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A Thankful Heart

We do well to cultivate a thankful heart, for all of us enjoy greater blessings than we deserve; and besides, a thankful heart is a blessing in itself. It lightens our load, gives wings to our prayers, and protects us from the maladies of discouragement, self-pity, and fault-finding. It definitely contributes to one's physical, mental, and spiritual health.

The happiest folk on earth are those who are always looking on the bright side. Matthew Henry, the famous Bible scholar, was in this class. No doubt this helps to explain how he managed to accomplish so much in a comparatively short life. One day thieves attacked him and stole his purse. He recorded the experience in his diary with the following comment:

"Let me be thankful, first, because I was never robbed before. Second, because, although they took my purse, they did not take my life. Third, because, although they took my all, it was not much. And fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

It is not hard to be thankful for the pleasant things in life. The test comes when we meet trouble. One mother remarked, after her child recovered from a serious illness, "Wasn't God good to give us back our child?" Her friend replied, "Yes; but would not God have been just as good, or just as kind, if your child had not come back to you?" God never is unkind. He is always good, always doing what is best for us, though we may not always understand how this may be; therefore we can sincerely obey the scriptural injunction, "In everything give thanks."

George Matheson, the well-known blind preacher of Scotland who is now with Christ, wrote as follows:

"My God, I have never thanked Thee for my 'thorn'! I have thanked Thee a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my 'thorn'; I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensation for my cross instead of recognizing it as itself a present glory. Teach me the glory of my cross; teach me the value of my 'thorn.' Show me that I have climbed to Thee by the path of pain. Show me that my tears have made my rainbow."

The Psalmist said, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Indeed it is, for when we thank God there is a threefold benefit. God is glorified, our joy is multiplied, and those around us are edified. We do not praise the Lord half enough for the mercy, grace, and love He has poured upon us so abundantly.

*Oh, praise the Lord, whose word of power has done
Such mighty things! Give thanks and praise to Him
Who in Divine compassion gave His Son
To save us and redeem us from our Sin!
Lift up your hands and bless His wondrous Name,
Lift up your voice and shout aloud with joy
The triumphs of the King of heav'n who came
To earth the works of Satan to destroy!
Oh, clap your hands and sing of God's great love,
His mercy and His grace beyond compare.
Exalt and glorify the Lord above;
Let fervent Hallelujahs fill the air!
And let your daily life show forth His praise:
Obey His Word, walk humbly in His ways.*

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The Spirit of THANKSGIVING

By HARDY W. STEINBERG

*Giving thanks always for all things unto God
and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*

ONE HUNDRED TWO PILGRIMS LANDED at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on December 21, 1620. During the long, hard winter fifty-one of them died. Among the dead was the wife of Captain Miles Standish. As soon as spring came, however, the hardy colonists planted their fields and in the fall harvested a bountiful crop. When provisions had been stored away for the winter months Governor Bradford called for a day of thanksgiving.

Instead of entertaining a spirit of self-pity and bitterness because of the recent tragedies, these pilgrims must have remembered the words of the apostle Paul: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). This spirit of thanksgiving became an indication of the spiritual stature of the pilgrims.

Today, all believers can undoubtedly look back and remember tragedies, sorrows, and heartaches. The Spirit-filled believer, however, is distinguished from the less effective Christian by his attitude when surrounded with problems. Paul makes it clear that the believer who is filled with the Spirit will have a continual attitude of thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:18, 20).

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS

Some people find it difficult to offer thanks to God when all is going well. The history of Israel, recorded in the Book of Judges, might well be the story of some believers today. God blessed the Israelites; they forsook the Lord; so the Lord sent chastisement,

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and the people repented, so God forgave and sent blessings again. God had anticipated and warned against this tendency. Israel, however, forgot that Moses had said, "And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers... to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things... then beware lest thou forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:10-12).

Other people forget to thank God in the hour of trouble. They are different from Job who said to his wife, "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil..." (Job 2:10). Instead they turn away from a loving heavenly Father like the self-willed King Saul, who visited the witch of Endor in his distress.

The Spirit-filled believer gives thanks always. He says with the Psalmist, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1). Just as the Israelite brought his sacrifices to the Lord, the devout soul brings his regular offerings of thanksgiving. "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving..." (Psalm 116:17).

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

Some believers have made sharp distinctions between what they consider blessings and misfortunes. They thank the Lord for some things and withhold thanks for others.

The trusting child of God can give thanks for all things including the seemingly great tragedies of life. He knows that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"

(Romans 8:28). When the night is dark, when the storms are intense, the Spirit whispers to the heart of the yielded soul, "Give thanks unto the Lord, for all things are working together for good."

Sometimes the believer's steps will lead from one disappointment to another. As with Joseph, it seems that each experience makes the fulfillment of the promises of God less likely. But when Joseph was sold as a slave he gave no indication of bitterness or rancor, though his heart must have been broken. When Joseph was put in prison for maintaining his integrity he seemed to look for opportunities to serve. When forgotten for two years by an ungrateful butler, still he showed no resentment. When the clouds had all cleared away Joseph could see that even the seeming tragedies were occasions for which to thank the Lord (Genesis 50:20).

It is well to thank the Lord for a bountiful Thanksgiving table and the happy experiences of a bountiful year. The child of God, however, can bow his heart in thanks for "all things," whether in plenty or in want. This truth is not an impractical theory. Paul demonstrated its practicality when he sang praises to God at the midnight hour in the crucible of a Philippian jail.

GIVING THANKS THROUGH CHRIST

When Jesus was still with the disciples during His earthly sojourn He said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I

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This statement caused me to take a new look at Dad.



MY DAD IS GREAT!

MY FATHER IS A MINISTER. HE HAS been one all of my life. He not only ministered to his congregations but to me, his daughter, as well. He was so successful in teaching me that when I entered college and enrolled in my first required course of New Testament, I stood easily at the head of my class.

My professor casually asked me one day, "In what school have you previously studied religion?"

"I have never studied it at all," I replied, "except with my father."

"Where was he trained?" the professor asked.

"He wasn't," I answered. Then, realizing how flat that sounded, I continued, "at least not formally."

"You have had sound teaching," the professor replied. "Your father must be a great man. I should like to meet him."

I stared at the professor a minute and then started to explain, but he had turned to another student. I had in-

The writer of this article prefers to be anonymous in order that the story may be dedicated to all the older ministers whom we are remembering at Thanksgiving.

tended to tell him that my father was a good man, but only a small-town preacher with absolutely no claim on greatness. The professor's statement caused me to take a new look at Dad.

I knew about his early life. He was born in the Ozark mountains, and his meager education had been attained at a hillside school which he attended bare-footed, carrying his lunch of cornbread and baked potatoes in a syrup bucket.

While he was still small, typhoid fever raged through his family and took away his father. The older boys continued to farm and, as each of the younger ones grew old enough to follow a plow, his schooling at the three-month school two miles over the hills was, of necessity, discontinued. Father finished the third grade before it came his turn to stop.

There in the hills he grew up—learning only the lessons that hard work, poverty, and a close acquaintance with nature could teach.

Then came 1911—how often I have heard Dad tell about it. That was the year Pentecost came to the mountain people. It all began when an itinerant preacher walked in, carrying his card-

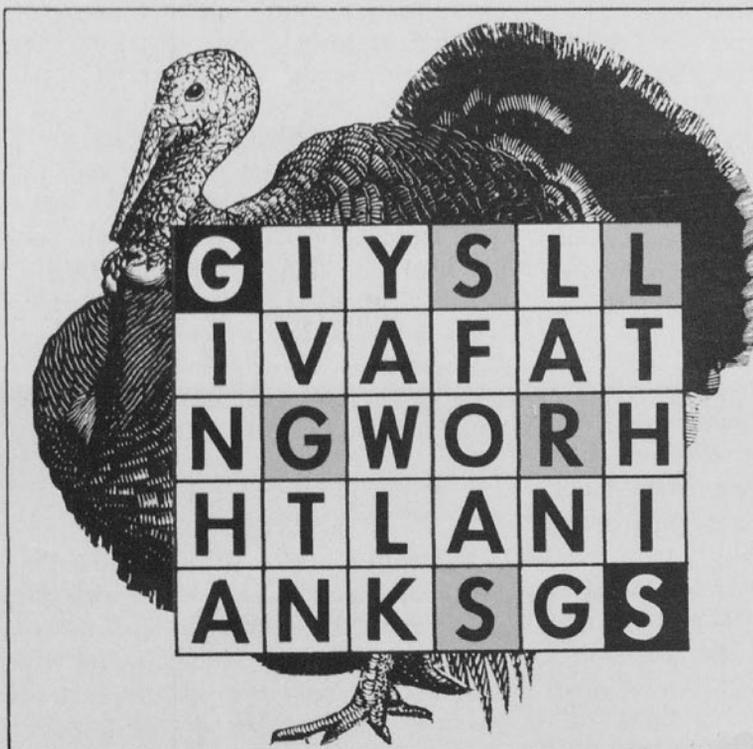
board suitcase. Nobody had invited him; nobody knew he was coming. He had received a new experience and it was burning in his heart. He began to preach at the schoolhouse.

Dad, then a boy of seventeen, had been working in the timber camps. He came home a few weeks later to find every stump an altar and every thicket a place of prayer. Former bootleggers were preaching and horse thieves were prevailing in prayer. The revival had caught among the hill people like a brush fire in dry timber.

Dad went out to see what it was all about and he got in it, too—all the way from his store-bought collar to his new high-button shoes. God saved him and baptized him with the Holy Ghost and fire.

For the next two or three years Dad traveled around with various preachers taking the message to other towns and schoolhouses. Many, many times I have heard him tell of the mighty working of the Spirit which they saw and of the determined opposition they met.

Then Dad married and settled down. Oh, he still preached around home and held revivals between crops, but he



FOR THE JUNIOR READER

A THANKSGIVING PUZZLE

Here's a Thanksgiving puzzle for you to solve. In the message are six words. Your job is to figure out what they are.

Start with the black square at the top. Find the next letter by moving either across or down. Then go on to the next letter. Always move either up or down or to the right or left. *Never move diagonally.* The gray squares indicate the end of a word. Four of the words have six letters each. The other two have three letters each. The puzzle ends with the black square at the bottom.

You can check your answer by looking up the first six words of Ephesians 5:20. Then read the rest of the verse—and practice it every day!

couldn't cut loose. Over and over in the midnight hours when God spoke to him, he told God so. "I don't mind," he would say, "but my family—it isn't fair to pull them around from pillar to post. Besides, God, I don't have enough learning to be a preacher."

So the years passed and Dad farmed, or worked in the oil field, and served the Lord along the way. Some day when he had made enough to keep his family comfortable during his absence, he would surely go preach... In the meantime, he conducted prayer meetings and revivals as he could.

But all the time the fire was smoldering in his soul, and many restless nights he spent arguing with God. For every year that he did come out with money ahead, it seemed another year would follow in which he fell behind. Seeking quick wealth, he moved to California.

Finally, it seemed God grew weary of waiting. He called for a showdown. "Will you go preach?" He asked again.

"I can't go yet, Lord. I haven't made enough to leave my family, and I don't want them to bear the hardship," Dad answered.

In a few weeks both Mother and I lay dying while the state's leading doctors stood by. "There is no hope," they told my father. "If you want to send them back East for burial you'd better make arrangements."

Dad's excuse was being taken away. Still he argued, "But, Lord, I'm not educated. Who would want me for a preacher?"

"That's my part," God answered. "I'll provide the place. Are you ready?"

Dad knew he must decide once and for all. He humbly bowed his head. "Yes, Lord. Heal my family and I'll go." God knew he meant it. A week later Mother and I were well enough to go home, and as soon as we were strong enough to travel Dad took us back to Oklahoma. We arrived at our destination on a Friday afternoon. On Sunday Dad was elected pastor of his first church. God wasn't wasting any time.

The church was meeting in a rented building at the crossroads town which boasted only a store and post office. The throes of depression still gripped the land. Some weeks the tithes amounted to only twenty-five cents, but God was with us. In fact, the church prospered and was able to buy land on which to build.

Dad still felt his lack of book learn-

ing keenly and somehow he managed three dollars (which was quite a fortune then) for a large, second-hand, one-volume commentary on the entire Bible. With this and a Smith's Bible Dictionary that had been given him he began to study. After a while he was able to enroll in a correspondence course.

At times he worked at various odd jobs to help support us and to erect the church building, but he never cut down on his study time. One of my clearest memories of this period of our lives is that of waking in the darkness of the early morning hours and seeing a light burning in another room. Always wanting to be close to Daddy, I would get out of bed, go climb on his lap and settle down between him and the big commentary. Neither of us would say a word, but a close comradeship developed which has never been broken. Sometime later I would arouse to find Daddy carrying me back to bed.

I don't know how many times Dad read the Bible through in those years. I do know that it was years later before he possessed his first concordance, and that, long before that, he could give book and chapter for most any Scripture verse.

When we were fortunate enough to have gas for our car, we attended special meetings in town fifteen miles away. Always I knew there would be an extra stop—at the house of some fellow minister whose education exceeded Dad's. There Dad hoped to borrow a book or discuss some difficult question. I sat in the car, a tow-headed child in pigtails, and vowed that someday I would learn all there was to know and teach my Daddy so he would not need to stop places to borrow other men's books and ask them questions!

Through the years I did introduce him to some things, like Roman numerals and parts of speech. But all the time I was teaching him knowledge he was imparting wisdom to me.

