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# Filled with God

On this seventh Sunday after Easter we celebrate an event which, though often overlooked, is as significant as any on the Christian calendar. It is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which the Holy Ghost came upon the infant Church of the Lord Jesus to make it a mighty living force.

In fact, one writer says, "There was a time when the Christian Church celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the anniversary of the coming of the Spirit, more than she did Christmas, the anniversary of the coming of Christ." And well she might, for nothing more revolutionary could ever happen to mortal man than to be filled with God the Holy Ghost.

Christmas is a happy event, for it commemorates the day when God became flesh to dwell *among* men. Pentecost is equally happy for on that day God came down to dwell *in* men.

Easter, too, is a sacred occasion, signifying the time when the physical body of the Lord Jesus, lying cold and still in a tomb, was suddenly imbued with resurrection life. Pentecost is no less sacred for it marks the time when powerless men and women were endued with power from on high, and their entire beings were electrified with the same mighty Spirit that raised Christ from the dead.

Jesus had told His disciples that the Father would give them the Spirit. "He dwelleth *with* you, and shall be *in* you," He said (John 14:17). This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). This happened to every member of that little group which constituted the nucleus of the Christian Church. There were a hundred and twenty individuals in that group, both men and women, and they were all filled with God.

The visible results of that spiritual infusion were so spectacular that three thousand other Jews were converted to Christ before the day was gone. These three thousand Jews were religious people but nothing in their religious experience could compare with what they saw and heard that day. Here was the life for which their hearts had thirsted. Here was the power for which their spirits longed. Here was a miracle performed before their very eyes—the miracle of ordinary men and women being filled with God, set aglow with a heavenly hope, transfixed with a radiant joy, and transformed into vehicles for a demonstration of the supernatural power of the Lord.

It was this sight of ordinary men and women filled with God that caused the Church to grow so rapidly in those early days. Multitudes of people turned to the Lord when they saw the love these Christians had for one another, and the simplicity of their faith, and the zeal with which they witnessed for their Leader. They acted like people who knew in whom they had believed. They had found a cause to which they could abandon themselves without reserve, for God had filled them with His power and presence.

As Stephen explained to the wide-eyed leaders of Judaism, "the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48). He dwells in human bodies. He will dwell in all who will yield themselves to Him. Every believer may know the inexpressible joy of being filled with God as were those first Christians at Pentecost. —R.C.C.

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Why I Believe in

# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

BY STANFORD E. LINZEY

I WAS REARED IN SOUTH TEXAS AND brought up a Southern Baptist. I was genuinely converted and led souls to Christ while affiliated with the Baptist Church.

The time came, however, when I found myself in agreement with the doctrines of the Assemblies of God and subsequently I experienced the baptism with the Holy Spirit as described in the Book of Acts, chapter 2.

Therefore, if you asked me why I believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, my answer would be twofold:

I believe in it because I received the experience personally.

I believe in it because it is clearly taught in the Bible.

It is my firm conviction that *the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the same in method and in demonstration as it was in apostolic days*. If you will allow me to defend this proposition, I will do so by approaching the subject from three settings: doctrinally, historically, and dispensationally.

## THE DOCTRINAL SETTING

In Old Testament times the Holy Spirit came only upon kings, priests, prophets, or some particular deliverers for special occasions. It was for those in authority. It was not for the common man. But Joel prophesied of the day when God would pour out His Spirit upon "all flesh" regardless of rank or position in life (Joel 2:28). This would include servants, handmaids, young men, old men, all who called on the Name of the Lord.

With the dawn of the New Testament, John the Baptist came on the scene preaching a baptism of repentance. Said he: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the

Holy Ghost and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Notice there are two baptisms mentioned—water and Spirit. Also there are two baptizers mentioned—John and Jesus. When Jesus came on the earthly scene He promised the Holy Spirit, the Divine Comforter, to believers (John 14:16, 26; 15:26).

Notice also that Jesus' last command to His disciples was concerning the Holy Spirit. He said, "Wait in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). He had been crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. After giving this command He ascended to heaven and the disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy, where they "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

## THE HISTORICAL SETTING

See those early disciples assembled after Jesus had ascended (Acts 1:4, 5). Jesus had told them they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost "not many days hence." They did not know exactly what to expect but they knew that whatever experience was coming to them would be called the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Furthermore they knew it would bring an endowment with power for witnessing.

### *The Day of Pentecost*

The disciples remained at prayer for several days, waiting for they knew not what. Then, when the Day of Pentecost came, suddenly it happened. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost,

and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). There were a hundred and twenty present, both men and women, and the Bible mentions fourteen languages that they spoke. This was a great miracle for the speakers were all Galileans and they never had learned these languages.

The listeners were amazed and asked, "What meaneth this?" But some mocked and said, "These men are full of new wine" (Acts 2:13). Peter denied this. He said they were not drunk, but rather it was a fulfilment of Joel's prophecy: God was pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. Then he preached Christ to those throngs and as a result three thousand were converted and baptized in water that same day! It was the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 33—the beginning of the Church age, or the Holy Spirit dispensation.

### *The House of Cornelius*

The next occasion of the phenomenon is recorded in Acts 10:44-48 where we read of the Spirit being poured upon the household of Cornelius, the Roman centurion.

Cornelius was a devout man who feared God. Because of his desire to know God more fully, the Lord sent an angel who in turn told him to send for Peter who "shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." Peter eventually arrived and began preaching to Cornelius and his family. While he was preaching, "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And... they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46). Here we see the same evidence as is recorded in Acts 2. They spoke in tongues. They were baptized in water afterward.

Now an amazing thing happened. Peter was called to account to the church at Jerusalem for mixing with the Gentiles. He therefore related the events that had transpired, and said, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). He called it "the like gift" (verse 17); that is, "the same gift." He quoted the statement of John

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# Apostolic Christianity

*A photographic interview with T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, compares our present situation with that of the Early Church*

**QUESTION:** *Do you believe, Brother Zimmerman, that the New Testament description of the Early Church is still the pattern for our churches, even in this changing world?*

**ANSWER:** I am totally convinced that there is no other pattern which will enable us to fulfill God's will for this age. The program of New Testament evangelism and of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, in my opinion, is the only answer to the needs of today's world.

*Do you think our Assemblies of God movement is accomplishing the purpose for which God raised us up forty-seven years ago?*

I think we need to continually re-focus our attention on the fact that God raised us up to be a revival movement—to fulfill an end-time ministry. We need to guard against the temptation to settle down and be content with merely another denominational program. Our movement's accomplishments in the past have been significant, but we need to recapture that sense of urgency which should motivate us in these last days.

*Then you think the time is short?*

Beyond question, we are living in the closing hours of this dispensation. The Lord is at hand. The day is far spent and the night is near. That which we would do for God must be done quickly.

*What relationship do you see between the baptism of the Spirit and the task of evangelizing the world?*

When Christ commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He did not ask them to do this in their own power. He told

them to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from on high. I view this Baptism as the God-given power we need if we are to be effective witnesses for Christ, as our Lord pointed out to His disciples in Acts 1:8.

*Is speaking in tongues an essential part of this?*

According to New Testament teaching, speaking in other tongues is the initial physical evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We are also told by the apostle Paul that it is a sign to the unbelievers. Speaking in tongues is not confined to the Pentecostal movement today. It is being experienced by hundreds of earnest Christians in various other denominations who have sought God for His best and have been filled with His Spirit.

*What significance do you see in this spread of the speaking in tongues among people of so many denominations?*

In my opinion, this broadening of the work of the Spirit in our day is significant because it indicates God's desire to reach all circles of humanity. God is pouring out the latter rain in order to prepare the Church for the end-time harvest. He is raising up Spirit-filled witnesses of His grace and power.

*Then you look for a great harvest of souls in the immediate future, prior to the return of Christ?*

I believe that Christ may return to catch away His Church at any time, but I do think God wants to give us a gracious ingathering of souls as a result of the revival which I personally believe is becoming evident on a rather widespread basis.

*How about these friends in other denominations who are receiving this Pentecostal Baptism—should they identify themselves with a Pentecostal church?*

It seems to me that matter must be left to the individual conviction of each person involved. In the past, denominational churches have more or less drawn away from those who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If, however, God would give an individual favor within the ranks of his own church, it might well be that he should stay there and be made a blessing to others within that circle; but if he cannot remain in that church without compromising his spiritual experience it would be wise for him to worship elsewhere. We do not wish to see people leave their churches in order that our ranks may grow. Our purpose as Spirit-filled people is not to build a large organization of our own but rather to see the entire body of Christ expanded and edified through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Isn't God pleased with a sectarian spirit?*

No—there is no place for a sectarian spirit among people who are filled with God's love. All true Christians should be one at heart, regardless of denominational distinctions.

*Should the services in a Pentecostal church be different from those of other churches?*

Without doubt, the services of a Pentecostal church should have within them some elements not found in non-Pentecostal services. We do not want to be different just for the sake of being different. We recognize the value of an orderly worship program but we have discovered there is great blessing in flexibility also. There should be a Pentecostal atmosphere so that the Spirit of God may move spontaneously upon the congregation. The Spirit is sovereign. We must be ready to set our prepared program aside at any time to make room for His operations among the people.

*What do you mean by "Pentecostal atmosphere"?*

I mean the manifest presence of God which comes upon a congregation when they are united in fervent spiritual worship. Even the uninitiated can detect it when God is permitted to move upon the hearts of the worshipers. There is a spirit of liberty; the people rejoice in the Lord

and worship Him in spirit and in truth. This atmosphere causes the people's faith to rise and makes them hungry for God, thus producing definite spiritual results.

*Are you satisfied with the amount of time that is given in our general church program for united prayer?*

The situation varies from church to church, but in some places there has come a lessening of fervency where the altar service, tarrying meeting, and prayer meeting are concerned. I feel that the altar service where we pray together and wait on God for the outpouring of His Spirit is a Pentecostal distinctive. While we recognize that group praying cannot substitute for private devotions, it should be remembered that our movement was born in a prayer revival. I would like to see a greater emphasis laid upon prayer meetings in all our churches.

*You mentioned that a revival is becoming evident. What evidences of this have you seen, Brother Zimmerman?*

There are numerous encouraging signs of this. The eight regional Spiritual Life prayer meetings that were held across the country during the past few months were greatly used of God to unify our people in their desire for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. Many communications have reached me in recent weeks which indicate that the spiritual emphasis which was sparked in these meetings is spreading out into local communities everywhere. For example, a letter came to us yesterday from Pastor Lester Carlsen in Springfield, Oregon, concerning a Deeper Life prayer conference that was held in his church. Brother Carlsen said that prayer continued for almost twenty-four hours, day and night, for three days. Many neighboring congregations entered into the prayer sessions. As a result, there were gracious transformations in many lives, and the influence of these days of prayer is spreading throughout the State.

*Are the official brethren in various districts encouraging this sort of thing?*

In many of the District Councils, a large portion of the time has been set aside for waiting on God. The same is true of Ministers Institutes and other gatherings, where the ministers have been mightily blessed in these times of

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I am optimistic concerning the possibilities. . . .



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prayer. In many of the camp meetings to be held this summer a full day will be devoted to prayer. The District officers, pastors, and people will join together in beseeching God for a new visitation from heaven upon their churches and districts. A number of sectional presbyters are arranging for prayer meetings in their sections also.

*Will prayer be emphasized in connection with the General Council sessions at Portland, Oregon?*

We are requesting all our Assemblies across the country to designate Wednesday night, August 23rd, as a night of prayer on behalf of our General Council sessions. We are suggesting that the thrust of this prayer be that God will make the Council the scene of another great Pentecostal outpouring of His Spirit. The Lord willing, we hope to lay special emphasis during the calendar year 1962 upon a renewed faithfulness to the local church prayer meeting, to-

gether with a systematic program of private reading of God's Word.

*A few minutes ago you emphasized our responsibility along the line of evangelism. Are we doing enough, as a movement, along this line?*

By and large, our movement has a forward-looking program of world evangelization. The accomplishments of our foreign and home missionaries, in my opinion, have been outstanding. Revivaltime also is reaching multitudes of people outside our churches. At the same time, I have a conviction that God would be pleased to see us launch out on a wider scale in the opening of new churches. There are many thousands of people who are not being reached with the full gospel at the present time and it is going to take the participation of every member in the body of Christ to reach them.

## What God Is Doing Among the Denominations

*In previous issues of the Evangel we have reported the experience of Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and others who have received the Pentecostal Baptism in the past few months. The story has been told in national magazines such as Time and Newsweek, and in a lengthy newspaper article by George W. Cornell of the Associated Press. As Michael Callaghan said in Time magazine, September 5, 1960—"Glossolalia (dictionary—gift of tongues) is a lot more widespread than most Christians realize. . . ."*

### BAPTIST PREACHER DESCRIBES EXPERIENCE

ANDREW J. SMITH, OF ST. LOUIS, MO., WAS A BAPTIST minister for fourteen years. Neither education nor a successful pastorate satisfied his soul. He testifies:

"The hidden cry of my soul was for a deeper experience with God. In my devotions, I read Acts 2 on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As I concluded my fellowship with the Lord, I asked Him to give me a sign, if He had greater power for my life.



Andrew J. Smith

"That sign came when I visited in the home of one of my members. This man had just passed through a time of critical illness. While he was hospitalized, I ministered to him as best I could without the anointing of the Spirit. As I prepared to conclude my

visit with him, I was prompted to lay my hand upon his shoulder and pray. As I did this a new compassion from the heart of God gripped me. The Lord touched the man and in the next couple of days he rapidly improved.

"It was Monday morning when I was alone to have fellowship with the Lord. There in the quietness of my home I began to think upon Christ and what He really meant to me. I cried, 'Jesus, you died for me! Jesus, you died for me!' Then at the climax of this mighty experience, I said, 'Lord, I love you more than life itself.' When I uttered these words I fell exhausted and overwhelmed by a powerful presence. Suddenly my lips became numb and I could not speak. Then words began to flow which I could not understand.

