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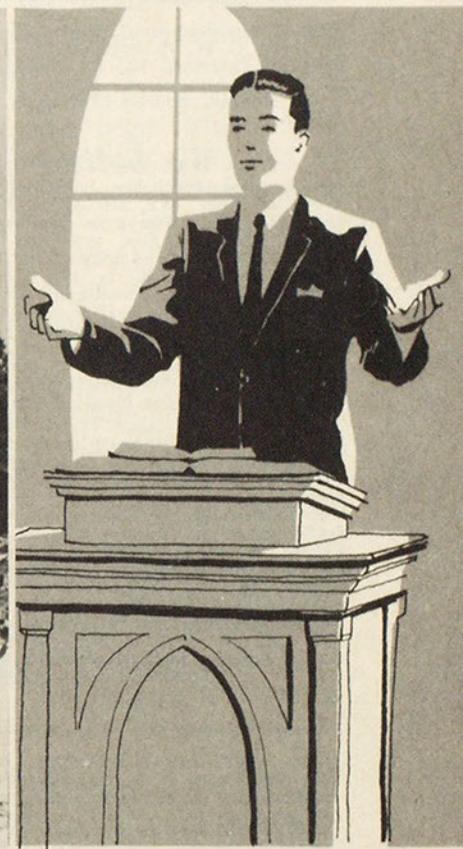


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Wealth for the Navajos

Until about six years ago, the Navajos probably were the poorest of all the Indians in the U. S. Now that oil and natural gas have been discovered on their reservation they are among the wealthiest.

But it will take many years to overcome the extreme poverty and widespread illiteracy that still characterize this largest of all American Indian tribes. Eighty-five per cent of the Navajos (who number 90,000) are illiterate. Most of them are totally unskilled. Their eroded, drought-stricken land provides very scanty grazing for the little flocks of sheep on which the families have depended for a livelihood. Benefits from the oil and gas deposits will reach the individual families only gradually—by indirect ways—since all the millions of dollars that petroleum companies pay in lease fees and royalties go into the hands of the tribal council to be spent on education, public works programs, development of resources, and other projects designed to help the tribe as a whole.

We are glad the Navajos, after many years of hardship, are beginning to get some share of America's prosperity. Who deserves this more than the early Americans? Paved highways are opening up remote sections of their vast 25,000-square-mile reservation. School enrollment has more than doubled since 1952. Slowly but steadily, illiteracy is diminishing. Very gradually, poverty will be relieved. Eventually, the economic and educational standards of the Navajos will match those of their "white brothers." But the Navajos' worst problems are disease, sin, and superstition. One of their greatest enemies is peyote addiction which masquerades under the name of the Native American Church but actually enslaves the Indians like any other drug. (Read the article, "The Menace of the Peyote Religion," for a vivid description of this practice. It appears on page fourteen of this *Evangel*.)

Gospel missionaries are bringing the true wealth to the Navajo people. For many years Assemblies of God missionaries have lived among them, preaching Christ as the One who can save the sinful, heal the sick, and answer every problem. These missionaries have met many discouragements; they have made great personal sacrifices. At last, however, the seed they have sown so faithfully is yielding a precious harvest and there are congregations of saved, Spirit-filled Navajos in twelve different communities. These twelve churches are scattered across the Navajo reservation or on its edges. All of them have resident missionaries who visit the people's homes and conduct gospel services at many outstations. The largest church (at Shiprock, N. Mex.) is pastored by a full-blooded Navajo, Charles Lee. It has about 250 in Sunday school.

The Navajo reservation is a challenging mission field. The great spiritual and financial need of these dear people should move every Christian believer to pray for them and to help them. A number of their churches are overcrowded and desperately need funds for new or enlarged buildings. Your cooperation with the Home Missions Department in this ministry will bring true riches to the Navajos.

—R.C.C.

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LIVING UP TO CHRISTIAN STANDARDS

WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT
WE TO BE AS WE AWAIT
THE RETURN OF OUR LORD?

BY E. S. WILLIAMS

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SOME PEOPLE ASK, "WHAT ARE OUR standards?" Others declare, "I wish we had some standards!" Such persons are annoyed or distressed at what they consider worldly attitudes in conduct, appearance, and association. It is a problem I suppose which cannot be corrected readily since the Church is called to unity rather than uniformity.

When I was a young pastor a lovely elderly woman pinned a carnation on my coat on Mother's Day. She said she wished me to wear it in remembrance of my mother. There was a certain man past middle age who came regularly on Sunday evenings to hear me speak. That night this gentleman called me to one side and said that he had liked to hear me preach, but since I had become worldly and was wearing flowers he could not come to hear me any more. He was dressed in a fine black suit, wore a white stiff-bosomed shirt, and his black bow-tie was tied most correctly. I was dressed in a suit I had bought at a second-hand store and it was so old it was falling to pieces. The lining was almost all gone and the signs of much wear were evident. But in his eyes I was worldly while he was quite a saint!

The Christian religion is built upon principles that are adaptable to every

nation and age. If these principles are observed they will produce right standards—standards begotten through the conviction of the Holy Spirit as believers carefully read the Holy Scriptures.

Men often have tried to legislate standards, but without much success. When women first began cutting their hair the believers in some sections of the country sought to legislate against it. What a witness for Christ it would have been had all godly women continued to preserve their beautiful long hair. Often when a person sees something which he does not favor, he desires to bind everyone else to his opinion. Some years ago I was ministering where an effort was made to deprive children from playing games. An evangelist and I were invited out to dinner. While the housewife was preparing the meal her small son came in and began playing tiddly winks—he was trying to flip small disks into a little box. I got down on the floor and tried to play with him. You should have seen the face of my evangelist, and did I get it when he preached the following Sunday!

The Church must have standards whose foundations are in the Bible, not in the whims of men. When I

HOW MEASURES THE HEART ?



was a young preacher a young woman came into the church one summer Sunday morning wearing white shoes and stockings. I remember how horrified I felt. I had not seen this before. Fortunately I held my peace, or I hope I did. We must not think that every change is sinful. We must weigh the matter carefully. Does it violate the teachings in the Word of God?

Standards must begin within. The Pharisees had standards. They had to wash their hands carefully when they returned from the market; the vessels in which they cooked their food had to be kept in a special manner. But they felt quite free to take advantage of a widow in her affliction, slap a mortgage on her property, and foreclose with no feeling for her. Jesus called it "devouring widows' houses."

They could refrain from plucking ears of wheat when passing through the fields on the Sabbath, and at the same time they felt little or no guilt for that which proceeded from the heart—adultery, fornication, theft, covetousness, wickedness, unholy pride, and foolishness. Their standards were a pretense for outward show. Jesus rebuked their standards, saying, "Ye make clean the outside of the cup and

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PROCLAIM HIS COMING!

BY MAYNARD G. JAMES

WE ARE LIVING IN DAYS OF QUICKENED interest in Biblical eschatology. A generation ago this vital subject (doctrine of the last things) was treated with near contempt by certain theologians. For example, Walter Rauschenbush in his book *A Theology for the Social Gospel* wrote: "Eschatology is usually loved in inverse proportion to the square of the mental diameter of those who do the loving."

That the pendulum is swinging in the opposite direction is evident from current opinion. In the *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* Henry P. Van Dusen wrote: "The problem of eschatology may shortly become, if it is not already, the framework of American theological discussion."

RADICAL CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

What has caused this radical change of attitude toward Bible prophecy? The answer is plain. The easy optimism of the first two decades of this century has been shattered by two world wars within a single generation. These have been followed by gigantic revolutionary movements which have affected more than half the earth's population. The climax has been reached by a flood of social and moral evils which have terribly distorted the image of humanity.

We live amid one of the greatest crises in human history. It is a crisis which involves the whole of culture and society from top to bottom. It has permeated philosophy and religion, ethics and law, science and the fine arts. Man's entire way of living has been affected by it; and there are ominous portents that the crisis will deepen in its calamitous possibilities.

Present-day scientists unwittingly point to our days as being the time predicted by Christ when He gave the signs of approaching Armageddon. It is symptomatic that when the Social Science Staff of the University of Chicago published a book on the international control of atomic energy, they entitled it *Minutes to Midnight*.

TRUE SOURCE OF GUIDANCE

The collapse of humanism and the emergence of the atomic age have forced men to turn to eschatological considerations for a solution to those problems which threaten the existence of our planet. It is the Christian alone who knows the source of guidance, inspiration, and courage in this maze of unprecedented world crisis. He finds it in a true interpretation of the prophetic Word. For one of the most potent forces in the life of the child of God is the burning hope of Christ's Second Coming. How right was John Calvin's dictum that "Whosoever wishes to persist in the course of a sanctified life must hold fast to hope in the return of Christ."

There is no more practical or prominent doctrine in the Bible than the Second Advent of Christ. It has been pointed out that in the Church Epistles the subject of Baptism is mentioned nineteen times in seven Epistles, and not once in the other fourteen Epistles. The Lord's Supper is referred to only about four times in the whole of the New Testament. Twenty out of the twenty-one Epistles never mention it. But when we come to the subject of

Christ's Second Coming, what do we find? In the 260 chapters of the New Testament the Second Advent is mentioned 318 times. Every New Testament book (except the small personal letters of Philemon and 3 John) mentions this vital theme. It is evident, then, that the New Testament writers did not regard the Second Coming of Christ as being incidental to their message. To them it was fundamental—an integral part of the gospel they had been commissioned to proclaim.

Harnack has stated, "The doctrine of Christ's Second Advent and kingdom appears so early that it might be questioned whether it ought not to be regarded as an essential part of the Christian religion."

It may startle some good Christians to point out that it is not sufficient even to have lives that are right and earnest. The Bible teaches clearly that all servants of the Lord should eagerly look for, and fervently desire, the coming of the Master. Our Lord Himself says, "And be ye yourselves like men looking for their Lord, when He shall return from the marriage feast; that when He cometh, and knocketh, they may straightway open unto Him. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching" (Luke 12:36, 37 A.S.V.).