As I grew up, Dad took time to help me over the hard places. I well remember the shock I felt when I discovered that while all the church people "professed" not all "possessed." This problem became so large in my mind that, like Elijah of old, I wondered if there was anyone serving God. Dad recognized my problem and quietly pointed out some true Christians to

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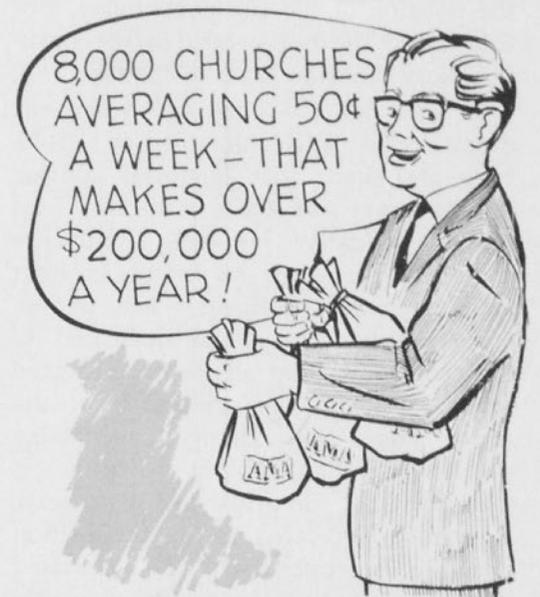
A QUIZ ON AGED MINISTERS' ASSISTANCE

Is it TRUE?

All our churches
contribute regularly
to Aged Ministers'
Assistance.

TRUE

FALSE



Ah, that this were only true. The actual truth is, however, that only one-third of the Assemblies of God churches make even one contribution per year. Almost the entire responsibility of providing for our aged ministers and missionaries falls on a much smaller number of churches.

If every assembly *did* contribute regularly, many more needy folk could receive assistance, and on a more adequate income scale.

Make certain *your* Assembly does its share. Today is Thanksgiving Aged Ministers' Assistance Day, and your opportunity to contribute to:

AGED MINISTERS' ASSISTANCE

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I WANT TO TAKE FOR OUR CONSIDERATION one of the most intriguing and thrilling stories of all Biblical history—the story of the three godly Hebrew children of Daniel 3. And in connection with this let me read for a text a verse found in 1 Corinthians 16:13, as translated by Phillips, “Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, live like men, be strong.”

The story of the three Hebrew children has echoed and re-echoed from our pulpits and Sunday school classes thrilling men and women and boys and girls with faith and encouragement. I will not bore you with the incidentals of the immediate narrative, but I would point out to you the fact that the position of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego nearly 2,600 years ago heralds the position of the Christian today. For they faced the hot breath of the burning fiery furnace and so do we.

It was not too long ago when the great President Lincoln stood at Gettysburg and made that immortal address by the graves of those who had paid dearly for liberty. He said, “Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Lincoln has passed from the scene. Times have changed and today we have a man, Nikita Khrushchev, who stands at the graveyard of nations, apparently dedicated to the proposition that all Americans will be cremated equally. Bumptiously and flamboyantly he says, “We will bury you!” I want you to know it is not with idleness that I tell you tonight we face a fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in their day were given a choice of being stereotyped with the mass, rubber-stamped with the crowd, or being a “spectacle of righteousness” for God Almighty. It was not easy for these three young men to stand against everything that their day stood for. But it was their God-given privilege to do so. This is what Paul meant when he cried, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

I need not tell you that these were not the only men in history that reached this decision having had the same proposition made to them. Paul said, “We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools, for Christ’s sake.”

We have reached a place where we,

too, must decide whether we will be mere creatures of circumstance or children of God with the power of the Holy Ghost. We can be molded by society or we can yield ourselves to the hand of a mighty God to mold society! It was not an easy place where the three Hebrew children stood and it is no easy place where anyone stands when he makes a decision against the flesh and for the spirit.

I looked up from my prayer one Sunday morning and saw the high-school coach sitting in the church almost at the back. I was preaching on the subject of a bench-warmer, paral-

ling it with those who have not the spiritual backbone to get out on the field and play the game. When the people came to pray at the altar at the close of the service, he left the church and his mother said to me, “Brother Schmidt, I’m afraid we’ve lost him.”

I said, “Mother, you never lose anything when you stand for the truth.”

On Tuesday night he was back at the prayer meeting and the Spirit of the Lord swept across the congregation. The glory of the Lord was in the service, and as people came to the altar I walked back to this man. He was an undefeated wrestling champion of the United States Navy, but now the perspiration rolled down his brow as he wrestled with conviction. He had made many decisions on the football field but now he faced the decision of his life.

I said to him, “This decision is one that counts for time and eternity. You make it; I can’t.” Straightening himself, and with tears in his eyes, he took off his coat, threw it on a seat, and ran to the altar, crying, “O my God, I need you!”

He made the decision not to be molded by society but to mold society and that’s what he is doing today. He is filled with the Holy Ghost and is the teacher of my young folk. We’ve won the junior high coach and the college coach, too, hallelujah!

The title I have for this message is “Christian Positrons.” Some of you ask, “What in the world is a positron?” Let me explain it like this. You do not read in the Bible very far before you see that in God’s great economy in this world He parallels the spiritual with the natural laws. And when the Lord Jesus taught of the kingdom of God and gave us a revelation of truth, He used the law of apperception in teaching. That is, He taught new spiritual truths by old natural knowledge—by the things that men already knew.

He said, for instance, that the world is a field and life is like a harvest—the spiritual is like the natural. He compared Himself to the vine and us to the branches, and throughout His teaching we see these parallels. This similarity is evident in this electronic and nuclear age. These parallels are still working.

I don’t want to give you a scientific lesson in electronics or the theory of the cosmic field, but let me stop long enough to make a few observations be-

Christian Positrons

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cause of its relation to Christianity.

In the cosmic ray that forms the beautiful lights and gives us the power in this world, there are three facets: the positron, the neutron, and the proton. Now the scientific definition of a positron is, "A positively charged particle of matter found in the cosmic rays."

Here is its work: in the field of the cosmic ray, the positron stands up against the bombardment of the neutrons and protons. This produces a reaction of power and activates the field into an order and light. Hallelujah! That is what a Christian is, isn't it? For a Christian is a highly charged positive element that stems the tide of neutrality, bringing light and power and usefulness. That is why Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." That is why the apostle Paul said, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

May I reaffirm to you, as the positron stands against the bombardment of the neutron and proton, there is a field of order and light and power produced. And as we children of the living God, infused with His power, stand up against the tide of sin, the very harmony of the economy of God comes down and light and power are produced through the relationship between the creature and the Creator.

Let me carry this a bit further. Scientific engineers have run into a very frustrating problem. In studying this field of cosmic power they have found now and then that the positron becomes weakened by the constant bombardment of the neutron and the neutral field, and when it becomes weakened it turns

slowly and goes with the moving tide and brings disharmony to the entire scientific field. They call that positron a "turn-around."

You wonder why there is darkness in the world today—why there is no harmony in the field? It is because we have too many turn-arounds, people that do not stand against the tide of sin, but have turned and gone with the field. That's why the Bible says, "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves... traitors [turn-arounds]...."

I was talking to one of the professors of Stamford University who has a Sunday school class on the campus. He said to me, "Rev. Schmidt, I want you to know the trouble today comes because most of our churches are too apologetic. They are not sticking to their guns and are not meeting the issues of the hour."

Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus and said, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore...." I point you again to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as they said, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter...." They were going to stand regardless of consequences! And they did stand their ground, and God in the form of the fourth Person stood with them. Ah, you won't stand alone, for God will stand with you.

Remember that this gospel torch that was handed to us was lit and made a flame of fire on Golgotha's angry brow in the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ as He stood His ground. The first Church, born on the Day of Pentecost and infused with the power of God, was not made up of soft, wan, aesthetic, stained glass saints! It was made up of men and women of God,

filled with the Holy Ghost, that stood in their place until the opposition cried, "They have turned the world upside down!"

In our community a pastor took an exception to us because of the blessing of God upon our church. He gathered his people together and played a record backwards and said, "Now this is speaking in tongues. This is it—that's all they've got." And so his people reasoned, "If that's all they've got, it won't hurt us to go down there and see." When I get home next Sunday I'm taking into membership about twenty-four of them, filled with the Holy Ghost! This thing isn't done in a corner. It's the power of God and not your power or mine.

When you look over the pages of history and see such people as Martin Luther carrying the torch of the Reformation, you hear his undying words, "Here I stand; I can do no other. So help me God!" And I look at John Geddie, that great missionary to New Hebrides, who was so completely surrendered to God that when his work was over they wrote a memorial for him, "When he came there were no Christians, but when he left there were no heathen." He had been a positron in the field and had stood his place.

Let me remind you that the God of the three Hebrew children still lives today. The God that stood by Moses when Moses stood before Pharaoh and shook an entire nation free from bondage and buried Pharaoh in the Red Sea still lives today!

Elijah stood against Ahab and backslidden Israel on Mount Carmel, but God stood with him and fire from heaven changed the whole situation until dogs licked up Ahab's blood. This same God is with us today; He has not forsaken us. He has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

I would like to point you to some up-to-date experiences in my own church where many have consecrated themselves to be positrons. I took the pastorate of a church that had just built an addition. The payments were high and the interest was high, and the church was up against the wall financially. After praying with the church board, I decided to go talk with the head of the loan company. He said, "Now listen, you are new in town, but we know the people of your church. They are fine people, but they are not people of means."

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Those who know the Lord still find that the flour sack never quite grows empty and the pitcher never quite goes dry.



Elijah's God Still Lives Today

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THE CHRISTIANS WHO SURVIVED the ordeal of the bleak "dirty thirties" of the prairie provinces in western Canada had ample scope to prove the God of Elijah who once said, "I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there" (1 Kings 17:4). While He did not feed us by means of birds, He did provide for His own in ways equally miraculous.

Merciless drouth left stretches of desert where once had lain green wheat fields. Many people lost their land for they were unable to pay the taxes.

It was disheartening to view the devastation left in the wake of the sand storms. The people moved away by the hundreds with little means of transportation and but a slim prospect of

prosperity elsewhere. Long queues of desperate men with packs on their backs lined up in front of the city employment offices. East and west, the transients frantically sought for prosperity and the basic needs of their families.

Those who had staked all of their ambitions on earthly wealth saw their goods shrivelling before their eyes. Ignorant of the eternal One, whom they had never had time to serve, they were left without hope. Tithes and offerings had had no place in their bookkeeping. They had torn down their barns and built greater ones in the days when they could fill them.

But now the substance was missing. They yielded to despair. Some even committed suicide. There was the case of the wealthy farmer who had built a house that was a huge showplace. When the depression came he shot himself. The god of greed had failed him. Then still another—a man whom I had known well—hanged himself, a victim of melancholia. Still another, whose farm lay in a once prosperous wheat-growing area, went insanely morbid with defeat and was found hanging from the rafter of his barn.

But the God of Elijah had not changed; nor did He fail His people. True, the surroundings were identical for saint and sinner but there was light in the dwellings of the Christians and hope in their hearts. Full well did we, His children, realize that the Creator is not limited by ravages of drouth, even though the sand did drift until fences and granaries were buried, while grasshoppers migrated in swarms.

Many of us were compelled to remain whether we liked it or not. But to stay, knowing we were in the will of God, changed the entire picture.

During that period my husband ministered in a number of pastorates, usually dependent upon freewill offerings from the poverty of our congregations to meet our modest expenses. But there were seasons when we could not have survived had our needs not been met from some unseen source.

On Saturday evenings during the summer we held street meetings. We never made financial appeals nor took up any offerings at these services. One Satur-

day I announced to my husband that I was without yeast and we had just enough bread to last until I could bake on Monday. His purse was empty. We simply told our heavenly Father of our need, then proceeded to conduct our gospel service in the town square. Directly after the conclusion a man hastened across the square to hand us a coin. He was followed immediately by an adolescent youth who also handed us a coin. They were both total strangers to us. How could they know that they were to be God's ravens? We bought yeast on our way home. I baked bread on Monday. It had a heavenly flavor because it had been supplied in answer to prayer.

A folding ironing-board, I mused, would make my laundry so much lighter and give better results. This too was presented to the Throne. Shortly afterwards I received a letter from a friend. It contained a gift of two dollars—not enough. I put the money away and waited. Meanwhile, a man from a neighboring town came to ours on business. His Christian wife felt this was her opportunity to call on me, so she accompanied him. After her greeting she handed me a bag which she said contained cottage cheese. Her visit was very short as her husband was in a hurry. When I emptied the bag I found cottage cheese, a large lump of fresh butter, and an envelope containing a dollar bill. The ironing board was \$2.50 at the local hardware. The three dollars I now possessed were more than enough to buy it and still pay my tithe. God had sent another raven.

Still another appeared in the person of a lady who sent a suit and blouses for my little boy. She had never seen him but her own son had outgrown these garments. They just fitted mine. Our Father knew the correct size.

Business and crops were failing all around us—but not God. A man brought a bag of potatoes to our kitchen door one evening at bedtime. We had been hungry for potatoes and had asked our heavenly Father to provide some. A worthy Christian brother, through the payment of a debt, found himself with a surplus. He felt strongly urged, although the hour was late, to bring us these potatoes. We laughed with pure joy as once more God set a table in the wilderness.