"I am thoroughly convinced that all believers, irrespective of their creed, denomination, age, sex, or culture, must have the anointing of God if they would be spiritually victorious in this apostate hour. In an age of extraordinary evil, we need extraordinary faith and power. This only comes through the Baptism of the believer in the Holy Ghost and fire. The day of miracles has not passed."

### REFORMED PASTOR RECEIVES THE BAPTISM

HARALD BREDESEN, PASTOR OF THE FIRST REFORMED Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y., writes this testimony of his own Pentecostal experience:

"I came to Green Lane Camp Meeting all expectancy. Nine days, early and late, I sought the face of the Lord. People all around me were filled. I was not. Maybe the Baptism was not for me after all? Maybe there was some fatal flaw. . . ?

"I arose that morning and went into the big open-sided, sawdust-floored tabernacle, unaware that this would be the day. The preacher, Arthur Graves, spoke under a heavy anointing. My heart was stirred and melted. A husk was coming off. Suddenly in the message in tongues which followed the preaching, I had a bare-souled experience with God. He was baring His heart to me. Oh, the longing I saw there—for me—all for me.

"Till then I had loved God—with reservation. Hence, I reasoned, He loved me—with reservation. But the love I saw in His heart was undimmed by any failure on my part. It was without reservation. All my shortcomings, I saw, could no more shut out His love for me than a fly speck could shut out the sun. Involuntarily my hands went up

*How can every member participate?*

There is a place for every member of the congregation to function in the work of the church. We need to guard against the tendency to rest in the comfort of our beautiful church sanctuaries without a thought of the world outside that is lost in sin. It is the responsibility of every member of the body of Christ to wait upon the Lord for His guidance as to how he might win souls by witnessing to his neighbors, visiting homes of the unsaved, testifying by means of the telephone, distributing gospel tracts, and in other ways. God wants all of us to be soul winners, not spectators.

*What do you think of the MF program of personal evangelism?*

I think this emphasis in the Men's Fellowship program is something we have long needed. By enlisting all our men

in an effective outreach for the lost we will extend the kingdom of Christ and thus fulfill one of the basic purposes for which God has raised up our movement.

*Are you optimistic, Brother Zimmerman, concerning the future as far as the spiritual condition of our churches is concerned?*

I am optimistic concerning the possibilities of what God will do through our churches if we will press in and pay the price. One can detect a spirit of apathy and complacency in the lives of some, while others are committing themselves wholeheartedly to the furthering of the work of God. In my opinion, our movement is ripe for revival. There is a spiritual hunger and an openness of heart—our people in general are ready to go forward to battle for God and with God. I am confident there are greater victories in store for us than we have yet seen. ◀◀

in awe and wonder. 'Thank you, Jesus!' I cried out in worship. 'Thank you, Jesus.'

"No words could express the tremendous joy and gratitude of my heart. Then to my vast relief, the Lord did it for me. It was as if a bottle was uncorked within me. My innermost being, my spirit, my true self, hitherto dumb and inarticulate, was given a voice, and a torrent of words poured out of my lips in another tongue.

"With David I could say, 'I will lift up holy hands in Thy name. My mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.' For the first time in my life my whole being could enter into the worship and adoration of God. Before in my worship, part of me would be focused on God, the object of my prayer, but most of me was engaged with the verbiage of my prayer. Was I praying acceptably? Did I really mean it? What should I say next? But now that His Spirit was giving me utterance, I knew my worship was acceptable. I could forget the form and focus on the object—God Himself.

"Prayer and worship, which before had been so much a matter of effort and duty, now became the breath of life to me. Talking about Jesus to others became the most natural thing in the world. Now that He was so wonderfully real to me, it was much easier to make Him real to others. Many of them are receiving Him too.

"The Bible too became a new book to me. Once the Lord enabled me to speak in a language I had never studied, I had faith to claim every other promise in the Word. I also received a new concept of the doctrine of verbal inspiration. If God could give me a whole new language, then surely He could speak to the ancient apostles and prophets in their own tongue.

"For these and for so many other reasons, I am so grateful for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and am so very eager to share it with my hungry-hearted denominational brethren, many of whom are now receiving it."

#### EDITOR WRITES OF SPIRIT'S WORK

**R**OBERT WALKER, EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN LIFE, CHICAGO, Ill., in a letter to the Assemblies of God, states:

"Actually, we have contacts with Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Baptist churches today where the Person and work of the Holy Spirit are given the emphasis which is accorded Him in your fine Assemblies of God churches. . . .

#### AN EPISCOPAL COMMENT

*The Living Church*, Episcopal news weekly, recently stated that "the widespread re-emergence of the manifestation would jar against our aesthetic sense and some of our most strongly-entrenched preconceptions. . . . We know that neither our aesthetic preferences nor our preconceptions control God Almighty. And we know that we are members of a church that desperately needs jarring. . . . We know of no more terrifying explosive for Him to use than a reinstatement of apostolic speaking in tongues."

I believe we are seeing in virtually every major denomination that outpouring of the Holy Spirit which you and other Pentecostal groups experienced for so many years."

#### REVIVAL COMES TO BALTIMORE CHURCH

**E**VANGELIST HATTIE HAMMOND RECENTLY MINISTERED at the Belvedere Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. She reports that a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit occurred during the meetings. Prayer continued into the early hours of the morning as hungry hearts sought the Lord.

Frank A. Downing, pastor of the Belvedere Baptist Church, which is Southern Baptist in polity, reports concerning what the Lord Jesus Christ has done in their fellowship, as follows:

"One night, alone in my study and on my knees by the chair where I usually pray, my prayer to God was a prayer of desperation. I felt empty and dry—spiritually dead.

"'O God,' I cried, 'give me all that you have for me. Give me your best!'

"A period of quiet followed. How long I was there on my knees I do not know, perhaps an hour or more. Then I began to praise God. In the midst of my praise in English, words of which I did not know the meaning began to come forth as a shock of spiritual electricity flowed down my body from the crown of my head and out the tips of my toes.

"Since I had never heard anyone speak in tongues, I was not sure what had happened to me, but the peace, love, and joy of the experience were such a blessing! It

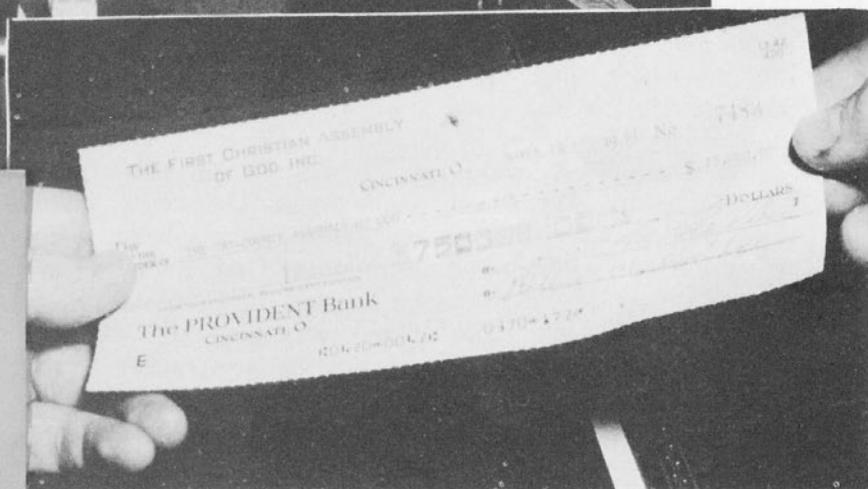
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Pastor D. Leroy Sanders (seated), joined by the church board, presents the \$75,000 donation from First Christian Assembly of God, Cincinnati, to Hugh Rosenberg (standing) who is pastor of the new Tri-County Assembly. Left to right: Robert Shelton, Leonard Lane, James Sess, Wilford DuPriests, William Riekert, Harold Smith, Eugene Sears, and Robert Wooldridge. Photo at right shows check for \$75,000. This is believed to be the largest such contribution in the history of the Assemblies of God.



# Shall a Church Be Born in a Day?

*It sounds impossible. But it has happened in Cincinnati, Ohio. Here is how it was done.*

**I**T ALL BEGAN WITH A REALISTIC appraisal of the situation and a burden to do something about it. Here was a city of over one million population with less than a thousand Assemblies of God constituents. This despite the fact that First Christian Assembly was established fifty-four years ago.

Pastor D. Leroy Sanders went to Cincinnati in 1954 and immediately launched efforts to establish other assemblies. However, all came to naught. The city seemed to resist mission-type assemblies; and theatre buildings also failed to be the answer. It seemed obvious that times had changed; a new approach was necessary.

First Christian Assembly had moved into a large, new edifice in 1952. Every square foot of space was soon utilized to accommodate the Sunday school, which grew to an average of more than 650, and the capacity crowds that responded to the thriving evangelistic program. The alternatives now were to expand facilities, or stagnate, or take part of the congregation and begin a new work.

In 1960 the decision was made:

**BY R. L. BRANDT**

*National Home Missions Secretary*

*First Christian Assembly would sponsor a new church. Despite a \$45,000 indebtedness, the church board decided to borrow \$75,000 and donate it outright to the new group. This made possible the purchase of a four-acre plot of ground in a strategic location and the construction of a small first unit to give the church a strong beginning.*

Then came the acid test. After much prayer, the people decided that their own much-loved assistant pastor, Hugh Rosenberg, should head the new venture. He was authorized to invite all of those who lived in the area of the new church (and any other First Christian Assembly members who felt espec-

ially led to this work) to join as charter members. Over forty adults plus their families responded.

Perfect harmony exists between the two pastors and congregations. *This is how a church can be born in a day.*

This new Tri-County Assembly is in a suburban area where new homes are mushrooming by the thousands. It is the fastest-growing section of Cincinnati. The new church is being built on a four-acre plot within one mile of Southwest Ohio's largest shopping center where land sells at \$25,000 an acre. There is a fine expressway nearby, making it possible for this new Assembly to serve a very wide area.

Already new folk are coming in to take the places of those who have left First Christian Assembly. Certainly both churches will prosper and advance under the blessing of God who commanded us to "preach the gospel to every creature."

Such joy has come to First Christian Assembly as a result of this sacrificial spirit of giving, that some already anticipate the day when another such project will be launched.

What has happened in Cincinnati can happen in hundreds of American cities. Surely nothing would please God more.

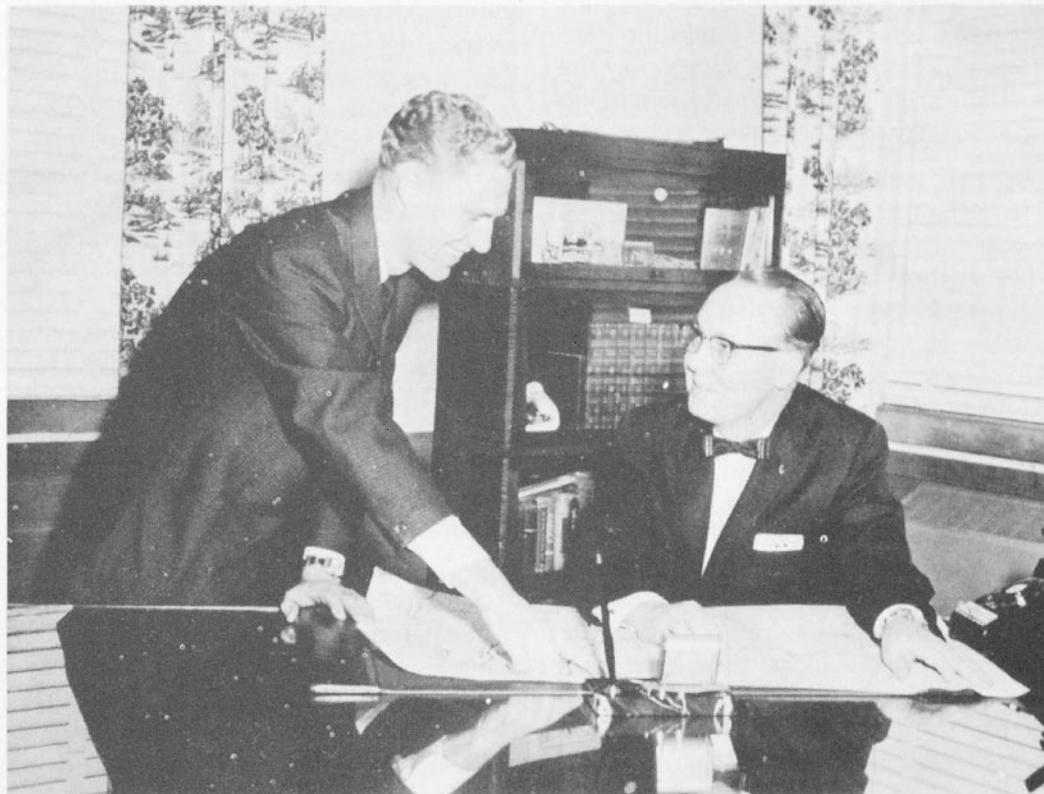
Think of the far-reaching effects of such a project. In the first place, the sponsoring church experiences the unparalleled joy of reproducing itself, while at the same time it has the supreme satisfaction which springs from obedience to God's revealed will. Then, too, scores of new opportunities for active Christian service are created. With over forty active members leaving First Christian Assembly, the door is automatically opened for over forty others to replace them in their various ministries. In turn, the new Tri-County Assembly will present almost boundless opportunities to all who join her ranks.

Most important of all is the influence the new Assembly will have on a multitude of eternity-bound souls. More sinners will be reached. More souls will be saved. New Sunday school classes will be started. New missionary programs will be launched. And the cause of Christ will be advanced.

First Christian Assembly has set the pace. Will your church follow?