FLYING ON ONE WING

Because of the fanaticism and fanciful speculations of certain prophetic students in the past, there seems now to be almost a conspiracy of silence in many Christian pulpits regarding the Second Advent of Christ. To use the expression of a certain Scottish saint, even many evangelical ministers today "fly on one wing." They preach positively and challengingly on the first coming of Christ, but they are woefully lacking in a like emphasis upon the return of the Lord.

If Christian ministers allow the ridicule of worldly scoffers and the disdain of a carnal church to silence their lips on the glorious theme of Christ's return, then they play into the hands of the Devil.

Around us is a world rushing carelessly to doom; and on every hand are sleeping Christians, unaware of their peril. Ours is the solemn responsibility and blessed privilege to sound forth the prophetic word, calling sinners to repentance, and exhorting believers in Christ to be ready, in this midnight hour, to meet the heavenly Bridegroom.

—The Flame

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN Mrs. Fredericks felt it was "good to be alive." She was sitting before an open window on a balmy summer afternoon in her home near the courthouse in a Nevada city.

Without warning she was killed. Two deputy sheriffs in the courthouse were examining a gun when, in a freak way, it discharged and the bullet found its way through the open window and into Mrs. Frederick's heart.

There was no time for her to put her spiritual house in order.

An entire family—father, mother, and several children—took to their beds one by one last winter. They thought influenza was causing their weakness, headaches, and dizziness. When neighbors found them all dead a few days later, it was discovered that a slow leak in their gas stove had caused their decease. A whole family, not knowing they were slowly being poisoned, went out into eternity in one night.

If they had thought their days were so few, they would have been very actively preparing for their future home, making sure where that would be.

"I'm too busy making money to come to church right now," said Ed Herman. "When I've made a million, I'll become a Christian." He never had a chance to do either. A rainstorm flooded his cellar with water and he went down to repair the water pump. Standing in the water, he came into contact with a live wire and was electrocuted. At the funeral, a young nephew was heard saying bitterly, "God did it! God did it!"

"Sun, Sand and Sin: *The Riviera*" was the way the *Reader's Digest* characterized the notorious French "playground" in November, 1959. Some subscribers, behind with their reading, hardly read the article before newspapers horrified them with the headlines: "Dam Break Death Toll Reaches 260." And 260 people in the French Riviera were swept into eternity by a 35-foot wall of water which descended on them in the night.

It was too late for them to begin preparations for the future.

In Nashville, Tennessee, a Negro workman finished excavating a place for the installation of air conditioning in a business house. He was climbing out of the hole, ready to give the "go ahead" for lowering the equipment, when an avalanche of dirt suddenly



WITHOUT WARNING

BY MARIE MANIRE CHAPMAN

descended on him, leaving only his head and one arm exposed. Fellow workmen dug frantically to free him, but the weight of the dirt crushed the life out of him before they could succeed.

He did not expect to die at the completion of this task.

Neither did a weekly newspaper editor and his wife have such an expectation as they drove to the post office of a Seattle (Wash.) suburb with their Thursday mailing. Their week's work done, they made a left turn in a blinding rainstorm right into the path of an oncoming trailer truck. The impact sent both into eternity instantly. No last words, no time for preparation.

There is no doubt that "Now is the accepted time," for *now* is the only time that is certain.

How happy are the loved ones of a Christian who is suddenly summoned Home, when they know that one is "present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). For the Christian "to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

That was the comfort of Steve Clark's parents when their seventeen-year-old son was found dead near his overturned car. This Christian boy had gone a few miles into the country to take a friend home, and was returning when on a steep hill he lost control of the car.

A Christian youth worker stepped off a plane in St. Louis, Mo., to board another plane for California. He was en route to Hawaii for meetings, but

he never got there. A heart attack ended his work as he boarded the second plane. His radiant life left no doubt of his preparedness.

A retired Nashville preacher, en route home from a service at a small church where he was interim pastor, was discussing his election to a civic office the day before. Just as he was saying, "I've been promoted," his earthly life ended, and he was truly "promoted" to new heights, leaving relatives assured of his destiny.

The Lord of all, "in whom we live and move and have our being," does not consult with mankind before He chooses to break the silver cord by which a life is suspended between time and eternity. Our times are in His hands. Without notice He may put an end to all our earthly hopes, dreams, and plans.

If today were the day of His summons for you, would you leave relatives and friends weeping bitterly because of your eternal doom? Or will they have peace and hope because they know you have departed "to be with the Lord, which is far better"?

The answer depends on you. This very hour you can make sure you are ready to meet your Maker. The way to do this is to confess your sin and accept the Saviour, believing with all your heart that He forgives your sin and cleanses you from it through the precious blood He shed on Calvary's cross. Will you do it? ◀◀



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The Place of

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAMILY LIFE

EVERY FAMILY DESIRES A HAPPY AND full life together. What makes up such a beautiful relationship? How may it be achieved? Every parent wants to know.

A striking family picture is drawn for us by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:14-16. He says, "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." How universal is God's family? It encompasses both heaven and earth and every member is dear to the heart of the Heavenly Father.

God started family life. In the garden He placed the first man, Adam, and then gave him a helpmate, Eve. He commanded them to multiply. Provision was made for their every need so that their family life would be beautiful and holy. Their relationship was meant to be a means of strength, joy, peace, and comfort—a bit of heaven on earth.

It is evident that family life today misses this ideal by a long way. This may be observed even in many Christian families where there is discontent and often open bickering. All will admit this is a most unsatisfactory condition. What has caused it and what can we do to overcome it?

Look at the family. It is composed of individuals, each with a sinful na-

ture. It is easy to recognize that as long as these sinful individuals live under the same roof there will be discord and unrest. But our Heavenly Father foresaw these problems and sent His own Son to be our Saviour as the means to overcome our sinful nature.

A family cannot be considered Christian unless at least one of the parents has put his personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. This is the lowest standard for a Christian family and is only a start toward reaching God's goal for family life.

Often, even where both parents are born-again Christians, family life is conducted on such a low spiritual level that many irritants have disrupted the happiness of the home. Harsh words are exchanged. Companions have become cold and indifferent toward each other. Gone are the moments when warm affection was shown. Frequently in such a situation there exists little spiritual concern for the children, either at home or at church.

In the great majority of homes there is no "family altar" period when the children may join with the parents in Bible reading and prayer. At one time there may have been, but even the semblance of such has been discontinued due to a lack of interest. This breakdown in family prayer is most tragic. It has resulted in broken homes

and widespread juvenile delinquency. For it is still true that *the family that prays together stays together.*

Where these disruptive influences are operating our Heavenly Father has made provision to overcome them and to strengthen the family ties again. Whatever need there may be in homes to unite the family again, the Lord is willing and able to meet it. He is deeply concerned about every family for it is dear to His heart.

First, the corrosive elements that attempt to destroy the family must be attacked and destroyed. One of these is selfishness. While the Christian parent may be born again by the Spirit of God, yet he finds a spiritual warfare being waged within him. Carnal characteristics, selfish ambitions, and self-assertiveness will war against a spirit of love.

To attempt to correct these shortcomings in our own strength is but to fail. We must look beyond us for help. With our weaknesses and limitations in mind, and our inability to meet the lofty ideal both He and our own hearts have set for us, the Father found it necessary to take His Son, our Saviour, back to Himself and to send the Holy Spirit to abide within us and to help us.

Not all understand the tremendous potential that resides in the Holy Spir-

it. Christ promised His disciples that when He went away the Holy Spirit would come to provide them with power to witness, to overcome sinful tendencies and practices, and to live a sanctified life. No person can really afford to be without the indwelling Holy Spirit in his life. Nor can any family achieve its highest level of happiness or usefulness without its members being filled with the Spirit. God's ideal for every home is family life that is motivated by the Holy Spirit.

In a measure every born-again believer has been moved upon by the Spirit. His heart has been brought under conviction by the Holy Spirit and has become a receptive vessel into which the Third Person of the Trinity wishes to enter. Whether or not you receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit is entirely dependent upon your willingness. If you will turn your life completely over to Him, He will fill you with His life and power. This is the way you and your family can begin to approach the ideal of a truly Christian home.

Parents need to be filled with the Spirit to meet family problems successfully. Every home needs this special help from God. A helper was given to Moses to assist in building the tabernacle. God said of this helper (Bezaleel) in Exodus 31:3, "I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." In these same ways God can fill and equip each parent for the task of building a Christian home.

Zacharias, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, were each filled with the Holy Spirit—an ideal family indeed. The New Testament repeatedly emphasizes how urgently we need the Spirit. Ananias was sent to Paul that he might receive the Holy Spirit. The twelve apostles sought for seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and these they appointed to serve as deacons.

In the upper room on the Day of Pentecost, all the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Even Mary the mother of Jesus was in that number

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Code Message . . .

For Junior Readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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(To check your answer, look up Hosea 12:6)

WARRIOR'S WEAPON

BY ANNE SANDBERG

THIS ARTICLE WILL HAVE LIMITED appeal, for it is addressed to the comparatively small but vastly important group within the church known as "prayer warriors."

In this push-button age, when a mother can enjoy TV while the automatic machine washes and dries the clothes and the freezer contains a pre-cooked and packaged dinner, few can be found who are willing to exert themselves to get something from God.

The average Christian will give up a prayer if it is not quickly answered. But the warrior will gird himself for battle.

Battles are fought with weapons.

Within the past ten years the world has evolved so swiftly from the atomic to the space age, that even Twentieth-Century weapons are outmoded. Nations are vying for arms superiority.

Similarly, today's alert Christians, aware of the increase of Satanic power, are seeking more effective means of spiritual combat.

Every battle includes an enemy and weapons.

The martial passage in Ephesians 6 defines the enemy: "For we wrestle

not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

It also describes the protective and defensive articles—the armor.

But what is the actual weapon with which the battle is fought? Verse 17 declares it to be "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Before engaging in battle, soldiers are instructed in the use of weapons. Early in my Christian experience I became acquainted with a noted prayer warrior who passed on to me some of her secrets.

First she said, "Prayer without faith is ineffectual." Then she added, "But 'faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God' (Romans 10:17)." Afterward she instructed me in the use of the Word as a weapon of spiritual combat.

We Christians engage in various forms of prayer. But in a prayer conflict—by that I mean an experience in which I am conscious that Satan is opposing—I have now learned to pray

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with an open Bible before me.