When winter arrived we were without meat. I knew that we could now keep it frozen in a box outside, so remarked to my husband, "I'm going

to ask the Lord for a quarter of beef." He smiled. It seemed like a large order. Shortly afterwards he drove out to the last of a series of services he was conducting in a country schoolhouse on Sunday afternoons. It was cold and my baby girl was small, so I stayed at home with her. Late in the afternoon my husband opened the door and staggered in, carrying a quarter of beef on his shoulder.

"Well, wife," he announced reverently, "here's your beef." God had sent another raven—this time in the person of a farmer's wife. Her husband had butchered a beef animal and she had felt strongly impressed to give us a quarter. We had fresh meat all winter and I canned the remainder for use in the summer.

Clothing and even toys at Christmas time were provided in answer to prayer. Often they were second-hand, but they served the purpose equally well and were reminders that God hates pride.

The pocket of an old-fashioned muff had a zipper fastener. The muff had come in a box of relief clothing for the church. By this time my wee girl fancied a muff so I picked this one up for her. I idly zipped open the pocket to slip my hand inside and to my astonishment there snuggled a five-dollar bill—greatly needed. We never knew who had placed it there, but we did know that the old muff was simply another raven.

As a need arose our Father supplied it, both for ourselves and for the children. Never has His presence been closer to us than during the barren years of the "dirty thirties." ◀◀

That Magic Word

By JULIA R. DAVIS

IT IS REPORTED THAT A POSTAL EMPLOYEE once studied the mail addressed to Santa Claus which came to the dead-letter office in Washington, D. C. In the three months preceding Christmas there were several thousands of letters asking for things. In the months after Christmas there was only one card addressed to Santa Claus saying, "Thanks." So quick to ask and receive—so slow to speak the magic word "thanks."

This twist in human nature is not a new one, and is not confined to children. Jesus healed ten lepers and just one came back to thank Him; remember this when you are pained by people's lack of appreciation.

It was the reading of the above item that caused me to realize that I, too, had often neglected to say the *magic word*. So I decided to write some "thank you" letters to loved ones and old friends, who had made my younger days happier and had often given me substantial aid when the going was hard.

After some thought I selected five individuals—I had not heard from them in a long time. I tried to express my heartfelt appreciation for what each one's friendship and aid had meant to me.

I was thrilled with the replies. All were most appreciative of my thoughtfulness in writing, but one person's answer moved me almost to tears. She had been my "chum" in high-school days and had added much to my happiness during the years we were together.

But, as I read her letter, I realized that life had been hard to her—if not cruel. She was an invalid confined to a wheel chair. She expressed great delight in hearing from me and begged to hear from me again.

I did not delay in letting her hear from me again. I write to her often and feel that I am cheering a lonely heart.

Don't wait—time passes quickly. Get off somewhere by yourself and think of the people who have meant much to you through the years. Write to them and express your appreciation. Then wait for the replies. As I was, you too will be surprised at the spiritual uplift it will bring not only to them but also and especially to you!

We have no right to sing: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," unless we are willing to add: "By whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world."

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Christ Takes a Bride

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AMONG THE SYMBOLS OF THE church in the Scriptures is that of the *Bride*. The writer of the Song of Solomon alludes to this emblem and there is further development of the concept in the New Testament.

The following scriptures will serve as a background for this article: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared through his servants the prophets" (Revelation 10:7). "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7). "Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife" (Revelation 21:9).

God said of the first Adam, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18). It is not a surprise, therefore, that God should say the same thing of the second Adam. In the case of the first Adam, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon him; and from him he took that of which He made the woman who was to be his wife. See Genesis 2:21-23. The analogy continues, for from Christ the second Adam the Holy Spirit is taking a Bride for Him. Read Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:23-27.

A beautiful story of Old Testament times, found in Genesis 24, typifies the work of God in this dispensation. It relates how Abraham sent Eliezer, his

chief steward, to his former homeland to get from his kinsman a bride for his son Isaac. There are features in this story which illustrate, and enable us to understand, what the attitude of the Bride of Christ should be toward Him.

The test which Eliezer placed for her was that she should say, "I will give water to thee and to thy camels also." This indicates a full, whole-hearted, double-measure response. In Revelation 19:4 we are told that the true Bride will not only say "amen" but will add a joyous "hallelujah."

Rebekah was of the family of Isaac and the true Bride must be of the same kindred, nature, and spirit as the great Bridegroom. Rebekah cheerfully gave her consent, "I will go." This also is characteristic of the Bride. The long, rough camel journey was cheerfully endured and was rewarded by her presentation to Isaac. "The toils of the road will seem nothing, when we get to the end of the way."

In Psalm 45:6-14 is found David's poetic description of the Bridegroom and His Bride. To her he calls, "Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty." This is another call to the Bride to leave all to follow her chosen One. Again David calls her "all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle work." This speaks of the interior righteousness and beauty of character,

with inwrought divinity, which must characterize the Bride of the Lamb.

The Holy Spirit has given us a whole book in the Bible (Song of Solomon) filled with poetic exchanges between the bridegroom and his bride. He says, "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys." He says of her, "As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters." She responds, "He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love." Again, he says, "Rise up, my fair one, and come away" (Song of Solomon 2:1, 2, 4, 10). The whole book is a beautiful and very significant allegory showing the dependence of the Bride upon her heavenly Bridegroom and beautiful exchanges of love between them.

And now we come to the question as to who constitutes the Bride of the Lamb. There has been much play upon this term and on the technical distinctions made between the bride, the body, the virgins, the queens and the concubines, the children of the bride chamber, and the friend of the bridegroom which standeth by.

It seems to me that the detailed forcing of separate interpretation of all of these terms, in application to various groups of people, has overdrawn the picture and, in reality, has torn it to pieces and destroyed its beautiful significance. Figures of speech in the Bible must always be interpreted generally, rather than with specific details. Each parable and each figure has one central truth it illustrates and presents. For example, as significant as we consider the parable of the ten virgins to be, and in spite of the details of ap-

plication to which it lends itself, it must be said frankly that the one truth which the Lord here was presenting was, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh" (Matthew 25:13).

It is much safer to answer the question, Who is in the Bride? by quoting the factual statement found in Luke 13:28, 29: "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Another factual statement is found in Revelation 11:18: "Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, *small and great...*"

I therefore conclude that the Bride of the Lamb will include all God's holy saints from Abel to the last one converted before the Rapture.

The church is built upon the foundation of the apostles *and* prophets. The twenty-four elders could easily represent the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the New Testament. As a matter of fact, that very application is made in the New Jerusalem, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written upon the twelve gates and the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb upon the twelve foundations of the wall of the city. See Revelation 21:12-14. The Church, which is the body, is also called the wife in Ephesians 1:22, 23 and 5:25.

This does not destroy the conception of degrees in the kingdom of God. In a former article on the Judgment seat of Christ we endeavored to make very clear what a range and difference of rewards there will be. But the great love-principle of Christ for His own is expressed in the fact that all of His own will be present at His marriage supper and will be considered a part of His wonderful Bride.

The Book of Revelation also indi-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GEO. THOMAS MILROY

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Thanksgiving

I ought to be thankful . . .

For grief unsuffered, tears unshed;
For clouds that scattered overhead;
For pestilence that came not nigh;
For dangers great that passed me by;
For sharp suspicion soothed, allayed;
For doubt dispelled that made afraid;
For fierce temptation well withstood;
For evil plot which brought forth good;
For weakened links in friendship's chain
That, sorely tested, stood the strain:
For harmless blows with malice dealt;
For base ingratitude unfelt;
For hatred's keen unuttered word;
For bitter jest, unknown, unheard:
For every evil turned away,
Unmeasured thanks I give today.

cates that segments of the great company will finally be gathered together in one group at the marriage supper. The rapture of the Church is indicated in Revelation 4 and 5. The palm-bearing multitude, described in Revelation 7, come up out of the Great Tribulation. The 144,000 likewise emerge unscathed from that time of judgment and stand before the throne. Read Revelation 14:3. The martyrs of the period from Revelation 6:19 to Revelation 20:4 are promised that they shall reign with Christ for a thousand years.

Redemption's great climax, of course, will include such a wide range of the accomplishments of the Holy Spirit that it is almost impossible to comprehend it. However, let us rest our minds and be completely satisfied, as well as thrilled, by the picture of all of God's people, small and great, gathered together at that triumphant celebration which is called "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

The actual scene is beautiful. All heaven is called to burst forth into praise. Handel has expressed that praise beautifully in his majestic "Messiah."

There is a feature here which is often overlooked. In Luke 12:37 is the word of our Christ Himself which, though in parable form, indicates that at that hour He shall gird Himself and make the redeemed sit down to

meat—and He will come forth and serve them. After all, this is consistent with what happened when He washed Peter's feet at supper, and with His yieldedness to John the Baptist in water baptism as He entered His ministry. It is as embarrassing as it is touching to contemplate that our great Lord, at whose feet we long to fall, will Himself come forth and serve us at His great marriage supper. A special table is to be reserved on that occasion for the twelve apostles who continued with Him in His temptations. Read Luke 22:28-30.

Following the great reception in connection with the climactic wedding of the ages the Lord will escort His Bride to that beautiful place which He has prepared for her. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband. . . . Come hither, and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife . . . and [He] showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:2, 9, 10).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they might have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. . . . Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:14, 20).

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PENTECOSTAL LEADERS CONVICTED BY SOVIET COURT

Four Pentecostal church leaders were convicted by a court in Chelyabinsk, a town in the Ural Mountain region, on charges of spreading teachings and engaging in activities "of a character hostile to humanity," the Moscow Radio reported. The station identified the defendants as Wilhelm Frieden, Johannes Buller, Erich Schilling, and Heinrich Dick, all born in Russia but of German descent.

The radio said the four men, all of them German-speaking, were sentenced by the Soviet court, but it did not specify what the sentences were.

The defendants were charged with violating Article 227 of the Criminal Code by having "during 1950 and 1951 established in various towns and villages illegal sectarian congregations of the so-called Pentecostals whose teachings and activities are of a character hostile to humanity." They were accused of continuing these activities during the last ten years "despite warnings from the authorities."

The indictment said the defendants "forced on believers a fanatical re-

ligious ritual which is detrimental to health," and "isolated themselves and their children from social life." It cited such factors as the communion services "in which bread was passed from hand to hand, and wine drunk from the one and only vessel; and the washing of feet without the water being changed."

The station said Frieden was charged with having caused tuberculosis in many followers by baptizing them in cold water during a hard winter.

All four were indicted on a further charge of inducing men of military age not to enroll for compulsory military training or to handle weapons.

During the trial, the radio said, the court ordered the children of Pentecostal members to be removed from parental control and handed over to state educational authorities for "retraining."

Pray for these Christian brethren in Russia who are suffering for the gospel's sake. Remember all the believers and their children who are being persecuted for their faith in the Lord Jesus.

KHRUSHCHEV INVOKES NAME OF GOD

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, an avowed atheist, invoked the name of

God in telling the 22nd Congress of the Soviet Communist Party that he hoped it would never be necessary to use a nuclear bomb equal in force to 100 million tons of TNT.

Declaring that Russia has a bomb of this power, he added, "May God grant that we never have to explode such a bomb."

His invocation of the Deity contrasted with a section of his speech to the delegates in which he pledged continued efforts by the party to wipe out religion in the Soviet Union through programs of atheistic indoctrination.

Mr. Khrushchev is known for his frequent use of Biblical phrases as well as his bitter tirades against religion. He once boasted, "I attended church schools as a boy and won a prize from a priest for knowing the Gospels by heart." It is a pity that he never discovered the way of salvation but devoted his life instead to serving Satan. There is yet hope, however, that the prayers of Christian people for his conversion may be answered.

Bibles

CHINESE REDS BUY BIBLES

China's Communists are turning to

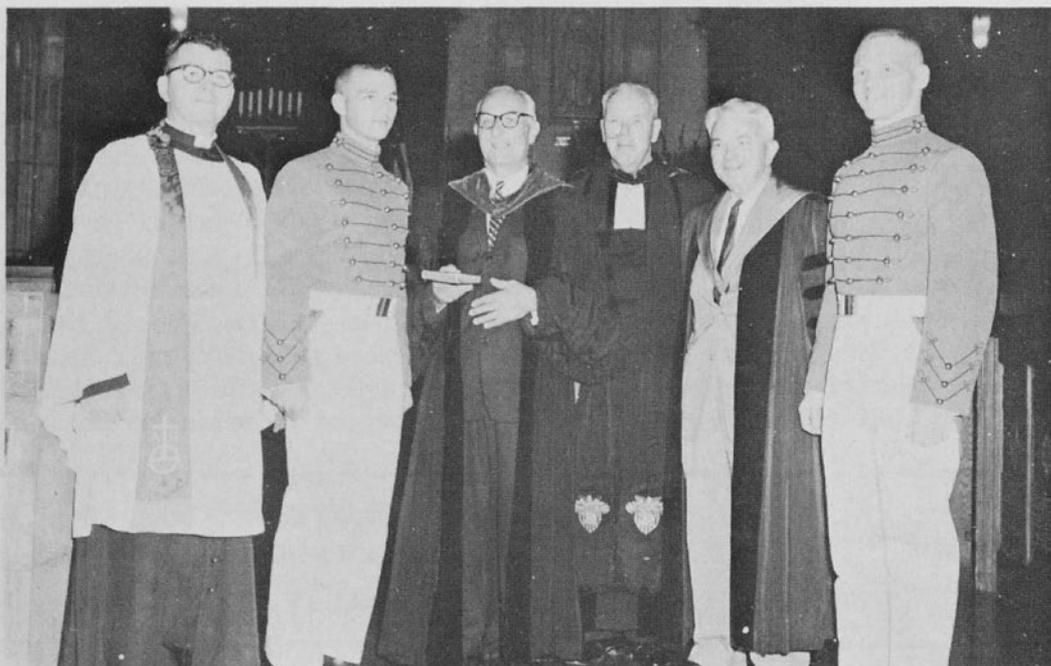
BIBLES PRESENTED TO CADETS AT WEST POINT

Specially-bound Bibles were presented to 541 cadets at West Point this fall. The ceremony is an annual event sponsored by the American Tract Society, New York City, which has placed Bibles in the hands of all cadets entering the U.S. Military Academy since 1869.

