he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake" (Genesis 18:32).

What then was the secret of Abraham's power with God in prayer? Why did God give him all he asked? It was not until Abraham stopped asking that God stopped giving.

We are told in Genesis 18:23, "And Abraham drew near" before ever he began to pray. He knew that nearness to God creates faith in the heart. In Psalm 91:4 it is expressed like this, "Under his wings shall thou trust." It is easy to pray and trust God when in His presence. Nothing is harder to do than to pray and trust Him when following afar off.

We read of the early Christian martyrs who went singing to their death. How could they do it? They were human like the rest of us. Surely there can be but one answer. They were trusting because they were under His wings. That gave them the courage to be faithful even unto death.

Just as nearness to God creates faith and courage in the heart, so following afar off creates fear and unbelief. We have an example of this in Peter's life.

On one occasion Jesus asked His disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). But when Jesus was arrested in the garden, Peter followed him afar off. And when He was accused of being a follower of Christ, Peter denied three times that he knew Him.

None of us is any stronger than Peter. Many are out of victory today because they are following Jesus afar off. This is dangerous ground. In such a situation we are all liable to do as Peter did. The secret of victory is to live in His presence. "*Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.*"

How then do we draw near to God? The Lord has not left us in the dark concerning this vital matter. It is written, "Ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). And another verse says, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us draw near" (Hebrews 10:19-22).

Surely then we are just as near to God as we are willing to be. If there is nothing between God and us, no power on earth can stop us from coming into His presence. Abraham drew near because he wanted God more than he wanted anything. There was nothing between him and God.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing

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8 EV 5784 Road Marker Complete (2 pieces) \$15.00 set; 5 or more \$14.50 set.

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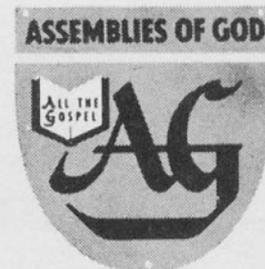
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Here is a completely new sign that was especially designed for your church. It is shield shaped with single face and is a large 19¾ by 18¾ inches. Made of heavy twenty gauge steel with three holes punched in as per drawing. Baked enamel in three bright colors—White, Dark Blue and Gold.

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by Mrs. T. S. Shields
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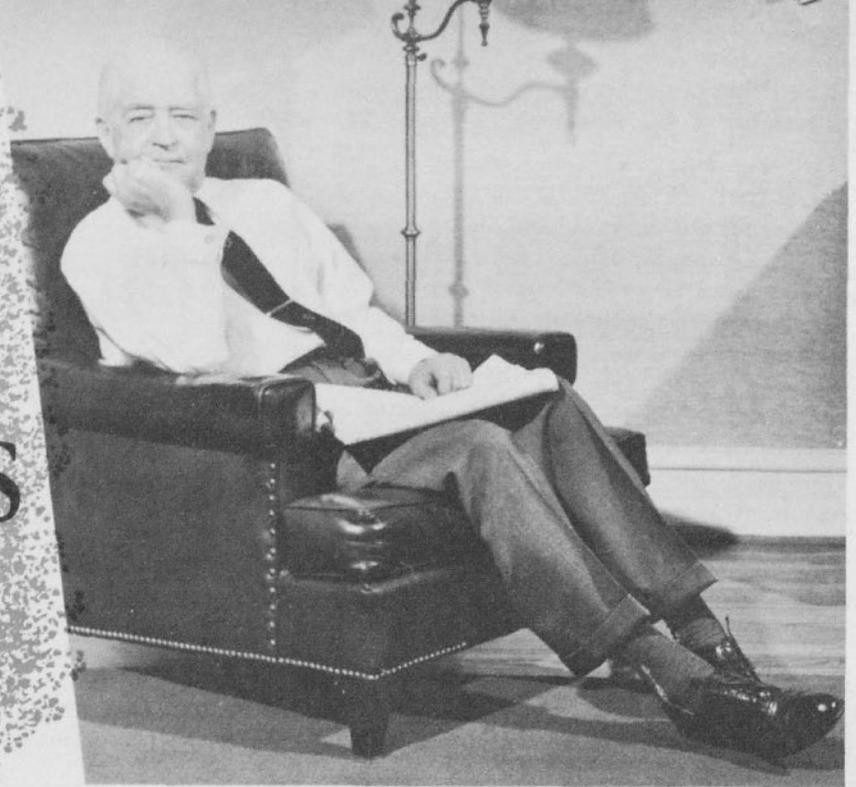


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REGRETS ARE SOMETIMES LIKE TAXES. EVERYONE HAS some and the price is hard to pay.

I am acquainted with a young woman just over twenty-five who has three marriage failures behind her. And, with the exception of a lovely child born of one of these unfortunate marriages, she regrets having made these vows that for one reason or another she did not keep.

Some time ago a young man mentioned a plot of property that he once had an opportunity to purchase. He considered the land and then decided against the investment. Great was his chagrin when, only a short time later, the property greatly increased in value. He regretted that he had not purchased the land when he had the opportunity.

Most of us have heard such remarks as, "If I had my time to go over." Often when a loved one has been laid to rest, we hear people say, "If I just had them back again for an hour, there are so many things I'd like to say."

A young woman was invited by her father to accompany him on a trip rather than spend her time with another member of her family. He begged her. She refused, seeking rather to satisfy her own pleasure, but she lived to bitterly regret her decision. If she had known this was the last time she would see her father face to face, and that when she saw him again it would be to view his remains as he lay cold and still, she would have made a different decision.

It is tragic to look back over one's life and see the mistakes that can never be changed. But, it need not be so! There is a place in God where you can live a LIFE OF NO REGRETS. Realizing this, how can we accept anything less than God's perfect will?

We can seek God's will for our lives daily and seek His direction in all that we do.

I heard a minister say once that before he went to town to purchase a suit or shoes he prayed and asked God to guide him in finding the best possible buy. He took literally the scripture in Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path."

How wonderful to know that regardless of how great

or how trivial a decision may be, when we rely upon God for the "right" decision we can rest assured that we will do the right thing.

Perhaps you are a young person considering a vocation. How earnestly you should seek God's will for your life. Just consider the numerous ministers who will tell you that their ministry was handicapped because of poor decisions they made in early life relating to their choice of schools or the length of their education.

We live in a society today that demands education regardless of your vocation. Do not stop short of the schooling you will need to become a success in whatever field you choose, or you will regret it later.

If only young people could realize the value of early dedication to God. The sooner you make a sincere dedication to God the sooner you can set out to fulfill His plan in your life without fear of future regrets.

I would challenge you to take stock of your life. I am certain that any regrettable decisions that have been made in the past were a result of taking matters into your own hands without waiting on God.

Let us take, for example, Abraham and Sarah. Remember how they proceeded to help God along by permitting Hagar to bear Ishmael? God had something better in store for them but they became impatient.

The same mistake was made by Jacob and Rebekah. Their deception was born of impatience. They wanted the birth-right for Jacob and they were unwilling to wait for God to bring it to pass. And because of this, Jacob was cut off from the family that he loved. God's perfect will—it is the only place to be.

Regardless of your circumstances, whether you are young or old, it is not too late to live out your life without regrets. You do not have to make a poor marriage, or choose the wrong vocation, or buy or sell unwisely. God is the greatest marriage consultant, He is the wisest real estate broker, He has the best advice in vocational guidance. Whatever decision you may be facing, GOD HAS THE ANSWER. If you let God make your decisions, you will have no regrets.