This beautiful four-story edifice was erected by First Christian Assembly in Cincinnati in 1952. Now filled to capacity, the congregation is dividing to start another assembly rather than enlarge this building.

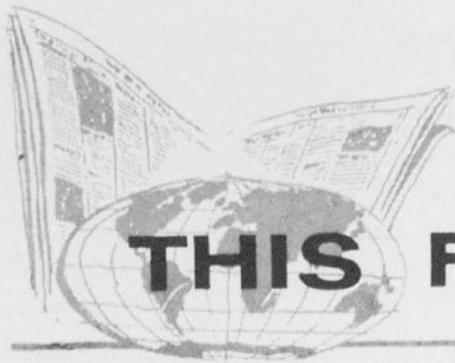


The two pastors check a map of Cincinnati to discover that the thriving Tri-County location of the new assembly is seven miles from First Christian Assembly. D. Leroy Sanders (seated) has been pastor of First Christian Assembly for seven years. Hugh Rosenberg has been assistant pastor for two years.

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## U.S.A.

### TOBACCO GETS MORE MONEY THAN CHURCH

Americans spent approximately twice as much on smoking in 1960 as they gave to their churches. This was reported by the Tobacco Institute, a private organization of tobacco growers and manufacturers.

The institute estimated American expenditure for cigarettes alone at \$6,600,000,000 in 1960 which was about half a billion more than in 1959.

Citing Department of Agriculture statistics, the Tobacco Institute said the average smoker consumes 3,940 cigarettes in a year, or eleven per day. The average smoker consumes 3½ per cent more cigarettes today than in 1955 in spite of all the warnings of the medical profession against damaging one's body through smoking.

### VENEREAL DISEASE AGAIN THREATENS

In spite of the "cures" science has invented through its "wonder drugs," venereal disease has become a problem again and it is worrying health authorities in every country of the world. "Unless strong action is taken, it promises to become worse than ever before," says *Parents' Magazine*.

"Penicillin, chief weapon against VD, is losing some of its punch. In 1943, 100,000 units of the drug were considered sufficient to effect a cure for gonorrhoea. Today, doses of one million units are commonplace, and many physicians inject more than two million. Yet in Japan, for example, 30 per cent of gonorrhoea cases have failed to respond even to massive doses. In England the failures are more and more frequent."

The figures for 1960 are shocking: a rise of 72 per cent in reported new cases. "Reported" is the key word. Some victims do not recognize the malady, or are afraid to ask for medical treatment.

VD is increasing in one American city after another. In the country as a whole there was a 23 per cent in-

crease in the number of early syphilis cases from 1958 to 1959.

Public health authorities estimate that instead of the reported 378,000 new cases of VD in the U.S. in 1959, there actually were between one million and two million. The figures make VD probably our most widespread communicable disease.

The statistics point up the importance of obeying the scriptural command, "Keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22).

## Canada

### ANTI-SUICIDE BUREAU OPENED BY SALVATIONISTS IN CANADA

Toronto telephone directories will soon publish a new listing—"Suicide." Despairing persons will be able to call this number at any hour of the day or night and reach the Salvation Army's brand-new anti-suicide bureau.

Similar service also will be provided in Winnipeg, Montreal, and Vancouver.

"There are ten times as many lives taken by suicide as by tuberculosis in Canada," said Commissioner W. Wycliffe Booth, commander of the Army's territory of Canada and Bermuda. That is why the Army is opening anti-suicide agencies in every major city across the country and is engaging the aid of doctors and psychiatrists in its effort to save lives in order to save souls.

### TORONTO HOME FOR "SENIOR CITIZENS" TO OPEN JUNE 22

The Hon. Leslie M. Frost, Premier of the Province of Ontario, will officially open the Shepherd Lodge, a 107-bed home for Senior Citizens, on June 22. Graydon Richards, president of the Pentecostal Benevolent Association of Ontario, will preside at the opening ceremonies, and other officials of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will participate in the program.

The ultra-modern hotel-like home, built and furnished at a cost of \$700,000, is situated on Sheppard Avenue on the northeastern outskirts of Toronto in a pleasant rural setting. About half the cost is borne by grants from

the Province of Ontario and the Metropolitan Municipal Council of Toronto. The list of guests so far represents eight religious denominations.

## India

### INDIAN CRITICIZES U. S. DRINKERS

The drinking American is one of his nation's worst advertisements abroad, American Temperance Society members were told at their annual meeting.

Rajendra Singh, a member of India's Parliament, said that no known drinker in his country can get a permit to drive an automobile.

"If all Americans would abstain from alcohol in those areas of the world where temperance is practiced, it would greatly enhance your nation's moral standing," he said.

"Indians generally have a moral philosophy of long standing against using alcohol, and one who does so is considered of unsound mind. No liquor advertising is permitted. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in twelve of fourteen states, and it is our hope that prohibition eventually will come to all India."

### PROHIBITION POSES PROBLEMS IN INDIA

The present government of India is determined to "abolish the drink evil," even though observers say the ban on liquor has resulted in an alarming deterioration of law and order.

P. K. Padmanabhan, Asian correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, says production of illicit liquor has become "a major cottage industry." Police, he reports, are often bribed to look the other way as the brisk business in moonshine goes on under their noses.

Imported liquor, as well as home brew, is distributed through ingenious methods. "Hot water bottles and inner tubes of bicycle tires are filled with booze and tied around the stomachs of women who then feign to be pregnant," he says. Lepers whom the police are loathe to search are often employed to deliver the liquor from door to door.

Interior Minister B. Datar has urged state governments to tighten enforcement of prohibition laws and "to shift the burden of proof from the state to the accused" in trials involving prohibition offenses.

Most Indian newspapers are critical of prohibition, charging that the government is shutting its eyes to the corruption that is increasing constantly, while bootlegging (with profits running as high as 800 per cent) has given rise to gangsterism on a large scale.

## Israel

### ANCIENT TREASURE FOUND AT FOOT OF MOUNT CARMEL

A most unusual deposit of silver coins has been unearthed at Usfiya in Israel by a Druze farmer. It is a collection of 4,560 Tyrean and Roman coins. Though similar coins have been found before, there never has been a discovery of so many of these coins in one spot.

"The Mount Carmel Treasure," as it is called, is thought to have been a tax collection sent from Jewish communities in Phoenicia to the Jerusalem Temple treasury during the spring of the year A.D. 67. This theory has been propounded by Mr. Yeo Kadman, an eminent Israeli numismatologist. Mr. Kadman believes that the treasure was buried when a Jerusalem-bound tax collector's caravan encountered Vespasian's Roman Legion outposts on Carmel, which effectively blocked the southern route.

Mr. Kadman said his theory was based on the uniform issue and total quantity of the three types of coins found—shekels, half-shekels, and Roman dinars. He termed the find the most significant of its kind ever made in Israel, verifying the details of the methods of tax collection practiced during the days of the Second Temple.

## Africa

### BAHA'I TEMPLE BUILT IN AFRICA

The first Baha'i temple to be built in Africa was dedicated recently. It is at Kampala, Uganda. The Dark Continent now has one more religion to add to its long list of false cults.

The Baha'i faith, founded in Persia in the middle of the nineteenth century, has now spread to 256 countries. It professes to embrace all faiths, including Christian, Jewish, Mohammedan, and pagan, by watering down the distinctive characteristics of each.



*Place your own features in this face, and imagine for a moment that this is your life's story:*

In your youth you obeyed the call of God and chose the life of a minister—thinking only of others and of your commission to preach the full gospel to those who had never heard.

You spent your youth and your energy, and now you have come to retirement age—with no retirement plan and no provision for your old age.

Try to feel the weight which would accompany such a realization; imagine that there is no one to provide for you.

This has been the true realization of many ministers, missionaries, and their widows. In such situations, the Assemblies of God provide *Aged Minister's Assistance*.

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Crowds packed out the building during the Bogota Crusade

# Revivals in Colombia

BY VERLIN E. STEWART

Missionary to Colombia, South America

**G**REAT SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL blessings accompanied the recent Richard E. Jeffery campaigns. How our precious people here enjoyed the campaigns!

The meetings started at Christmas and continued for several months. The first two weeks were spent in Sogamoso, where the mother church of the Assemblies of God of Colombia stands as a monument to the faithfulness, sacrifice, and suffering of our predecessors in time of persecution. There we saw miracles wrought by the power of God, and, as emphasized by the evangelist, the greatest miracle the salvation of many souls.

Praise God, the converts continue to attend the services in the church. One man, healed of multiple sclerosis, now walks to and from the church which is a distance of about two miles—a definite proof of his healing. He was sick for about three years and spent a large sum of money on doctors, but to no avail. As a result of his healing his mother and a sister were saved. They are all faithful in attending the church.

During January and February we enjoyed special blessings in Bogota, the capital. Here we witnessed many more miracles from the hand of our God. All are grateful for the stress Brother Jeffery placed on the necessity of attending the services faithfully in order that faith may grow in their hearts. This gives the new convert a knowledge

of his own responsibility for salvation and healing for his body. The results cannot be calculated yet, but many were saved and are returning nightly to the services. Many also were healed. Among the miracles of bodily deliverance are a number of deaf mute cases. Two notable ones are a young boy of nine years and a young lady of twenty. Also a little boy born with a crooked foot was healed by the power of God.

Revival fires are still falling in

Colombia. Although the Jefferys moved on, we are looking forward to their return next fall. Do pray with us for this country and trust God to save the lost. The people readily accept the gospel when they have the opportunity, but are held in bondage and superstition by their spiritual leaders. Unsettled political conditions and the influence of communism make it imperative that there be a moving of the Holy Spirit in Colombia while "it is yet day." ◀ ◀



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ahlberg

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

**GOING:** Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones returned to Upper Volta for another term of missionary service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ahlberg sailed to Hong Kong for their retirement.

Returning to Brazil for another term of missionary service are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pennington sailed to Nigeria for another term of service.

Newly-appointed missionaries from Arkansas, the Billy Brays, left for Nyasaland.

The David Williamses are in Costa Rica for language study in preparation for service in Nicaragua. They are from Kansas.

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**BORN:** Bryan Douglas was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Judah (Liberia) on Feb. 2, 1961.

The Harold Hansens (Hawaii) welcomed a baby daughter, Cheryl Ruth, into their home on Feb. 7, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright (South India) are happy to announce the arrival of Marshall Heath on March 27, 1961.

# Training Workers in North India

BY ANNE R. EBERHARDT  
Missionary to North India

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL IN HARDOI, northern India, serves the young people from the bordering countries of Nepal and Tibet as well as Hindi-speaking India.

Having worked in India for many years, I have a particular admiration for the Nepalese and Tibetan young people because of their courage and consecration. Although most of them know very little of the Hindi language, they work hard, apply themselves, and the Lord helps them. Most of them are converts from Hinduism and Buddhism and their love for the Lord is precious. They have a burden that others may know Christ.

These young people come to us hungry to know the Word, and it does not take much time before they are seeking for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Almost everyone in the group has been baptized in the Spirit since coming to Hardoi.

One young Nepalese in particular



Students at the Hardoi Bible school who have come from Nepal, Tibet, and the hill tribes of India. Missionary Mark Buntain stands at back.

came to us as a new convert. God baptized him and his wife with the Holy Spirit. She was illiterate when she came, but she learned to read, write, and sew. She took two years of Bible training while her husband took all three years.

To hear this young Nepalese man pray for Nepal was a thrill. The burden of the souls in Nepal never lifted from him. The Lord answered his prayers and before he graduated all arrangements were made for his ministry. A missionary in Nepal had been praying that a man would come to help her. She was getting older and needed assistance. She was a faithful missionary and had no definite salary to offer, but that did not worry the young man. The Lord had saved him and his family and

he knew the Lord would take care of him!

The missionary wrote me that she was thrilled at his eagerness to witness and his zeal to work for God. On trek he carries heavy loads, and is tireless and cheerful. He is happy because he is with his own people, speaking of Jesus in the Nepalese language. Remember to pray for this young man and his family as they faithfully witness for Christ.

Another young man who graduated at Hardoi married one of his Nepalese classmates and now they are both working among the Nepalese people. The Lord is blessing their ministry in the Darjeeling area.

During the vacation period our students minister in needy areas. One of our girls has been ministering in Sikkim under very difficult circumstances. Another girl, from a Buddhist home, went back to her people during her vacation and witnessed to the saving grace of Christ.

Our Nepalese students have suffered much for the gospel's sake. Some have been put in jail for preaching; all are enduring hardships for Jesus Christ. One man lost his wife because of his Christian testimony, yet he still works bravely for Christ.

Pray for these students at the Bible school in Hardoi, and for the teachers as they prepare these young people to be witnesses for Christ among their own people. ◀◀



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Olson



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bray and daughter

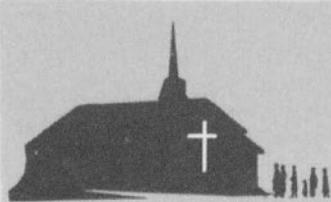


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# The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS . . . . DAILY BIBLE READINGS . . . . BY R. G. CHAMPION

## MONDAY, MAY 22

READ: Hebrews 1:13 to 2:8

LEARN: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou . . . didst set him over the works of thy hands" (Hebrews 2:6, 7).

FOR THE PARENT: Christ is far above the angels. Point out: (1) the mission of the angels, 1:14; (2) our own attitudes in view of this mission, 2:1; (3) since Christ is above the angels, we must be very careful to obey Him, 2:2, 3; (4) the words of Christ have been confirmed to us by God through mighty signs and wonders, 2:3, 4; (5) the importance of man in God's plan for the world—and the mission God has for man in the world, 2:6-8. Stress God's concern for us.

QUESTION TIME: What is the mission of the angels? (1:14) Why should we obey the word of Jesus? (2:1-4)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. A. E. Lindvall, El Salvador; Chaplain (Maj.) James H. Woods, California.