Each Bible bore a picture of the West Point Cadet Chapel on the flyleaf and the cadet's name inscribed in gold on the cover, making it a more personal possession.

Speaker at the presentation service was Dr. J. Arthur Martin of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., whose text was Deuteronomy 6:6—"These words . . . shall be in thine heart."

Shown in the photo, left to right, are: Assistant Chaplain James D. Ford, Cadet Louis A. Wheeler, Dr. Henry G. Perry (executive secretary, American Tract Society), Cadet Chaplain Dr. Theodore C. Speers, Dr. J. Arthur Martin, Cadet Errol D. Alexander.



the Bible but from an ulterior motive. They merely wish to learn the Tibetan language.

Anglican Bishop Chandu Ray of West Pakistan, on an American visit, said that the Communists were buying large quantities of the new Tibetan-language Bible in order to increase their knowledge of the country they have conquered.

EAST GERMAN COMMUNISTS USE BIBLE TO SWAY "INTELLIGENTSIA"

East German Communists are using the Bible in an effort to persuade "lukewarm" members of the intelligentsia to "make a decision finally for peace and socialism" by participating actively in the development of the Red satellite state.

Prof. Kurt Hager, a leading East German propagandist, is reported to have said that "one was often tempted to quote from the Revelation (3:15-16)." The quotation is: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

AMHARIC TRANSLATION OF BIBLE COMPLETED IN ETHIOPIA

A new translation of the Bible in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia, has been completed after many years of work by two British missionaries and an Ethiopian scholar. Both the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society will publish the revision.

REVISION PLANNED FOR SINHALESE BIBLE IN CEYLON

The Bible Society of Ceylon has begun a complete revision of the Protestant version of the Bible in Sinhalese, the language of most Ceylonese. The project is expected to take ten years to complete.

Miscellany

LITERATURE SEEN TO BE CRUCIAL IN MODERN MISSION WORK

"Literature is one of the three major points of emphasis in the changing front of missionary work today," said Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, and President of Fuller Theological Seminary. After touring mission fields in Africa, Dr. Ockenga listed the Church's witness to international students in the homeland, and the ministry of Christian radio stations, as the other two crucial developments.

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college and high-school students, housewives, laborers, and the down-and-outers on skid row.

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it directly to the Radio Department. The department will then pay the station.

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The Spirit of Thanksgiving

(Continued from page three)

will do it" (John 14:13, 14). On the way to the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus again said to His disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16).

It is the believer's privilege to make requests of the Father in Jesus' name. But Paul points out that it is the Spirit-filled believer's habit also to "give thanks" unto God and the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The same provision that makes it possible for the believer to approach God in petition, makes it possible for him to approach God in thanksgiving. There was a time when the great barrier of sin separated the believer from the holy God. Then Jesus came and

God "made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). By a miracle of God's grace our sins were transferred to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are no longer afar off. We are made nigh to God through the Blood (Ephesians 2:13).

It is difficult for the human mind to comprehend the new intimacy into which the believer is brought through Christ's atoning death. God accepts him in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6). The believer is in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1). If in Christ, the believer is as near and as dear to the heart of God as Jesus is. And the Father is waiting to hear words of thanksgiving from those who were once the children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3), but who now have become the sons of God (1 John 3:1).

Possibly one of the easiest ways to determine whether the believer is filled with the Spirit is to ask if he gives thanks always for all things. All Christendom rejoices that America has a special day of thanksgiving unto God, but for the Spirit-filled believer every day is Thanksgiving Day. ◀◀

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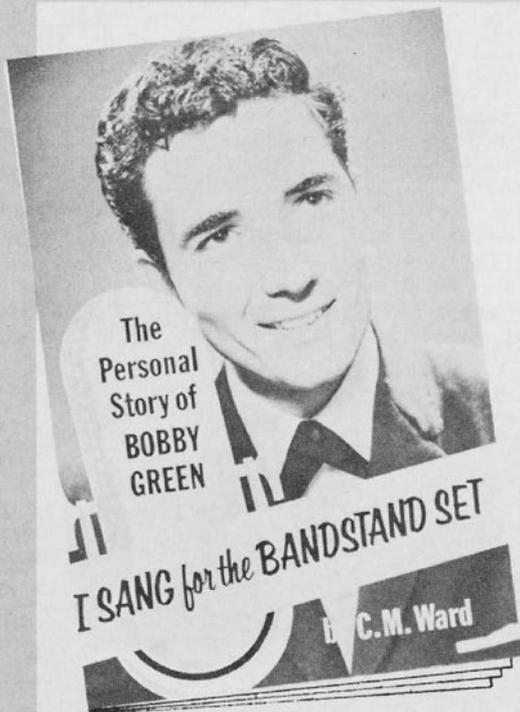
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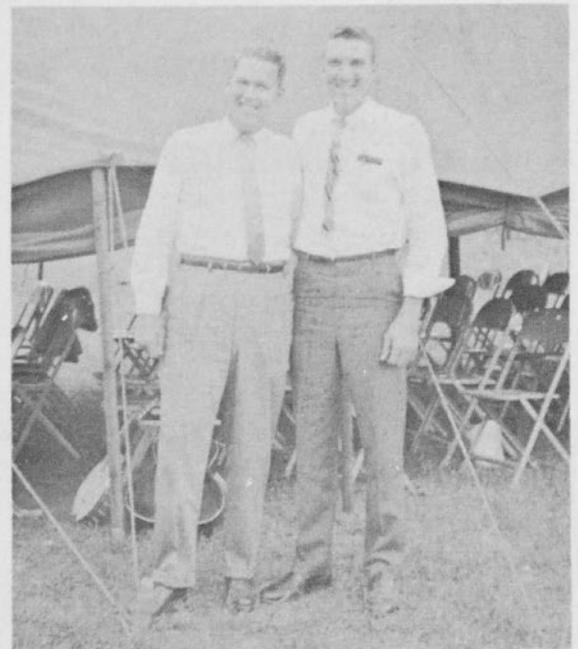
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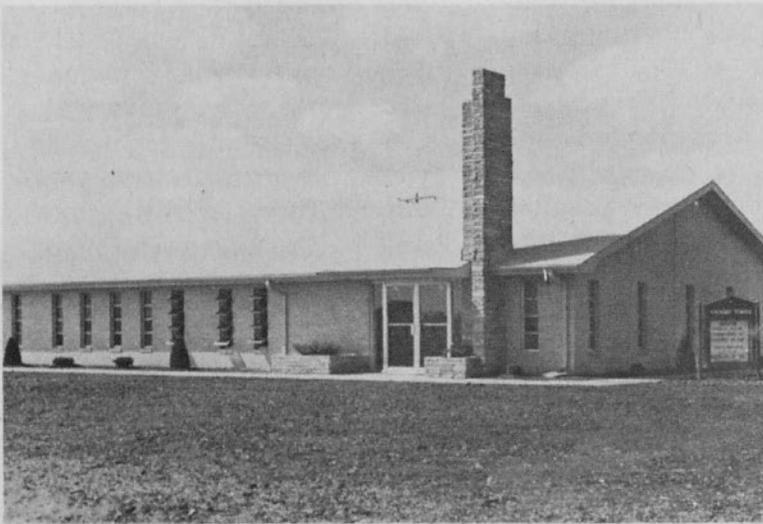
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—District Superintendent Fenton L. Jones (left) and Pastor Gardner H. Altman rejoice together as they view the plans that were used to erect the new Calvary Assembly of God. The sanctuary will seat 240, and the educational unit will accommodate 175 pupils.



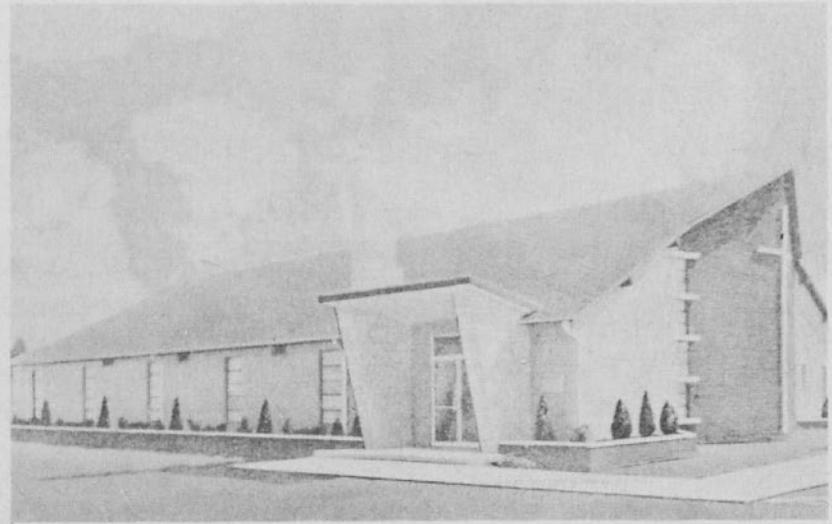
LONG LANE, Mo.—Evangelist John Yarbor (left) recently conducted a successful tent crusade for Pastor Russell R. Wisehart (right) in this Ozark community.



LONACONING, Md.—Ground-breaking service for the new First Assembly of God which will have a seating capacity of 300. Pastor Charles E. Fussell (second from right) was in charge.



HIAWATHA, Kans.—Calvary Temple was dedicated to the glory of God on October 10. The new structure will accommodate ten Sunday school classes, and the sanctuary will seat 190 with overflow space for an additional 28. Sarah A. Pittman is pastor.



WICHITA, Kans.—The Douglas Avenue Assembly of God is now worshipping in its new church building. The auditorium seats 500 but 200 more can be accommodated in the balcony and in an adjacent room. C. W. Shumway is pastor.



SANDUSKY, Ohio—Thirteen were baptized in water on the last Sunday afternoon of services conducted by Evangelist G. A. Snavelly. Twenty were saved during this campaign. A. L. Garlock is pastor.



CRESTVIEW, Fla.—A mortgage-burning service was held at First Assembly of God just five years after its dedication. Sammie L. Breland, who led the building program, has been pastor since 1952.



TULARE, Calif.—The First Assembly of God erected this booth for the county fair. Mary Peters, C. A. president, gives a Pentecostal Evangel to Sgt. Bob R. Smith of the California Highway Patrol.



REGINA, Sask., Canada—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Olson (left) and Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Law stand by a sign in front of the big tent. Bethel Temple sponsored this successful tent campaign recently.



HOBBS, N. Mex.—District Superintendent Raymond H. Hudson recently conducted mortgage-burning services at the First Assembly of God. The property valued at \$100,000 was paid for seven years before the note was due. H. R. Ratliff is pastor.



FERNDALE, Mich.—Due to the large crowds attending the Vander Ploeg campaign, the congregation was compelled to meet in the unfinished new sanctuary of the Assembly of God. E. Glenn Snook is pastor.

VBS

Successful on Home Missions Fields

MOST OF THE INDIAN AND ESKIMO camps had vacation Bible schools or Kids' Crusades for the children during regular camp sessions. But encouraging reports are also coming in from Alaska and local American Indian churches.

VBS IN ALASKA

The altar was filled with children earnestly seeking the Lord on Decision Day in the *Wasilla, Alaska* VBS. Paul Riley, pastor, was thrilled with the response. Attendance averaged 77 with 98 as the high and 14 workers assisted. The workers' cars and the Sunday school bus covered a total of two thousand miles of mostly rough country road to pick up the VBS children. The David Ulseths were directors. They also directed the VBS at Juneau.

The Wasilla church and Sunday school are experiencing spiritual and numerical gains as a result of the VBS. The Rileys expressed appreciation to Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.,

for sending them such capable and fine VBS directors.

Ken Andrus, *Fort Yukon*, reports a one-week Children's Revival directed by Mrs. Gus Peterson of Juneau which averaged 96 in attendance. Many children sought the Lord at the altar.

At *Cordova*, VBS attendance averaged 46, with a high of 56. Mrs. Gus Peterson and Mrs. Roy Swanson of Juneau conducted a Child Evangelism



VBS group at Wasilla, Alaska

Crusade in *Minto*, during which attendance averaged 50. Interest was excellent. Four teen-age girls and a number of younger children sought the Lord for salvation, Gordon Olson, pastor, reports. Bernard Tewell, pastor at *Chugiak*, had 106 (including workers) enrolled in his fine VBS. Mrs. William Ponge conducted an interesting and successful Kid's Crusade at *Petersburg*.

