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PRAYER FOR WORLD NEIGHBORLINESS

Our Father, with so much bitterness abroad in the world—this poor bleeding world stumbling from blunder to blunder, hollow with graves, hard with hate—may we who own the name of Christ shed abroad Thy love.

We pray for a broader vision of the needs of all mankind, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.

Help us to live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.

Help us to be gentle, walking softly with another.

Help us to be understanding lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow one needless tear.

Help us to stand for what is right, not because it may yield dividends later, but because it is right now.

Help us to be as anxious that the rights of others shall be recognized as we are that our own shall be established.

Help us to be as eager to forgive others as we are to seek forgiveness.

God, help us to be ministers of mercy and ambassadors of kindness for Jesus' sake, Amen.

—*The Prayers of Peter Marshall*

MY DOORSTEP MINISTRY

Life is so uncertain that we never know what a day may bring forth. Just the day before John's sudden death I saw him out in front of his house sweeping off the sidewalk. As I was passing by with the mail I spoke to him and learned he had been a backslider for many years. It seemed he had left the church when he moved out to California. Being elderly he realized the need of getting right with God and I urged him not to put it off any longer.

In illustrating the point I told John about the man who sat down at a table loaded with good food but refused to eat any of it. I pointed out that it would do him no good to talk about making his peace with God without doing something about it. John seemed to be under conviction so I gave him a good booklet on salvation which he promised to read.

The following evening, Sunday, his wife saw him

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

reading the booklet while sitting in his easy chair. As I had invited him to listen to my brother Howard on our church radio broadcast, he tuned in that Sunday night and while listening to the message, he slumped over in his chair and went into eternity. I do trust the printed or spoken Word reached this lost soul in time.

I am so glad that I obeyed the Lord that Saturday morning in witnessing to John as well as being prepared to give the printed Word to him.

—*Ralph W. Rusthoi, in Foursquare Magazine*

ARE YOU GROWING?

The well-known preacher, Sam Jones, was once riding with the engineer on a train. Looking at the steam gauge he said to the engineer, "Why, man, you haven't enough steam to take you to Chattanooga!"

"That's true," replied the engineer, "but we have enough to start on. If we had enough for the whole trip now it would blow us to kingdom come. As we use what we have, more will be supplied."

So it is with the Christian life. If we will use the faith or power we have, more will be supplied. It is thus that we grow or make progress in our spiritual living—in wisdom, faith, power, and love. Knowing this the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians that they might "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

—*Cleva R. Hanna in Gospel Herald*

Special Announcement

INTERNATIONAL C. A. CONVENTION CANCELED

The National C. A. Department of the Assemblies of God regretfully announces that the International Christ's Ambassadors Convention, scheduled for Mexico City, August 14-17, 1962, has been canceled.

The action, taken by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, was necessary because no official permit had yet been issued by the Mexican Government for the Convention.

The problem of a permit for the convention has been uppermost in the minds of convention leaders since plans began several years ago. Planning has been done in careful consultation with the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God so that the greatest amount of good could be reaped from the convention. The National C. A. Department was very conscious of the problem of a permit, but it had proceeded with plans to this point through encouragement from national leaders in Mexico.

Official sources had made a number of promises regarding a permit. However, the picture was complicated by the death of the cabinet official in charge of tourism. Since no permit had been issued, the national C. A. Department set February 1 as deadline for having all arrangements made. Official sources were informed of this deadline well in advance. When the deadline passed without further word about the permit, the only alternative was to cancel the convention. The National C. A. Department felt it had no right to encourage several thousand young people from the United States to develop plans to attend a convention without some firm commitment from official sources. After every possible approach to an avenue for the convention was thoroughly explored, cancellation was the only alternative. This action was taken on February 15.

There will, nevertheless, be benefits from convention plans. A number of youth leadership aids are being translated into Spanish to assist all Latin American countries in their expanding youth programs. A massive literature distribution program is also planned.

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Another Breakthrough

Last month's historic orbital flight of Lt.-Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. in his space capsule *Friendship Seven* was another great breakthrough in man's long struggle to master the secrets of the universe.

Comparable to Columbus' discovery of America and Lindbergh's spanning of the Atlantic was this successful navigation of the "new ocean" that lies beyond the shores of the ionosphere. The prayers of millions of people, inspired by the astronaut's own testimony of Christian faith, followed Glenn as he made his three swift orbits around the globe, and there was great thanksgiving over his success.

It was a breakthrough—a significant victory—but the battle for the conquest of space has only begun. Other astronauts will risk their lives; tremendous efforts will be made, and many billions of dollars spent to probe the realms beyond our little corner of God's great universe. How far the space program will proceed we would not venture to predict, but we would draw some spiritual lessons from Colonel Glenn's great achievement.

It was a triumph of faith. "People are afraid of the future, of the unknown," he said. "If a man faces up to it and takes the dare out of the future, he can have some control over his destiny." The astronaut had faith in the Project Mercury program. He expected it to succeed. We who serve Christ must believe in His program, and we must be willing to venture into the unknown, for has not the Lord promised to show us great and mighty things as yet unknown if we will but call unto Him?

The success of Glenn's flight was a triumph of cooperation. It was not a one-man show. Six thousand scientists and engineers were working on the project. Scientists, physicists, geologists, astronomers all combined their efforts to put him into orbit. Similarly our success in gospel work is dependent on the cooperation of many faithful servants of Christ, each doing his share to advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

The orbital flight was also a triumph of perseverance. Ten times the flight was postponed but Glenn's courage never sank. One morning he was all set to be hurled into space—he spent over five hours strapped down in the capsule, only to have the flight cancelled due to bad weather. "It could have unhinged a lesser man," said one observer. Every Christian worker faces discouragements and the manner in which he meets them is the gauge of his ultimate success.

A pastor in Vermont recently wrote to the Editor about some of the problems he faces in his pioneer field. "It would be very easy to write you a rather negative letter," he said, "if I viewed our work from a common standard of appraisal. . . . We have lost quite a few this past year because of the economic condition here. Our Sunday morning and evening attendance reached a new low. Our Sunday school and youth service were just about wiped out. But thank God . . . there is that which we see by faith which is invisible. We still feel encouraged and have started to rebuild. God has called me here. I know He is faithful, and my duty is to stick and work until He leads differently. I can't describe my feeling but it is that which comes from abiding in the center of God's will. There is a contentment, even when circumstances fail to corroborate it. I really believe this year we are going to have a breakthrough. Pray with us to this end."

Let us pray one for another, working together, each doing what he can and expecting God to work with us. The breakthrough will come to those who believe in spite of circumstances, who persevere in spite of discouragements, and who cooperate with the Lord, seeking His glory alone.

—R.C.C.

*It is difficult to love
the Word of Truth
if you suffer
from spiritual allergies!*

NOT ALLERGIC TO THE TRUTH

By MELVIN B. HANSON
*Pastor, Sherburn Assembly of God
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I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS COMPLETELY adequate to fit every situation and solve every problem. As the Bible itself declares, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

Your specific circumstance may not be completely spelled out in full detail but if you will look and believe and receive it, you will find in the Scriptures the answer to your need. It is not difficult to find Biblical principles that apply to a personal situation if one will be honest about it.

However, if you are an average American you are not well informed on what the Scriptures teach.

In a nation possessing millions of Bibles it is remarkable how few people read the Word of God to any great extent. Surveys show there is an appalling ignorance of



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the simplest Bible teachings, even among college students.

When you go to church you do hear some scriptures read, but not many. You are fortunate if you have a good evangelical church to attend, and a faithful pastor who pours out his heart to give you the full gospel. But there is danger, even if the pastor does proclaim "the whole counsel of God," that you will not apply it seriously to your own life. It is so easy to be a hearer of the Word and not a doer.

So often a person builds up a "defense mechanism" to neutralize the powerful effect of the truth when it strikes home in some area of his personal life.

The trouble is that many church members are suffering from spiritual allergies. According to the dictionary an allergy is an "excessive sensitiveness to certain substances." You perhaps can say "Amen" to many of the pastor's sermons but when he gets on certain subjects you grow strangely sensitive. "The preacher has now left preaching and gone to meddling!"

You should be thankful that God, through His servant, has spoken to you. Don't rebel. Don't be allergic to the truth. Accept it and profit by it.

Don't try to justify yourself by finding fault with the pastor. You may be tempted to say to yourself, "Oh, well, he tries to tell me what to do, but he's not so perfect himself." Eventually this could lead to a morbid expedition of "witch-hunting" and "rumormongering" in hope of turning up some juicy morsel of "evidence" to pin some charge on the mouthpiece of the Lord.

Don't try to turn the finger of guilt away from yourself by pointing it at the pastor's family, his appearance, his voice, his grammar, his methods. Don't try to insulate yourself against the flaming embarrassment of actually "facing up" to your faults by "making it hot" for the preacher. Your feelings of revulsion will only grow stronger until you may find yourself deciding there is only one conclusion: it is time for the pastor to move on.