When seeking the salvation of a relative, for instance, I take a promise like Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Instead of praying, "Lord, do this or give that," I quote to God His Word and add, "Lord, you said this. I believe your Word."

Many spiritual victories have come this way. But only recently have I discovered in the Scripture just how potent this weapon really is.

In the midst of a serious family problem over which I was praying, the Lord illuminated a part of 1 Thessalonians 2:13: "The word of God, which *effectually worketh* also in you that believe."

Up to this point, my conception of the use of the Word in prayer was as a vehicle which conveyed faith. This it is, indeed. But now I saw that the Word of God is *in itself* a mighty spiritual force.

As I look at the Bible open before me, I realize that here is a most potent weapon—with its multitude of individual potencies in each separate promise to cover the vast particular phases of all man's need—his salvation, guidance, comfort, deliverance, and help of every kind.

To the unconverted these written words are a "dead letter"—inanimate black markings on white paper. But to him that believeth "they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). And they are living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12).

Just how powerful is the Word of God?

Throughout the centuries countless believers have released the power innate in the Word. Sinners received the miracle of the New Birth simply by reading the Bible. Innumerable saints took comfort in sorrow, guidance in perplexity, hope for the future. And prayer warriors have gained victories by claiming its promises.

But there is an additional potential in this Word which I discovered quite by accident.

One morning I was reading to Grandma an article on prayer containing many Scriptures. Because she is quite deaf, I read very slowly and loudly. To my own amazement, I noticed that the distinct, positive reading of the Bible had much greater power to quicken my faith than when I read it quietly to myself. And I wondered why.

To answer this question I studied Scriptures on the power of the *spoken* Word. Here I discovered wonderful truths.

When God created the world, He not only planned it in His mind but He *spoke* the words that released His creative power. He said, "Let there be..." and there was. The worlds were framed by the word of God (Hebrews 11:3). He upholds all things by the word of His power (1:3).

During His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus spoke the words which are now written: "Thy sins are forgiven, be cleansed, be healed, be delivered." The Word of God issued from His

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mouth as a mighty spiritual force with a twofold power: to the soul in need it was creative; to Satan, the enemy of the soul, it was destructive.

Various references in Revelation mention that the Lord Jesus fought the powers of darkness with the sword of His *mouth* (Revelation 2:12). 2 Thessalonians 2:8 says, "Whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth."

We likewise may overcome Satan "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of [our] testimony" (Revelation 12:11).

What is the word of my testimony? Simply this: I testify to God that I believe what His Word says in regard to my specific need. "Lord Jesus, I believe your promise in Philippians 4:19—'My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'" I read it, I believe it, I claim it, I *repeat it aloud*.

When I thus repeat the Word, I say what God says. It is vocal affirmation of my faith. Just as I am to confess with my mouth Jesus as Lord and Saviour, so I now confess with my mouth the Scripture declaring Him to be provider, guide, deliverer—whatever the need may be.

Daniel's prayer was blocked somewhere between heaven and earth—the realm of the prince of the power of the air. Some of our prayers are similarly intercepted. But we will find the Word is mightier than an intercontinental ballistic missile, able to blast through Satanic opposition, reach the throne of God, and return with the answer!

As an afterthought, we might add that while valiantly fighting the fight of faith, it is good to remember that this Word is the sword of the *Spirit*. It is His Spirit working through us. So for any battles won, the glory will be the Lord's alone.

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REVIVALTIME GIVING

January 1 to November 30, 1960

TOTAL GIVING

- 1. Southern California\$17,583.41
- 2. Eastern 16,001.63

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- 1. New York 94.83
- 2. Nebraska 93.41

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

- 1. Southern California 4,454.86
- 2. Michigan 20.39

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- 1. Nebraska 25.93
- 2. Michigan 20.39

GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

- 1. Northern California-Nevada10
- 2. North Texas 9
- 3. Southern California 9

GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

- 1. Tennessee8%
- 2. Eastern5%
- 3. Ohio5%

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to our *Revivaltime* radio log:

HIBBING, MINNESOTA (WMFG)
 1240 kc.—250 watts
 (See local newspaper for time)

NACAGDOCHES, TEXAS (KEEE)
 1230 kc.—250 watts
 Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

ALBANY, GEORGIA (WALG)
 Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA (WINC)
 1400 kc.—250 watts
 Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

HOUSTON, TEXAS (KWBA)
 1360 kc.—1,000 watts
 Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA (KIIP)
 1450 kc.—350 watts
 Sundays, 7:30 a.m.

BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (WBRN)
 1400 kc.—1,000 watts
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m.



The Family Altar



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

READ: Psalm 105:1-15

LEARN: "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord" (Psalm 105:3).

FOR THE PARENT: This entire psalm is a review of God's dealings with Israel from their early history through to the conquest of Canaan. This passage stresses praise and worship of God because of His power, His deeds, and His judgments. It also tells us to seek God's face (v. 4). Discuss what this means—seeking God's approval and His presence. Verses 8-15 talk about God's covenant with Israel and the beginnings of the nation in the time of Abraham. Stress God's concern for His covenant and His faithfulness to men.

QUESTION TIME: What is the message of this psalm? (See above) How do we seek God's face?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. C. S. Anderson, India; Mrs. Bernard L. Tewell, Alaska.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

READ: Psalm 105:13-24

LEARN: "And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies" (Psalm 105:24).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage shows: (1) God's watchful care over His people, vv. 13-15; (2) He allowed a famine to come so He could work out a bigger plan on their behalf, v. 16; (3) when He allowed trials to come, He prepared a way for them to go through it, v. 17; (4) Joseph's personal trials were God's way of working out a deliverance for His people, vv. 17-22; (5) because of this famine, Israel came into Egypt, v. 23; (6) God blessed them over their enemies, v. 24.

QUESTION TIME: How did God prepare the way for His people when famine came upon the land? What does this illustrate to you?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. John Stetz, Korea; Walter A. Clark, Japan; James Vigna, Formosa; Mrs. Charles O. Hirschy, Alaska; Mrs. Elsie May Watson (Indian), California.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

READ: Psalm 105:25-45

LEARN: "And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness. . . . That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws" (Psalm 105:43, 45).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material used thus far. After Israel was in Egypt for many years, the Egyptians came to be afraid of them and their power. Discuss how God delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt—the many miracles God used to demonstrate His power. Show also how He took care of them as they wandered in the wilderness and how He brought them to the Promised Land. Show also God's purposes in the things He did for His people (v. 45).

QUESTION TIME: How did God deliver Israel from Egypt? Why did God do all these things for Israel? (v. 45)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. T. Glenn Dunn, Philippines; Christelle Evans, India.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

READ: John 4:1-15, 28, 29

LEARN: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give

him shall never thirst" (John 4:14).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Woman at the Well" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review this familiar story, stressing: (1) the compulsion involved, v. 4—demonstrating Christ's urgent concern for lost souls; (2) Jesus' concern for the lost bridged superficial taboos imposed by the society in which He lived, v. 9; (3) Jesus kept bringing the woman back to the subject of greatest concern—her personal relationship to God; (4) Jesus used a natural illustration to impart a spiritual truth.

QUESTION TIME: What illustration did Jesus use to tell this woman about her spiritual needs?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Janelda R. Smith (Deaf), Wisconsin; Mrs. Pansy R. Williams (Jewish), California; Paul A. Berg, Japan; D. Mark Buntain, India; Florence M. Byers, Japan.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

READ: Luke 5:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) one reason why people came to hear Jesus, v. 1; (2) the method Jesus used in ministering to the people, vv. 2, 3; (3) the miraculous catch of fishes which resulted from obeying Jesus, vv. 4-9; (4) Jesus used this miracle to call these fishermen to become His followers, vv. 10, 11; (5) one of the missions of a follower of Jesus is to "catch" men—to arrest their attention and bring them to Christ, v. 10.

QUESTION TIME: Why did the people come to hear Jesus on this occasion? (v. 1) What did He use as a pulpit? (vv. 2, 3) What is a mission of a follower of Christ? (v. 10)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Fred H. Burke, South Africa; Vinton H. Shumway, Sr., Nigeria; C. Lewis Walker, Alaska.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

READ: Joshua 9:3, 6, 27; 10:5-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Ah Lord God . . . there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Through a trick, the Gibeonites made a treaty with Israel (chapter 9). Then, when the Gibeonites were attacked, they sent word to Joshua and Israel to come and save them. From this story emphasize how God fought for Israel, defeating their enemies before them. Discuss also how the sun stood still so that Israel could have light to destroy utterly the Amorites. God hearkened unto the words which Joshua spoke in faith—and God performed this miracle. Stress God's great power.

QUESTION TIME: How did the Gibeonites trick Israel into a treaty? How did God help Israel destroy her enemies?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Eugene J. Bascue, Republic of Upper Volta; Mrs. M. H. Luce, American Samoa; Florence Metcalf, Nigeria; Mrs. Vernon H. Metz, Togo-Dahomey; Quentin Shortes, Guatemala.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Donald H. Von Wald, Alaska; Anna Tomaseck, India; Ernest G. Jones, Nyasaland; Ward F. Woods, Nigeria.

A Miracle of Grace

Family Re-united, Husband and Wife Converted, Through Radio Ministry

By C. M. WARD
Revivaltime Evangelist

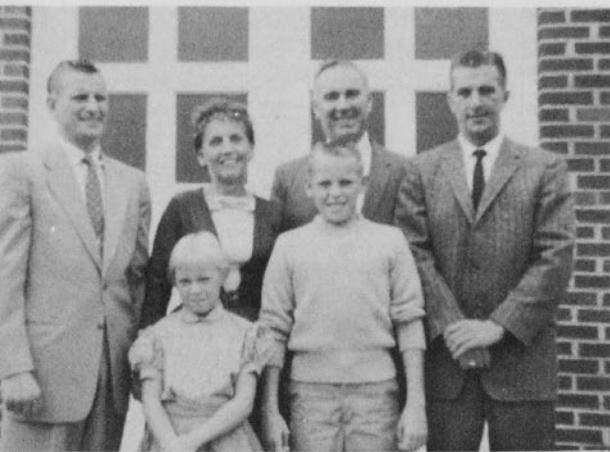
A MIRACLE TOOK PLACE RECENTLY in the Bland family. I saw the entire family together with Paul Radzevich and Pastor Fred Packer, the other principals in this real life drama, while I was guest speaker in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Fred C. Packer, pastor of Full Gospel Assembly, Landis Avenue—West of Circle, Vineland, New Jersey, says, "There is no doubt about it. *This is a modern miracle of grace.*"

A TAPE RECORDING

Paul Radzevich is a successful salesman for the Prudential Insurance Company. He is also a successful witness for Christ. This is the story of what he did for Mrs. Esther Bland, an unhappy woman at the Prudential district office.