The school at *Pelican* was also well attended with 36 enrolled and 21 having perfect attendance. Almost every child in town was enrolled and all enjoyed the VBS immensely. One mother who had been very prejudiced and who had refused to allow her children to come

to church finally had two of her children enrolled. She attended the commencement program.

Paula Thomas, Mrs. Gus Peterson, and Mrs. Roy Swanson of Juneau helped to conduct the *Stevens Village* VBS. Interest and attendance were excellent.

VBS ON AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Pastor Edna Griep, *San Tan, Ariz.*, was pleased with the results of the five-day VBS which averaged 68 in attendance. An evening VBS was conducted for the Yaqui Indians at *Guadalupe, Ariz.* VBS materials for each child were donated by an individual. Attendance averaged 64. The workers' hearts were thrilled as the children sang in Spanish "En La Cruz" (In the Cross).

The *Shiprock, N. Mex.*, two-week VBS was a great success with 130 enrolled and average attendance of 116. Seventy-five had perfect attendance. There were seven classes, six of which were taught by Navajos. The Shiprock and *Tocito, N. Mex.*, churches joined forces for this profitable VBS.

Pastor Charles Hunt reported eight children saved in the *Rowland, N. C.*, VBS. Attendance averaged 196 in this fine school. Jewel Barnett, *Alpine, Calif.*, had a five-night VBS with Wanda Lou Little from Bloomington, Calif., as speaker. Sister Little gave special chalk drawing presentations with blacklight. New children attended and the VBS has brought new people to church services. A Catholic woman and a 16-year-old girl were saved as a result of the school.

The new church at *Stanfield, Ariz.*, enrolled 20 children in a fine VBS. Three boys were baptized in water. Attendance averaged 18. The primaries made booklets with the pictures from Christmas cards the WMC's had sent. Junior girls made baskets, and junior boys made mottoes and items from popsicle sticks. A weiner roast at a roadside park the last day was a highlight for the boys and girls.

Ruth Schott conducted the Children's Crusade in the *Daggett, Calif.*, church where the R. F. Myerses pastor. Thirty-five children attended and several were saved.

A number of other schools were conducted but were not reported in time for this article. The missionaries feel their work with the children is very worthwhile and will bear much fruit for the kingdom of God. ◀◀



The San Tan, Ariz. VBS children in front of the new church

Several Eskimo and Indian Camps were featured in the November 5 issue. Here are highlights of a few more.

Indian Camps a Blessing

INDIAN AND WHITE PEOPLE FROM Washington, Oregon, and Nevada, as well as several surrounding towns in California, attended the Hoopa Indian Camp. The camp is sponsored by the Hoopa Assembly, which has a half-Indian, half-white congregation.

The church was filled each evening and folk were standing outside as well. Charles Pepper, a Cherokee Indian, was camp evangelist and Fred Howe was Bible teacher.

A camp for Navajo-Hopi Indians was conducted at Tuba City, Ariz.

Although the Upper Michigan State

Fair was in progress, the first Indian camp meeting in Michigan on the Harris Reservation was a success. Indian campers came from more than 400 miles away and also from Wisconsin. People of other denominations attended, as well—and they kept coming and bringing others with them. The singing and preaching were in both English and Ojibwa. The six-day camp was conducted at the newly purchased Assemblies of God church on the reservation. Mildred Schultz, evangelist, directed the children's services.

The first Montana Indian Camp Meeting was successfully conducted in the Lodge Pole area. John Gunderson, missionary pastor, was in charge of all the arrangements. Special speaker was George Effman, a Klamath Indian evangelist of Sacramento, Calif. Neighboring pastors also ministered. Attendance reached a high of 107.

The Indian Assembly at Shiprock, N. Mex., sponsored the first Navajo Indian camp meeting in this area which proved a definite success. Several missionaries assisted by teaching classes and bringing their people. Leslie Sampson, a Pima Indian evangelist from Arizona, was the speaker. Many of the

Navajos who had never before witnessed a water baptismal service were deeply impressed when 16 Navajos were baptized.

The Hogansburg, N. Y., Mohawk Indian Assembly was host to the Third Annual International Indian Camp. Five Indian tribes were represented: Cree, Algonquin, Mohawk, Seneca, and Onondaga. Visitors came from several states and Canada. Grady Fannin, former superintendent of the Northern New England District, was the evening speaker. Eber Reitzel of Landisburg, Pa., brought the afternoon messages.

Each morning was devoted to vacation Bible school, directed by the Richard Zabriskies of Senneterre, Quebec, Canada. On Saturday the majority of Indians attending were taken on a tour of the St. Lawrence Seaway in that area. The day was climaxed with a bonfire service and a challenging message to youth by James Kiefer, missionary pastor at Lawtons, N. Y. (He has recently resigned the Lawtons church.)

At the closing service, Tom Johnstone, National Home Missions Director of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, spoke on "Our Treaty Rights Through Christ."

Special singing in different languages, including the sign language, was a feature of the camp. Interpreters mingled with the audience and interpreted the English into Cree, Mohawk, and French.

Approximately 300 meals were served daily. The three dairies in the city donated forty quarts of milk a day for the duration of the camp.

A camp for Cherokee and Lumbee Indians was conducted at Shannon, N. C., on the Shannon Assembly of God church grounds with Raymond Hoggard of Windsor, N. C., as speaker.

The Leo Banksons were evangelists for the Norris, S. Dak., tent meeting. A camp meeting at Lower Brule followed the Norris camp. Attendance and interest were excellent.

The Fruitland, Wash., Indian camp meeting, with Glen Davenport as host pastor, was well attended. Linfield Crowder was Bible teacher and evangelist.

Ellen's Gift...



A LETTER RECEIVED IN THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT REVEALS THE LOVING CONCERN AND SACRIFICE OF A LITTLE GIRL:

My seven-year-old daughter and I are thinking about Christmas gifts. Money is not plentiful in our home. However, we feel we want to send a gift for the Alaska Children's Homes. My daughter, Ellen, has agreed that these children need Christmas presents more than she because she has a mother to love and care for her. So enclosed is \$5, which I was going to use to buy a present for Ellen. I will now get her some very inexpensive remembrance. So this is really Ellen's gift to the Children of Alaska —

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Miracles in a Bullfight Arena

By WILFRED MORRIS
Missionary to Venezuela

THE CITY OF CARACAS HAS BEEN shocked into a realization of the reality of life and death by a mighty manifestation of the power of God! The rest of Venezuela is being stirred!

Through the cooperation of the sixteen Pentecostal churches in the Caracas area a seven-week "Faith Campaign" was conducted in Caracas' bullfight arena, "El Nuevo Circo." This arena seats 15,000 and has standing room for 10,000 more.

The evangelist, Eugenio Jimenez of New York, had a powerful ministry in Colombia in 1959. Although he was obliged six times by the Colombian government to leave the country, he so ably defended his cause that the senate of Colombia granted him a "salvo-conducto" which gave him complete liberty to preach.

Brother Jimenez' coming to Caracas had been well prepared by prayer and publicity. A prayer campaign was organized in the Catia church the first of January and continued every night for several months. An "around the clock" prayer chain was formed and continued until the end of the campaign. Over 320,000 handbills were distributed in all parts of the city and radio announcements were made. The newspapers at first refused to give publicity but later granted space to the campaign.

From the very first meeting, in answer to Brother Jimenez' prayer, God began to work miracles of healing. Every night many sick and afflicted people, whose needs were desperate, were brought to the arena for prayer. Demon-possessed persons, mentally retarded

children, alcoholics, tuberculosis cases, people with goiters, tumors, and cancers, the blind and deaf came for deliverance. Some came in Cadillacs; others were carried on the backs of concerned friends. But as time came for the evangelist to pray for those who were afflicted a sense of expectation settled upon the audience. The question that arose in every heart was: "What new thing will God do tonight? What miracle of healing will the Divine Surgeon perform?" The very atmosphere was charged with faith.

When one listens to Brother Jimenez pray, one knows that he is in contact with the living God. The evangelist did not call a healing line. He simply stood and prayed. But what a prayer! It reached through to heaven, for it was prayed in the name of Jesus. As people stood with their hands on the afflicted part of their body, and with faith-filled hearts reaching toward heaven, they were healed, for "the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

Chief among the first remarkable healings was that of Lorenzo Bolivar. Paralyzed as the result of a fall from a building, this man had spent the past eight years in a wheel chair. He took God at His word, and in answer to

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Evangelist Eugenio Jimenez preaching during a pouring rain.

prayer he agonizingly raised himself from the wheel chair and started to walk. He has been walking ever since! That sparked the revival!

Brother Bolivar had long been a familiar figure in the streets of Caracas. Everybody knew him. The newspapers, which before his healing had ignored the campaign, made a detailed investigation and verified the truth of the case of Bolivar. From then on the crowds swelled to 25,000 nightly with about 10,000 standing in the center of the arena. Thus it continued for seven weeks through both rain and burning sunshine.

During one service the people stood in a pouring rain—some of them in three to four inches of water—as the evangelist brought the message.

Night after night God performed miracles of healing. The blind received their sight; the deaf were made to hear and the dumb to speak. Alcoholics were delivered; cancers and tumors disappeared.

I saw a woman throw down a crutch and begin to walk. A man got up from a wheel chair and walked, awkwardly at first, but soon he was running. Leg braces, no longer needed, were removed. Many very young children were healed. Almighty God confirmed the message



A typical night service during the recent Caracas revival.



The healing of Lorenzo Bolivar brought favorable newspaper comment and the crowds flocked to the salvation-healing campaign.

of His servant with signs following.

God's saving power was stressed in every service and it was not unusual for a thousand hands to be raised when the invitation was given to accept Christ. According to reports which have been turned in, several thousand people accepted Christ as Saviour and hundreds were healed during the campaign.

All who had been healed were asked to bring to the closing service a placard on which was written their testimony. For example: "I was blind but now I can see." At testimony time those who held placards were asked to raise them. The entire arena became a sea of waving placards bearing testimony to the wonderful works of God, and shouts of rejoicing over God's wonderful work swelled to heaven in a great volume of praise. Hundreds who had been healed gave verbal testimony of their healing. Many had been to their doctors and had brought to the service written reports confirming their healing.

We were sorry to see the campaign in Caracas draw to a close. But Brother Jimenez, joined by his brother Raimundo, and a young man named David Garcia, are carrying the campaign to other cities. An outstanding ten-day revival was conducted in Valencia, a well-known Roman Catholic stronghold, with the same results as were accomplished in Caracas. As a direct result of the Valencia campaign four new halls are being opened.

Two meetings are now in progress, one in Barquisimeto and another in Maracaibo. The governor at first refused to grant permission to hold the meetings in Maracaibo but clearance finally came through.

In Caracas we are faced with the

problem of taking care of the new converts. From individual written reports we have over 2,000 names of persons benefited during the campaign and there are many who did not report. The spirit of faith prevails and the harvest is still being gathered. Churches are filled and people continue to be healed in almost every service. In order to take care of this ingathering more church halls, more workers, more literature, and more funds are needed.

We are now considering opening a new evangelistic center in the heart of Caracas, and we propose to open at least four more halls at different points throughout the city to help meet the needs of these new converts. We ask you to stand with us in prayer and support in order that the work which God has begun shall continue.

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Mr. and Mrs. David Wakefield from Togo can presently be reached % Ruth Wakefield, 725 S. W. 63rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Ralph Cobbs, Nigeria, are making their home at 1105 College, Fresno, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb, Nigeria, are now staying at 1029 E. 53rd, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Marrero are living at 1171 Elder Avenue, Bronx 72, New York. They are missionaries to El Salvador.

NEW YORK OFFICE CLOSSES—Wednesday, November 29, is the last day the New York office of the Foreign Missions Department will be open. After that date all business will be conducted in the Springfield office.

WITH CHRIST

"Adrian Heetebry went to be with the Lord this morning (September twenty-ninth) at four thirty-five very peacefully. Charlotte Heetebry." This cable to the Foreign Mis-



Adrian Heetebry

sions Department told of the triumphant home-going of Brother Adrian Heetebry, missionary to Fiji for 35 years. "He has fought a good fight!"

Established by Brother Heetebry, First Assembly of God in Suva, Fiji, now has a membership of more than 300 adults. First Assembly is a "mother" church having established other churches and Sunday schools.

To meet the need for trained workers, Brother Heetebry began an evening Bible school. A number completed the three-year course and are today ministering in the Fijian churches.

Brother Heetebry operated a printing press to supply Christian literature. Many of the tracts and pamphlets which were printed were also written by him.

When the Assemblies of God of Fiji was organized in 1957, Brother Heetebry was unanimously elected superintendent. Because he was looking forward to furlough in the near future, he resigned this position at the recent Fijian council meeting.

When the Lawrence Larsons arrived in 1960, the Heetebrys went to Lautoka to assist the national workers in establishing a church. He was supervising the construction when he was called home to be with Christ.

In a recent letter he wrote, "Lautoka is experiencing an old-fashioned revival—souls are being saved every Sunday night. In a short time 32 have made decisions for Christ, 13 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 20 have been baptized in water."

Brother Heetebry was greatly loved by his workers and church members. He was a pioneer missionary, planting the message of Pentecost.

Brother Heetebry was graduated from Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco, California, in 1923. He married Charlotte Schliecker in 1924. Together they pastored the Assembly of God in Sunnyvale, California. Confident of their future success as missionaries the Sunnyvale Assembly sponsored the Heetebrys when they sailed to Fiji in 1926.