Such cases may be extreme, of course, but they are not rare. It is not uncommon for a minister to step upon someone's sensitive "corn" and many a church member, rather than honestly admit his need of healing, will begin looking for a scapegoat for his guilt.

Others will just build up quiet little resentments toward certain sensitive issues. It just "irks" them to keep hearing the preacher "harp on one string." It "ruffles their feathers" down inside.

Someone told Billy Sunday he was always "stroking the cat's fur the wrong way." His answer was, "No, I'm not; the cat just needs to turn around."

If you happen to be one who thinks that certain subjects are being preached too often in your church, you might find it enlightening to keep a record of all the subjects covered in a three-month period. No doubt you would discover that the pastor preaches on a wide variety of themes but you only remember the sermons that hurt you.

Your pastor tries to serve a balanced diet of spiritual truth. However, there are times when certain phases of the gospel need special emphasis. It is inevitable that the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, will strike someone when it is faithfully wielded. It is bound to strike deeply into the rebellious, self-centered heart of the "natural man." If the minister preached only that which would offend no one, stir no one, convict no one, certainly you would consider him an unfaithful "hireling" unworthy of his divine calling. Like the apostle Paul, he is called to declare *all* the counsel of God.

It is as much the calling of the faithful minister to "distress the comfortable" as to "comfort the distressed." It is his duty to "warn the wicked" as much as to "soothe the sorrowing."

So when your pastor preaches against *sin*, don't accuse him of "negative preaching." Appreciate him as an honest diagnostician of a fatal malady. He not only will produce a somber report but he will prescribe a supernatural remedy!

If you feel his emphasis on personal holiness in an immoral age is too stringently narrow, keep in mind that he is watching over your soul as one "that must give account," fully realizing that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

When he "plugs" for the various phases of the church, Sunday school, Christ's Ambassadors, WMC, MF, and the visitation program, it is because he firmly believes these are important arms of the church's ministry.

Don't forget that a pastor is a teacher and "the essence of education is repetition." This is a scriptural principle—"for precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:10).

Political propagandists understand this principle. The communists have won half the world by repeating their big lie over and over again. Jesus used repetition in

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His preaching. Don't criticize your pastor when he does the same.

Next time you go to church, expect God to speak to you personally. And don't be surprised if He hints at the matter of *your* faults. Do you think the Lord would send the pastor to his pulpit with a message for someone who is absent?

Remember—it is not always your neighbor who needs exhortation. "Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

Preachers are not perfect. Of course they aren't. Neither were the apostles. God has to use imperfect channels but if they are faithful messengers of the Lord you should listen to their message and weigh it reverently. "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:2). Many a minister has himself been smitten by the truth he has preached.

But people are not perfect either. It is highly probable, therefore, that the message you need is the very one you are most "allergic" to. So if you break out with some sort of "rash" at the mention of certain subjects, why not seek the *cure* rather than try to justify the disease? Maybe you don't like to be "prodded" but possibly there is need of being "pried loose."

The Word of Truth holds tremendous implications for every Christian believer. What "block-busting" missiles of Spirit-sent conviction the Lord has "zeroed in" on us. They are aimed to bring us life, not death. But we have become so proficient with our anti-missile defenses that many of them never seem to reach us.

What showers of heavenly blessing would rain upon us if only we would take down our umbrellas!

How much powerful, Spirit-anointed preaching is literally going to waste because it is unheeded by the listeners.

It's time every one of us assumed the attitude of those earnest hearers in the house of Cornelius: "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (Acts 10:33).

Do your pastor—and yourself—the favor of copying their example.

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Why I believe in CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



Many born-again believers have not yet joined a local church. Here are four unassailable reasons why every Christian should do so.

EVANGELIST WILLIAM L. STEPHENS

MY BELIEF IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP is a very real and important part of my Christian faith. All my life, except for a period in my late teens when I was away from God, I have belonged to a church.

As an infant I was dedicated to the Lord and placed on the membership roll because my parents were members. Then, as a nine-year-old, I gave my heart to the Lord and shall never forget the day I walked to the front of the church my dad was pastoring and was accepted as a member by my profession of faith. The preciousness and solemnity of that occasion will remain with me always.

During my middle teens, tragedy struck our home and it was divided. During this time of upheaval and heartbreak, with my dad going one way and my mother and we children another, I became disillusioned, disappointed, and quite rebellious. For the next three or four years I wandered without God. But the pull of the church, and my deep sense of loyalty to it, drew me back to serv-

Prior to his resignation last month to enter the evangelistic field, Brother Stephens was the Youth and Christian Education Director of the Oregon District.

ices again and again. In my twentieth year, while serving my first hitch in military service, I attended a revival meeting and made my peace with God.

The first thing I wanted to do was renew my relationship to the church. As a serviceman I became a church member and this has been the pattern for my life.

As an evangelist, I hold membership in a local congregation. As a district officer, I held membership in a nearby church. I firmly believe in church membership. I believe every Christian should be a member of some congregation.

Because of the deep-rooted intimacy of my own conviction on the subject, it is a little difficult for me to look at it objectively and define the reasons for my belief. In thinking it over, however, I have decided my belief in this matter is based upon four simple propositions:

1. Church membership is Biblical.
2. Church membership is logical.
3. Church membership is practical.
4. Church membership is fruitful.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS BIBLICAL

The outstanding mark of the Early Church, as pictured in Acts, was unity.

There was unity of faith because the faith of each one was centered in the same person, the Lord Jesus Christ. There was unity of fellowship because the Word says they broke bread from house to house and held all things in common. In addition, there was unity in purpose and this demanded unity in organization. The New Testament knew nothing of Christians detached from the local church. The pattern was obvious. They were born into the kingdom and added to the church.

This should be said also. The Early Church was not a hit-and-miss affair. Paul's epistles are very clear in reciting the progression of authority and the rules of discipline to be followed in all the churches. Obedience and service was demanded of the members. There was no such thing as independent, irresponsible Christianity in the Early Church. It was a closely knit brotherhood, working together for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS LOGICAL

I never cease to be amazed that some people can't see why they should belong to a church. To me it is the most sensible thing in the world. I have accepted Christ; I belong to Him. He has redeemed me by the sacrifice of Himself. By joining the church, which after all is His visible Body on earth, I am taking a public stand and saying in effect, "Take notice, everyone, I have left the world and joined myself to Christ. I am on the Lord's side. I have joined myself to believers of like precious faith. This is my testimony, that in public and in private I will serve the Lord."

A Christian has no abiding place here on earth but seeks a city not made with hands. He is among strangers. It is logical that he join himself with other Christians. Of course, there are those who attend regularly but will not become members. This reminds me of the person who audits a college course. He has the privilege

of sitting in class and listening to the instructor but can't take the examination and receive credit. He isn't really a part of the class; he just "tags along" with it.


The Church of Jesus Christ has enough people just tagging along, taking advantage of all the benefits and shouldering none of the responsibilities. Enough of that! Be a man! Come all out for God and join yourself with the great company of people who are waging unceasing warfare against the enemy. Shoulder to shoulder let us march until, like the mighty army we're supposed to be, we storm the very citadels of hell itself.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS PRACTICAL

This is true in relation to the believer, the pastor, and the entire church.

For the believer, church member-

BIBLE VERSE



With the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. **PSA. 42:4**

ship is practical because it gives a sense of belonging which all of us need. It also gives him a sense of responsibility and pride in his calling and in the importance of his work. The believer is also made to feel he is needed, which is very true and demonstrates as nothing else can the brotherhood of the church.

For the pastor, church membership is practical because it gives believers a sense of loyalty to the pastor and to the other Christians, providing greater harmony and fruitfulness. It is practical also because it is easier to maintain church discipline and keep the flock secure from false teachers. A strong membership provides a feeling of security and comfort for the people. There is also strength for evangelization.

For the church itself, a strong membership is practical when it has any

dealings with the world. Banks and other lending institutions do not loan money on the strength of the Sunday school roster. They want a bona fide membership list. Their feeling seems to be that people are better risks for a loan if they have accepted the responsibilities of membership, rather than just attending a church.

We have young men waiting to enter the chaplaincy who cannot receive appointment at present because our denominational quota is filled. This quota is decided by our official membership lists. If all our churches had a proper church membership our quota would be raised and we could supply more missionaries to our armed forces. The Roman Catholics, the modernists, and the cults will place their men in uniform, but we are held back by lack of an adequate count of our members.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS FRUITFUL

The commandment of the Lord was to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. This is done through regular church services, jail and hospital services, home and foreign missionary work, and many other outlets too numerous to mention. All of this work takes cooperation, coordination, and consecrated stewardship (both in finances and in time).

Now it is true that church membership will not save you. You must be saved first and then become a member. It is equally true, however, that every Christian will be held accountable for the talents entrusted to him. The Christian is required to be both faithful and fruitful. It is a plain, simple fact that more is accomplished through cooperation than by independent endeavor.