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

READS Hebrews 2:8-18

LEARN: "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour [help] them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, pointing out the place of man in God's plan and showing that as yet we do not see all things under subjection (v. 8) but that we see Jesus (v. 9). Emphasize the condescension of Christ and how His purpose in coming to earth (v. 9) was to "taste death for every man." Then stress how Christ partook of man's sufferings so that He is able to help us in our sufferings and temptations. Stress also the victory we have through Him.

QUESTION TIME: How do we know that Jesus is able to help us when we are tempted? (v. 18) What does verse 9 mean to you?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. L. S. Kenney, Philippines.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

READ: Hebrews 3:1-6

LEARN: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage stresses faithfulness, comparing the faithfulness of a servant, Moses, to the greater faithfulness of the Son, Jesus Christ. Use the illustration of building a house to show that each of us has a responsibility to God. Some may not have the ability to build as grand a house as others—but God is interested primarily in our faithfulness to the task—to our using our abilities to their best advantage for His glory. Then, from verse 6, show how we are all part of the house of which Christ is the Head.

QUESTION TIME: What is the primary qualification of stewardship? (1 Corinthians 4:2)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Alfred J. Perna, Italy; Mrs. L. P. Furman, Kenya.

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

READ: Joshua 24:14-18, 25-31

LEARN: "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and truth" (Joshua 24:14).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Joshua's Last Act" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) In the power and the strength of the Lord, Joshua led Israel valiantly all the days of his life. Today we study his farewell address to his people. Point out: (1) his emphasis on the right to serve the Lord, v. 14; (2) his call for a decision on their part, v. 15; (3) his own decision, v. 15; (4) the response of the people, vv. 16-18; (5) the covenant they signed, vv. 25-28. Point out also the good influence of Joshua's life, v. 31.

QUESTION TIME: To what decision did Joshua call Israel in his farewell address? (v. 15) How is this appropriate today?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Ernest P. Sjoberg, Philippines; Mrs. D. H. Tarr, Republic of Upper Volta; Mrs. Anna R. Fink, Alaska; Ralph R. Volpe (Deaf), Pennsylvania.

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

READ: Acts 17:5-17, 32-34 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "This Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:3).

FOR THE PARENT: The theme of this Junior lesson, in keeping with the quarter's emphasis, is that a good witness will expect varying responses to his witnessing. Not all will accept Christ; nor will all disbelieve. From the story about Paul read from today's passage, show the varying responses he received from the people: from bitter opposition to indifference to belief. As witnesses of the power of Jesus Christ our task is to be faithful to him. God gives the increase.

QUESTION TIME: What kind of response can we expect to our message that Jesus can save from sin? (See above.) How did Paul react to the city of Athens? (v. 16)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Josiah Winklepleck, Alaska; Mrs. G. E. McCollister, Hawaii; Mrs. D. E. Fullerton, Mexico; Mrs. F. B. Sondeno, Japan.

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

READ: 2 Samuel 4:4; 2 Samuel 9 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Be ye kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32)

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of the friendship between David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20). After King Saul and his son Jonathan were dead, David determined to be kind to any of Jonathan's children who were still living. Show how David found out about Mephibosheth and the kindness he showed him: (1) giving him all the property that had belonged to his grandfather, Saul; (2) making provision for Mephibosheth to stay in the palace with David. David showed this kindness because of his love for Jonathan.

QUESTION TIME: In what ways can the story of David and Mephibosheth apply to our lives today? Why was David kind to Mephibosheth? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Kenneth H. Andrus, Alaska; Mrs. Norman Rehwinkel (Indian), Wisconsin; Mrs. E. G. Chastagner (superannuated), Republic of Upper Volta.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY: Eldeth Adkins (Indian), Minnesota; James F. Keifer (Indian), New York; Josiah Winklepleck, Alaska; Mrs. L. H. Elliott, India; W. Franklin McCorkle, Ghana; Mrs. W. K. McIntyre, Spain; Mrs. E. L. Phillips, Africa; Rosslyn A. Robinson, India.

I COULD NOT HELP BUT OBSERVE THE man sitting next to me at the lunch counter. He gulped his coffee in great swallows, washing down his sandwich, while he glanced from his watch to the clock on the wall.

Haste marked his every movement. As he rose, still hurrying, I curiously wondered if he could even tell what kind of sandwich he had just been served. When he paid his check he asked for a commercial combat for the forthcoming attack of indigestion he had just gathered for himself.

The waitress who cleared the counter was very friendly and observed that this was his normal procedure every day. "I keep warning him," she laughed, "that he is not old enough nor prosperous enough for ulcers, but he still continues to rush." I wondered to myself if he ate his meals at home in this same push of time and business—too preoccupied to really care what his sustenance was.

As I pondered this I glanced down the counter at a young girl drinking a bottle of pop. From the conversation she was having with a friend, I learned that this was a substitute for her lunch. Her poor-complexion and dull hair testified that this was for her a frequent procedure.

Looking up from her work, the waitress followed my glance and stated aloud my thoughts. "From one extreme to the other. It never ceases to amaze me, as I serve people, the amount of abuse the body can take and still keep going."

"It is a miracle," I agreed, "but eventually it has a way of catching up with you. I learned that the hard way when I was in high school." As I continued on with my business of the day, I recalled how the Lord had had to show me two lessons on nutrition—one physical and one spiritual.

I had become involved in so many activities that mealtime was simply an annoying interference that consumed precious time. I either bolted my food or skipped it altogether. It wasn't long until my "spiritual meals" were also hastened, shortened, and sometimes missed. My physical body halted my foolishness by refusing to co-operate under such conditions.

As I lay in bed recuperating, my spiritual man also showed the strain of poor nourishment. I soon realized that, as a proper diet was restoring my physical strength, so the meat of



## YOUR CHILDREN MAY HAVE Indigestion or Malnutrition

BY ELEANOR ELIASON MEIER

God's Word was becoming marrow to my soul. This lesson gained so painfully has remained as a constant guard. When I become weary or weak in body, I check my meals; when my spiritual man seems listless and inadequate, I check my "meals" or devotional times to see that they are adequate in amount and quality.

Each summer as I travel in Child Evangelism, I look forward to my stay in other Christian homes. Precious indeed are the friendships I make, and during these times I am permitted to share their meals, both physical and spiritual. I thus discover a variety of menus and manners of serving them. Many have proved such a blessing that I have added them to my own family altar.

During one campaign I was puzzled over a certain family of children. They had an apparent knowledge of Christ as their Saviour, yet their testimonies and lives were weak and ineffective. The pastor explained to me that these children were from a "promise-box family." The parents prided themselves on the fact that they never missed devotions, but in their press of activities they used promise cards as their spiritual menu—a verse drawn at random and read in great haste—one from this portion of Scripture, and another from another portion. Like the people at the lunch counter, they were substituting a short beverage for what should have been a meal, and gulping even that down without time to taste, enjoy, or digest it. Small wonder their children were suffering from spiritual weakness!

Their excuse was that the children were too young for "the meat of the Word" and so they were treating them as newborn babes, giving them the milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2). As a mother I objected to this reasoning, for even my newborn infant had to have adequate time to eat so that his body could digest his milk, nor was one swallow sufficient to satisfy his hunger or provide what his body needed for growth. Even with milk for a diet, he needed an adequate amount.

In Psalm 119:103 we read, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" How did the psalmist discover the pleasure and goodness of God's Word? He answers this in verse 97, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day." He found the flavor of his food because he took time to enjoy and digest it.

In pleasant contrast to the "promise-box family" was the home of a certain pastor. I was impressed with the love and peace so evident, for although all three of the children were in their teens, I did not witness a single argument during my entire stay. Oh, yes, there were differences of opinion, but they were always settled without strain or conflict. I saw those children cheerfully accept and carry out their duties in the home; often one would complete the task of another so that an opportunity for going some place would not be missed. How I enjoyed their times of fun as the parents entered into the amusements of the children! I watched and was blessed as they sang and played

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# Wake Up, Your Serviceman May Perish Tonight!

BY WARREN McPHERSON

*Servicemen's Representative, Assemblies of God*



**S**LEEP WELL TONIGHT. YOUR NATIONAL GUARD IS AWAKE!" is the lethargy-encouraging message being used widely across the nation.

We as a church have confidently gone to sleep with regard to the mounting spiritual dangers our servicemen face. People actually have told me that we need not be concerned about our servicemen because this is a time of peace.

But consider the facts!

About 6,000 young servicemen in the prime of manhood will *die* this year. They will be casualties of murder, suicide, sabotage, training accidents, sickness, disease, and accidents in general. A surprisingly large number of letters return to my office unclaimed by men who have been snatched into eternity in this "time of peace."

Thousands of our men will return to civilian life this year disabled as a result of military service. A case in point is the Navy. In a recent report the Navy stated it released 10,600 men (an average of 12 out of every 1,000) from active duty fully or partially disabled.

There are other types of casualties we cannot reduce to statistics. These are spiritual casualties. In many areas

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of the world where our men serve, prostitution is a legalized profession. In many instances there is little or no effort to curb the immorality of our men. We are reaping a pitifully high casualty rate of men who return as physical and spiritual wrecks because of immorality.

Drinking and carousing is often encouraged and many young servicemen start down the road toward being alcoholics.

Unknown to many is the fact that in some areas religious freedom is limited to our men. Men are returning home as converts to Roman Catholicism, Buddhism, Islamism, atheism, and even Communism!

How long will we succumb to the lullaby, "Sleep well tonight, your National Guard is awake"? The devil is awake and he is engaged in a determined effort to destroy the souls of our servicemen.

What are we as a church and as individuals going to do about this? These are your sons, brothers, relatives, and friends. You love them and have faith in them, but what are you doing for their spiritual welfare while they are out there defending your freedoms? *Wake up, your servicemen are perishing tonight!*

We can reach our servicemen with the gospel! They constitute one of the most fruitful evangelistic challenges and

at the same time one of the most neglected missionary fields of today.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Work more diligently than ever before on the teen-agers still at home. In patience, love, and understanding lead them into a closer walk with God and be determined to instill within them an understanding of what they believe and why they believe it.

2. Mold proper and positive attitudes into those teen-agers. Don't allow anyone to instill into them the attitude that "you can't live for God in the military!" *It can be done, and I can show you thousands who are doing it!* Never let a boy think time in the Armed Forces is wasted. With right attitudes he can make military service the most profitable experience of his life.

3. When they go, send your men off to the Armed Forces as *recognized missionaries from your church*. Let them feel you are expecting them to live for God, to represent your church wherever they are, and to give account of themselves back to the church.

4. Follow them up in every way possible—and this includes those young men who enter the Armed Forces without a Christian experience. They will be more open now than ever before. Pray for them regularly both in private and in public. Write them letters, send church bulletins, church and Sunday school literature, gift boxes, and special remembrances. (The Service-

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5. Make an effort to help your servicemen locate Christian fellowship. You can contact a pastor, missionary, or chaplain in most parts of the world who will contact the fellows, invite them to local services, and take an interest in their spiritual welfare. Again, the Servicemen's Division can provide addresses for such contacts.

6. Be sure to place the address of each serviceman on the Servicemen's Division mailing list. The Servicemen's Division will write to them, send them the publications *Reveille* and *At Ease*, provide gospel literature, and pray for them.

7. In communities frequented by servicemen, an effort should be made by Christians to invite lonely servicemen to church services. Be sure your church is well publicized, and send mature members out to make contacts and issue invitations.

8. Draw servicemen into the activities of your church. Give them jobs they can do; plan a few activities for them. They will give of their time and resources if they feel you are genuinely interested in their spiritual welfare!

9. Give them fellowship, understanding, and hospitality. They don't want anything superficial. They just want that touch of home. A big pot of home-cooked beans and cornbread, served family style on the oilclothed kitchen table, will almost bring tears to the toughest soldier's eyes!

10. Be understanding, longsuffering,

honest, and patient with them! They will make mistakes and will suffer spiritual reverses. But your faith in them and your encouragement can help them get back on their feet and back to victory.

Our servicemen are hungry for God. Typical is a teen-age soldier who recently wrote, "I received your letter today and was very glad to hear from someone like you. I've been wanting to get next to God for a long time, but I can't seem to be able to find Him. There are too many opportunities in the Army to keep me away from Him. I would like very much to get right with God and accept Him as my personal Saviour."

These are our servicemen. They can be won for God. *Wake up, your servicemen may perish tonight!*

#### CHECK LIST

- Am I working diligently to lead our teen-agers closer to God?
- Am I helping shape proper, positive attitudes among our teen-agers about living for God away from home?
- Do I pray regularly for our servicemen?
- Are we corresponding with all the servicemen from our church and community?
- Are we sending our servicemen gospel literature and remembrances?
- Have we placed their military addresses on the Servicemen's Division mailing list?
- Are we giving the Servicemen's Division any kind of financial support?
- Have I done anything to reach servicemen stationed near or who visit our community?
- Do I offer any friendship or hospitality to servicemen who visit our church?
- Have I ever actually dealt with a serviceman about his soul?

## Indigestion or Malnutrition

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together in the privacy of their home—not practicing for a church special, but simply enjoying each other.

In this home, I heard no complaint of "unruly teen-agers" or "parents who just don't understand." What was their formula? I found it in the early hours of the morning as we gathered for breakfast. Ample time was allowed for this meal, and at the close, a devotional guide and the Bible were brought to the table. Each morning one of the children was *privileged* to read from the devotional guide, and then with great pleasure God's Word was not just read but literally consumed! Without haste the selection was read, with pauses made for reflection and discussion. How could one help but remember during the day the promises so clearly claimed, the precepts so plainly set forth?

The dessert of the meal was their time of prayer—not words repeated by rote, but conversation held with their Lord. It was evident that they were well acquainted with Him, and the speaking with Him was savored as a delicacy. Here they brought their pleasure, their sorrow, their perplexities. Problems that seemed difficult to discuss under normal circumstances, were shared by all, prayed over, and left settled in His hands.