On December 10, 1959, Mrs. Bland, of Millville, New Jersey, was granted a divorce and the custody of two children—Jimmy, age twelve, and Andrea, age six. The divorce left her with a financial burden.



The Bland family with pastor and personal worker (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Bland, Pastor Fred Packer, Paul Radzevich, Andrea and Jimmy Bland in front

Paul, a member of the Vineland Assembly, had been tape recording the *Revivaltime* broadcast for more than a year in order to use such tapes in his work of personal evangelism. During a conversation in the office he suggested that Mrs. Bland permit him to reproduce the service for her—especially a *Revivaltime* message that dealt with marriage and divorce. Mrs. Bland consented.

After he played these gospel messages taken directly from the *Revivaltime* broadcast service, Paul Radzevich asked Mrs. Bland to yield her heart and life to Jesus Christ. Paul says, "The change was immediate. The desire for tobacco and liquor disappeared at once. She was filled with wonderful peace and joy."

That happened on December 17, 1959—just one week after her divorce.

A COMPLETE CHANGE

Mrs. Bland knew at once the difference between church membership and salvation through the new birth. She had been a member of the largest congregation in the community and for years thought she was a Christian. She began immediately to attend Full Gospel Assembly and came under Fred Packer's ministry—a man who loves souls and knows how to care for them.

The services were a revelation. Mrs. Bland and her children had never seen anything like them. But they spoke the language of her heart, and she began to feel at home at once. *Only one thing was missing.* Daddy and husband had been gone since May, 1958, and the children missed him. Each night as they said their prayers, Jimmy and Andrea asked Jesus to send their daddy home to them.

THE UNBROKEN CIRCLE

During the month of July, 1960, Mr. Bland visited the children frequently. It wasn't long before the subject of church arose. Andrea and Jimmy said, "Daddy, won't you please come with us to our new church tomorrow? You'll like it!" Mr. Bland promised to go.

Pastor Fred Packer preached with unction, and Donald Bland became more and more convicted. Finally, in soul misery, he turned to his divorced wife and said, "Esther, what shall I do?"

She replied, "Donald, the best thing is to turn your life over to Jesus Christ"

He said, "Esther, what will I do about my smoking and drinking?"

She said, "Do what I did. Let Jesus Christ take care of that!"

With that he hurried to the altar and God's grace turned his misery into joy. He says: "My fears about tobacco and liquor were groundless. These habits were broken at the altar. All desire for either smoking or drinking disappeared."

REMARRIED

Two days after his conversion Donald and Esther visited the pastor's home. They needed advice. Pastor Packer was so sure of what he had witnessed that he confirmed plans for a marriage ceremony following the next Sunday night's service. It was Esther Bland's suggestion that those who had witnessed the miracle of Donald's salvation should also have the privilege of witnessing the remarriage.

The program of this home has been revolutionized. Each one of the four knows Christ as his personal Saviour. Where once the home was filled with bitterness and quarreling, now there is peace. A wonderful Christian love for each other is manifested. Where money once was spent for liquor and tobacco and worldly amusements, what remains after the Lord receives His share is now saved toward the purchase of a new property.

Pastor Packer says, "The Blands are faithful church members, and I see this family grow in grace every week."

And Paul Radzevich—the personal worker—is as thrilled as they are.

Paul, and Fred Packer said to me, as I left Philadelphia, "Brother Ward, how true are the closing words you use for every *Revivaltime* broadcast, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.'"

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QUARTERLY REPORT

on Cooperative Plan of Church Financing

The Cooperative Plan is a systematic program to provide recognition and credit to Assemblies of God Churches for all denominational giving.

Under the plan approved by the 27th General Council, it is recommended that each church:

1. Contribute regularly to district ministries according to district policy.
2. Send a monthly missionary offering (World Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions) to the national headquarters in Springfield.
3. Send a contribution each month to the General Council (designated or undesignated) for other ministries.

TOP TEN COOPERATIVE PLAN CHURCHES

(Third Quarter, 1960)

1. First Assembly of God
North Hollywood, California
2. First Assembly of God
San Diego, California
3. Brightmoor Tabernacle
Detroit, Michigan
4. Glad Tidings Tabernacle
New York, N. Y.
5. Full Gospel Tabernacle
Bakersfield, California
6. Calvary Full Gospel Assembly
Inglewood, California
7. Calvary Temple
Seattle, Washington
8. Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle
Minneapolis, Minnesota
9. Bethel Temple
Los Angeles, Calif.
10. First Assembly of God
San Bernardino, California

TOP TEN COOPERATIVE PLAN DISTRICTS

(Third Quarter, 1960)

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| 1. New Jersey | 39.8% |
| 2. Montana | 34.9% |
| 3. New York | 30.7% |
| 4. Minnesota | 30.4% |
| 5. Ohio | 28.7% |
| 6. West Central | 28.1% |
| 7. Kansas | 27.3% |
| 8. Northwest | 26.2% |
| 9. Eastern | 25.7% |
| 10. Michigan and Southern Idaho | 24.6% |

COOPERATIVE PLAN
Division of Stewardship
434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

When Jesus was on earth in bodily form, how could He speak of Himself as being in heaven? John 3:13.

My conviction is that Jesus lived in communion with the Father so closely that it was natural for Him to speak of Himself as being in heaven. He lived in two worlds—in heavenly communion with the Father, while sojourning here on earth. We also must remember that while He was here He was "Upholding all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). Perhaps we do not fathom all that is meant in His words, "Even the Son of man which is in heaven."

Does the warning in Matthew 7:22,23 refer to persons who professed the Lord but were unsaved, and did mighty works, or does it refer to any who once knew the Lord?

Matthew 7:22, 23 is a serious warning to all of us. If there are those who once knew the Lord and were able to do many wonderful works in His name, making a great showing, yet not honest in their claims and methods, they are in danger of losing their own souls. If they have chosen to do that which God speaks of as "iniquity" for personal advantage, rather than seeking to glorify the Lord, their souls may be lost.

Agabus took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, "So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles" (Acts 21:11). But I cannot find where the Jews ever bound Paul.

The Jews, whose homes were in Asia, cried out against Paul (Acts 21:27, 28). Then the whole city took Paul (Acts 21:30, 31). When Paul was taken to Caesarea the Jewish leaders even went there to accuse him (Acts 24:1-9, 27). That the Jews would bind Paul and deliver him to the Gentiles meant that it would be through Jewish influence that he would be turned over to the Gentile authorities. Under Roman law the Jews had no power actually to arrest or imprison anyone.

When Judas betrayed Jesus, he came with a great multitude "from the chief priests and elders of the people" (Matthew 26:47). Who were these chief priests? I thought there was only one high priest in Israel.

David divided the priesthood into twenty-four classes. Of these, sixteen were descendants of Eleazar, and eight were of the sons of Ithamar (1 Chronicles 24:4). This arrangement evidently was continued to the time of Christ, for Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, was of the course of Abia (Luke 1:5), the family of Abijah (1 Chronicles 24:10). These heads of the priesthood would be "the chief priests." They were "the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God" (1 Chronicles 24:5).

It appears that 2 Samuel 7:14,15 gives assurance that the Lord would pardon Solomon's sins. In the light of this, did Solomon die a lost soul?

Solomon's fate will have to be left with the Lord. However, his record looks very unfavorable. The promise in 2 Samuel 7:14, 15 was an assurance that God would correct Solomon if he made mistakes, but not by taking the kingdom away from him as He did with Saul. This promise God kept faithfully. It was not until after Solomon's death that the ten tribes revolted, and even then God gave Rehoboam, Solomon's son, the kingdom of Judah for "David's sake."

As to his soul, Solomon violated the divine covenant in marrying wives from heathen lands, erecting idols for them, and even worshiping idols with them. Through this "his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel." See 1 Kings 11:1-13.

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).

TOURING THE HOLY LAND



THE NEGEV—Vast areas in southern Israel are desert but the Jews, undismayed by heat and drought, are irrigating the arid land, cultivating it, and turning it into fruitful farmland.



SAFAD—At 3,962 feet above sea level, this is Israel's highest city. Jesus is presumed to have pointed to it when He said, "A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14).



TIMNA—Copper is being mined here in the Timna region, near the Gulf of Elath. Biblical references to copper led to the discovery of large deposits near King Solomon's mines.



PHOTO BY THREE LIONS

CANA OF GALILEE—This well at the village of Cana was the source of the water which Jesus turned into wine at the wedding feast. Residents of the village still draw water here.



AMMAN—Police of Kingdom of Jordan. customs a

All-Expense Tours Available World Conference Delegates

RESERVATIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR TRIP TO
FOR WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE,

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE PENTECOSTAL World Conference at Jerusalem has arranged economical, all-expense air tours for the benefit of ministers and laymen who wish to attend this historic conference and also visit places of interest.

The tours will take delegates to Cairo, Jordan, and other places associated with Bible history, and will include a full week in Israel. The world conference will be held May 19-21 in the beautiful, newly-constructed Civic Auditorium in Jerusalem, Israel.

Ministers who take the trip will come back with a new inspiration for service. Laymen will return with a better concept of the Bible, and all will acquire a new understanding of prophecy.

RESERVATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

The Springfield Travel Service, an agency owned by the Assemblies of God, is still accepting reservations. The tour will commence at New York City on Friday, May 12, and will last for 24 days, 31 days, or longer according to the delegate's individual desire. A certain number of choices are available in the itinerary. Stopover privileges are provided during the latter part of the tour.