Church membership is fruitful because people accept responsibility as an integral part of membership. They pool their tithes and offerings, their witnessing and working, their prayers and praises. The result is that a lot more work is accomplished, the members are strengthened through praying for one another, and more money is provided to spread the gospel to all the world. All of this adds up to *souls*; and souls are what Jesus died for.

How is your attitude toward membership? Are you for or against it? Now what is your attitude toward the kingdom of heaven? Do you help or hinder? Think it over, the two questions may be more closely related than you think. ❖❖



But I PAID my bill!

"Fred Abbott—" Fred walked across the platform, shoulders back, a certain easy confidence in his manner. In the audience his mother gripped his dad's hand, and their pastor, who had traveled with them for the occasion, smiled. Fred reached for his diploma. Then his jaw dropped. The dean handed him a statement instead.

Tuition	60%—PAID
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The stunned silence in the auditorium was soon replaced by excited voices. His parents joined Fred. "But we understood tuition was all the cost. Besides, we've been out that much again on board, room, books, travel, etc."

The pastor walked up. The dean smiled, thumbed through a sheaf of statements in his hand, and pulled out a slightly yellowed one. The pastor (an alumnus) paled a little. It read:

Tuition	60%—PAID
Hidden cost	40%—DUE
PLUS 10 years interest at 6%	

"But Dean, I've given myself to the ministry, and Fred here is going to the mission field. We're *making our sacrifice*."

The dean looked at Fred, his folks, his pastor. Then he half-turned and looked at the faculty and staff seated across one side of the platform. "Our faculty and staff are making their sacrifice too, Pastor. So who's to pay?"

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Parent, are the marks of maturity visible in your life?

Have you learned how to be childlike without being childish?

GROWING UP

By DON MALLOUGH

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IT IS INTERESTING TO BE A PARENT and to watch our children grow up; but have we ever stopped to consider whether we ourselves are grown up in the sight of God? The Lord is looking for marks of maturity in our lives just as anxiously as we are watching for these traits in our children.

God's will is "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro . . . but . . . may grow up into him" (Ephesians 4:14, 15).

The entire program of God points toward bringing His people into the full stature of Christ. We are born again and grow spiritually as any human being does physically. We strive, or at least should do so, toward the utmost as fully-developed Christians. The task of preachers and teachers is not merely to get souls saved, but "that we may present every man perfect in Jesus Christ" (Colossians 1:28).

In this portion of Ephesians the apostle Paul sounds a call for Christian maturity. He exhorts us to "grow up" in Christ. We are admonished to cease being children and become adults. God put in the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers "For the perfecting of the saints . . . for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). Such ministry gifts are to serve "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the

measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

The above text presents the negative aspect in order to set forth the truth more graphically. We are to cease being children and become full-grown men. A modern version of the Bible expresses it in picturesque fashion. "No longer children, tossed by the waves and whirled about by every fresh gust of teaching, dupes of crafty rogues and their deceitful schemes."

Maturity is an attitude that enables a person to handle any situation as an adult. It is a state of having reached full development. Whether or not we are mature can be determined by certain abilities that we possess. The lack of them would indicate immaturity or childishness.

There are five marks of such maturity that are good tests in determining the stage of our spiritual development. They can be applied equally to our natural lives or spiritual make-up.

1. *The ability to make independent decisions.*

The husband who cannot pick out his own neckties, but leans on his wife, is immature to a degree. The married woman who must consult her mother in even minor decisions has never grown up. He who leans on others as to whether to go to church, and to the altar, or to guide him in taking some spiritual action, is living beneath his actual age.

A mature Christian has a mind and

convictions of his own. He will not be swayed by a crowd or by his friends, or by a dominant personality, when a principle or conviction is involved. He will be developed enough spiritually so as to be able to make the best decision for himself.

2. *The ability to assume responsibility for your own acts.*

My little son Kim accidentally spilled his milk at the table. When reprimanded by his mother he said, "Donnie made a face at me and made me spill it." He was still a mere child and rather weakly tried to blame someone else for what he had done.

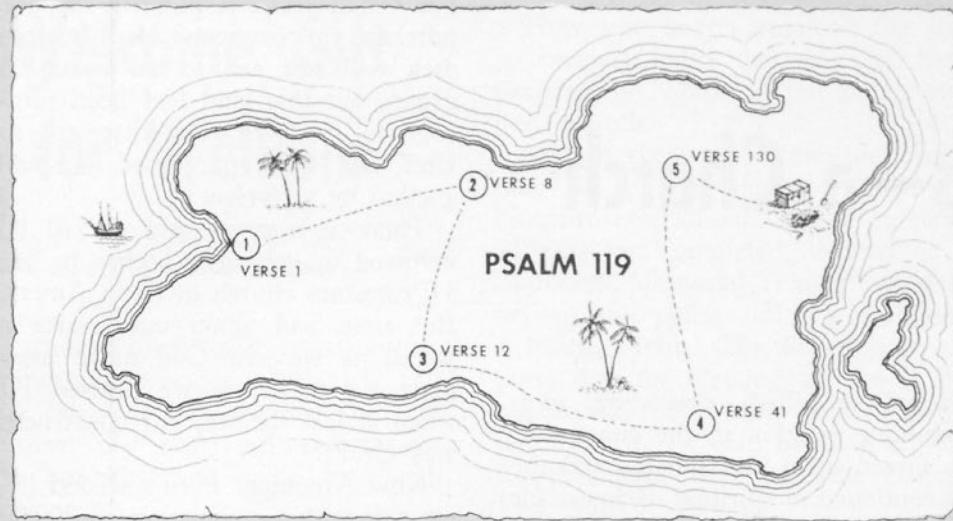
Weak and childish individuals always find someone to blame whether it is logical or not. That habit started at the beginning of time. When reprimanded by God for his sin, Adam said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat" (Genesis 3:12). Then Eve found someone else to blame. "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:13). Aaron made a golden calf but when rebuked by Moses he blamed the people. He said of the gold, "I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf" (Exodus 32:24). He tried to pretend that the golden calf just happened, while the record says that he "fashioned it with a graving tool" (Exodus 32:4).

The mature person will accept responsibility for what he has done, whether good or bad. He who is immature will blame the hypocrites, the church, the pastor, his friends, or anyone but himself.

3. *The ability to give rather than receive.*

Children are basically selfish and must be taught otherwise. It takes a long training process to make them share with brothers, sisters, and playmates. Some who have grown physically and passed their majority are still children in this respect. He who must always receive and never gives is, at the best, very immature. Even his prayers are self-centered. Like the prodigal son he continually says, "Give me," instead of, "Take me."

Giving or receiving temporal goods is only a small part of this attitude. A major area touches on praise or credit. A weakling thrives on praise but will never praise anyone else. He is sensitive when people don't give him credit, but he will never ascribe



JUNIOR READER FEATURE by DICK CHAMPION

BURIED TREASURE

Here's a map which will help you find the greatest treasure of all. All the clues are in Psalm 119. Read each verse listed on the map, then take the first letter of each of the first four clues and the second letter of the fifth clue. Your answer will be a five-letter word which is the greatest treasure of all.

credit to anyone else. When his program is a success his attitude is "glory be to me," but if it fails he finds a scapegoat upon which to lay the blame.

One of the keenest barometers of maturity or its counterpart is whether one gives or receives credit and praise.

4. *The ability to distinguish fact from fancy.*

Children can speak of Santa Claus and Jesus Christ in the same breath. They cannot differentiate between the real and the unreal. They hear both Christmas stories and don't realize which is historical fact and which is myth.

The immature Christian rather glibly accepts anything he hears. If it comes in a sincere tone of voice or in the name of religion it must be good. If it is a new or different thought, doctrine, or method, he never questions but wants to be one of the first to embrace it. Is it any wonder so many are whirled around by every fresh gust of teaching?

It is said of the Antichrist that he will deceive the very elect. At first glance that appears impossible but in observing the immaturity of so many

professed Christians we can understand why it will happen.

The mature Christian, like the Bereans, searches the Scriptures daily to determine what is fact and what is fancy.

5. *The ability to adapt to new situations.*

Adaptability is a noble trait. Situations change in life. The immature person allows those changes to throw him and to upset his equilibrium. He who is full grown spiritually accepts them as a challenge.

The weak Christian who moves to a new community finds the differences insurmountable. None of the churches he visits is like the one back home. The people are friendly but there aren't the old familiar faces that he has known for years. The change is too much for such a hothouse plant.

A mature Christian faces such changes realistically. Outward circumstances are minor. His sustaining strength is drawn from the Lord and not from his surroundings. He adapts to a new situation by leaning more heavily upon the Saviour.

The admonition of the apostle Paul
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"Heartwarming!"