At the age of 71 Brother Heetebry has finished his course! Yet his influence lives on in the churches he has established, the literature he has printed, and workers he has trained.

—Marion Craig

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GOD'S WORD AT EPHESUS

Sunday School Lesson for November 26, 1961

ACTS 19:8-10; 20:17-21, 25-27

Ephesus was a great city, the commercial center of the then civilized world. Its population was tremendous, its position unrivaled, its wealth vast. It was also a horribly wicked city, the headquarters of the worship of Diana, or Artemis—a worship which was accompanied by all sorts of evil and immoral practices. Furthermore, it was the headquarters of the magic arts, exorcism of spirits, astrology, and almost every imaginable form of superstition.

Yet it was in this city that Paul stayed longest and enjoyed the greatest revival.

THE REVIVAL IN EPHESUS (Acts 19).

1. *Needy Believers Filled* (vv. 1-7). These verses prove (1) that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is distinct from, and subsequent to, conversion; (2) that believers were taught to receive and did receive the fullness of the Spirit when they were converted, thus making it clear that believers today ought to be so taught; (3) that there is a place for imparting the fullness of the Spirit through the laying on of hands.

2. *Stubborn Jews Evangelized* (vv. 8-10). As usual Paul gave his kinsmen first opportunity to receive the gospel and as usual he was rejected.

3. *Special Miracles Wrought* (vv. 11, 12). The purpose of such miracles? (1) To defeat Satan, for every miracle is a blow which helps to undermine the power of his kingdom. (2) To prove God's power superior to evil power exercised by devotees of false religions and by magicians. (3) To advertise the gospel and accredit the ones through whom the miracles were performed. (4) To deliver Satan's captives who possibly could not attend church.

PAUL'S FAREWELL TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS (Acts 20).

After three years of ministry in Ephesus, Paul made a trip into Macedonia and Greece to pay a last visit to the churches there, and then returned to Asia. In order to save time and make it possible for him to be in Jerusalem in time for the feast of Pentecost, Paul passed by Ephesus. However, when the ship had to stop at Miletus, which was only thirty miles from Ephesus, Paul sent for the Ephesian elders who were very dear to his heart. And on the seashore, or near it, Paul delivered one of the most beautiful and heart-warming of all his messages to these men whom he would never see again.

1. *Paul's Character Among the Ephesians*. (1) He was humble (vv. 18, 19). Some say he was conceited but nothing is further from the truth. Paul was sure of his position in God and at the same time fully aware of his own weakness, unworthiness, and helplessness apart from the grace of God. (2) He was compassionate. Paul served the Lord "with tears," not of self-pity, nor self-frustration, but tears of genuine Holy Spirit-inspired concern and longing over the lost and over his converts. (3) He was faith-

ful (vv. 20, 21). "I kept back nothing that was profitable." He had not preached to please men; he had not dwelt too much on "honeyed" words of Scripture; neither had he failed to correct and reprove when necessary. (4) He was courageous and submissive to God's will (vv. 22-24). "I go bound in spirit unto Jerusalem... But none of these things move me." (5) He was devoted and dedicated (v. 24). Long before this Paul had died—died to all self-consideration, to the praise or blame of man, to the vain-glory of the world.

2. *Paul's Counsel to the Ephesians*. (1) "Take heed therefore unto yourselves." Paul knew that the elders must first take care of their own souls before they could properly care for the souls of others. (2) "Feed the church of God." This is a solemn obligation not only of elders but of every Christian worker. (3) "After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you... Therefore watch."

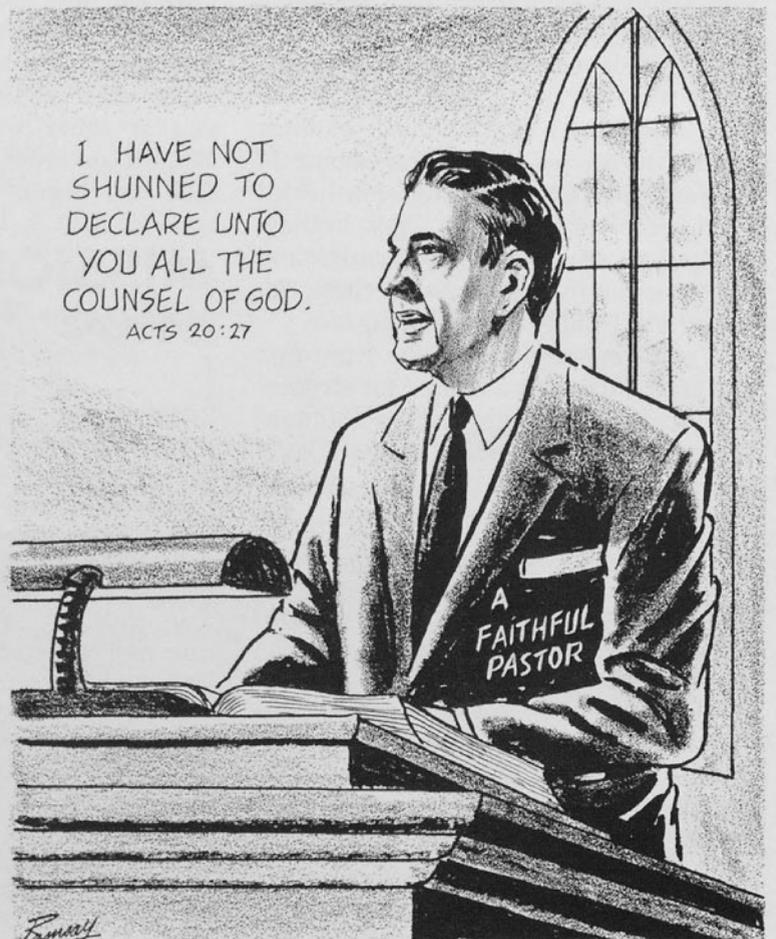
Paul's concern for God's people went beyond the extent of his own ministry and lifetime. He would make provision for the welfare of the church after he was gone. Does our vision go so far? (4) "And now, brethren, I commend you to God" (vv. 32-36). Thus Paul opened the tender benediction. He pointed them not only to God but to the Word by which they shall be kept. Holding up his thin, toil-worn hands before them all he reminded them of his unselfish action in working with his own hands to support himself. At these words the great apostle knelt with his beloved friends and prayed for them. Undoubtedly tears flowed freely as they embraced each other; then the Ephesians sadly walked down to the sea and watched the ship sail over the horizon carrying on its deck to nameless martyrdom the great apostle whose life and ministry had won them to Christ.

—J. Bashford Bishop

REASON FOR THANKSGIVING

I HAVE NOT
SHUNNED TO
DECLARE UNTO
YOU ALL THE
COUNSEL OF GOD.

ACTS 20:27





The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

READ: James 5:1-6

LEARN: "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away" (James 1:9, 10).

FOR THE PARENT: God is not willing that any person perish. Through Christ He provided that all who will may be saved. But probably one of the greatest things keeping people from getting right with God is material possessions. Use the passage to show how God warns those who are rich that they cannot depend on their possessions to buy entrance into heaven. This passage also looks forward to a day of reckoning when the rich will have to answer to God for their sins. (The picture is of the rich who have not surrendered everything to God.)

QUESTION TIME: Why do you think it is difficult for a rich person to be saved?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Richard W. Dortch, Belgium; Mrs. Melvin Harrel, Ghana; John T. McPherson (Indian), California.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

READ: James 5:7-12

LEARN: "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, stressing that God will judge those who forget Him and who mistreat His children. Then James urges the believers to have courage because the Lord will soon return for His own, vv. 7-9. He further urges them to have patience in their sufferings, giving examples of others who suffered for the Lord and emerged victorious, vv. 10, 11. In view of these things he instructs them to be honest in all their dealings, v. 12.

QUESTION TIME: What two illustrations does James use to describe the coming of the Lord? (vv. 7-9) What examples does he give of patience? (v. 11)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Rodger Cree (Indian), Arizona; L. Percival Breusch, India; Mrs. D. Mark Buntain, India.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

READ: James 3:13-20

LEARN: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

FOR THE PARENT: In this passage James discusses the power of prayer when it is offered in true faith. Discuss: (1) instructions to the afflicted and merry, v. 13; (2) instructions to the sick, v. 14; (3) instructions to the church regarding the sick, v. 14; (4) the promise to the sick, v. 15; (5) the responsibility of the church, v. 16; (6) the power of effective prayer, vv. 16-18; (7) the importance of seeking to turn the sinner from the error of his ways, vv. 19, 20; (8) What we accomplish by helping a sinner turn to God, v. 20.

QUESTION TIME: What promise is given to the sick and suffering in this passage? (vv. 14, 15) What happens when we turn a soul from sin to seeking God? (v. 20)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Roy Armstrong, Philippines; Harvey D. Johnson (Deaf), Missouri; Phyllis H. Wagner, Nigeria.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

READ: Acts 19:8-10; 20:17-21, 25-27

LEARN: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please" (Isaiah 55:11).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "God's Word at Ephesus" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) On his third missionary journey Paul worked for about three years in the great city of Ephesus. Some highlights of his ministry are recorded in Acts 19. Later he called the elders of the church to meet him at Miletus (Acts 20:17-38). Here he reviewed his ministry, stressing the importance of God's Word. Show how God's Word is quick and powerful in our lives.

QUESTION TIME: What did Paul emphasize about his ministry in Ephesus? (See above) Why do you think this is important?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Harland A. Park, Hong Kong.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

READ: John 15:1-10, 16; 1 John 2:6, 28 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

FOR THE PARENT: Christian growth comes naturally to the person who is really abiding in Jesus. Problems come when we try to take things into our own hands. Discuss the meaning of abiding in Christ, stressing the idea of complete surrender of everything to the Lord, then doing what He wants us to do. Show also the importance of walking in the light He gives us—doing the things He tells us to do through His Word and the voice of the Spirit speaking to our hearts.

QUESTION TIME: How can the Christian bear fruit? (John 15:4) What fruit should the Christian bear? (Galatians 5:22, 23)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Ralph W. Buchanan (Indian), North Carolina; Mrs. Mildred E. Kimball (Indian), Wisconsin; Mrs. Clarence Ollson, Argentina; Everett L. Phillips, Africa Field Secretary, Springfield, Missouri.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

READ: 2 Kings 5:1-27 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the story of the healing of Naaman, stressing especially the ministry of the servant girl in bringing to Naaman's attention the solution to his problem. Stress also the power of God being able to heal our bodies and the importance of obeying the commandments God gives us. Deceptiveness and trickery are opposed to what God wants, and He will punish these—He did in Gehazi's life! Also stress the idea of faithfulness to God regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

QUESTION TIME: How did Naaman find out he could be healed of his leprosy? What lesson do you find in that?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: John Stetz, Korea.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Charles A. Hadden (Indian), North Carolina; Mrs. Ernest G. Jones, Nyasaland; Mrs. Grace Lindholm, Congo.

I SAY IT NOW!

A MEDICAL DOCTOR GIVES HIS "LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT"

IN ONE SENSE THIS IS A "LAST WILL and testament." In another it is a letter to old friends, acquaintances, and to thousands of others it shall never be my privilege to meet.

This is written in an effort to make up for the multiplied times I should have spoken a good word for my Lord and failed to do so.

It is written because of an impelling desire to share with others some of the blessings which God in His goodness has poured out on me through His Son—blessings that are current and that will last through eternity.

"But what is the hurry?" you ask. The hurry is that this is the most important thing I can ever say to you.

Because, in my frequent contacts with you where banter, trivialities, or idle chatter have been the usual thing, I have failed to mention the most important subject in all the world.

Although I may never have shown it as I should, I love you as a friend of long standing, or as a casual acquaintance, or as one of millions I never have met but for whom I have a genuine concern.

Where personal friends are concerned, so often I have hidden the Christ who means everything behind my own facade of pride, selfishness, and trying to "sell" myself instead of the One who is my Saviour. And because I have done this, you have seen a sinner (saved by grace—yes, but nonetheless a sinner) who should have led you to see Him, the sinless One.

I say this now because you may at times have imagined you saw in me some measure of "goodness" when as a matter of fact that goodness was, in God's sight, nothing but "filthy rags." Anything which is truly good and right is the radiant goodness of my Lord which He gives to His own and for

By L. NELSON BELL, M.D.

which all the glory and honor are His own.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the veneration of "goodness" in these words: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

I am writing to you because in my own heart I know there have been times when I have tried to steal God's glory and in so doing have denied and dishonored Him. Our Lord has warned us about this: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

In our contacts we have seen each other, but I want you to see God as revealed in His Son. How fatal it is if we fail to appreciate this fact—"I am God, and there is none else." And how important it is to realize that through Christ, His Son, we are reconciled to God!

I write this now because sooner or later I will die and then it will be too late for me to bring these things to your attention. Others may do so but I will have failed in my duty and privilege of witnessing for my Lord.

I also write this because for me there is no fear of death. I know that through the love, mercy, and grace of Christ who died for my sins, cleansing me by His life's blood, and rising again from the dead for my justification, I am thereby saved to live with Him for all eternity.

The Bible is full of words of promise and assurance, none more familiar than the words of John 3:16: "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." I know I am included in the "whosoever," for I believe in Him, and as a result I have

eternal life—all because of God's wonderful love, so undeserved but so very real.

And I write this because I want you to have this same hope, peace, and assurance in your heart, and you may have these through a simple act of faith—accepting what Christ has done for you.