EUROPEAN TOUR NOW OFFERED

A new itinerary, one week longer than previously offered, is now available with visits to Switzerland, France, and Britain. The cost of the 31-day tour including hotels, meals, other transportation, and even tips, is only \$1,140. Shorter tours are available for as little as \$995.

Not included in these figures will be the cost of passport, visas, and personal expenses such as laundry. These will be small items.

Many delegates have shown a preference for the 31-day tour which includes two days in Cairo, three days in Jordan, a full week in Israel (including the world conference),

two days in Athens, Florence and Venice, and London.

INTERESTING

Among the cities of Israel will be Nazareth, Aviv, Jaffa, Ashkelon, and other smaller and more interesting.

In Jordan the trip will include the city of Jerusalem, two thousand years old, the Mount of Olives, the Dome of the Rock, and the Dead Sea, the ancient Mary and Martha, and the field of the Saviour, the pools of Solomon, and many similar places.

Delegates will visit the Dead Sea, the ancient Mary and Martha, and the field of the Saviour, the pools of Solomon, and many similar places. Also on the itinerary is a visit to the House of David, a street called Straight, and the entire sightseeing on motor coach, with a conference.

The entire sightseeing on motor coach, with a conference.

CONFERENCE

The Sixth World Conference in Jerusalem, will be held in the Holy Lands will gather in Jerusalem for the meetings and the three-day conference.

Very appropriate for the day of Pentecost, 20:16—"For he has chosen Jerusalem the day of Pentecost."



PHOTO BY PHILIP GENDREAU

Police officers march in the capital city of the Hashemite Jordan. Street scenes are a mixture of ancient Arab tombs and late-model American automobiles.

Available To Delegates

TRIP TO JERUSALEM
MAY 19-21

Athens, three days in Rome, two days each in Venice, three days each in Switzerland, Paris,

INTERESTING PLACES TO BE VISITED

the cities and sites to be visited during the tour will be Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana of Galilee, Tel Ashkelon, Rehovot, Haifa, Caesarea, and many other well-known and less-known places.

The trip will include a visit in the ancient walled city of Jerusalem which will be like turning the clock back 2000 years. There will be opportunity to walk up the Mount of Olives, see the Garden Tomb, Calvary, the Temple Mount, the Rock, and other interesting places.

Delegates will visit Samaria, Bethlehem, Hebron, the ancient city of Dothan, and Bethany, home of the Good Samaritans. They also will see the tomb of Lazarus, the Shepherd's Tomb, the burial place of Abraham, the tomb of Solomon, the old Good Samaritan Inn, and many other places connected with the Bible.

The itinerary will be a visit to Damascus, a look at the tomb of Ananias, and visits to such spots as the Garden of Gethsemane, the Straight, and St. Paul's Wall.

A sight-seeing tour of Bible lands will be made throughout the trip, with English-speaking guides.

CONFERENCE TO BE HISTORIC EVENT

The World Pentecostal Conference, to be held in Jerusalem, will be a historic occasion. Delegates from many countries will gather in the Holy Land to share in the blessings of the Holy Spirit and to enjoy the tour of sacred scenes. The conference will climax on Pentecost Sunday. Appropriately the motto for the occasion will be Acts 1:6, "Thy kingdom come, hasten, if it were possible for thee, to establish thy kingdom here." The day of Pentecost."

The Ministry of Helps

BY G. F. LEWIS

Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God



WHENEVER GOD'S PEOPLE BEGIN to draw near to Him in special seasons of heart searching and prayer, there comes a rediscovery of certain neglected truths. Some phases of the Christian experience that had dimmed and all but lost their significance to us begin to be quickened again to our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

One of these truths so often neglected when the spiritual life is at low ebb is that Christians have a unique and vital ministry to each other. The closer we get to God, the more we will be aware of this relationship. There are many ways in which this ministry of helps is manifested, but we will consider only three of them.

First, it is revealed in the genuine encouragement we offer one another. If it is true that Satan considers discouragement his most valuable weapon, then encouragement must be vitally important too. The busier we get with the affairs of this life, the less we notice the burdens and needs of others. The more we compete, the less we comfort. There are many "bruised reeds" even in the church. Jesus did not break such. He healed them. And as the warmth of a renewed experience of Pentecost once again permeates our own souls, we will also be more keenly aware of the needs of those about us.

A second way in which we can minister to others is in the matter of forbearance. A prayerful reading of

the fourteenth chapter of Romans will convince any thoughtful Christian that he has an obligation to consider his brother in "doubtful things." Such Christian forbearance, of which we see too little today, is one of the results of spiritual awakening.

Perhaps our highest privilege of ministry to our fellow believers is in the realm of intercessory prayer. When we begin to seek God afresh for His power and blessing upon us, we naturally become introspective. As the Holy Spirit searches our hearts, we are overwhelmed with the knowledge of our own lack. This leads to a prayer of confession, a cry for cleansing, and a refilling with the Holy Spirit.

It is at this point that Satan would like to thwart God's purpose. He would rather keep us going over the same ground we have already covered in our time of heart searching. But God beckons the cleansed believer on to a ministry of Spirit-directed intercession for our fellow Christians.

May God help us to rediscover our need for each other as well as the ministry of helps God intended us to have toward and for one another.

(Reprinted from the booklet, "If My People..." Copies of this attractive 36-page booklet containing sixteen articles by the executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God are available at \$10 per hundred, postpaid. Write to: Public Relations Office, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.)

Outstanding speakers from England, Indonesia, Italy, Sweden, Finland, and the U. S. are on the conference program. D. L. Williams, presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, U.S.A., will preach on "First Century Pentecost." T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A., will deliver the concluding sermon on "Twentieth-Century Pentecost."

It is expected that David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, will be present to extend a personal welcome to the conference. Israeli officials have been most co-operative and anxious to accom-

modate the conference in the best possible manner.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIMITED

Due to the limitation of hotel accommodations in the Holy Land, it is imperative that delegates who have not already made reservations should do so without further delay. For more complete information, write either to the Springfield Travel Service, 320 College Street, Springfield, Mo., or to Gayle F. Lewis, secretary of the world conference advisory committee, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

PEYOTE WORSHIP IS ONE OF THE worst menaces to the advancement of the gospel on the Indian reservations. The use of this drug is not covered by the Harrison Narcotic Act, but some states prohibit its use by law.

When New Mexico legalized the use of peyote recently, even the Indian tribal leaders were shocked. Knowing the harmful effects of the drug upon the user, the Navajo Tribal Council has forbidden its use on the reservation. However, it is used illegally.

Although the history of the peyote religion is rather vague, it is reported that in 1918 a white man, an ethnologist who was studying about the Indians, suggested to the Indians that they call their peyote addiction a religion. As a result, those who indulge in peyote today use the name, "The Native Church of America." Thus they defend their practice by claiming their Constitutional right of freedom of religion.

The peyote is a small mescal from a species of cactus which grows in Texas and Mexico. It looks somewhat like a small dried apricot, but when it is picked it has a cotton center which is removed before it is eaten. It is very, very bitter and causes nausea and vomiting when eaten.

Dr. Moorman P. Prosser, a physician at Central Oklahoma State Hospital at Norman, Okla., addressed a conference at Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., in 1939, concerning the effects of using peyote. The following quotations are excerpts from his discussion:

"Primarily, it appears to affect the mind of its user, but it also impairs normal functions of the body. The greatest havoc wreaked by the drug is the deterioration of personality, the lowering of moral standards, the impairment of social consciousness, and the loss of economic independence observed in the chronic addict. Obviously, these changes harm not only the peyote user himself, but they have an injurious and degrading effect upon community and society as a whole.

"Peyote has been and is still used as a medicine by many tribes, being given as a panacea for any and all illnesses. It is brewed into a tea and fed to the children; it is poulticed upon

The Menace of the Peyote Religion



BY MRS. CHARLES LEE
Shiprock, New Mexico

a sore or rheumatic joint; small doses are given to women in childbirth; and it is nibbled by men and women alike for a tooth ache, a stomach ache, or an aching corn. Truly, it is in the varieties of its usage that its greatest danger lies, for thus a great many Indians learn of its psychic effects, and become potential addicts.

"When taken internally, peyote at first produces an irritation and excitement of the brain manifested by a feeling of contentment, well being, and a friendly attitude toward the world in general. As the degree of intoxication increases, hallucinations appear, and the user sees visions which may be pleasant or unpleasant, depending upon the state of his subconscious and conscious mind. The only consistent feature of these visions is the presence of brilliant colors and bright flashes of light, indicating that the back portion of the brain has been violently irritated.

"Other phenomena proving that the brain has been inflamed and irritated as in alcoholic intoxication are the loss of balance, the staggering gait, the poor muscular co-ordination, and the disturbed reflexes of the man who is 'drunk' upon peyote. Muscular activity and tone are depressed, the heart's action is weakened and impaired, and the organs of excretion are injured and sometimes violently disturbed by the task of eliminating the drug from the system."

There are many legends telling how peyote came to be used. One story says that when Jesus died, His blood fell to the ground and from it grew the cactus on which the peyote grows. It says this was God's provision for the uneducated. The addicts claim they receive revelations from God through its

use, just as Christians do from reading the Bible.

The actual peyote ceremony varies from tribe to tribe. It varies even in certain areas and localities, so no ceremony can be called typical. I interviewed a man who now goes to our church who formerly was a peyote user and distributor. He described to me the following ceremony which, he said, was the kind he always attended.

When a person is ill and the family decides to have a peyote ceremony for healing, they contact a peyote priest or medicine man and set a date for the ceremony. Then a hogan (house) is cleaned and all belongings are removed except for sheep skins which are placed on the floor to sit on. A mound of dirt in the shape of a half moon is formed on the side of the hogan opposite the door. The moon faces the door. A "sacred peyote" is placed on top of the moon. A drummer and a "fire keeper" are hired. Each has duties to perform as the ceremony progresses. The pay these men receive depends on the financial status of the patient or his family. The ceremonial fire is started and the ceremony officially begins at 8 p.m. with the procession entering the hogan. First the medicine man enters, then the drummer, then the patient, followed by others who wish to participate. The fire keeper enters last, bringing with him the "sacred poker."