A PROGRESS REPORT

LAST MONTH Sunday schools throughout the nation gave on "Heartwarming" Sunday to help furnish their new headquarters building at Springfield. Here is a progress report of that giving by district up until January 31. Offerings are still coming in and it is not too late for you to contribute to the "Heartwarming" campaign. Two more progress reports will appear in the near future.

Alabama	\$223.55	N N Eng	11.62
Appalachian	119.74	N Texas	211.90
Arkansas	431.14	Northwest	478.07
Eastern	595.83	Ohio	272.83
Georgia	240.03	Oklahoma	416.04
German Br	106.76	Oregon	64.70
Illinois	299.91	Potomac	459.14
Indiana	231.50	Rocky Mtn	231.31
Italian Br	20.00	S California	528.14
Kansas	455.28	S Carolina	28.53
Kentucky	65.64	S Dakota	178.33
Latin Am Br	5.00	S Florida	102.54
Louisiana	143.25	S N Eng	129.73
Michigan	253.96	S Texas	149.40
Minnesota	426.21	S Idaho	86.02
Mississippi	46.19	S Missouri	383.43
Montana	83.83	Tennessee	75.35
Nebraska	271.84	Ukrainian Br	12.00
New Jersey	350.35	W Central	287.49
New Mexico	101.06	W Florida	30.11
New York	459.05	W Texas	146.72
N Calif-Nev	330.37	Wis-N Mich	248.42
N Carolina	38.80	Wyoming	47.12
N Dakota	56.19	Alaska	52.94

Total Amount reported \$10,080.86

BULLETIN: The first 12 days of February \$2,122.97 more came into headquarters for the "Heartwarming" drive. This gives a grand total of \$12,203.83 to date.

Offerings should be addressed to: Heartwarming Committee, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. If each Sunday school contributes at least twenty cents per pupil, the goal of the Heartwarming Committee will be met.



After 400 Years—a Church

By HENRY MOCK

Missionary to Peru

THE SERVICE WAS OVER. THE MISSIONARY WAS ON HIS KNEES AT THE ALTAR OF THE CHURCH WITH FIVE PERUVIAN MEN KNEELING AROUND HIM. THE MEN WERE PRAYING, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."

After they had confessed their sins and asked forgiveness, the missionary gave them Gospels of John. A verse which assured them they had been received as sons of God was marked in each Gospel, and the men went out into the Peruvian night.

In the meantime, forty other people had been seeking God in the prayer room of the church.

Services like this have not always been possible in Arequipa, Peru. This city was founded by an Inca Indian princess over four hundred years ago. Snuggled between two mountain ranges that tower thousands of feet above it, the city is 8,000 feet above sea level. It was almost unknown until the Spaniards conquered the noble Indian inhabitants in the seventeenth century.

Servitude worse than slavery, as

well as the selfish, degrading, idol-worshipping religion of the conqueror, was forced upon the Indians, and the city continued in spiritual darkness for 250 years.

Shortly after the turn of the century, London Baptist missionaries opened a school and chapel in Arequipa. They were the first evangelical missionaries to this city. In 1946 a second evangelical group, the Assemblies of God, began a small mission under the direction of a faithful missionary couple, the Henry Halls.

Arequipa, called the "Rome of South America," has always been difficult to reach with the gospel. However, the Halls were able to build a small chapel in upper Miraflores suburb. This was the only lot available. Two severe earthquakes and other factors combined to make its sale necessary. The proceeds of this sale, offerings from the United States, and the offerings of the local congregation were added together, and a lot was purchased in the heart of the city.

Only the hand of God working on our behalf made it possible for us to purchase this property. Most businessmen will not sell to an evangelical group, but this land had been turned over to the welfare department and later had been purchased at public auction by a Syrian.

There is a great deal of red tape involved in getting a license to build a Protestant church in Latin America. But time and again our hearts rejoiced as we saw God move mountains for us. How we praised Him when at last the way for construction was clear!

Now Arequipa, Peru's second largest city with a population of 200,000, has its first permanent Pentecostal church building. Although only the first half of the building is finished we have moved in, and the church is a great blessing to our congregation. Its simple construction, combining modern lines with the rounded windows of older type buildings, draws many comments from those who see it.

From the time we moved in, souls were saved. We had a ten-day revival under the ministry of Peruvian evangelist Edward Rios. Forty adults came to the altar. Our evangelist was amazed! He had held a meeting in Arequipa two years before and only a few had come to the altar. This makes us believe the prejudice against us is breaking down.

A few months after this revival, we raised the cross over the building. This is necessary to distinguish our church from communist buildings.

Our Sunday school averages 105. Presently we can seat 125, but as soon as suitable benches are built the seating capacity will be doubled.

We have a sincere group of over fifty men in the church. They are faithful in open-air meetings and personal evangelism in spite of constant persecution and the danger of being put in jail.

Seventh Day Adventism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, and communism are all making inroads in the city. Mrs. Mock and I are the only Pentecostal missionaries in all of southern Peru. Other missionaries working here are the London Baptists, Southern Baptists, and an independent evangelical group.

The challenge is great, but God is able to break every fetter and set captive Peruvians free! ❏



After four hundred years of waiting, Arequipa has its first permanent Pentecostal church. (Photo by Henry Mock)

Welcome Gift for Welkom

By EUGENE E. GRAMS

Missionary to the Union of South Africa

UNCUT DIAMONDS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, furniture, tools, building materials, and many other articles covered the tent platform. My heart rejoiced to see them, but what was to be done with them?

God was doing great things in our midst and it made my heart rejoice. Conviction for sin was strong in the tent revival Brother P. F. Molefe was conducting in Virginia, Orange Free State. How happy I was as the people of Virginia brought articles of all kinds which they had stolen and laid them on the tent platform in deep repentance for their sin. But what was to be done with these stolen articles?

I decided to consult one of the police officers about the matter. The officer I consulted was mourning the recent loss of his daughter Lorraine. As we talked, he told me he was a Christian. Lorraine, he said, had accepted Christ as her Saviour only a few days before she was called to be with the Lord.

I encouraged the officer in the blessed hope Christians have of being reunited with Christ and with loved ones who have died in Him.

When I told him what I had come to discuss with him, his heart was so moved by what God had been doing in our midst that he said, "I would like to give you a building where you could conduct your services. Could you use a new church in Welkom?"

We certainly did need a church in Welkom, a city close to Virginia! But with the officer's promise to give us a building still ringing in my ears, my heart was asking, "What will we do with a building when we get it? We have no site to put it on!"

The Town Council of Welkom had refused again and again to let us have a building site. Now that we had a building promised we *must* have a place to put it!

The Lord was with us! With His help and with the backing of the police and an ex-mayor, who still holds an

authoritative position on the Council, we fought a winning battle.

How our hearts rejoiced the day we received notice that we could have property on which to put our promised church!

Within six weeks from the beginning of the building operations the beautiful new church, valued at about \$15,000 was completed. We named it "Lorraine Memorial Temple" in memory of the police officer's daughter.

Pastor John Tlhotlhalemajoe reports that the blessing of God is being manifested in every service in the new church. To God be all the glory for this great victory in the Orange Free State! //



Missionary Eugene Grams preaches in Lorraine Memorial Temple

Missions Seminars Conducted

NATIONAL WORKERS PROGRAM, ORGANIZATION of the Foreign Missions Department, history and progress of Assemblies of God missions, policies of the Foreign Missions Department, finances, promoting missions in the district and in local churches—these were some of the subjects discussed during missions seminars conducted recently in eight districts in the United States.

Wesley R. Hurst, Secretary of Promotions, Foreign Missions Department, was the main speaker. District missionary secretaries, presbyters, sectional missionary representatives, WMC leaders, and church missionary secretaries attended the seminars which were held in the following districts:

Ohio District. Akron, Ohio; East-

ern District, Harrisburg, Pa.; Potomac District (sectional seminar), Baltimore, Md.; New Jersey District, Trenton, N. J.; Southern New England District, Boston, Mass.; Northern New England District, Portland, Me.; Tennessee District, Madison, Tenn.; and North Texas District, Waxahachie, Tex.

District leaders participated in panel discussions. Questions concerning missionary itineraries and support were answered, and open discussion was encouraged in the sessions.

Charts were used for illustration in the lectures and the Global Conquest newsclip entitled *Global Conquest in Many Lands* was shown.

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Wesley Hurst speaking at the Missions Seminar in Akron, Ohio.

Challenging Suds, Soap, and Smoke

BY C. M. WARD

*Revivaltime Speaker Addresses Annual Convention of Religious Broadcasters
in Mayflower Hotel, Washington D. C., January 24, 1962*

I SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT OUR PRODUCT. I HAVE ALWAYS felt that both the Old and New Testaments spoke with prophetic knowledge about the medium of mass communication which brings us together in this convention.

These words are found in the Old Testament, "Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" (Job 38:35). We have learned how to harness our messages to these "lightnings" or electronics.

And these words are found in the New Testament, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). We have also learned how to buy time on these highways of the sky.