God's way of salvation is so vital to know. For all persons—yes, you too—are sinners in the sight of God, sinners by birth, by choice, and by practice. The fact that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) is just as inclusive and real as is God's offer of forgiveness and salvation to all who will believe.

Again, whether you or I like the idea or not, the consequence of sin is death—eternal death with separation from God—because God is holiness personified and it is impossible for anything sinful to come into His presence. "The wages of sin is death," and this wage is always paid.

But there is a glorious alternative to death, and that is eternal life. The same Bible verse which tells us that the wages of sin is death goes on to say, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

This alternative, eternal life instead of eternal death, is based upon the love of God. He knows our sinfulness and its consequences, and He did something about it (John 3:16).

Fortunately for us, God has not told us to do something to save ourselves; He has told us to believe what He has done for us. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us," and, "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of ourselves: it is the gift of God." These sacred scriptures remind us that salvation is not a matter of human merit but of humble believing.

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Miraculous Crossing of the Luluo

By MARY E. MOOMJEAN

AN ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE INCIDENT happened to my mother and sister on an African river some years ago. It parallels the experience of Jesus' disciples on the Sea of Galilee. It was purely supernatural—an astounding miracle.

Jesus had instructed His disciples to get into a ship and cross Galilee to the other side. While they were en route a great storm arose and they became frightened. During this tempest Jesus was seen walking toward them on the water and John writes, "*Then they willingly received him into the ship; and IMMEDIATELY the ship was at the land whither they went*" (John 6:21).

Just how far they were from shore we do not know. They might have been two miles from land—perhaps farther, perhaps closer. The Bible doesn't say, but we do know that they were *immediately* at the shore. This phenomenon is undeniable!

My parents were missionaries for many years both in Kenya and in the Congo. One day in September, 1938, when ministering in the Kasai Province of the Congo, it became necessary for my sister Gladys and my mother to go to the neighboring city of Luluoberg for supplies and on business. It was a good day's journey from the mission station. The Belgian administrator's wife in that area, Mrs. Matlaier, accompanied them and they traveled in a truck.

During this trip of about three days an African storm arose, but they felt they must get back home and so started on their return trip.

On arriving at the Luluo River, which was about fifteen miles out of Luluoberg, it was necessary to cross it on a pontoon ferry. This ferry consisted of planks of wood fastened to small boats and was rowed by eight strong African men.

The men, however, remonstrated that they didn't want to cross over as it could be very dangerous. The river at that point was about the width of a

city block. "The day before," they said, "it took us four hours to get across."

My sister, Gladys Kramer, who was the driver, pleaded with them to try it. If they didn't get across they would have to go back to Luluoberg, and they felt they could not afford to do that. Also, it might be days before another opportunity to cross the river would come.

The administrator's wife then spoke up and told the men they would have to cross the river or she would report them to her husband, and they would be severely punished.

So the women were allowed to drive the truck onto the planks of wood, and the men started to row. When the ferry reached the middle of the river the rapids were badly swollen, and the small boats supporting them began to fill with water.

The African boatmen gave a cry of despair when they saw they were unable to cope with the situation. "We are going to drown!" they cried.

My sister threw her arms over the steering wheel where she was seated and began to pray. The other lady, Mrs. Matlaier, began to count her beads and call on the virgin Mary for help.

My mother, Mrs. Kramer, had seen many miracles in Africa and she was not dismayed. Something welled up in her heart and mind—faith took hold. Why couldn't the same Jesus they served, who had stilled the waves on the Sea of Galilee, help them now! She clapped her hands together and exclaimed, "Hallelujah! We will not drown! The same Jesus who stilled the waves of Galilee can still this storm and save us now."

It was the word of faith that was uttered for "IMMEDIATELY the ship (ferry) was at the land whither they went." In an *instant* God had brought them to the other side. My sister, whose eyes were shut, heard the scraping of the boats and thought they were stuck in mid-stream. When she opened her eyes she saw they were beached on the other side of the river, perfectly safe, and she could hardly believe it.

The Africans were astonished. They exclaimed, "This has never happened before!" But the God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever had performed a miracle and saved their lives. Praise His wonderful Name!

(Mrs. Mary E. Moomjean is the wife of Pastor Melvin V. Moomjean, Community House of God, Assemblies of God, Los Angeles, Calif.)



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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► PUXICO, MO.—A good attendance was noted during a recent two-week revival campaign at the Assembly of God church here with Evangelist and Mrs. Lester Young. One person received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the church was spiritually stirred for greater things.

—Bud Lawrence, Pastor

► GLADEWATER, TEX.—Several families were brought into the Assembly of God here during a recent revival conducted by the "Evangelicals" of Plainview, Tex. Twenty-five persons found Christ as their Saviour and ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—C. U. McMullen, Pastor

► EL CERRITO, CALIF.—A two-week revival meeting was conducted in June with Evangelists John and Faith Stallings of Orlando, Fla. Members of the Assembly of God Tabernacle here were grateful for the anointed preaching and singing.

—Verlyn Skore, Pastor

► GREENBRIAR, MO.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Vernice Turner of Cottage Hills, Ill. Four were saved during a Sunday school class session and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—James Johns, Pastor

► HOLLAND, MICH.—God poured out His Spirit in a gracious way during a recent three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Bill McPherson at the Assembly of God here. The people prayed for weeks prior to the meeting, and the results were evident.

Though the services were held in the heat of summer and during vacation time, the crowds were the best of any church campaign. Many were saved, some reclaimed, and several filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. A man who had been seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit for eight years was filled and instantly healed of rupture. A revival spirit continues in the church.

—R. F. Hilton, Pastor

► GRIFFIN, GA.—A mighty stirring of the Holy Spirit was manifested at First Assembly during a recent revival with Evangelist Johnnie I. Carroll of Columbus, Ga. A goodly number were saved, several received the Holy Spirit, and other Christians were stirred. Believers are more on fire for God than ever since this revival.

—Ernest P. Pruett, Pastor

► DALLAS, TEX.—One week of prayer and another of visitation and preparation by the church paved the way for a mighty move of God during an eight-night revival with Evangelist George Hayes at Evangel Temple here. The dynamic and uncompromising messages of judgment, repentance, and salvation resulted in ten receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit and 15 being immersed in water. A number of new families have become interested in the Pentecostal message and are becoming more and more interested in uniting with the church. A simultaneous children's revival was conducted by Mrs. Daisy Elkins of Dallas. The beautiful singing of the Chordsmen Quartet of Fort Worth attracted many visitors.

—Bracy I. Greer, Pastor

► KIOWA, OKLA.—Evangelist Willard Peachee and wife recently conducted a revival at the Assembly of God here. As a result, seven persons were saved, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and six followed the Lord in water baptism. Some outstanding healings were also witnessed.

—Earl H. Rhodes, Pastor

► CARROLLTON, GA.—One lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while praying for new converts at the First Assembly of God here during a recent two-week revival with Evangelist Arnice English of Clearview, Fla. In all, seven people found their way to the altar for salvation. The Sunday school witnessed a record attendance of 84 during this revival campaign.

—Glenn Snodgrass, Pastor

► LUMBERTON, TEX.—An outstanding highlight of the recent revival held at First Assembly here occurred when a Baptist minister received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Charles W. Hyde conducted the two-week campaign. Many found Christ as their Saviour and others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Clyde C. Rieson, Pastor

► FT. SCOTT, KANS.—A very profitable two-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Wesley Pollet. There was a new move of the Spirit of God during the meeting. Nine persons accepted Christ as Saviour, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—W. C. Crowder, Pastor



Crowd attending the Sunday morning service at the Assembly of God in Ft. Scott, Kans. during the meeting with Evangelist Wesley Pollet. (W. C. Crowder is pastor.)

►WELLINGTON, OHIO—Seven found Christ as their Saviour and three others were filled with the Holy Spirit during a recent two-week revival at the Assembly of God church with Evangelist James Tucker.

—August P. Hinton, Pastor

►KANSAS CITY, MO.—There was real enthusiasm and blessing in a recent two-week revival at Bethel Tabernacle by Glenna and Eloyid Byard. Several prayed through to salvation and 15 were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. A large number received refillings of the Holy Spirit. The young people were especially blessed as they lingered at the altars each night.

—Lucille Craig, Pastor

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

HOUSTON, TEX.—After serving as superintendent of the South Texas District of the Assemblies of God since it was organized in 1953, Kermit Reneau has resigned this position to accept a call to the pastorate



Kermit Reneau



Lonnie Bowlen

of the First Assembly of God, San Antonio. During Brother Reneau's tenure in office the district has progressed in many ways. Not only has it made great spiritual advances but the physical assets of the district also have increased to a value of approximately \$200,000. A modern \$50,000 district office building located on East Freeway in Houston was completed in 1960. The district has developed a sound church loan program, a bookstore, and a church insurance program.

Brother Reneau is a member of the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, having been re-elected at the Portland Council.

Lonnie Bowlen, pastor of Central Assembly in Baytown and assistant superintendent, is assuming the office of superintendent on November 15.

—by Willis E. Berry

District secretary-treasurer

GREAT BLESSING ATTENDS CHRISTIAN WORKERS RETREAT IN ALABAMA

The first Christian Workers Retreat in the Alabama District was held September 19-22 in beautiful Oak Mountain State Park near Birmingham. The ministry of J. Robert Ashcroft and L. B. Keener was richly blessed of God in each of the sessions.

Specialized training was given each morning to Sunday school teachers, superintendents, new ministers, choir directors, pastors, and area representatives. The classes were conducted in the open air on the green-

carpeted banks of a beautiful lake. There was recreation during the afternoons, and a Spiritual Life service in the evenings highlighted each day's activities.

In these services each person met God on the basis of his individual needs. Wave after wave of God's glory came into our midst, and truly we were made to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

We are now planning our second Christian Workers Retreat in September, 1962. I will be happy to send a brochure to any district which would be interested in such a program. —George E. Walters, District Sunday School Director, Box 1828, Montgomery, Ala.

G. W. HARDCASTLE RE-ELECTED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The forty-eighth Arkansas district council was acclaimed by many to have been the best meeting of the district in years. A high spiritual tide prevailed throughout all phases of the council session.

Superintendent G. W. Hardcastle was returned to office on the nominating ballot. Edwin Burris was elected as assistant superintendent. T. J. Gotcher who had served as assistant superintendent for twenty-two

years declined the nomination due to ill health.

Elected as executive presbyters were M. J. Harris, Fort Smith; Raymond A. Thompson, Pine Bluff; G. E. Chambers, Hot Springs; Fay Hutchinson, Paris; D. A. Hastie, North Little Rock; and B. Owen Oslin, Fort Smith.

E. Joe Wilmoth was returned to the office of C. A. president, and Charles Northcutt was elected as Sunday school director. Miss Mattie Patillo was re-elected as W. M. C. president.

By action of the council, the assistant superintendent and district secretary were made members of the general presbytery by virtue of their offices.

—Henry W. Culbreth, District Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OREGON DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 23-24 at Salem, Oreg. Evangelist Ron Prinzing.—by William Stephens, District C. A. President.

THANKSGIVING C. A. CONVENTION—Nov. 22-23 at Bismarck, N. Dak. Evangelist P. J. Graban.—by Mel DeVries, District C. A. President.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Luverne	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 3	Douglas Bartlett	J. D. Gardner
Ark.	London	Martin Chapel	Nov. 19—	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	Audrey C. Booher
	Malvern	Oak Grove	Nov. 21-26	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Doyle Crane
	Smackover	First	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Wm. Thurman Fountain	W. H. Richardson
Calif.	Coalinga	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Robert Fierro	Thomas O. Grams
	Lafayette	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Ralph Cranston	Glenn Lambert
	Turlock	Bethel Temple	Nov. 26—	J. G. Hall	Robert Carrington
Colo.	Greeley	First	Nov. 14-26	Musical Lebsacks	Harold Maley
Fla.	Eagle Lake	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	M. O. Bruce	Carnell Bruce
	North Miami	Trinity	Nov. 21—	Paul Alessi	Tom Miller
Ill.	Chicago	Stone Church	Nov. 19-26	R. L. Brandt	Ernest C. Sumrall
Ind.	Indianapolis	Lighthouse Tab.	Nov. 21-26	Garfield J. Unruh	Wm. Totman
	Terre Haute	First	Nov. 5—	Robert R. Morrison	Wm. D. Saunders, Jr.
Iowa	Colfax	A/G	Nov. 14-26	Norman & Evelyn Hays	H. I. Stevenson
	New Sharon	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Joel Palmer	G. D. Coborn
La.	Hammond	A/G	Nov. 26—	Joey Laird	James Sewell
Mich.	Muskegon	East Broadway	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Bob & Jeri Winford	E. E. Froats
	Saginaw	First	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Bill & Verna McPherson	A. F. Thornton
Mo.	Bethany	A/G	Nov. 19—	Al Davis	N. W. Weddle
	Overland	Faith	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Frank Heitman
	Princeton	A/G	Nov. 14-26	C. M. Smitley	Leslie Howard
Mont.	Billings	First	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Arthur & Anna Berg	Walter A. Buck
N. Y.	Fulton	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	E. Petroski	Daniel Raught
	Schenectady	First	Nov. 21—	Oren Paris	Calvin T. Rogers
Ohio	Newtown	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 3	W. W. Martin	Fred Schmidt
Okla.	Shawnee	First	Nov. 21-26	Bobby Green	B. E. Potter
	Tulsa	Faith Tab.	Nov. 21-26	A. A. Wilson	Don Mallough
Oreg.	Eugene	Evangel Temple	Nov. 12-26	Lester H. Sheets	G. O. Baker
	Glendale	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	Gospel Evangelaires	Bruce Manning
	Molalla	A/G	Nov. 5—	Robert Boreland	Harry Olsen
	The Dalles	A/G Revival Ctr.	Nov. 21—	Everett Olp	Dave Phillips
Pa.	Brookville	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 3	Jim Chandonnet	Vernon Boyer
	Mechanicsburg	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Brosey-Buchwalter Team	Domenick Ezzo
	Philadelphia	Frankford	Nov. 14-29	Alvera & Wm. Farrand	James Donald
	Pittsburgh	Evangelistic Tem.	Nov. 19-30	Paul Olson Party	Wm. E. Bailey
Tex.	Fort Worth	Lake Worth	Nov. 26—	J. W. Farmer	Homer Rich
Va.	New Castle	A/G	Nov. 21-Dec. 10	Peiffer-Harden Team	Beulah Skidmore
Wash.	Ellensburg	First	Nov. 22—	Don Gossett	Ruben Korpi
	Moses Lake	Berean	Nov. 26-Dec. 10	Linfield Crowder	Levi Larson
	Pasco	A/G	Nov. 21—	The Tanner Team	T. G. Morrow
	Union Gap	A/G	Nov. 7—	Archie & Mrs. Phelps	Wayne R. Barker
Wis.	Green Bay	First	Nov. 21-Dec. 3	P. N. Garcia	R. S. Peterson
	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 22-26	Lloyd Christiansen	H. L. Flaherty
Canada	Morden, Man.	Pentecostal Ch.	Nov. 19-Dec. 3	R. J. Muir	Kenneth Bunting
S. A.	Valparaiso, Chile	A/G	Nov. 20—	Jimmie & Mrs. Mayo	David Scott, Chm.