The drummer presents the sacred tobacco (Bull Durham and mint mixed) to the medicine man. The corn husks used to roll the cigarettes are passed around clockwise; each adult prepares himself a cigarette. The fire keeper picks a burning stick from the fire and gives it to the medicine man, who lights his cigarette and passes the stick

to his left. The fire keeper takes another stick and passes it in the opposite direction. No article is passed over the doorway. When all cigarettes are lighted the sticks are returned to the fire.

Then the medicine man greets the people and tells them his reason for being there. He asks the help of those present in prayer for the sick one. The patient is then introduced and, if he is able, he speaks. If it is a baby or small child, a relative speaks for him. They tell the nature of the sickness and ask for help. Then the medicine man offers a prayer while smoking the sacred cigarette. When he is through praying he leans the cigarette against the mound facing east. Then each one in turn lays his cigarette on the mound, clockwise. The drummer then takes leaves of sage brush and gives them to the medicine man, who rubs it between his hands, sniffs it, rubs it on himself, and passes it to his left. Each person then does the same.

Next the medicine man takes out a sack of peyote, takes the first one, and then each person receives one. After the medicine man has finished eating his peyote, he brings out his ceremonial paraphernalia.

The drummer then begins a steady, monotonous beat, while the medicine man shakes the rattle and chants. After singing four chants he hands his rattle, prayer plume, and prayer stick to his assistant. Then each person in turn has a chance to sing until the prayer objects return to the medicine man. When prayer is offered it is addressed to God which they consider to be the Christian God, Jesus Christ, the elder brother, or the Peyote Chief, the sacred peyote on the mound. They also have claimed to see visions of Mary, angels, and deity indicating it is not truly an Indian religion but a perversion of Christian teaching.

Objects are passed around with chanting. Each person is allowed to pray whenever he desires; but he must light a cigarette first.

Toward the middle of the night the medicine man prepares his peyote and gives some to the patient for the purpose of curing him. Water is passed around for the people to drink. Empty coffee cans are passed around when the people become sick in their stomach. Anyone desiring to eat more peyote may ask for it. Some eat as many as fifty to sixty of these buttons in one night!

After the peyote begins to work on the people, some may see visions or hallucinations as the peyote affects the brain. They are usually given an opportunity to express the things which they see, as they believe it has some bearing on the sickness of the patient. If enough people confess their sins, or reveal something which may have contributed to the patient's sickness (or if there is a great deal of vomiting taking place, which they think rids them of evil power and influence) then it is felt that a cure has been effected. Of course, if the patient is an adult, he *must* confess his sins. (There is nothing in this religion to help them overcome their sins, and no promise of forgiveness. Sin is merely confessed to help cure the sickness.) Around day-break the ceremony ends with the eating of some food, and the people go to their homes to sleep off the effects of the drug.

Although no children under twelve except nursing babies are allowed in the ceremonies, the peyote can be eaten at home or any time. These buttons can be purchased from a peddler for ten cents apiece. Peyote buttons are brought in from Mexico or Texas in large quantities (we saw a pickup full of gunny sacks of peyote unloaded). Often a peyote user carries it around in his pocket to nibble on for any ache or pain.

This religion is the devil's counterfeit for Christianity among the Indians. We need to pray, not only that our lawmakers will prohibit its use, but that the people themselves will be awakened to their deep spiritual need and come to the light of salvation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Charles Lees, missionary-pastors to the Navajo Indians at Shiprock, N. Mex., are finding it necessary to build an annex to their church to accommodate the increasing congregation. There are a number of other Indian congregations that also are engaged in building projects, for interest in the full gospel is increasing among the Indian people.

Most of the Indian people are financially unable to support their missionary-pastors or building programs. They must depend on interested churches and friends to help them and their missionaries to stem the tide of evil and proclaim the truth—the truth that makes men free. Only Christ can loose the fetters of peyote worship, drink and other habits. Your offering clearly designated for INDIAN BUILDING FUND will be gratefully received. Send it direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



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Pentecost Comes to Jabalpur

BY JOHN AND EVELYN LEWIS
Missionaries to North India



Jabalpur WMC's and some of the Sunday school children

JABALPUR IS THE ONLY ASSEMBLIES of God mission station in the heart of India. About one-tenth of India's population lives in this part of central India. Jabalpur is an educational center. Hindi is the principal language, although other dialects are spoken. English also is used because it is the medium of instruction in many of the colleges.

We have two tribes of the aborigines, the Ghonds and the Khols, and there is a fine work among them.

At the very first meeting we had in Jabalpur we had non-Christians present without any announcement of the opening of a mission in the city. The Holy Spirit led them to come, and in the first meeting one newcomer accepted Christ. We held meetings in our home until the congregation became too large. We then rented a hall on the main road to the market and the "sacred river" where the Hindus go to bathe every time there is a holiday. We get many passers-by and God has saved some of them.

The church was begun with revival and in these meetings God gave us the nucleus for the organization of our Pentecostal church in Jabalpur. There were twenty-five saved and ten filled with the Holy Spirit in these meetings. The church has grown until now we have over 125 members and nearly every one of these is filled with the Holy Spirit. We have now outgrown our present meeting place and are planning to build a church. We have the land and are working on a fund to begin the building.

The work has grown and we now have four Sunday schools with good

attendance in each. We also have three outstations, and a primary school with an enrollment of 308 children. We have children everywhere and we are happy for this opportunity of helping to mold these young lives for Him.

A WMC group functions with 50 women, mostly all members of the church. A Missionette group with 45 young girls, and a junior church for the younger children who cannot come to the Missionettes are active.

We are on the move for God and request your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless and give us help, for we cannot carry the load alone. ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes

GOING: Mr. and Mrs. **Don Tarno**, newly-appointed missionaries, have sailed for East Pakistan.

Newly-appointed missionaries, the **James Monroe Robisons**, have sailed for Nigeria to assist in the literature ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. **Fredolf Sondeno** and family have sailed for Japan for another term of service.



Mr. and Mrs. Fredolf Sondeno and children



Missionettes of the Jabalpur church



Mr. and Mrs. Don Tarno



The James Monroe Robison family

The Converted Bar

BY PAUL COOPER
Missionary to Honduras

MEN FORMERLY LEFT THIS PLACE drunk and desperate. Now they are receiving the Water of Life, and their lives are changed! The old bar has been converted into a pulpit where the gospel is preached.

For a long time, the need of the English-speaking negroes of the North Coast of Honduras has been on our hearts. There are thousands of them who work for the United Fruit Company. Recently our prayer was answered when Pauline Mastries came to Honduras to minister. She secured the old San Juan Hotel in Tela and changed the street floor into an evangelistic center. She made living quarters and Sunday school rooms on the upper floors.

One of her first converts was a notorious drunkard who used to be served drinks from across the same hotel bar. He is a forty-two-year-old man, with a college education, but had degenerated because of bad company and drinking. He has been completely transformed, and is a faithful Christian. He is only one of many whose lives have been changed.

The Sunday school in Tela has grown from an average of thirty-nine the first month to nearly 100. Sister Mastries has taught them well. The new converts became so hungry for God and His Word that they asked for an early morning prayer meeting. Now at 6:00 a.m. every morning about



Pauline Mastries (left) and some of her workers stand behind converted bar



Faculty and students at the Bible Institute of Malaya. The Osgoods are on front row, center

Among Civilized Heathen

BY HOWARD OSGOOD
Missionary to Malaya

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE OF MALAYA is now a reality. Twelve students were members of the initial First Year Class. All of them have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and have the call of the Lord upon their lives.

Malaya is heathen, but civilized and modern. True Malays are Muslims, and Islam is the state religion. There are 3,000,000 Malays in Malaya. There are also 4,000,000 Chinese, most of whom are Buddhists. From India have come many Sikhs and some 500,000 Tamils. White people have also come from Australia, England, Europe, and the United States. These—Orientals

and Europeans—are our next-door neighbors in Petaling Jaya, a suburb of the capital city of Kuala Lumpur.

What is needed in this cosmopolitan center is enlightenment. Thank God we have the Bible Institute, but we desperately need a school chapel. The students have made prayer pledges of almost \$1,000, but the chapel will cost another \$6,550. We wish we could be building it now, for there is no Pentecostal witness in Petaling Jaya. Our students have talked to many people in the vicinity of the school and have found real spiritual hunger among these civilized heathen. But where shall they invite them to church? Our church in Kuala Lumpur is four miles away and hard to find.

and hard to find.

The Roman Catholics, aware that Petaling Jaya is a growing, thriving community have already built two great churches here, as well as schools and a hospital. They are wide-awake to the opportunity. Truly our souls ache to see a Pentecostal chapel in Petaling Jaya. We have the ground; we have the workers: won't you help us build the chapel?

If you would like to help provide a chapel for the Malaya Bible School in the city of Petaling Jaya, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Malaya Bible Institute—Buildings.

twenty-five Christians gather to pray. Six have received the Holy Spirit.

We baptized those who accepted the Lord and have proven their Christian testimony. Plans are now being made to officially organize the church. A good work has been done here, and there are wonderful possibilities for the spreading of this work throughout the coastal region. Neighboring areas are already calling for the gospel. ◀◀

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Sunday School Lesson for January 29, 1961

JOHN 4:1-42

In both the third and fourth chapters of his Gospel John presents a vivid and striking portrayal of Jesus in action as the greatest of all soul winners! But what a contrast in the two characters with whom He dealt—Nicodemus and an unnamed woman! The one was a highly respected member of society, the other a despised Samaritan and a social outcast; the one a person of lofty moral integrity, the other a woman of sinful life, sadly lacking in moral virtue; the first a cultured teacher in Israel, the other an illiterate woman of the lower classes. Yet both were equally in need of the salvation which the great Lover of all souls equally offered them both!

DIVINE COMPULSION.

"And He must needs go through Samaria." Why? There were other routes to Galilee. Within Christ's heart was a divine urge, a divine compulsion which directed His steps. Are we thus motivated? Have we this divine drive to win the lost? Paul was driven by this magnificent obsession. He said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel... for the love of Christ constraineth us."

DIVINE PROVIDENCE. John 4:5-7.