The idea that a preacher can challenge the major league of *suds, soap, and smoke* with another product, *salvation*, is one of the great prospects of this generation. This league has unlimited funds and unlimited talent. The success of our challenge starts with this conviction of Paul, who wanted to test the strength of Rome with the power of the gospel. His conviction about this is recorded in these words: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ." (Romans 1:16). Without such conviction a preacher is helpless and hopeless.

The revival days of the Salvation Army sparkle with great stories. I have always cherished this one:

A lad found Christ as his personal Saviour. He was so anxious to do something that he almost made himself a nuisance to the officer in charge. Finally the officer thrust a bundle of tracts into the lad's hands and told him to go out on the avenue and give a copy to each passer-by.

The lad was as proud as a young officer receiving his first commission. Presently a man with a very straight and dignified bearing brushed by the boy without accepting a tract. The lad hurried and again offered the gentleman a piece of Christian literature. The man stopped abruptly and asked, "Son, do you know who I am?"

The lad replied, "No, sir, I don't."

The man said: I am the president of that *seminary* up there on the hill."

To which the lad answered: "That doesn't matter, sir. There's a *chance* for you, too!"

That's the kind of courage and conviction it takes to challenge this modern alliance of *suds, soap, and smoke*. It is a conviction that the product we offer *cleans* as no other product can clean, *quenches* the deepest thirst longings as no other product can quench them, and *satisfies* as nothing else can satisfy.

What is this gospel—this product—that brings us here? May I suggest it to you in a story I read recently?

Jim Bridger in American history is known as the

king of the mountain men. He was the acknowledged boss of the fur trappers, as rough and as violent a group of men as ever moved through our frontier history. These are the men who discovered the passes through the Rockies.

Samuel Parker, a Congregationalist minister, was the first to preach the gospel to these men in the very shadows of the Rockies. This is what he recorded after this experience.

He said: "I did not feel any disposition to upbraid them for their sins, but merely endeavored affectionately to show them that they were *unfit* for heaven." The gospel is *for*, not *against*.

As I drive along the highways of our nation I am challenged by both the message of Burma Shave and the message of the rosary. Both are examples of fence-post evangelism. There is a line in the rosary which reaches out and grabs me each time I come face to face with it. It is this line: "*Pray for us now, and in the hour of our death.*"

Each fellow man is traveling the same one-way street from the cradle to the coffin—a street that never allows a "U" turn. *Each fellow man has the same basic need.* This is where our product starts. It alone can answer that need of "How can I get to heaven?"

The Roman Catholic's greatest need is to feel the intimacy of Jesus Christ. Christ to him is always remote, distant, fixed to the Cross. The most unforgettable experience for him is to sense for the first time in some great, heart-warming, evangelical service the *nearness of Jesus Christ*. Let him hear our gospel songs such as "He Walks with Me and He Talks with Me." Let him hear the praise and worship of our service and the *conviction that Jesus lives*.

The Protestant's need is to experience how close the Father is to us in all that Christ accomplished at Calvary. It took me a long time to experience the assurance of the second phrase of John 5:24: ". . . and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." Calvary is the heart and nature of God. It is His plan. He never was without it.

Paul expresses it when he says: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The great compulsion is this—that *God wants men saved*. That is the reason for heaven. That is the reason for the Church. This is the good news that "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world *through him* might be saved" (John 3:17).

God has a product which He has committed to us that will make unfit men fit. Paul describes it this way: "But
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C. M. Ward (left) addressed the National Religious Broadcasters' convention in Washington, D. C. Photo at right: A plaque of commendation was presented to J. Edgar Hoover in his office. The FBI director was cited for the "sterling leadership" he has given to law enforcement in the United States. Left to right: Eugene R. Bertermann, NRB president; T. W. Willingham, treasurer; Ralph Neighbour, former first vice-president; Mr. Hoover; Charles Leaming, executive committee member; and D. V. Hurst, member of board of Directors.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS MEET IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Approximately 150 delegates meeting in Washington for the 19th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, January 23-25, were challenged by various speakers to preserve and maintain free access to the airlines for the proclamation of the gospel of Christ.

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, had the honor of addressing the convention in one of its sessions.

Citations were presented to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and Chairman Newton N. Minow of the Federal Communications Commission for leadership in their respective fields. Mr. Minow's citation expressed "sincere appreciation of the constructive contribution he has made toward the improvement and elevation of . . . programming."

NRB President Eugene R. Bertermann praised the FCC for stating that it would not distinguish in its appraisal between sustaining and paid programs. He stressed that this development has been a historic one, establishing a new attitude toward religious programs which presents unprecedented possibilities for the religious broadcaster.

FCC Chairman Minow was unable to address the convention because of his role in the network investigation hearings then in session. He was represented by Commissioner Rosel H. Hyde, who voiced the fear that "mass communications today are more characterized by abundance than by significance."

U. S. Senator Karl E. Mundt (S. Dak.) warned the delegates of the dangers involved in governmental censorship of the airways; and Leroy Collins, former governor of Florida who is now president of the National Association of Broadcasters, told the religious broadcasters that the nation needs their "strength of convictions and firm faith in God."

Other speakers at the convention were Robert F. Hurleigh, president, Mutual Broadcasting System; Cartha DeLoach, representative of J. Edgar Hoover, FBI, Washington, D. C.; Walter H. Moeller, congressman from Ohio; Paul Freed, Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo, Monaco; and Clarence Jones, president, World Missionary Radio Fellowship, Talcottville, Conn.

The National Religious Broadcasters' annual award of Merit went to Myron F. and Mrs. Boyd of Winona Lake, Ind., for the Free Methodist "Light and Life Hour" which has been on the air for twenty-five years.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was elected first vice-president of the organization and Earl P. Paulk, Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., second vice-president. Bartlett Peterson, executive director of the radio department of the Assemblies of God, was re-elected as secretary of NRB. Others returned to office were Eugene R. Bertermann, president; and T. W. Willingham, Kansas City, Mo., treasurer. Also re-elected to the board of directors was D. V. Hurst, national secretary of the radio department of the Assemblies of God.

Photo at left: U.S. Senator Karl E. Mundt (S. Dak.) addressed a session at the convention. At right: E. R. Bertermann congratulated T. F. Zimmerman (left) upon his election as first vice-president of the National Religious Broadcasters. Dr. Bertermann is executive director of, "This Is the Life" TV programs for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.





Mrs. Gilman illustrates the Sunday school lesson on the flannel board

Sunday School in a Wickiup

By MRS. LEO GILMAN
Canyon Day, Arizona

"TOO CROWDED," SEVERAL APACHE INDIAN young people reluctantly answered when I inquired concerning their absence at Sunday school. Previously they had attended faithfully. This answer shocked me into the realization that somehow we must get a larger classroom for our unmarried young people.

At first our class met in the back of the church auditorium. Later two rooms were partitioned off and one of these became our classroom. In summer the classes were moved with some going outside, some meeting under the shade (ramada), and ours moving to the auditorium. New young people came and there was plenty of room for all.

Winter found us crowded again. As



Teen-agers gather for Sunday school in the wickiup

a result, visitation work availed little. I got the answer mentioned above from several. Last spring we again met in the auditorium, and the class began to grow. Those who had stayed away began coming back, and new ones came in. But, as I looked forward to the fall months, instead of asking the Lord to "send them in," I asked, "Please, Lord, help us to make room for them."

In October, the adult class moved back into the auditorium and the teen-agers met outside under the shade.

During the summer months, the women of the church had built a large wickiup (a conically-shaped shelter made of bear grass placed over a rough frame). This was to be used for camp meeting, wakes, and special occasions.

One fall Sunday morning, I had a difficult time with the easel and visual aid due to the wind. Besides, it was raining and the shade did not keep out the rain sufficiently for comfort. The class suggested we move into the wickiup. That week benches, chairs, and folding cots were arranged in a circle inside the wickiup to seat the class the next Sunday. The flannelboard was placed on a chair to conserve space, and a nice campfire burned in the center of the room. By using long extension cords we even managed an electric light.

Teaching in this wickiup classroom is a new experience to me. But this is "home" to many of the young folk and, in these surroundings, the Spirit of the Lord has moved among us.

Those sitting in the inner circle near the fire are sometimes a little uncomfortable and often have to sit sideways in their seats, while those in the back row feel the cold. But no one complains.

Sometimes the smoke burns my eyes



Apache teen-agers are willing helpers on the new church annex

until it is difficult to see those I am teaching on the opposite side of the fire. Some are unable to see the board from where they are sitting, but this is *our class* and we are happy. We gather here for one purpose—to meet God and to learn more about His Word. C. A. officers are included in this group of fine, consecrated young people.

When we moved into the wickiup thirty-seven were attending the class. Recently attendance reached forty-four and some had to stand. Other teen-agers waited outside for there was no more room. What a joy it is to teach these young people who are hungry for the Lord.