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Christian Positrons

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"Ah," I said, "they're not people of money, but they are children of God, and if they are children of God all heaven is pledged to their support." I testified to him for almost an hour, but he said, "Your church can't get a loan anywhere else in town and we are not going to cut our interest."

The church went before God and a few months later I walked down with a check to pay off the loan. The head man to whom I had talked couldn't believe I meant it.

"How did you do it?" he asked. I said, "I told you we were children of means—God is with us."

Our Sunday school went up from three hundred to nine hundred with the highest this year being 2,997 in Sunday school. We have had five building programs in the last nine years and we built a church on foreign territory at the close of each building program. How was it done? The power of God is our only answer. God has not called you and me to something and then let us down.

Let me finish this story. A few months ago I was called to the hospital to see my friend of the loan company. With shaking lips he said, "I want to confess that I've watched you people in the church and I know you serve the true God."

I prayed with him and in his last moments he said, "Everything's all right and I love the Saviour."

They tell me that about sixty years ago seventeen men across the pond got together and said, "We're expendable to the cause of communism. We will utterly abandon ourselves to the cause." They did it without reserve and today there are over 900,000,000 under communism. Are we going to be out-pursed and out-passioned by the heathen, when our God lives to change towns and cities and states and countries, and all He is looking for are those who will abandon themselves to the cause?

They wanted a city-wide revival some

years ago, and the ministers gathered together to discuss whether to have Dwight L. Moody. One young minister stood up and said, "I don't believe that Dwight L. Moody has a monopoly on the Holy Ghost." An older man said, "I agree with you, young man. I do not believe he has a monopoly on the Holy Ghost either, but I believe the Holy Ghost has a monopoly on Dwight L. Moody."

That is what we need. Let me ask you, what is the moral imperative of your life—for what cause were you born? There will be no pocket in your shroud for your checkbook nor any place for the deeds of your land. All you will ever be able to take with you are the souls you have won for the Lord. Paul said, "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"

A number of years ago I had a wholesale and retail oil business and my mind was made up that I was not going to be a preacher. I would support the preacher, sure, and I was treasurer and secretary of the church, and did some preaching on the side. But I was not going to go into the battle as my parents had done. My father was an Assemblies of God preacher. My mother died after she preached a sermon in an Assembly of God pulpit—she closed her Bible, leaned over it, and went home to glory, right from the pulpit. I said, "It's all right for Dad and Mother. It's all right for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, but not for me."

One day I found myself on an operating table with Dad kneeling beside me, big tears rolling down his cheeks, and his hand raised, talking to God. He said, "God, I gave my boy to you. You can't take him now." He reached over and said, "Son, I wonder if this is the ultimate."

I said, "Dad, my sins are forgiven. I'm ready to meet God." But suddenly it seemed I saw the nail-scarred hands and the crown of thorns on Jesus' brow and heard the words that said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

I said, "God, you've saved me, but

I'm not ready to meet you!" His hands were outstretched and I had nothing to put in them. I was empty-handed. God did not want my money. He wanted me. He said, "Son, you've let me reside with you, but you never allowed me to preside over you." I said, "Lord, if you'll let me live, you'll preside and monopolize all of me from now on." He did.

Ah, beloved, are you willing to be fervent in spirit as the slogan of this convention is? Are you willing to allow God to use you wherever you are to stem the tide of sin? Remember that each communist wins twenty-five more to his side yearly, and I am told it takes twenty Protestants to win one to their side in a year. Stop and think that our very existence for time and eternity depends upon our decision to stand firm in the fight and take our part in the warfare of righteousness against unrighteousness.

Let us become like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. May we square our shoulders, deepen our consecration, and stand our ground in the faith as Christian positrons for God!

I Say It Now!

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The apostle Paul and his companion were asked by the frightened Philippian jailer, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And their answer was not that he should go out and start leading a good life, important as moral recititude is. Rather their reply to him was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

How was this accomplished? When Christ the eternal Son of God died on the Cross, He made a perfect atonement for sin. The holiness, righteousness, justice, love, and mercy of God were revealed and vindicated. We cannot explain all that took place, nor can we understand all of its implications; but this we can know and believe—Christ died for our sins, in our place, and opened the way for us into God's

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holy presence. If only the death of the Son of God could solve the sin problem, how great then was that problem!

All of this is background for my telling you the effect of knowing Christ as my Saviour.

I have peace in my heart—peace *with* God and the peace *of* God.

Fear of death is gone, for I know that death will be nothing but a transition into His glorious presence.

Faith in Christ brings assurance, confidence, and hope. In my soul there is the witness that it is true. With the apostle Paul I can say, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

And finally, because of this assurance of my Saviour in my heart, I am no longer worried about the contingencies of life. I know that Romans 8:28 is true: "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I write all of this now because it is too good to keep to myself. It is something every person should know, believe, and have for himself, and I want so much for you to share in the same joy and hope which Christ has given to me.

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MY DAD IS GREAT

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me, at the same time reminding me that even Jesus had Judas in His "church."

Then, as all young people do, I met the age-old question of what is right and what is wrong. Instead of giving me a list of *do's* and *don'ts* Dad helped me learn to think. If I wished to know if something was good or bad, I was to consider its good points and its bad points carefully and honestly until I concluded which outweighed the other. If two courses of action were open and I was disturbed over which to take, Dad would direct my thinking to a solution. If I took this course, it would lead me thus and so; conversely, the other course would lead to something else. Which point did I wish to reach? In this way I arrived at values of my

own. Naturally I tried harder to uphold them than I would have if someone else's decisions had been forced on me. In some cases my conclusions were different from Dad's, but if I could give sound reasons I was permitted freedom of choice.

Only a minister's family can know the load he carries and the agony of his soul when some of his sheep are straying. Many nights I have been awakened by someone's praying and have seen my father walking the floor and agonizing with God for some backsliding church member. At one time fierce hatred filled my heart toward these wayward saints whose actions pierced my daddy's heart. Only with Dad's help and understanding was I able to let the Spirit of God wash that hatred away.

A severe test came at the time I was going through the emotional upheaval of the teen years. I witnessed the untimely death and attended the funeral of one of our beloved deacons who had stood by Dad's side and upheld his hands. Why should God take him, I questioned, when we needed him so? There were others in the church we could have given up, but God had taken the very cream of the crop. I know that in his heart Dad must have had a battle, too, and must have been asking, "Why?" But when I lashed out against the seeming injustice of God, he steadied me. Burying his own sorrow, he helped me understand that we humans do not see as God does, for He is all-wise and all-loving; therefore, we must trust in Him without question.

Dad went on doing God's work as he saw it—closing up the gaps, praying for the sick, holding up the weak, and pleading before God for his people. He built churches and parsonages. He preached the Word and trusted God. God sent us food just as we ran out; He sent money when the bills were due. Clothes came in before winter, and rain ended the drouths.

I saw Dad's steadiness in the storm, his faith in the darkness, and trust when it seemed vain. I heard from his lips the truths of God's Word made plain in the vernacular of the people. I stood by his side in the dark shadows, in the bright sunshine, in the face of misunderstanding of those for whom he had suffered to bring the light. I saw, I heard, I witnessed, and with the intuitiveness of the young I knew that my father walked with God.

God was faithful and so was Dad. Together they established my feet on the solid rock.

His years of service are about over. His strength is waning and he cannot fill a full-time pastorate any more. He has not been great—just faithful in small places. In this life he has neither had nor wanted acclaim or award. But soon now he'll be crossing over to where a crown of righteousness awaits him. I, his daughter, have but one plea: God, grant me a double portion of the same Spirit that imbued my father.

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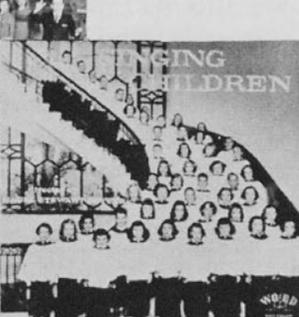
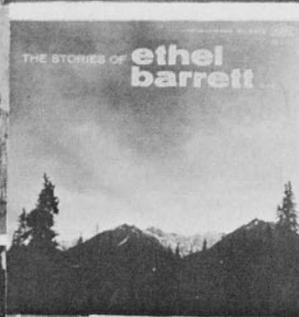
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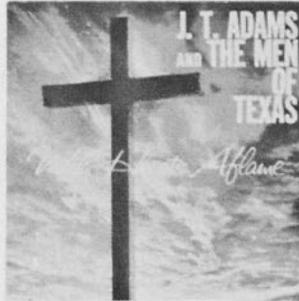
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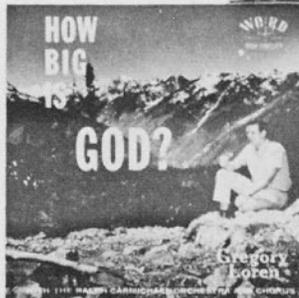
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Among his duties are such things as being responsible for maintaining a 24-hour roster on all personnel of the fire department, and in addition to supervising six operators and three captains he must also insure proper reception and transmission of all alarms, fire and other emergency messages.

He has not always been *Captain* Gray, of course. When he joined the department in 1937 he was "Private" Gray, like all recruits. He has come up through the ranks to become an important man in a strategic position.

Being a fireman, he has had many close brushes with death. We shall note just three of these instances.

One day a call came to rush out to a house on Shady Street. Upon arrival they found the house completely ablaze. After the fire was extinguished the men went through the house to estimate the damage.

One of the firemen on the floor above misstepped and fell between the ceiling joists, landing directly on Gray. As the man weighed nearly two hundred pounds, Gray recalls, "he nearly broke my neck." This was one close call with serious injury and possible death.

Another near miss came when the Alabama Cotton Warehouse burned. With 1,500 bales of cotton stored in the huge corrugated steel bins the fire became so intense the metal walls were red with the heat.

Fighting the fire near the walls, Gray and another fireman saw one of the glowing walls begin to topple. Having no chance to step back, they helplessly watched the wall crash just inches from their feet—a second close brush with death.

The third occasion involved bodily affliction. Gray had suffered all his life from asthmatic attacks; then came an

ulcerated stomach, complicated by high blood pressure and heart trouble. In 1943 two different doctors gave him no more than six months to live.

As he lay in the hospital, barely conscious, a minister came to see him. It was Grover Langston, then pastor of the First Assembly of God in Montgomery. Brother Langston invited the fire fighter to come to this church when he got back on his feet.

Three weeks later Mr. Gray was in Brother Langston's church. Gray's own words will explain best what happened.

"Before I went to that meeting I couldn't drink a half glass of sweet milk; chicken broth made me ill, and any substantial meal was something to be endured. At the close of the service, the minister asked those who desired to be healed to come forward."

Prayer was offered for Mr. Gray and, as he puts it, "I began to feel better right away."

The next day his wife prepared him food he couldn't have eaten the day before—broth, bacon, eggs, steak. He ate and felt wonderful.

He went immediately to one of the doctors who had given him six months to live. The astonished medical man gave a pronouncement of perfect health!

It's easy to see why Captain Gray believes in miracles—he is one.

God has blessed Brother Gray in his occupation. Numerous promotions have come to him, culminating in 1947, when he was named Captain. In 1960 he was given the highest rating possible by Chief C. C. Strane on his supervisory ability.

Not only are the Grays members of the First Assembly of God in Montgomery, but Captain Gray serves on the church board of advisors—and as a trustee. He is happy to be identified with the Christ who healed him and spared his life. ◀◀

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick..." James 5:15