How casual these words seem. But are they? Here we have that marvelous engineering of circumstances by God which we call providence. God knows where receptive hearts are—and He knows just how to reach them! Do we appreciate His providence in our own lives? And can we be led as Christ was led, to receptive souls?

DIVINE PURPOSEFULNESS. John 4:7-34.

Among other things, the account of Christ's dealings with the Samaritan woman illustrates principles and methods of witnessing and soul winning which each of us may profitably employ.

1. *He established a point of contact.* Vv. 7-9. By the naturalness and simplicity of His request, by asking a favor, by putting Himself on a level with one of an inferior rank and walk in life, Jesus broke down the very real barriers of sex, nationality, moral character, and station, thus gaining an entry to the woman's heart.

2. *Christ turned ordinary conversation into spiritual channels.* V. 10. Earthly water and natural thirst led to a discussion concerning spiritual life refreshing, and satisfaction.

3. *Christ aroused her curiosity.* Vv. 11, 12. Slowly but surely Christ was awakening in her a desire for the life He had to offer.

4. *He used simple but effective illustrations.* Vv. 13, 14. Natural water is used as a type of earthly sources of satisfaction which are only temporary. Then it is used in contrast to that spiritual well of Life from which men may drink and quench their soul thirst.

5. *He awakened her conscience.* Vv. 15-18. Christ lays

His finger upon "the sore spot" in her life—her shameful past and sinful present. Her attempts to evade the issue are of no avail. Christ's supernatural insight exposes her guilt.

6. *Christ avoided controversy and held to the main issue.* Vv. 19-24. The woman here employs a device frequently used by the unsaved today—namely, the attempt to evade the sin question in their lives by taking refuge behind certain so-called intellectual problems or controversial issues. Christ answers her question in such a way as to bring her right back to her own need.

7. *Christ revealed Himself as Messiah.* Vv. 25, 26. This revelation came about in two ways: (1) through Christ's works; through His personal bearing, His supernatural knowledge and insight; (2) through His claims. After demonstrating His Messiahship He explicitly declares it.

8. *Christ inspired her to give her own personal testimony.* Vv. 28-30. The forgotten waterpot suggests that the woman had forgotten the unsatisfying "water" of her old life in the joy of newly-experienced spiritual life, and in eagerness to share the good news with others.

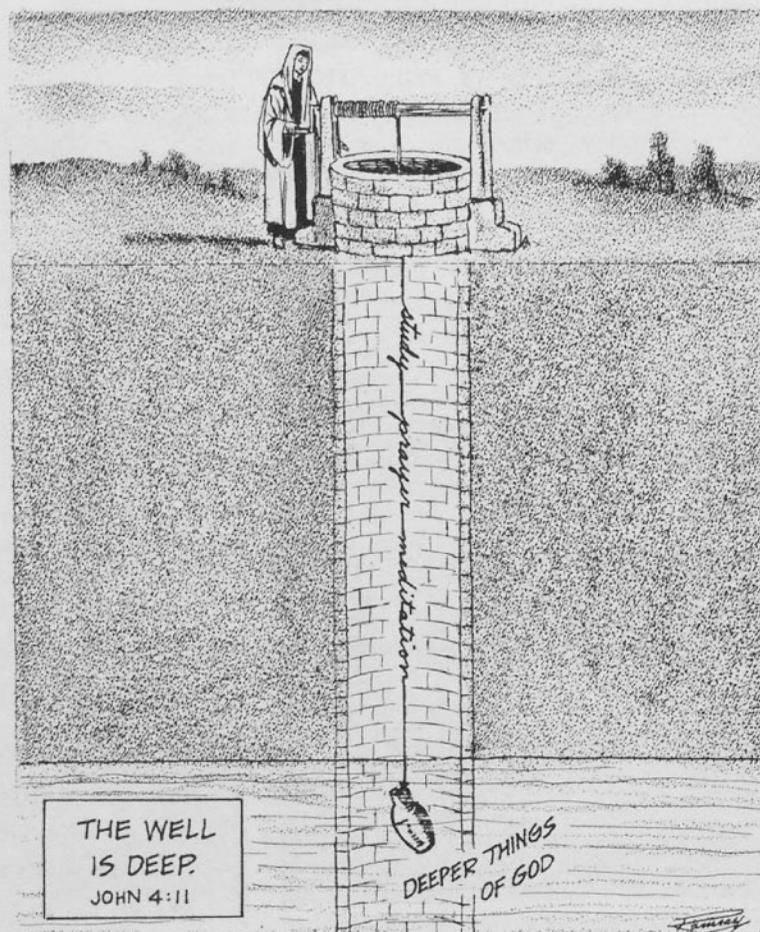
How very far-reaching were the results of what we would call a "chance interview" one day at Jacob's well. Let us remind ourselves that day by day we may be making casual contacts which, if used to advantage, might effect changes in lives around the world.

Finally let us never despair of the salvation of anyone, nor underestimate the worth of any living soul, for

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore,
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

—J. Bashford Bishop

A DEEP WELL TAKES MORE ROPE



THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAMILY LIFE

(Continued from page seven)

waiting to be endued with power from on high. None went forth to bear witness of Jesus Christ until he had been filled with the Holy Spirit, for the Scripture says, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Furthermore, all gathered together on this occasion spake with other tongues "as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). And today this unusual manifestation still bears witness to the believer that the Holy Spirit has come

to abide within. When He comes into the members of a family, the home is united. Purpose and direction are given to family life.

When the Holy Spirit indwells each member of the family, that home has a reservoir of power with which to meet the many demands that each day brings. There are many temptations and problems to confront and disrupt happy family life. In whatever measure to which the Holy Spirit is honored and given His rightful place in each life, in that measure the temptations will be overcome and the problems will be solved. Wrath will be overcome by a soft answer. Bickering will be turned into harmony. Clouds of suspicion

and discouragement will be driven away by love and joy. All members of the family will find happiness in helping one another as the fruits of the Spirit become evident in daily life.

To be filled with the Holy Spirit, you must seek Him. He will not come in unless you invite Him in. He will not help in your family life without your willing acceptance. He will not indwell a heart or a home that is not eager to have Him. But when you open your lives to Him in all His fullness, your home will be transformed and His blessings will pervade your family life. This is God's desire for every home—to fill the entire family with the Holy Spirit. ◀◀



Lake Worth Assembly, Fort Worth, Texas



First Assembly of God, Salem, Ohio

Interior Views of Two New Assemblies of God Churches (SEE COVER)

FORT WORTH, Tex.—The Lake Worth Assembly of God, recently completed and dedicated, stands in a growing suburban community as a testimony to the fact that "with God all things are possible."

"Certainly God has proved to us what He can do if only He can find a people who will trust Him with all their hearts," says the pastor, Homer Rich.

"For several years the congregation, which had its birth in 1951, realized it needed to relocate and build better facilities, but it seemed the way was blocked. Repeated efforts were made to locate a suitable property, without success. But the people kept praying. Then suddenly God opened a way. Miraculously He moved an unsaved couple (the wife has since accepted Christ) to give to the church some property adjacent to a new housing development, valued at \$5,000. Later this couple also furnished the auditorium completely with new oak furniture.

"From start to finish the history of the building is replete with wonderful answers to prayer. Men of the congregation and others generously donated time and labor to the construction. As a result, the total cost of the building was less than \$17,000 and the indebtedness is only \$10,000."

The building, made of native stone and ornamental block, is valued at \$35,000. It accommodates 200 and has all-season air-conditioning. Pastor Rich and the church members are grateful for their new church home, but most of all they are thanking God for spiritual and numerical growth.

SALEM, Ohio—The First Assembly of God at Salem has adopted the slogan, "The Church with a future," because it now has the facilities to double its attendance. Located in a growing town of 12,000 people, it has a visitation plan by which every home in the community will be visited in 1961.

Says the pastor, W. T. Dick: "We meet each Friday evening to get our packets filled with *Evangelists*, tracts, church brochure, etc., and before leaving church we all pray together. Then we go out two by two. Each couple is assigned a section of the city map. An hour and a half later all the workers return to the church with their reports. This visitation work has a two-way benefit. Some members who have been saved for twenty years declare it gives them such joy and satisfaction as they have never known in all their Christian experience."

The pastor is having a sign printed: "And they filled all Jerusalem with their doctrine." The new church has thirteen acres of land so there is plenty of parking space!

The split-level building has a total area of 12,360 square feet. The educational wing, made of masonry walls with pre-cast concrete roof and floor decks, has twenty-one rooms.

The main auditorium has wooden exposed beams, sloping floor, plastered walls, and utilizes a turn-around design. Total seating capacity is 520.

M. R. Searles founded this church (originally known as Lighthouse Tabernacle) in 1936. The present pastor, W. T. Dick, was called in 1958. Other pastors who have served the congregation are Clarence W. Hahn and Roy Armstrong.

A. G. WARD ENDS HIS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE



TORONTO, Canada—The earthly pilgrimage of Alfred G. Ward, pioneer minister of the Assemblies of God, is ended. On December 13 he reached his final destination—to be at home forever with his Lord.

The well-known pastor, Bible teacher, writer, and church executive—father of C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker—passed away at the Toronto Western Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was in his eightieth year.

A few years ago Brother Ward wrote a number of articles for *Evangel* readers on the general theme, "Lights and Shadows on the Pilgrim Way." He said that early in life he was introduced to the "Pilgrim Way" and it was almost a case of love at first sight. The plainness, the simplicity, and the purity of the "Pilgrim Way" won his young heart.

"On a starlit night," he said, "with the moon shedding her pale light upon the sacred scene, I pledged my love to the 'Pilgrim Way'—for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, in poverty, or wealth, forsaking all others, I said I would be true to the 'Pilgrim Way.' From my heart I yielded every fiber of my being, every faculty of my mind, every power of my spirit, and gave my word of honor that I would never say 'no' to the 'Pilgrim Way.'"

"Down through the years we have experienced both 'lights and shadows,' both 'clouds and sunshine'—of course, many more 'lights' than 'shadows,' so much more 'sunshine' than 'clouds.' I

never dreamed in those early days of my 'wedded life' that I would find the 'Pilgrim Way' so delightful."