We are busy building an annex to our church to accommodate our growth. Pray with us that the Lord will supply every need so we may complete it soon and have room for all those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" in our area of Apache-land.

This missionary to Indians is not satisfied to work within his church's four walls. He and other workers are

Going With the Gospel

By PAUL EVANS
Missionary at Whiteriver, Arizona

IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR WE FELT impressed to expand our ministry to include the patients in the Indian hospital and the prisoners at the jail. One of our Assemblies of God ladies, Ann Lacapa, is a registered nurse at the hospital. Through her we obtained an open door.

Sisters Joyce Evans and Norma Wilson go every Saturday evening to the hospital, distributing *Pentecostal Evangel*s, tracts, and even Bibles when they are requested. Many ask prayer for their bodies and souls. Some of the older Indians cannot read, so they cherish the Bible pictures we give them. Sometimes an interpreter has to be called in. The patients have come to expect these workers each Saturday. Also one of our Christian Apache men, Overson Armstrong, works at the hospital and he gets

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



Sister Evans (left) and Sister Wilson visit an Apache patient in the hospital.



Paul Evans gives Evangelists to inmates of the jail at Whiteriver, Ariz.

many chances to talk to the people after our visit.

It has been a joy to our hearts to see people cry out to God, obtain salvation, or be touched in body. However, sometimes we are deeply burdened and hurt when we see the suffering caused by sin, especially *drinking*. Sometimes a patient cannot be reached for Christ because he does not rally from an unconscious condition but expires unprepared to meet God. Then we feel so very helpless. Nevertheless, we keep on with the work because we know that our labor "is not in vain in the Lord."

While ladies are doing hospital visitation, I go to the jail giving out *Evangelists* and talking to the inmates. My heart is sometimes saddened when I see Indians who once were Christians and now must drop their heads in shame when I come in.

The men have very little to read and are very eager to get something new. I average giving out 50 *Evangelists* each week. We thank God for the opportunity to put the gospel in their hands. Pray that God will give us a fruitful ministry to these who cannot come to church.

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Editor's note: Since this article was submitted, Brother Evans was approached by the new white marshal concerning conducting services in the courtroom. Thirty-six adults were present for the first service.

✧ *What does "born again" mean? John 3:3.*

It means that the life of God is imparted to us by the Holy Ghost. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). This occurs at the time of our conversion, when we repent of our sin and accept Christ as our personal Saviour.

✧ *Were the Epistles written to believers or to unbelievers?*

They were written for the churches—for Christian individuals. However, they contain fitting instructions for unbelievers as well, convicting them of their shortcomings, pointing out to them their need of the Lord and the blessings of salvation.

✧ *Does following the "works of the flesh," spoken of in Galatians 5:17-21, mean that persons who have lived such lives cannot be saved? I am trying to help a man who is accused of murder. Is it true that no murderer can enter the kingdom of heaven?*

It is Christian believers whom Paul is warning in Galatians 5:17-21. If they return to the old sinful ways, they lose their standing in Christ and the hope of heaven. That Jesus will save sinners of all kinds may be seen very clearly by reading 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

✧ *Some in our section argue that Judas was never saved. If not, how could he have been an apostle of the Lord Jesus?*

Some say Judas was a devil from the beginning because Jesus said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil" (John 6:70)? Others believe Jesus was speaking in anticipation when He said those words—their fulfillment taking place when, at the last supper, "the devil . . . entered into him [Judas]," after which he betrayed his Lord. I believe there is much in favor of the belief

that Judas began well, was a genuine apostle, performed miracles in the name of Jesus as the other apostles did, and later through covetousness opened his heart to Satan and became the destroyer.

✧ *Do you think Thomas put his hand into the print of the nails when Jesus said, "Reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side" (John 20:27)?*

In my opinion, it would have been an act of unbelief had Thomas sought to prove the reality of Jesus when Jesus appeared to him. He was so overcome when he met Jesus that he needed nothing more.

✧ *Did Jonah backslide when he sulked and complained against God? Jonah 4:4.*

Jonah lost the victory, but I would not say he lost all contact with God. While it is not the will of God that we get out of victory, and the Holy Spirit is grieved when we do, God "knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). He proves Himself longsuffering toward His children, even though He has to chastise them to bring them into line with Himself and His holiness. See Hebrews 12:5-8.

✧ *When the Lord gave the Ten Commandments, in what language did He speak?*

Since He gave the Law to Israel, it is reasonable to suppose He used the Hebrew language. If God speaks to us, He uses our language; if to Chinese, He uses their language. Only in this way could we know what the will of the Lord is.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

Sunday School Lesson for March 25, 1962

PSALM 22:13-18; MATTHEW 27:35-46, 50

We shall develop the lesson according to an outline suggested by Myer Pearlman:

1. *Christ Under the Cross* (Matthew 27:30-34). Weakened by the terrible scourging He had suffered, Christ was unable to carry the cross to the place of crucifixion. Simon, an African Jew, was commanded to assist Him—what an honor for this obscure individual!

When the place of crucifixion was reached Christ was offered a cup of drugged wine which was customarily offered to those about to die in this fashion in order to deaden the pain. Christ refused this cup because He desired to drink to the full the cup of suffering for mankind, and also because He wished to die with His mind clear. While the offering of this drink may seem to have been a merciful act, it may have been of Satanic origin, for if Satan could have caused Jesus to avoid pain he might have put it on us!

2. *Christ on the Cross* (Matthew 27:35). The order of the events leading up to and ending with the burial of Christ is approximately as follows:

(1) Thursday 6 P.M.—the Last Supper.

- (2) Thursday about midnight—the arrest in the garden.
- (3) Midnight to 6 A.M.—the trial before the Jews.
- (4) About 6 A.M.—the trial before Pilate.
- (5) 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.—the Crucifixion (Mark 15:25).
- (6) 12 noon to 3 P.M.—supernatural darkness.
- (7) By 6 P.M. Christ was buried.

While He lived Jesus was in the midst of sinners for the purpose of saving them. On the cross He was still in the same position, crucified as a common criminal between two thieves (Galatians 3:13).

3. *The Inscription over the Cross*. "This is Jesus the king of the Jews." The Jewish leaders strongly objected that these words represented a proclamation rather than an accusation. Pilate, however, refused to change what had been written. While he may have intended to mock the Jews, God saw to it that the truth triumphed.

4. *The People Near the Cross*. Various attitudes were manifested by the various groups of people who stayed by and witnessed the crucifixion: (1) *Apathy*—manifested by the Roman soldiers who sat at the foot of the cross gambling (vv. 35, 36). (2) *Antipathy*—manifested by the thieves, onlookers, scribes and elders who mocked Christ and contrasted His pitiful plight with His lofty claims (vv. 38-44). (3) *Sympathy*—manifested by the women who had ministered to Jesus during His earthly life and who would soon minister to His body after death (vv. 55, 56). (4) *Faith*—manifested by the repentant thief (Luke 23:43) as well as by the Roman centurion (v. 54). All of these groups represent attitudes which people today hold toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. *The Words from the Cross*. Christ's words, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" can only be understood when we remember that during all of His life Jesus had enjoyed unbroken communion with the Father. On the cross He was being sacrificed as a sin offering and as such not only bore sin but became sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24). Thus God treated Him as one who had committed sin and therefore was forced to turn His face from His Son for the time being. If Christ were dying simply as martyr these words would constitute a serious problem because martyrs, instead of being forsaken of God, had felt His presence with them in an unusual way. These words are also a quotation from Psalm 22 which portrays vividly the sufferings, the abandonment, the crucifixion, and the exaltation of the Messiah.

6. *The Signs Accompanying the Cross*.

(1) *Darkness over the land*—a picture of nature mourning over the Son of God!