The pastor's wife told me that often one of the children would confide how a situation during the day had been handled through the strength and fortitude received in the morning. There was no doubt in my mind that this family was vigorously fit in its spiritual health.

One morning, when she was in the first grade, my own daughter returned home right after leaving for school. I thought perhaps she had forgotten something, so I went to meet her. "Oh, no, Mommy," she replied to my question, "I just came back to tell you how good it makes me feel when we pray before I leave."

Tears of thankfulness rose as I watched her retrace her steps. She was well clothed and fed, both physically and spiritually. I went back into the house and knelt in prayer. There I asked God to always help me to see that my family never suffered from either spiritual indigestion or malnutrition. ◀◀



### THE CHALLENGE OF CHILDREN

## Challenge to the Church

We Pentecostals consider it important to pass our spiritual heritage on to each succeeding generation. But how effectively are we accomplishing this goal? Will the members of each new generation embrace this heritage with the same sacredness as did their fathers?

Thank God, some are! But far too many of yesterday's children have ceased to attend our churches.

Our doctrine is not to blame for the loss. Rather, it is our communication. Young people grow up knowing *what*

the church believes, but not *why*. A list of *do's* and *do not's* will not suffice. Our youth want reality—the reality of Christian living demonstrated in the home, Sunday school, and church.

Each church should provide for the spiritual needs of its youth. By accepting the challenge of children, a church will retain its children and help them grow up to fear God and keep His commandments.

—By Billie E. Reeves  
Supervisor, Child Evangelism Division  
National Sunday School Department

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## JOSHUA'S LAST ACT

Sunday School Lesson for May 28, 1961

JOSHUA 24:14-18, 25-31.

The time has come for Joshua's departure from this earth. Having fulfilled his great life work (leading Israel in the conquest and possession of their land) he had one last important thing to do—to settle them, not only in the land, but in God's law and covenant.

How well Joshua knew the strength of the temptation which would come to Israel to take on the idolatrous ways of the surrounding heathen nations! It was fitting, therefore, and wise that his last action in life should be to gather the people together to provoke a solemn and sincere renewal of the covenant with God upon which their destiny and welfare depended. Since we today are faced with similar ungodly surroundings and temptations to compromise and conform, we do well to regard the text as a living message to our own hearts!

### THE APPEAL FOR DEFINITE DECISION.

In the first fourteen verses chapter 24, Joshua reminds Israel of God's wonderful grace and faithfulness. Though Israel was under the law, yet their national life began and progressed because of divine grace. Joshua told the people that God's goodness and grace called for—

(1) *Reverence*. "Now therefore fear the Lord." This "fear" is not expressed in terror nor dread, but in reverence which is the desire to fully obey.

(2) *Service*. "And serve him." The service here enjoined is service which is the expression of love and gratitude.

(3) *Reality*. "Serve him in sincerity and truth." Jesus' most blistering denunciations were directed not against out-and-out sinners, but against Pharisees who claimed to be servants of God but whose inner lives were false and ungodly.

(4) *Sanctification*. "Put away the gods which your fathers served." In spite of current religious teaching to the contrary, there is a negative side to any real relationship to God. We cannot serve God *and* mammon.

### THE CALL TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

(1) *Consider the issues*. Joshua outlines the alternatives. It is a matter of serving God or becoming heathen idolaters. There can be no compromise with evil. The text, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve," suggests the following questions and considerations: Can we escape from serving someone or something? If men do not serve God, whom do they serve? What gods are being served by the majority of people today? How many masters are there to choose between?

"Choose you *this* day," urged Joshua. Delay is dangerous. To defer a choice is to weaken the ability to choose later on. Good intentions, often deferred, lose their power to move to right action. *Now* is always God's time!

(2) *Consider my example*. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Like a true leader, Joshua would not ask the people to do what he himself would not do. His decision as expressed here was a decision which he had lived out during his lifetime. He was not a preacher of empty

theology, but a man who had spent a lifetime living out the sermon he now preached to others.

"As for me." This phrase, occurring often in the Bible, expresses resolution, firmness of conviction, and implies a certain separation and contrast. "As for me, I will serve the Lord."

"And my house." These words mark Joshua as a man of spiritual influence in his own home. His children knew that his religion was real and that as long as they lived in his home they would be expected to serve his God. The most powerful influence in any person's life is the memory of a godly parent! May such parents increase!

(3) *Consider God's character*. Vv. 16-20. Lest the people make too hasty and too shallow a consecration, Joshua hastens to point out to them the character of the God they so glibly vow to serve. Joshua emphasizes (a) *God's holiness*—a holy God cannot have unholy worshipers; (b) *God's jealous love*—God is jealous in the sense that devoted parents are jealous for the welfare of their children and oppose that which would harm or corrupt them; (c) *God's opposition to sin*. "He will not forget your transgressions." Joshua did not mean to contradict a host of texts which assure us of God's willingness to forgive sins if we repent. What he meant was that God will not tolerate, put up with, wink at, or overlook sin.

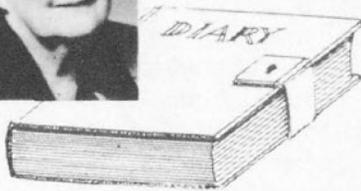
Joshua's words produced the desired effect. The people renewed their consecration to God, put it into writing, and erected a monument as a memorial to it.

—J. Bashford Bishop

When we depend upon organizations, we get what organizations can do; when we depend upon education, we get what education can do; but when we depend upon God, we get what God can do.—A. C. Dixon

### THE RIGHT CHOICE





## Witnessing Through Divine Healing

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY  
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**S**INCE I WAS LED INTO PENTECOST through divine healing, I began to use it as a bait to draw others to the Lord.

I first heard of divine healing thirty-five years ago when Raymond T. Richey came for a city-wide revival. A few months before the meetings my back was injured in a fall. I suffered much pain and was in and out of hospitals seeking relief. I was in a serious condition.

The thousands who came to the Richey meetings enthralled me. It was like in Christ's time: people were there from every walk in life—the rich, poor, sick, crippled, the deaf, and the blind. My own suffering made me compassionate. My heart melted at the sweet compassion shown by Brother Richey and the wonderful hope he gave to the people.

After hearing the evangelist, so anointed by the Holy Spirit, telling the simple story that through Christ's blood, shed on the cross, I could lose my burden of sin, and by the stripes given Him my poor broken body could be healed, I wept my way to salvation and received instant healing in my body.

Immediately I started to witness about my new-found treasure to others. I called at a home to sell a man some insurance. His wife came to the door and I told her my purpose in calling. She said, "Honey, I am going to the hospital for a serious operation, so we can't afford any insurance now."

My heart went out to her and I said, "Do you know that Jesus can heal you?"

Her face shone as she replied, "I've been praying for just that. But I don't

know any church that prays for the sick, except Christian Science, and that is false."

Eagerly I told her about the revival, and informed her that Brother Richey preached the old-time religion of the Cross and prayed for the sick. She was delighted to learn this and soon was attending the revival. When prayer was offered for her, she was instantly healed, and soon all in her family were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

While holding a street meeting in the slums of our city, we were told of a girl on the third floor of a building who was stricken with paralysis. We went up and found her in a pitifully emaciated condition. We told her of Jesus' power to save and heal. She let us take her to church for the night service. At the altar I said, "Honey, do you feel that Jesus has forgiven your sins?" She painfully replied, "No."

I felt led to tell her the story of the prodigal son. As I did she began to cry as much as she could with her paralyzed face. The hearts of all were greatly moved as we knelt around her to pray. Suddenly the glory of the Lord lighted her face and the joy of salvation filled her soul, and at that moment her mouth straightened.

We said to her, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, arise!"

She quickly arose and began to dance in the Spirit and talk in a heavenly language. We took her home, and she went into the nearby cafe where her sinner friends were eating and drinking, and stood before them a living testimony of Christ's power to save and heal today.

An Italian Catholic family lived near

our church. The oldest daughter visited it and was saved and filled with the Spirit. Sometimes she remained late at the church for prayer meetings, and her family would whip her for doing this.

When her father, who was sick in the hospital, was very low, she asked me to visit and pray with him. I did and God healed him. When released from the hospital, he then visited our church. He did this, he said, through courtesy, since his little girl's life was so changed as a result of attending, and because God had healed him. However, he still held to the Catholic religion until one night when a 92-year-old man was filled with the Holy Spirit and brought a beautiful message in a strange tongue. This Italian father understood the language and realized this message was of God. He was soon saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

A busy doctor, a boyhood friend of my husband, because of fatigue began to take dope. We tried to bring him to the Lord but without success. When his condition became desperate, he said, "Can your church help me now?"

After assuring him that the Lord could heal him, we took him to our home for a few days, and he then went to church with us. He gave his heart to the Lord, was filled with the Holy Spirit, was completely healed, and lost all desire for dope. He went back to his practice with a bright face and a steady step.

Surely, preaching that *Jesus heals today* still draws the sinner to seek Christ. "They love their bodies, but care little for their souls." But when their bodies are healed many respond by giving Christ their lives. ◀ ▶



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# YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF

BY NATHANAEL OLSON

**G**RANDPA JONES WAS CELEBRATING his ninetieth birthday. Telephone calls, telegrams, cards and visits from friends and relatives made this day memorable.

"So you're ninety years old today?" questioned a friend.

"That's right," replied Grandpa, as a smile pulled at the corners of his mouth. Then he added, "I haven't an enemy in the world."

"Not an enemy!" the friend asked.

"No. I outlived everyone of them!" Grandpa laughed.

Grandpa Jones had outlived his enemies but he hadn't outlived himself! Every minute, every hour, every day, month and year, for ninety long years, he had lived with himself!

YOU have to live with yourself! The person who gives you the most trouble, trials, and problems is that person whose face you wash, whose stomach you feed, and whose body you rest—YOURSELF.

If you can live with yourself happily and peaceably, you are a blessed person. In fact, if you can live with yourself, you can live with others.

I know a man who got into trouble because of a wicked deed. He left the country where he lived, crossed the ocean, settled in a new land, and changed his occupation and environment. But he still caused heartache and heartbreak. Why? He had changed everything but himself. He had a new

home and a new job, but not a new heart!

The core of your problem is your heart. In order to live with yourself in peace and joy, you must have it changed, because "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). As long as there is unforgiven sin blackening your past, you cannot live happily with yourself!

The full wages of sin is eternal death, but there are other wages we receive because of sinful living. There are tears of regret, a painful conscience, restless nights, and untold heartache and heartbreak. You can't get away from them. You have to live with yourself!

But for the one who trusts Jesus as Saviour, sin's wages have been paid, for "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The "born again" Christian does not rejoice because of his sinful past, but he rejoices because Christ has forgiven it! If you look to self you will be defeated; if you look at others you will be discouraged; but if you look to Jesus, you will receive strength and encouragement. Rejoicing in what Jesus has done for you will enable you to live happily with yourself!

Since you have to live with yourself, trust the Saviour; then you can claim His promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

You have to live with yourself in the hour of death! Therefore, look to the assurance that David the Psalmist had: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [God] art with me" (Psalm 23:4).

You have to live with yourself for all eternity! Therefore, do not worry about what people will say if you accept Jesus as your personal Saviour. Be concerned over what God knows about you, rather than what people think! Social standing, friends, and everything that can be seen is temporal, but your soul and the things which you can't see are eternal. You have to live with yourself!

Above all, you can live with yourself through believing this glorious message: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

—American Tract Society



A Story for Boys and Girls

## EXTRY!... EXTRY!

**P**ETE DID NOT SMILE AS HE STOOD ON the street corner with his papers under his arm. He was not happy. In fact, he guessed he'd be crying right now if he were a smaller boy. He surely felt like it. He rubbed his shabby sleeve across his eyes. If he could only think of one person, just one, who really and truly loved him! He didn't belong to anybody.

"Paper, son?" asked a kind-looking, fatherly man.

Tears welled up in Pete's eyes. "I wish I was," he blurted out.

"Wish you were what, son?"

The lump in Pete's throat seemed strangely large. "Someone's son," he whispered.

"You CAN be Someone's son," said the man. "Someone wants you for His son very, very much. Did you know that?"

"No-o-o. Honest? Is it true?"

"Yes, it says so in the one Book in all the world that is absolutely true—the Bible, which is God's Word. God wants you to become His son, lad."

"Aw, now I know you're just foolin' me, Mister. I ain't important enough to be HIS son. I never went to church. I ain't good enough."

"It doesn't matter to God how important people look to each other. 'God is no respecter of persons.' And though

no one, even if he goes to church, is good enough to be a son of God, God has provided a way for him to become His adopted son. He loved us all so much that He sent His own perfect Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to die on the cross for our sin. There Jesus took the punishment that we all deserve. Christ is our Saviour if we receive Him. 'As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.' I've received Him. Will you receive Him too?"

"Yes, I will," said Pete.

"Let's tell God about it then, shall we?"

For the first time Pete bowed his head and talked to his heavenly Father, for he was truly now a member of God's family.