To the end Brother Ward kept the pledge of love he first made so many years ago. In more than sixty years of his pilgrimage he filled many places of responsibility and honor. He began preaching as a circuit rider to pioneer communities in Alberta, Canada. A time of training followed in a holiness Bible school. He then enjoyed a period of ministry in the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and in 1919 was ordained in the Assemblies of God. He traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada as a camp-meeting speaker.

From 1926 to 1928 he served as pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo. In 1928 and 1929 he taught at Central Bible Institute. The following year he became field secretary for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He was secretary-treasurer of the Canadian fellowship 1932-38. He served two periods on the faculty of North Central Bible College in Minneapolis—1940-42 and 1945-46. In 1950 he retired because of ill health.

Brother Ward was author of a number of sermon books. In 1955 his biography, written by his son, was published.

The life of Brother Ward was filled with many instances of God's provision as he and Mrs. Ward put their implicit trust in Him. Of one occasion he wrote, "It was Saturday morning, the time for getting Sunday provisions, but there

was no money with which to buy food and our cupboard was bare. I felt the situation keenly. My wife, walking across the bedroom floor, had her attention drawn to a penny lying on the carpet. She stooped, and picked it up. Then she saw another penny, and still another. She looked up and asked the Lord what lesson He had for her in finding these pennies. He said: 'My child, I want you to know that if need be I can turn every spot in the carpet into money, and that I can keep you and your family in the city quite independent of human help.'

"Soon there was a knock on the front door. When I opened it, a strange woman stood before me. She asked if I were Pastor Ward. She said, 'This morning the Lord spoke to me in my home' (her home was several miles away) 'and told me I was to go out and locate Pastor Ward and give him a sum of money.' She gave the money to me. I never learned who the woman was; but that was the beginning of the fulfillment of what God had spoken to my wife's heart only an hour earlier, and for four years following He provided for us in that city without anyone knowing how much we received or where it came from."

Another time Brother Ward wrote: "The Pilgrim Way' has proved to be a way of thrilling adventures—of delightful surprises—of new discoveries in faith—of finding out how little we are, and how great He is—of learning lessons never taught at the feet of any Gamaliel, nor included in the curriculum of any school." This is expressive of the full and fruitful life of this choice servant of the Lord which enriched so many other lives.

Pastor Fred Parlee conducted the funeral service which was held in Stone Church, Toronto. Dr. C. M. Wortman read the Scriptures and Walter E. McAlister, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, delivered the sermon.

In describing the funeral, Earl N. O. Kulbeck, editor of *The Pentecostal Testimony*, said the service was a very moving experience. "In some respects it had the atmosphere of a coronation,

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EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	East Gadsden	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 5	John Eller	H. C. Oswalt
Ariz.	Tucson	Central	Jan. 22-29	W. T. & Inez Scott	Spencer Weddle
	Tucson	First	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	W. Clifford Nelson	Arnold Mack
Ark.	Fort Smith	First	Jan. 22-29	W. E. Scott	B. Owen Oslin
	Wilton	A/G	Jan. 22-Feb. 4	Jewel Kirvin	John Porter
Calif.	Manteca	First	Jan. 24—	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Donald E. Annas
	Morgan Hill	Full Gospel	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Eddie Washington	D. M. Fairrington
	Reedley	Full Gospel	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Orrin & Anne Kingsriter	Paul Long
	San Jose	Friendly Bible Ch.	Jan. 27—	Quentin Edwards	Rayford Aderholt
	Santa Paula	First	Jan. 15-29	Jack Pruitt	Paul Wells
	Taft	* First	Jan. 16-29	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Samuel Prescott
Del.	Wilmington	Calvary Pent.	Jan. 24—	David & Mrs. Howe	Charles Eyler
Fla.	Homestead	Bethel Ev. Center	Jan. 24-29	Bob & Pat Ludwig	H. E. McBride
	Jacksonville	Evangel	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	Stanley P. MacPherson	Harold L. Tyus
	Tallahassee	First	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Jack & Clara Peters	G. L. Johnson
Idaho	Nampa	First	Jan. 10—	Stephen Zambos	Warren Combs
Ill.	Desplaines	Northwest	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	Paul Hild	DeVore Waltherman
	Renault	A/G	Jan. 24—	C. M. Smitley	Stanley Kostencki
Iowa	Perry	First	Jan. 17-29	Musical Mathans	B. L. Hoferman
Kans.	Elwood	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Jeremiah Hanley	Arnold F. Brown
	Kensington	A/G	Jan. 15—	Ervin Asiatico	J. D. Stroup
La.	Lake Providence	First	Jan. 17-29	Sid T. Regnier	Paul J. Young
	Oak Grove	Fiske Union	Jan. 8-22	Glynn Hall	Harry McKoin
Mich.	East Tawas	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	George Krish
Minn.	Rochester	* A/G	Jan. 22-27	Bob Olson	O. E. Carter
Mo.	N. Kansas City	First	Jan. 24-29	Danny Betzer	R. A. McClure
	Springfield	Wayside Tab.	Jan. 24—	Jesse K. Moon	C. A. York
N. Mex.	Gallup	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 5	Tommy & Linda Crider	C. Adrian Harper
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	Jan. 29-Feb. 5	Byron D. Jones	Paul F. Ridings
Okla.	Ada	First	Jan. 23-Feb. 14	Ted Stephens Family	Frank M. Jones
Oreg.	Salem	Central	Jan. 22—	L. H. Sheets Family	Fred Versolenko
Pa.	Coraopolis	First Pentecostal	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Olsheski Musical Tm.	A. Reuben Hartwick
	Roaring Spring	Faith	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Gaidies-Wagner Team	D. L. Weyandt
Tex.	Channelview	First	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	Hardie G. Weathers	David Johnson
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rather than a funeral. There certainly was nothing in it of the element of sorrow." This is as Brother Ward wanted it, for he had planned the entire funeral service himself before he died.

A short time before his Homegoing, Brother Ward was visited by a friend who referred very sympathetically to the great pain he was suffering. Brother Ward turned his piercing eyes on him and said, "It's part of my training. My Father is getting me ready to sing in the choir of heaven." Perhaps the heavenly choir has already joined with Brother Ward in singing one of his own songs, such as the following, which he entitled, "The Song of Trust."

Do you know the song of trust?
It sings itself, for sing it must;
When my heart is sick and sore,
Believe me, friend, it sings the more!

When the road seems long and lone
It sings to me of Home sweet Home.
When I'm overcome with grief,
It sings within and brings relief.

Never will I turn aside
From following Christ my faithful guide;
I'll sing my song yet more and more
And trust Him till this life is o'er.

When my sky is very dark
I'll try to sing just like a lark.
When it seems all hope is gone,
I'll sing my song and plod along.

I'll sing my song when heights I scale,
And when I'm low within the vale.
I'll sing so all may hear my song,
And praise the Lord the whole day long.

I'll sing myself right into bliss,
For by God's grace I know I'm His;
And when this fleeting life is o'er
I'll sing my song on yonder shore.

Prayer has divided seas, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, marshalled the stars against the wicked, and stopped the course of the moon. Prayer has burst open iron gates, raised the dead, and destroyed vast armies of atheists. Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to heaven.

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Christian Standards

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of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess" (Matthew 23:25).

Long prayers were uttered by the Pharisees, but this was done to be heard of men. Solemn were their fastings, but with the purpose of appearing very religious. True religion must go deeper than the external. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." We will never arrive at holiness of heart by stressing externals while neglecting correctness within.

Does this mean that externals do not count? Faith is a matter of the heart, for "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." But Christian faith is manifest externally in proper relations toward both God and man. "Faith without works is dead." Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." Faith is felt; works are seen. The good Samaritan out of the good state of his heart lifted the man who had fallen

among thieves, cared for him, and saw that he was provided for. If the inward attitude is right the outward expression will reveal it.

In salvation man is separated from sin. This separation should be manifest in life, in deportment, and in fellowship. The believer should "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." He cannot avoid working and doing business with the ungodly. Paul showed that to do this they "must needs go out of the world." But when it comes to fellowship he says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and "come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord." What right has a believer to swear fellowship and allegiance with the ungodly? Holiness of heart changes associations, for "how can two walk together except they be agreed?" The believer "walks not in the counsel of the ungodly."

Honesty is a grace of the heart which manifests itself in a just weight and a just balance. The wasting of time is as dishonest as stealing or failing to pay a debt.

Will Christianity affect our apparel?

Paul and Peter thought so. Paul wrote, "In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9, 10). I like the way it reads in the revised version, "with sobriety and self restraint," rather than "with shamefacedness and sobriety."

It would be well for Christian women to ask themselves, "For what purpose do I wish to wear this, or for whom do I make myself up?" Is it to appear as "not of this world," or is it to conform to this world?

Peter says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart" (1 Peter 3:3, 4). I assume that Paul and Peter were seeking to keep the women of their day free from passing fads. God's children should never look slovenly. The woman "is the glory of man." Every woman should dress neatly and attractively, but she can do this in a way that is pleasing to God and that shows she is among "women professing godliness."

Who sets the standard by which the majority of people walk? We know who it is—"the god of this world." We just haven't taken time to think. If we did I am sure that we would ask the Lord to help us conform to that which becometh godliness in all our activities. Sheep are sheep and goats are goats. The hour is coming when the two will be separated. If our "citizenship is in heaven" let us show it by having our affections set on things above.

Today's Christianity is not the Christianity of a few years ago. This is affirmed by worldly observers. It is accused of being weak and insipid, soft and self-centered, embracing the outward forms of worship, but empty of vital content. I make no charge.

This I know, God wants us to be "not conformed to this world" in its spirit or its affections. We are called to be different, to "come out from among them and be ye separate" so that this difference may be reflected in our associations, our integrity, and our walk. May our inward devotion and our outward lives be such as will adorn the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. ◀◀

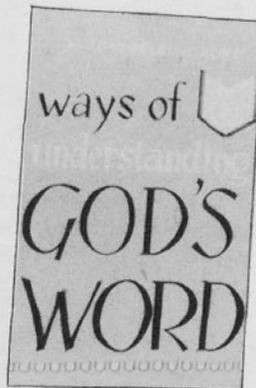
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