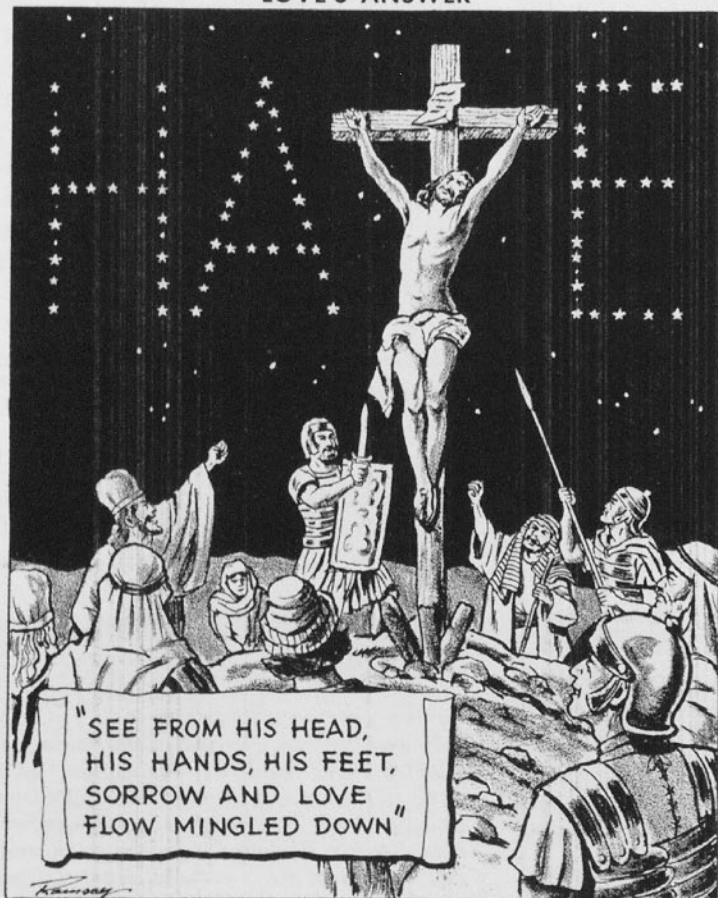
(2) *The rending of the veil of the temple*—a miracle signifying the glorious fact that Christ's death made a direct path into the presence of God and that therefore the ceremonies of the old covenant were no longer necessary. The Jews, of course, sewed the veil up again. Let us not do so! The blood of Christ is the only (and all-sufficient) means of access into the Father's presence.

(3) *The earthquake*—a sign of judgment to come.

(4) *The resurrection of some Old Testament saints*—signifying the fact that Christ through dying conquered death! These saints became the first fruits of His resurrection and a pledge that all who are found in Him shall likewise be raised.

—J. Bashford Bishop

LOVE'S ANSWER



Though the doctor said she would not live, Rosemarie had inner peace. She had surrendered her life completely to God and knew she was

SAFE IN HIS HANDS

By JOYCE CORNELL

THIS IS THE STORY OF A SCHOOLMATE of mine, Rosemarie Re. It happened in the fall of 1961. Rosemarie was one of the young people who participated in the fall tour of the King's Choraliers, a choir of students at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri.

As the choir left Springfield one crisp November morning, the thought that a tragedy might strike before they returned was far from their minds. For the past several days they had been enjoying a revival on the campus and this season of blessing had stimulated their anticipation for a successful tour. Eagerly they looked forward to the opportunity to proclaim the plan of salvation and to share the joy of the Lord with others through their songs.

The tour took them as far west as



1962 C. A. Day: April 15
Theme: "Ambassadors"

OUTSTANDING C.A.'s—Carol Hull and Dan Belts hold the trophy awarded them as "Mr. and Miss C.A." of Grace Church Assembly of God in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The couple, chosen by the church youth committee, received the revolving trophy and were featured in their church's C. A. Day program last year.

Denver, Colorado. The final service on the return trip was to be at Kansas City, Missouri.

But Satan seemed determined to defeat all that the Lord was accomplishing on the tour. Many of the choir members were afflicted with illness.

The final and almost fatal blow was struck at the service in Kansas City.

Rosemarie, a freshman from Danbury, Connecticut, became ill on Sunday afternoon, but she earnestly looked to the Lord to enable her to sing in the evening service at Evangel Temple. During that service there were times when it seemed she could not sing another note, but she whispered a prayer to the Lord for strength and was able to get through the service. Immediately afterward she became violently ill.

During the four-hour trip from Kansas City to Springfield, Rosemarie suffered extreme nausea. The faithful members of the choir held her before the Lord in prayer. Upon arriving at C.B.I. Rosemarie was taken to her room where she spent a sleepless night.

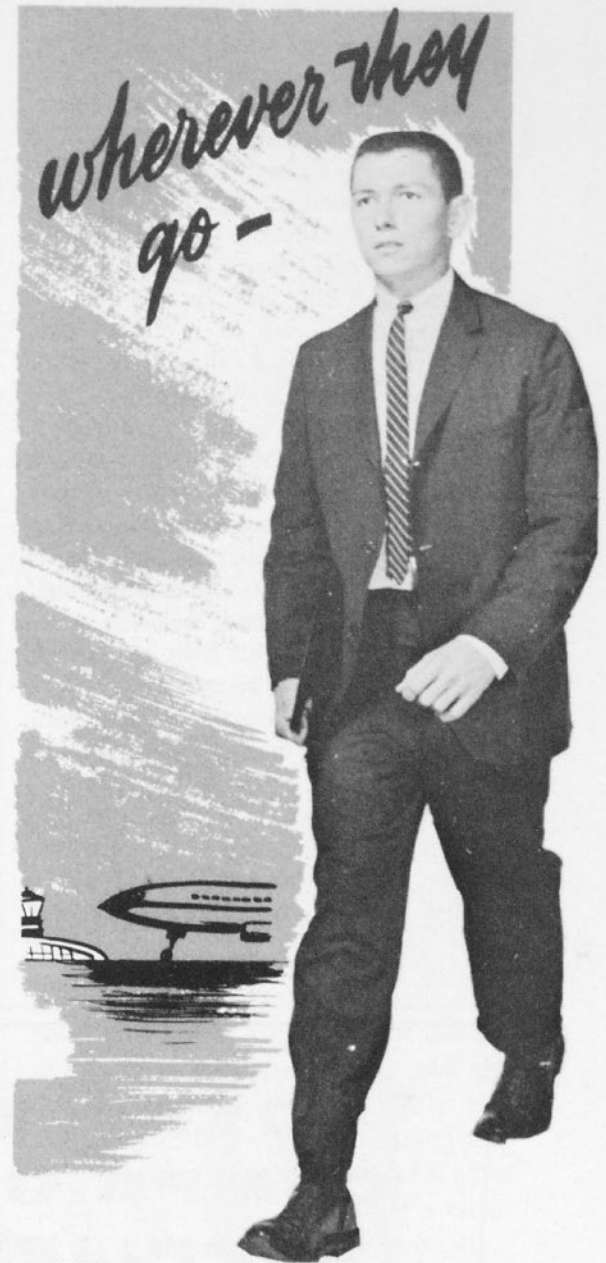
The next morning a doctor was called and found the patient in a very serious condition. His diagnosis was food poisoning and he advised that she be sent to the hospital for further aid. But the sick girl felt the Lord wanted her to remain in her room at the school. Reluctantly the doctor consented to her request and he promised to return in the evening.

Many things happened between those two visits from the doctor. During the day, Rosemarie's lower limbs became numb. Her roommate and two other friends massaged her legs vigorously but although Rosemarie could see the girls she could not feel the effects of the treatment.

Realization came to her that unless the Lord intervened she was going to die. She spent considerable time talking with the Lord, committing her life entirely into His hands. After this she felt a peace in her heart that she had never known before.

As she lay there enjoying the peace that "passeth understanding," another young lady entered the room. Rosemarie was unable to recognize the person and she tried in vain to speak. Her caller walked across the room to the desk without speaking, picked up

(Continued on next page)



Wherever they go, our youth are ambassadors. Often the community judges us more by our children than by our preaching. Thousands of our young people have distinguished themselves as they combine high performance with high ideals—true ambassadors for us, and for Christ. But we have much to do, and many souls to win, even among our own.

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C.A. DAY

APRIL 15

Rosemarie's own Bible, and read aloud a passage in the Psalms. Rosemarie at once recognized the voice of a fellow student, a very dear friend, but lying there so near death it seemed to her that "last rites" were being performed for her. However, her faith was not shaken for she realized that, whatever the outcome, God would have His way in her life.

When the doctor arrived that evening, not only had all feeling gone from her lower limbs but her right arm also had become completely numb. She barely had strength enough to move her lips to speak.

The doctor began to test for feeling in her legs by puncturing the skin with a large needle. Rosemarie could see what he was doing but she could not feel the needle. She could feel herself becoming internally hysterical. Tears streamed down her face. She yearned to cry out to God to have mercy, but she realized her life was in His hands and if it were His will for her to die she knew she was ready.

The doctor was very grave as he turned to the school nurse. He said there was nothing more that medical science could do because the poison

had spread throughout her entire body and her veins had completely collapsed. It would be only a matter of time, he said.

In order to carry through with his procedure, and possibly to reassure the patient that he had done all he could, the doctor once again removed his needle from the bag and began to inject it into Rosemarie's right leg. Hardly had the needle pierced the skin when a cry from the patient startled the doctor.

Amazement and unbelief showed on his countenance—it did not seem possible that Rosemarie had felt the needle or that it had been she who had cried out! But behind the scene—only a few doors away—faithful friends were crying to God to have mercy and to extend His hand of healing to His child. The doctor probably did not realize this. Nor was he aware of the fact that prayer had been ascending all day to the God of heaven and earth, the Lord of life whose "hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

The doctor left Rosemarie's room confirmed in his belief that there is

a Power much greater than man's!

When I went into Rosemarie's room I too was amazed, not because she was healed but because of the sudden transformation God had wrought.