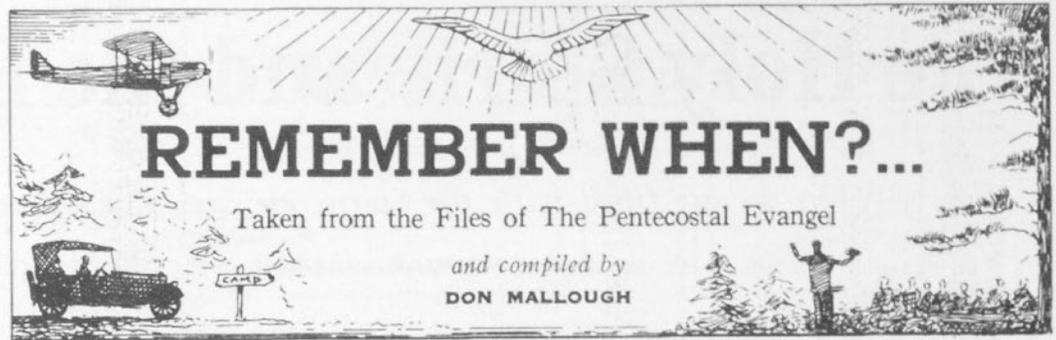
Afterward, as Pete with a real smile of joy on his face, called "Extry! Extry! Read all about it!" he wished the headlines said to other people what they seemed to say to him:

*As many as received Him (Jesus)*

*To them gave He power to become the sons of God,*

*Even to them that believe on His name.—John 1:12*

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### 35 YEARS AGO

**B. L. Bard** reports a smallpox epidemic on the mission field in NORTH CHINA . . . . **Frank Gray** recently set in order an Assembly in TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON. **C. W. Ahalt** is the pastor . . . . The Washington Evangelistic Trio (**Charles A. Shreve, Benjamin A. Bauer, and Joe Elliott**) are holding meetings for Pastor **George Bowie** in CLEVELAND, OHIO . . . . Five district councils are planning an interstate camp meeting in EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS . . . . **E. E. Gore** tells of the establishment of a church in LAWTON, OKLAHOMA . . . . Evangelist and Mrs. **John J. Ashcroft** are sailing to England for a time of ministry . . . . **G. A. McKinney** of AKRON, OHIO, reports his congregation has purchased a church building at Howard and York streets for \$37,500 . . . . There are twenty graduates from Central Bible Institute this year . . . . Among the newly-ordained are **Flem Van Meter** and **Charles W. Sigafos**.

### 25 YEARS AGO

**Gladys Taylor** writes of the need for workers in the Evangeline country of SOUTHERN LOUISIANA . . . . **Nicholas Nikoloff** reports the blessing of God in DANZIG during a visit of **Howard Carter** . . . . **Harvey McAlister** is holding meetings in FLINT, MICHIGAN, for Pastor **Charles W. H. Scott** . . . . A new missionary, Martha Schoonmaker, has arrived in India . . . . In meetings in CARTHAGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, Evangelist and Mrs. **H. James** are featuring their five-year-old daughter **Lena Mae** as soloist and Booster Choir director . . . . **Bartlett Peterson** has accepted the pastorate in FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA . . . . **Earl Cummings** has accepted the pastorate in YORK, NEBRASKA . . . . Among the newly-ordained are **Ronald R. Nichols** and **Carl Hixenbaugh**.

## What God Is Doing Among the Denominations

(Continued from page seven)

was three months later that I met a fellow Southern Baptist and learned that my experience was indeed the baptism of the Holy Spirit; he said he enjoyed the same experience two years before.

"Today, people in our local church are receiving the Baptism and speaking with tongues. They are receiving in their homes while at private prayer. They are receiving in the middle of the night, and just a few weeks ago one of our deacons received while we were in prayer at the mid-week prayer service.

"Truly, we are living in the last days and God is pouring His Spirit out on all flesh. We believe that God has His good gifts for all His children, including the Baptists. We have seen the gifts of healing, tongues, discernment—yea, all the gifts of the Spirit in operation. We praise the Lord Jesus Christ for every blessing."

### CHURCH OF CHRIST PASTOR FILLED

**A** CHURCH OF CHRIST PASTOR, WHO HAS ASKED THAT his name should not be mentioned here, has described his experience in a personal letter, as follows:

"I praised Him quietly for His very presence and love. The more I praised Him and forgot about myself, the more I became aware of His presence and fullness—within!

"A rest and a peace unexplainable—and, certainly not demonstrable—flowed through my being. All anxiety and doubt left and in its place was the thought and feeling of love. (As a matter of fact, 1 Corinthians 13 was constantly before me in my thoughts.) When I became aware of this blessed rest I imagined I had slipped into a dream-like trance—but all of my faculties were alert—and soon unintelligible sounds from the depths of my soul came forth in praise as I communed in and through His Spirit.

"When I eventually went back to the bedroom to awaken my wife with the glad tidings, I found it was four o'clock in the morning. I had spent the better part of the night in a walk with Him that I had previously thought unimaginable. Praise God! The Almighty Sovereign of the universe is real and quick and able today as yesterday!"

We need courage today as we look out upon a chaotic world—a dangerous world. The person who lives by sight instead of faith has as his constant companion uncertainty, gnawing fear, an ever increasing sense of futility.

We need to examine afresh the words of the Psalmist, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Faith is needed when visibility is poor, for blind flying.

From the midst of the evil days in which Christ lived, He spoke these words, "Let not your heart be troubled." The fulfillment of this admonition is accomplished only by believing His word and acting on it. Only then comes the flow of His peace over troubled mind and spirit.—*G. Cole*

# The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Hope

*When we are filled with the Spirit our prayer is, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."*

BY MICHAEL HORBAN, PASTOR, PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. CANADA

**T**HE BELIEVER IS ALWAYS LIVING between remembrance and expectation: remembrance of the first, and expectation of the second coming of Christ. We are taught to look forward continually to the day of His appearing and His kingdom.

God has in His mind a definite purpose and plan for the future and has chosen to reveal it to us in His Word. It is indeed a "blessed hope." Peter says this hope is well-founded for we have the "sure word of prophecy." God has also given us further help in that the Holy Spirit quickens this truth to our hearts and makes it a power in our lives. Here is what He does for us:

## LOVING CHRIST'S APPEARING

First, He creates in us a love for Christ's appearing. The last reference to the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is in Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come." The indwelling Spirit inspires in the believer a constant prayer, an ardent urge for Christ's return. This longing is as real as that of a rightly-disposed bride who looks forward to the arrival of the bridegroom and her union with him. It is the Holy Spirit who nurtures this fond yearning and directs the heart of the Church.

Many helpful comments have been made on this passage of Scripture. Alford says, "This verse is best understood as the reply to our Lord's previous words, 'Behold, I come quickly.'"

William Kelly writes, "It is to Jesus—to whom else could they say it? The bride breathes out the word to the Bridegroom, and the Holy Spirit is He who gives fervor to her desire that Christ should come."

Ironside explains, "It is the invitation to Him to return, to shine forth and gather His own to Himself."

A. B. Simpson comments, "It is really a prayer on the part of the Spirit and the bride for Christ to come back again in His promised second advent."

"Come" is the one-word prayer that embraces the hopes and longings of millions of believers from the days of the apostles to our day. The Spirit

directs our hearts to Him whom having not seen we love, and to the day when faith will be changed to sight and the Bridegroom will be unveiled in all His glory. It is the Spirit who puts that "Come" into our hearts.

## WAITING PATIENTLY

Second, the Holy Spirit gives the Church patience. We quote Galatians 5:5, "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith." He strengthens us to wait patiently, without discouragement and without fainting. Emphasizing the need of patience regarding His return, Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls."

James admonishes us not to lose patience if His coming should seem long delayed and if injustices and hardships should face us. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. . . . Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7, 8). Learn from the farmer who must be patient between seedtime and harvest; we also shall reap if we faint not.

In Romans 8:14-25 this thought is beautifully developed. The whole creation was affected by man's fall and everywhere we see decay, disease, suffering, and death. However, nature also shares our hope and longingly, patiently waits for the resurrection morning when it, too, will be delivered from the bondage of this curse. We who have the first fruits of the Spirit sigh for the redemption of the body, for then we shall receive our full adoption, and we shall enter into the full privileges of our sonship and heirship. This is our hope and we with patience wait for it. The beginning of this redemption has already been implanted within us, and the Holy Spirit makes us aware of it and helps our infirmities. Our outward man may perish, but the inward man is renewed and strengthened by the Spirit to wait patiently.

God works on a large scale and we must look upon this whole age as a "little while." "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will

of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:36, 37).

## PREVIEWING THE FUTURE

Third, the Holy Spirit shows us things to come. He not only gives us a knowledge of God's purpose, but He also gives us a due appreciation of the future blessedness of the saints. Our resurrection, our participation in the kingdom, and our heirship with Christ are truths that elevate us above the world. The Holy Spirit by giving us a knowledge of these things helps us to value them and to set our affection on them.

In this connection, there is a very interesting expression describing the believers as those who have been "enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come" (Hebrews 6:4, 5). To taste is to experience and to enjoy. So the Holy Spirit not only gives us a preview of the future but a foretaste of the joy, the power, the glory, and the heavenly beauty of the age to come.

The world says that all good things come to an end, but this is not true in the Christian life. Once begun, the path of the just shines more and more unto the perfect day. So the Spirit lifts our hearts to a brighter day by showing us things to come.

## HASTENING THE DAY

Fourth, the Holy Spirit urges us to hasten the Day of Christ by carrying out the Great Commission. The final instructions to the Church were that by the help of the Spirit our witness should reach to the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8 is both a command and a prophecy.

The evangelization of the world is tied up with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the end of the age. This is clearly stated in Matthew 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness among all nations; and then shall the end come." "This gospel of the

Kingdom" is exactly the same gospel we are to preach, as is seen so clearly by comparing Acts 20:24 and 25, and also the last verse in Acts. Peter gives this as the supreme reason for the seeming delay of Christ's return. (See 2 Peter 3.)

All nations must hear the gospel. The fulness of the Gentiles must come in. The redeemed company must include the elect from every tribe and nation. The end cannot occur apart from the completion of the missionary task of the Church.

The Holy Spirit is the Lord of the harvest. To this task He calls men and for it He endues them with power from on high. He urges us to go, to give, and to pray. It is not revealed just how intensive this spread of the gospel must be. When Jesus comes we will know that the task is finished, and to this goal the Spirit ever directs us.

**RECEIVING GLORIFIED BODIES**

Fifth, the Holy Spirit waits to raise our mortal bodies, that we might meet Christ fully glorified. His work in us will then be completed. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).

The body is mortal. Some day it will cease to operate. The heart will stop. The eyes will close. The voice will be silenced. The body will return to dust. However, the residence of the Holy Spirit in the heart is a pledge and foretaste of a glorious resurrection because He is the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead.

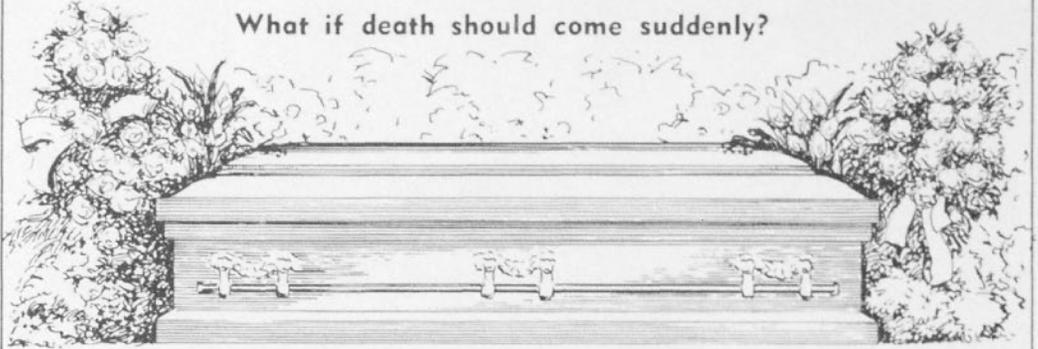
Jesus was raised as the Firstborn among many brethren. He was the first fruits and we are also in the harvest. He is the Firstborn and we are also in the family, for He brings many sons unto glory. Our hope is certain for the Spirit that raises the dead is already in our hearts. Christ's resurrection is a sample of the Spirit's work of glorification. He will change our body that it may be like Christ's glorified body.

To this end the Holy Spirit works. He convicts us of sin, reveals Christ to us, forms the new life within us, and witnesses to our sonship. He endues us for service, and gives us a longing for our Lord's return, and also patience to wait for it. One thing more He longs to do, and that is to raise us, change us, and then present us a glorious bride to our heavenly Bridegroom.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." ◀◀

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**FATHER'S DAY**  
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Col. Newton (left) and Chaplain Smith stand with Revivaltime ministers in front of Col. Newton's B47, in which he flew a mission to Spain the next day.

... proved to be a tremendous success with more than 2,000 personnel taking part." The article continued, "This figure represents a large increase over the attendance at last year's mission."

The preaching mission was conducted by the *Revivaltime* team, March 21-26, with the *Revivaltime* choir joining in for the last three days. The *Revivaltime* broadcast of March 26 originated from the new base chapel and engendered keen interest.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Malcom E. Smith, senior Protestant chaplain, spearheaded and organized the mission from the start. He is a Southern Baptist minister and an ardent supporter of *Revivaltime's* ministry. He formerly pastored in Lakeland, Florida, site of South-Eastern Bible College, where he had many contacts with our Assemblies of God people. He said, "I patterned my local broadcast after *Revivaltime*."

Special features during the mission included early breakfasts for the offic-

## Wing Commander Commends Revivaltime for 'Marvelous' Program at Air Force Base

BY D. V. HURST, NATIONAL RADIO SECRETARY

COL. GEORGE L. NEWTON JR., 340TH Bombardment Wing Commander, Strategic Air Command, in a letter to C. M. Ward and me, says:

"Your skillful tailoring of your program to our military people; your enthusiasm and interest in their morale and welfare; the profound reaction of our people to your efforts; and your wonderful choir are just a few of the

points that I could dwell on at length.

"You have made Whiteman Air Force Base a better place and reminded all of us of what we too easily forget—that we do have a God to serve on this earth."

In commenting on the preaching mission the *Skywriter*, base newspaper, stated:

"The Protestant Preaching Mission

ers and N.C.O.'s as well as airmen. Also included were a series of "coffees" in the residential areas of the base. More than one-fourth of the homes on the base were represented in the coffees. According to Mary Birkenbuel, chairman, "These coffees enlightened many families as to the benefits for everyone in attending the preaching mission. The fact that we



Chaplain Smith leads the singing. Dick Fulmer and Warren McPherson joined Revivaltime team for Sunday night rally.



Special features during the mission included early breakfasts for officers and other groups, giving opportunity for informal discussion.



D. V. Hurst and C. M. Ward presenting plaque to Chaplain Smith



D. V. Hurst at "coffee" in the residential area of the base

had not only a chaplain but also the wonderful contact with a missionary (one of the team of missionaries) in the true sense of the word, couldn't help but be of extreme benefit to each one present, even if they never attended another meeting. To me it was a great success."

In a detailed report of the mission to the 2nd Air Force, Base Chaplain Paul Haney (Captain USAF) stated: "C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst tailored their program to fit right into the Chaplain's program and exhibited an enthusiastic interest in the life, morals, and welfare of our Air Force personnel. Reception by the Wing and Base Commanders, as well as other Commanders, was outstanding. Favorable reaction of all personnel on the installation was attested by the numbers attending the services."

He further stated: "The *Revivaltime* message had a profound effect on our Air Force people that will be long remembered, and gave a real boost to our Protestant Chaplain program here at Whiteman Air Force Base, the effects of which will be evident for months to come in renewed enthusiasm and increased attendance at services."

Our local pastors and Assemblies of God churches supported the mission whole-heartedly and sent delegations to the services night after night. The WMC's of First Assembly in Sedalia were present 31-strong one night. Their contribution in presence and spirit contributed much to the success of the mission.

*Revivaltime* literature was given to all attending each night. Brother Ward's book, *God Was with Me in the Fiery Furnace*—the story of Captain Borgen, himself a SAC pilot, and of his escape from a burning B47—had a profound

effect on all who read it and caused many comments.

Decisions for Christ were registered in every service. They represented all areas of the base. Follow-up conferences with those who made decisions were planned by the chaplains.

In assessing the results of the mis-

sion, we sincerely pray that Col. Newton's evaluation will prove true: "I am convinced that the results of your work here will be apparent for a long, long time in a renewed interest in spiritual matters and an increased attendance at our services." And in the lives of those who accepted Christ it surely will. ◀◀

## LOCAL PASTORS' COMMENTS

The *Revivaltime* team has made a definite impact, not only upon the Whiteman Air Force Base but also upon the surrounding church groups of the various denominations which co-operated with this great preaching mission. The outstanding ministry of Brother Ward and the *Revivaltime* choir's consecrated, soul-inspiring music will long be remembered."

Floyd Buntenbach—Sedalia, Mo.

"The preaching mission on Whiteman Air Force Base with the *Revivaltime* team has made a great impact in this area. Scores of people have been alerted to the magnitude of *Revivaltime* and the Assemblies of God. Many have reported God meeting the need of their lives through the anointed and inspiring ministries of D. V. Hurst, C. M. Ward, and the *Revivaltime* Choir. We feel the effects of this mission will long be evident."

C. W. Van Dolsen—Warrensburg, Mo.

"I feel that the preaching mission at Whiteman has been of great value to this area. The challenging, as well as inspirational, messages have stirred the hearts of Christians as well as sinners. Doors were opened that might never have opened otherwise."

Ernest Foltz—Sweet Springs, Mo.



Floyd Buntenbach



C. W. Van Dolsen



Ernest Foltz



# Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **HAZELTON, PA.**—A midwinter evangelistic campaign conducted at Faith Assembly by Bob and Sally Reider of Berwick, Pa., brought satisfying results. The meetings were well attended though held in the coldest January in sixty years. A Roman Catholic woman accepted Christ as Saviour and was spared from undergoing an operation. Backsliders returned to God. Believers were revived, and the sick healed. The rich anointing of God rested upon the Word and music.  
—Arthur R. Hontz, Pastor

► **NAMPA, IDAHO**—First Assembly rejoices in a great ten-night revival held in January with Evangelist Stephen Zambos, young Greek evangelist from Long Beach, Calif. Over 20 came forward for salvation. God's power came down during the healing services as in days of old. Young people and adults alike appreciated the inspiration, clarity, and the anointing of the messages. The Sunday school averaged 240 during the meetings.  
—Warren D. Combs, Pastor

► **PANAMA CITY, FLA.**—First Assembly was privileged recently to enjoy a three-week revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. God moved in a marvelous way from the very first night of the revival. More than 100 knelt at the altar for salvation, some 20 to 25 received a glorious experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and at the close of the revival ten were baptized in water. Old timers of the church testified that this was one of the richest, deepest, and most profitable revivals in the history of the church. The altar services were enshrined with the presence of God each night, and tears flowed freely as conviction gripped the audience. The anointed full Bible-pattern ministry of the evangelist was deeply appreciated.  
—Glenn D. Miller, Pastor

► **FORT SEWARD, CALIF.**—An outstanding revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Hensley of Madera, Calif. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies were healed. There was a special moving among the young people. The anointed preaching of the Word was heart-stirring and the music and songs were an inspiration to all. The co-operation of neighboring churches in prayer and faithful attendance was sincerely appreciated. The home talent, as well, proved a real blessing, and the church rejoices over those who are willing to say Yes to the call of God in these last days.  
—H. E. Silvius, Pastor

► **AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO**—The power of God was manifested in a two-week revival with Pastor Warren Combs of First Assembly in Nampa, Idaho, as visiting evangelist. Eleven received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Of the eight who received the infilling during the first week, all returned for one or more refillings during the meeting. One lady received her baptism while standing in the healing line. On the first Sunday of the revival there were 74 in attendance at Sunday school. With the Spirit of God moving as He did in every service, it was not hard to set a new record of 123 on the last Sunday of the campaign. The congregation rejoices in this answer to the long-time prayer of His people for a revival.  
—Peter C. Petersen, Pastor

► **FARMINGTON, MO.**—God has visited the Assembly here with an old-fashioned outpouring of the Spirit during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. A good number found Christ as Saviour or were reclaimed, three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. At the beginning of the revival there was a prayer request for the

outpouring of the Spirit to start in the C. A. group and spread throughout the church. This is exactly what happened. Members of the C. A. group, which is a large one, were filled and refilled with the power of God. On the closing Sunday four adults united with the church.  
—J. W. Allen, Pastor

► **LONGVIEW, TEX.**—First Assembly reports a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless. The anointed ministry challenged the people to draw closer to the Lord. A number of adults made their way to the altar for salvation. The Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school saw results as a large number of boys and girls accepted Christ and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to being healed as a result of the faith-building messages.  
—D. E. Ferguson, Pastor

► **CHAFFEE, MO.**—God used the ministry of Evangelist Loyd Middleton of Vulcan, Mo., in a wonderful way at the Assembly of God here. Sixteen accepted Christ as Saviour and five received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The ministry of this youthful evangelist was especially beneficial to the C.A.'s.—William H. Marshall, Pastor

► **MICHIGAN CITY, IND.**—Evangelist and Mrs. J. Haskell Wooldridge recently concluded their eighth consecutive revival campaign at the Assembly here. Through these years they have watched the church grow numerically as well as spiritually. Many who attended past campaigns said "this revival is the outstanding one." Sinners were saved, believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed. The Sunday school attendance reached an all-time record monthly average.  
—Stewart H. Robinson, Pastor



Crowds attended Central Assembly in Monroe, La., during the meeting with Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. (William Blair is pastor.)



Evangelist J. Haskell Wooldridge conducted eight consecutive revivals at the Assembly in Michigan City, Ind. (Stewart H. Robinson, pastor)

## Owen Carr Joins National C. A. Staff

Youth Leader from Kansas Becomes Speed-the-Light Representative

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—Appointment of Owen C. Carr as Speed-the-Light field representative was announced today by Howard S. Bush, executive director of the National C. A. Department. Brother Carr will assume responsibilities of the position in mid-May. He succeeds Kenneth Short who has accepted the pastorate of First Assembly of God, Santa Cruz, California.



Owen Carr

As Speed-the-Light representative, Brother Carr will travel throughout the United States in behalf of the Assemblies of God youth missionary endeavor which provides modern transportation equipment for missionaries around the world. He will also assume other responsibilities of a creative nature within the National C. A. Department.

Born in Okmulgee, Okla., Mr. Carr entered the ministry in 1942 and has served Kansas pastorates in Gerlane, Corwin, Pomona, Iola, and Lyons. He will move to Springfield, Mo., from Topeka, Kans., where he has served as pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly of God since 1958.

From 1953 to 1958, Brother Carr served as Kansas District C. A. president and district Sunday school director. His ministry during these years was characterized by a great understanding of and love for the youth with whom he worked.

During early 1958, Mr. Carr conducted a three-month overseas tour. He traveled extensively in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe, visiting a number of Assemblies of God missions stations and also ministering at an Assemblies of God servicemen's retreat in Germany.

While serving as District C. A. president and Sunday school director in Kansas, Brother Carr edited a book *The Harvester*, an illustrated history of the Assemblies of God in Kansas from 1913 to 1955. He has also authored a number of articles which have appeared in various Assemblies of God magazines.

Mrs. Priscilla Carr and their children, David, 18, and Marilyn, 15, will join Mr. Carr in Springfield soon after the end of the current school term.

### DISTRICT OFFICERS RETAINED IN SOUTHERN IDAHO

NAMPA, Idaho—A call for a closer walk with God in the days ahead was emphasized at the nineteenth annual Southern Idaho District Council which convened here March 20-23.

More than 400 persons attended the opening C. A. rally addressed by Kenneth Schmidt, Grand Junction, Colo., who challenged the youth to dedicate their lives to God. From this opening service a special awareness of the presence of the Lord was evident throughout the Council.

Each night Brother Schmidt issued a challenge from God's Word that lifted and inspired all to a deeper walk with the Master. Signs followed the preaching of the Word, as God added His "Amen."

Highlighting the Council was a WMC banquet at which 134 women met for fellowship. Margaret Carlow, missionary to Japan, spoke and a new vision for missions was implanted in each heart.

During business sessions, much was done to further the work of the District. The group expressed disapproval of the worldliness which seems to be entering some churches today, and a renewed desire was expressed for more of God.

Present officers of the district were returned to office. They are: P. A. Fleming, superintendent; H. B. Walkup, assistant superintendent; C. M. Nelson, secretary; J. E. Shaw, treasurer; Mrs. M. Fleming, WMC president; and Roland Buck, MF director.

Mayor Leupp of Nampa extended a welcome to the council and expressed his appreciation for such meetings. The mayor is an ordained Nazarene minister.

—Clayton M. Nelson, District Secretary

## WITH CHRIST

LAWRENCE R. WOOD, 52, of Fresno, Calif., passed away on March 20 as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. In 1953 he was ordained in the Northern California-Nevada District and only in January had transferred to the Southern California District. He pastored in Madera, Cupertino, and Monte Vista.

CECIL MARVIN PARRISH, 42, of Columbus, Ga., stricken with cancer of the brain, was called Home April 10. Ordained in 1953 in the Tennessee District, he served as director of Christian education and assistant pastor at First Assembly in Memphis, Tenn., and director of Christian education at Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., at North Highland Assembly and at East Highland Assembly in Columbus, Ga. In 1954 he was a representative of the National Sunday School Department. At the time of death he was managing the Southeast Church Supply House in Columbus, Ga., and also served as director of the Men's Fellowship of the Georgia District. He is survived by his wife and two children.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Subiaco	Midway	May 23-June 4	Johnny & Mrs. Garrison	Gorman Daniel
Calif.	Fresno	Northeast	May 23-June 4	Denny Davis	Thomas Fuller
	San Leandro	Haven of Rest	May 28—	Norm Robinson	P. A. Scroggins
	Yucaipa	First	May 15-June 4	Paul E. Riggs	Harold Starks
Fla.	Miami	Christian	May 24-June 4	C. Merrill Johnson	Ivan R. Loy
Ga.	Moultrie	Northside	May 24—	Michael H. Lord	Charles Ward
Ill.	West Point	A/G	May 23-June 4	Cox & Brown Team	Harry Lee
Ind.	Spencer	* A/G	May 22-26	Dedelow-Friederici	Wm. Moorman
Iowa	Macedonia	A/G	May 23-June 4	Larry Allbaugh	George Williamson
Kans.	Clay Center	A/G	May 16-28	Musical Lebsacks	Robert Mackish
	Columbus	First	May 21-June 4	Bonnie M. Ruble	Robert E. Sugg
	Jetmore	A/G	May 21-June 2	Jeremiah Hanley	Bill Donaldson
Ky.	Frankfort	First	May 23-June 4	Bob & Jeri Winford	J. C. Ellis
Md.	Elkton	Glad Tidings	May 16-28	Wm. & Mrs. Voodre	C. W. Trenum, Jr.
Miss.	Biloxi	Central	May 14-28	Sunshine Party	Douglas Carroll
	Ewing	A/G	May 21-June 4	C. A. & Louise Snavelly	Estil Meeks
	Springfield	Friendship	May 23-June 4	John Eller	Wm. E. Bills
Mont.	Springfield	** West 66 Bypass	May 25-June 18	Billy Wolfe	Harry Freeman, Chm.
	Malta	A/G	May 28-June 4	Evelyn Glosser	W. G. Strom
	Roundup	A/G	May 28-June 2	Charles Senechal	Carroll Peterson
Nebr.	Hastings	A/G	May 16-28	H. K. Kahalehili	H. W. Lebsack
N. Y.	Corning	A/G Tab.	May 28-June 11	C. S. Tubby	Norman Love
	Elmira	Pent. Tab.	May 28-June 4	Albert & Tommy Reid	John Bedzyk
	Rochester	First	May 23-June 4	Jack & Clara Peters	Ernest Morgan
N. C.	Hickory	A/G	May 23-28	Buddy Creel	J. T. Bowers
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	May 28-June 4	Louise Nankivell	R. R. Wiley
Ohio	Oberlin	A/G	May 23-28	J. B. Woolums	Howard E. Spriggs
	Barnsdall	A/G	May 21-June 4	Joey Laird	George Clements
	Durant	First	May 21—	Al Davis	W. Ross Davis
Okla.	Wagoner	A/G	May 27—	R. L. Walkup	E. L. Coleman
	Junction City	A/G	May 16-June 4	Marlon Jannuzzi	Don Jacobson
	Portland	*** First	May 15-21	Warren Litzman	Joseph Dunets, Chm.
Pa.	Boynton	A/G	May 23-June 4	Bob & Virginia Bradley	Richard McDaniel
	Kingston	Evangelistic Tem.	May 14-28	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Louis Trotta
	Mansfield	Highway Tab.	May 16-28	John D. Occhipinti	Raymond Valimont
S. C.	Mill City	A/G	May 16-28	Nate Killian	Theodore Kessler
	State Line	A/G	May 23-June 4	John Higginbotham	Thelma Christophel
	Florence	First	May 28-June 11	Robert Watters	R. E. Cottle
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	May 17-28	Christian Hild	Andrew Teuber
Tex.	Houston	Jensen Drive	May 23-June 4	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Martin P. Gablet
	Stamford	First	May 22-June 4	Leon & Ann Bayless	David Watson
	Blaine	Full Gospel Tab.	May 22-26	Jim & Betty Sconce	R. R. Mayfield
Wash.	Oakville	A/G	May 23—	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Melvin Buhler
	Superior	Central	May 23-28	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Reuben N. Peterson
Canada	Napanee, Ont.	Evangel Temple	May 24-28	John French	Earl Bergman

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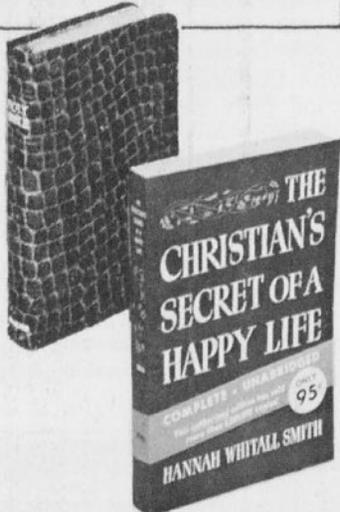
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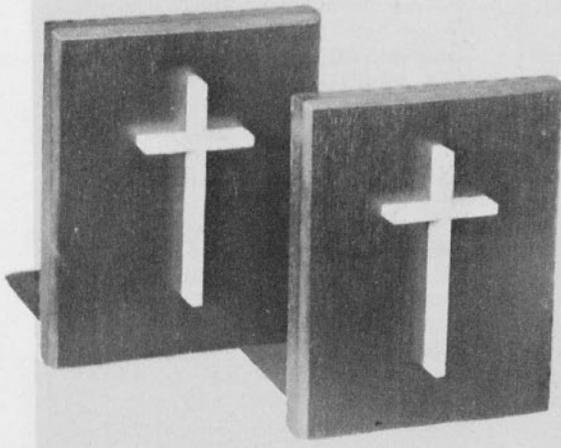
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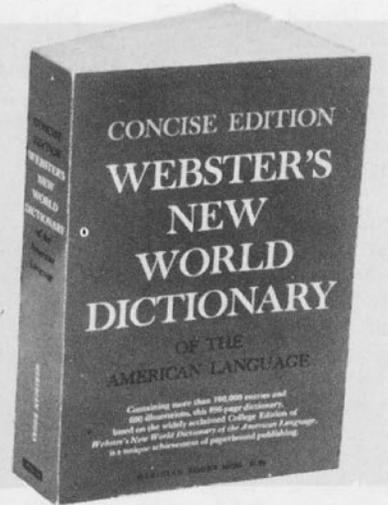
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# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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the Baptist, "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (verse 16). He compared this occasion to the events of Acts 2.

Note this: *three times in these verses we find the experience described as the Baptism with the Holy Ghost* (Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:4, 5; Acts 11:16).

This event took place in A. D. 41, eight years after the original outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

## The Believers at Ephesus

In Acts 19:1-7 we are told how the Holy Spirit was imparted to the Ephesians. Paul had arrived in Ephesus and had found "certain disciples" (that is, believers) to whom he said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" or, as one version states, "when ye believed?" Their answer was that they had not heard that the Holy Ghost had been given. They had not even received Christian baptism—they had only known John's baptism—so Paul taught them of Christ, the One who John said would come after him and who would baptize people with the Holy Ghost. These Ephesians then received Christian baptism, after which Paul laid his hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came on them; "and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

This was A. D. 54, twenty-one years after Pentecost. These Ephesians were

visited with the same phenomenon as was evidenced in Acts 2 and Acts 10.

R. A. Torrey, in his book *What the Bible Teaches*, says:

"The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from, and subsequent and additional to, His regenerating work.

"A man may be regenerated by the Holy Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In regeneration there is an impartation of life, and the one who receives it is saved; in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit there is an impartation of power, and the one who receives it is fitted for service.

"Every true believer has the Holy Spirit (see Romans 8:9), but not every believer has the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, though every believer may have. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit may be received immediately after the New Birth; e. g., in the household of Cornelius. In a normal state of the church, every believer would have the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, as in the church at Corinth (see 1 Corinthians 12:12).

"In such a normal state of the church, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit would be received immediately upon repentance and baptism into the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:28). But the doctrine of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit has been so allowed to drop out of sight, and the Church has had so little expectancy along this line for its young children, that a large portion of the Church is in the position of the churches in Samaria and Ephesus, where someone has to come and call the attention of the mass of believers to their privilege in the Risen Christ and claim it for them."

## The Church at Samaria

One more occasion we are compelled to consider is the impartation of the Holy Spirit at Samaria (Acts 8). Although the Scriptures do not say the Samaritan believers spoke with tongues, a supernatural phenomenon occurred which seems to be identical with it.

There was a great revival at Samaria, with Philip as the evangelist. There were miracles, signs, healings, and demonic spirits cast out (verses 6, 7). Even Simon the sorcerer was converted and was baptized in water. The people were saved but not filled with the Spirit. As R. A. Torrey says, they were "regenerated but not baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The apostles at Jerusalem sent Peter and John to Samaria "who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus)" (Acts 8:15-17). "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

You will note that these people believed in Jesus Christ. They had accepted Him as Lord and Saviour, and they had been baptized in water. They were Christians, yet they had not received the Holy Spirit. They did not receive until the apostles came to their city and laid their hands on them.

Anyone who teaches that believers receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit at conversion will have a hard time reconciling such teaching with the record concerning the Samaritans.

When the apostles came, something miraculous happened. It was so amaz-

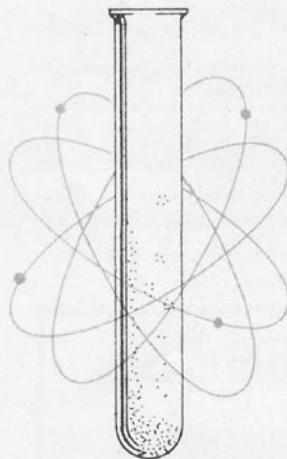
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ing Simon wanted to buy this power that the apostles possessed. What was it? P. C. Nelson quotes the answers of several noted divines of past years:

*Adam Clarke*, 1762-1832, Methodist: "It was the miraculous gifts of the Spirit which were thus communicated; the speaking with different tongues, and these extraordinary qualifications which were necessary for the successful preaching of the gospel."

*Joseph Benson*, 1749-1841, Methodist: "These new converts spake with tongues, and performed other extraordinary works."

*Chas. John Ellicott*, Episcopalian: "'When Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands...' The words imply that the result was something visible and conspicuous. A change was wrought and men spoke with tongues and prophesied."

*D. D. Whedon*: "Miniature Pentecost—same Charismatic effusions."

*Alexander Maclaren*, Baptist: "The Samaritans had been baptized but still they lacked the gift of the Spirit."

*J. S. Excell*, Co-Editor, Pulpit Commentary: "This shows that the recipients of the Holy Ghost must in some external fashion—probably through speaking with tongues or working miracles—have indicated their possession of the heavenly gift."

*The Command to All Christians*

The Bible says, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). This command is given to Christians. As R. A. Torrey points out, there are at least seven different phrases which mean the same thing:

"Baptized with the Holy Ghost"

"Filled with the Spirit"

"Gift of the Holy Ghost poured out"

"Holy Ghost fell on them"

"Receive the Holy Ghost"

"I will send the promise of the Father upon you"

"Endued with power from on high"

All these expressions are used in the New Testament to describe one and the same experience. Therefore Ephesians 5:18 cannot be twisted into something less significant. It means, "Be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

"The Baptism with the Holy Spirit," said Torrey, "is a definite experience of which one may and ought to know whether he has received it or not."

#### THE DISPENSATIONAL SETTING

The Church Age or the Dispensation of the Holy Spirit began on the Day of Pentecost. This is accepted by all denominations. A dispensation is a period of time during which God deals with men after some particular manner. God never changes His mind or plan in the midst of a dispensation. That is to say, the new institution which ushers in a dispensation must remain to the close thereof.

Think for a moment of the dispensation of the Mosaic Law. Suppose someone had tried to set the Law aside! That act would have met God's displeasure. He would not permit it. The Lord ended the dispensation of Law when Jesus Christ died on the Cross. Now we are in the Holy Spirit dispensation and it will continue until Jesus returns to take the Church out of the earth. Until that time no one can change the dispensation.

To use another comparison, let us take the case for water baptism. The Bible indicates the Early Church immersed converts in water. Immersion, then, was the mode of water baptism, and we immerse converts today because we are still in the Church Age. Very well, if the mode of the baptism with the Holy Spirit was the speaking in tongues, why try to change it now? Indeed, what right have we to change it? The point is made very clear. Immersion was the apostolic mode of water baptism, and the phenomenon of speaking in tongues was the apostolic mark of receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit. *We should expect the experience to be the same in method, and in demonstration, as it was in apostolic days.*

It was the habit of the apostles, whenever they found believers in Christ, to inquire whether they had received the Holy Ghost. They made sure that all Christians experienced this blessing.

They recognized the fact that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary to enable any Chris-

tian to perform the service that Christ plans and expects of him.

They taught that this experience was for all. As Peter put it, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). *It is for every believer in every age of the Church's history. If any believer in any age does not have the baptism with the Holy Spirit, it is solely because he does not claim his privilege in Christ.* ◀◀

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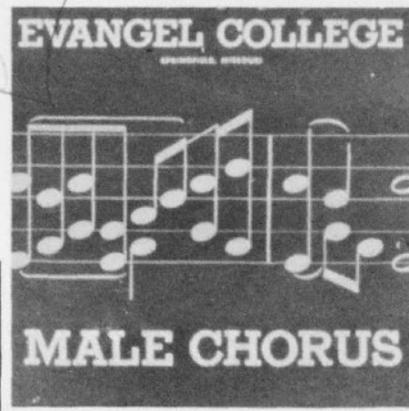
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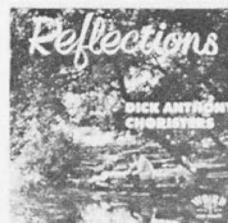
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*Fire is a necessity.* We must have fire to keep warm. We cook with fire. We need fire to generate steam to propel our machinery. Fire is indispensable on earth and it takes the heavenly Fire to get us to heaven.

*Fire melts.* The iceberg may be melted by fire. After a long cold winter when everything has been frozen for months, let the hot sun come out and shine on the iceberg and it quickly thaws. So when the Holy Ghost fire strikes a church or community, quickly the cold formalism melts. Church members, cold toward God and His cause and indifferent toward one another, suddenly become warm in their affections toward Him and His people. They are melted and flow together until they become one in Him. When two pieces of metal melt in the same pan, they become fused into unity. Jesus prayed that we might become one.

*Fire attracts.* A burning building will attract a crowd sooner than almost anything else. When people get on fire for God, the crowds will come to see them burn! I have wondered if it would be possible to have a church so on fire with Holy Ghost love—that is what the fire represents—until it attracts people for miles around. The power of the Holy Ghost would be so

manifest in that church that sinners would cry to God for mercy when they entered the doors.

*Fire reveals.* The fire of the Holy Ghost will reveal the inner working of the human heart to its possessor. When Isaiah went to the temple to pray, he saw the Lord and received such a vision of himself that he cried out, "I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips." Isaiah's confession brought the Fire from God's altar that took away his sin. When the Holy Ghost comes, he will search us through and reveal our hearts to us as God sees them. Every person needs such a revelation today.

*Fire cleanses and purifies.* You may clean the dirt off the outside of a gold nugget, but it takes fire to melt away the dross within. Water cleanses externally, but fire purifies internally. We need something to penetrate to the innermost recesses of our soul and cleanse its chambers. Only the fire of the Holy Ghost can do this. Furthermore, only the pure in heart shall see God.

*Fire spreads.* It may start as a very small flame, but when fanned by the heavenly breeze it will spread to the four winds. On the Day of Pentecost

the disciples were few in number, an obscure people, without money or prestige. They lived under a government ruled by an iron hand, which possessed sixty million slaves and fostered every form of sin known. This handful of disciples had no church building in which to carry on their work, were despised and rejected by priests and people, were counted as the offscouring of the earth, yet when the Fire fell from heaven it spread to three thousand men and women that same day and swept on and on to every known part of the world. The Fire will spread if we will let it.

Some Chinese in asking for missionaries said, "Give us missionaries who have 'hot' hearts." That is the need everywhere—men and women who have not lukewarm or warmed-over hearts but red-hot hearts filled with love and sympathy by the heavenly Fire.

And this Fire can be kept burning. If we keep close to the Lord, He will continue to pour the Oil of the Holy Ghost upon us so that the Fire need never go out. Its constant glow will warm, cheer, and encourage all about to more faithful service to our Lord.