I had seen the patient at the most tragic climax of her illness. She had been so weak that she could hardly speak, and it took much effort for her to move any part of her body. All color had gone from her face and she looked as if she were at death's door.

The Rosemarie that I saw after the doctor had gone was a new person. There before me lay a gay, sparkling young lady who looked as if she had never had a sick day in her life. Color had returned to her face and she was talking normally.

Today she is none the worse for her "close call." She is a living testimony of the Lord's love and mercy and of His marvelous healing power. Truly we serve a great God!

(Endorsed by John M. Leverett, chairman of the Music Department at Central Bible Institute, who had charge of the tour of the King's Choraliers.)

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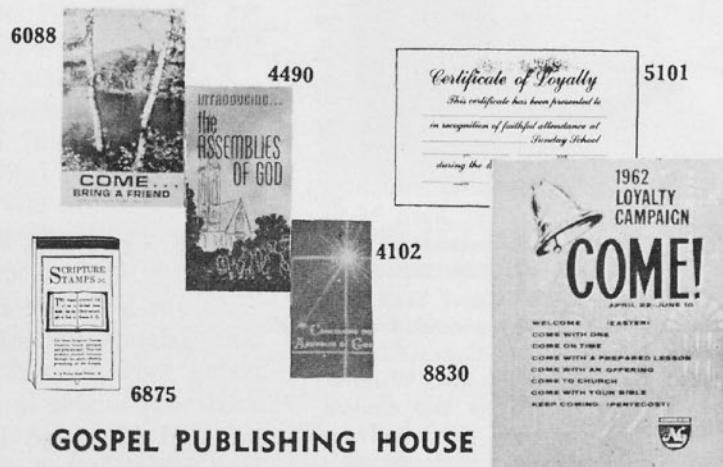
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G. Raymond Carlson

New President to Be Inaugurated at NCBC

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—G. Raymond Carlson will be inaugurated as President of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, on March 21. The inaugural ceremonies will be at the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, first home of the school.

The program will begin at 10:00 A.M. with an address by J. Robert Ashcroft, President of Evangel College and Central Bible Institute. Denominational officials and other guests from many parts of the country are expected to attend. A luncheon reception will be held in the educational wing of the church immediately following the inaugural.

For thirteen years Brother Carlson served as Minnesota District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. At present he is serving his second term as an executive presbyter of the General Council, in addition to filling the office of President of NCBC.

He was appointed to the Presidency last year following the resignation of Frank J. Lindquist, who founded the

school and served as its head for thirty-one years. Brother Lindquist will participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

Another participant will be Ivan O. Miller, former executive vice-president of NCBC, who will present a historical sketch of the college.

T. E. Gannon and D. H. Heuser also will take part in the ceremonies. Brother Heuser is district superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Wisconsin and Northern Michigan. Brother Gannon, a member of the denomination's board of education, is superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the West Central District.



Frank J. Lindquist



Ivan O. Miller

EVANGELISM BREAKTHROUGH TO BE EMPHASIZED IN REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Sunday school's role in the new Assemblies of God "Breakthrough" program will be emphasized at the regional convention which is scheduled for March 20-22 at Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque.

The convention theme will be "Evangelism: the Sunday School Thrust." The importance of winning more souls for Christ through and in the Sunday school will be highlighted.

A special feature of the Harrisburg convention will be an interview with Harvey Meppelink, pioneer pastor at Norwalk, Conn. The Norwalk church is the pilot project of the Home Missions Department's "Breakthrough" program which was adopted at the 1961 General Council in Portland, Oreg.

Officials of the National Sunday School Department believe the Harrisburg meeting, the first of three regional conventions to be held this spring, will be a springboard to

greater spiritual achievement in hundreds of Sunday schools.

Ivar Frick, Jr., pastor of Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, Mich., will be the evening speaker. Also speaking during the convention will be General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman and Pastor M. M. Brewer, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Interviews with Sunday school leaders who have seen outstanding progress in their local schools will be part of the program.

More than 75 Sunday school authorities (including laymen as well as ministers from throughout the eastern States) will lead some thirty workshops which will cover all aspects of Sunday school work. Specialized workshops will be staged for ministers, superintendents, officers, and teachers.

Convention headquarters hotel will be the Penn-Harris, 3rd and Walnut, Harrisburg. Several thousand Sunday school workers and interested friends are expected to attend the sessions.

Two other regional Sunday school conventions will be held this year. One will be in Oklahoma City, Okla., April 3-5, and the other in Fresno, California, April 10-12.



Shocking? It's true. Every day children are left homeless by sinful and neglectful parents, and are sold to the bidder of the most security. These youngsters are searching frantically for some shred of security, and they will grasp any offer from any source. How can they use good judgment when all they have known is what their parents have taught—to gain for themselves at any expense.

As Christians we must bid highest for these children. We must make love and Christianity so attractive that they will grasp it as their security and comfort.

How can we do this? By preaching? Not first of all. Our initial step must be to provide for their physical needs—to give them homes and proper food and clothing. Following this we will be able to educate them and give Christian training—in short, to produce in their adult years men and women who are a credit to the kingdom of God and to society.

The Assemblies of God has made provision for one hundred neglected youngsters in the Hillcrest Children's Home located in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Here we have personnel who can produce the needed intangibles—love and understanding and Christian training. But we must look to others for the finances necessary in such an undertaking.

Will you help? On March 25 all Assemblies of God churches are being asked to make special appeals for Hillcrest operational funds. We hope you will want to be a part of this giant effort. If you prefer to make a personal contribution, it may be mailed to:

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TWO NEW BUILDINGS FOR NBC

KIRKLAND, WASH.—The Northwest Bible College Board of Directors recently approved a financing plan for the erection of two new buildings. This action assured the start of construction in the immediate future, with a completion date set for the beginning of the next fall term.

One of the buildings will be a men's residence which will house 96 students, and the other will be a food service building. Both buildings will be of a modern-style brick construction and will be located at the north edge of the campus.

The architectural styling on the men's residence will be similar to that of the women's residence, which was completed in the fall of 1960. It will be a three-story building with a lounge on each floor. The main reception area housing a

lounge with fireplace will be attached to the residence wing. The building provides for construction of a second residence wing at a future time.

The food service building will be located near the new residence building and will have an initial service capacity of up to 400 persons. It will be equipped with a modern kitchen facility, main and special dining rooms, and will have a basement for food storage with a service elevator. The building will contain approximately 3,000 feet of floor space. Provision will be made for its expansion to meet the increased needs of the future.

SAGC PRODUCES BROADCAST

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—"From the heart of America comes the unsatisfied search of youth for real living, and here is the real answer in this, 'The Teen-Age Story.'"

With these words of hope for teen-agers, the radio announcer introduces a new 15-minute weekly broadcast.

A group of talented young students under the direction of Don Norville, originator of the broadcast, produces the entire program. Don, who was Mr. C.A.-U.S.A. for the Assemblies of God in 1958, chose to prepare himself for Christian service at Southwestern Assemblies of God College.

Music is presented by the Harvester Choir from SAGC in Wax-



Don Norville, originator of the new radio broadcast, "The Teen-Age Story," at the microphone flanked by Fred Manzke, engineer (at left), and Bill Head, production director.

ahachie, Tex., featuring as soloists the tenor voice of Truitt Ford and the alto voice of Chris Hartsock.

Brother Norville hopes eventually to have a network of stations over the nation carrying the broadcast. A board of directors composed of seven mature men in responsible positions is working with him. The program, though it is only a little over a year old, is being released from ten stations.

Hundreds of letters have poured into "The Teen-Age Story" office from listeners who have been blessed by this radio ministry to youth. The cost, time, and effort have already been amply rewarded in one letter alone, when a teen-ager wrote, "Today I heard you speak of the second coming of Christ. Right then, I said 'Yes' to Him. Had it not been for your burden for teen-agers I might never have surrendered my life to Christ."

CBI HOSTS CONFERENCE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Spring enrollment on the campus of Central Bible Institute was accompanied by a two-day conference held January 25 and 26 on "The Holy Spirit and the Contemporary Church," with Charles Hodge as the principal speaker.

Brother Hodge, formerly a minister in the Nazarene Church, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit through the influence of an Assemblies of God layman and the

ministry of Evangelist James Brown. He has since joined the the Alabama District Council and presently plans to establish an Assemblies of God church in Alabama.

The program of the conference began with the morning chapel message by Brother Hodge, in which he gave his personal testimony of the Pentecostal experience. At a luncheon meeting with faculty and visiting friends, Brothers Hodge and Howard S. Bush led a discussion on, "What does the new outpouring of Pentecost mean?" In the afternoon session tape-recorded messages by ministers of other denominations who have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit were presented.

The evening service was highlighted by Brother Hodge's message, "The Holy Spirit and You." He said, "If we can fully recapture Pentecost in our own souls there will be headlines of cities turned upside down for God."

The conference concluded on Friday with messages by Evangelist James Brown concerning "The

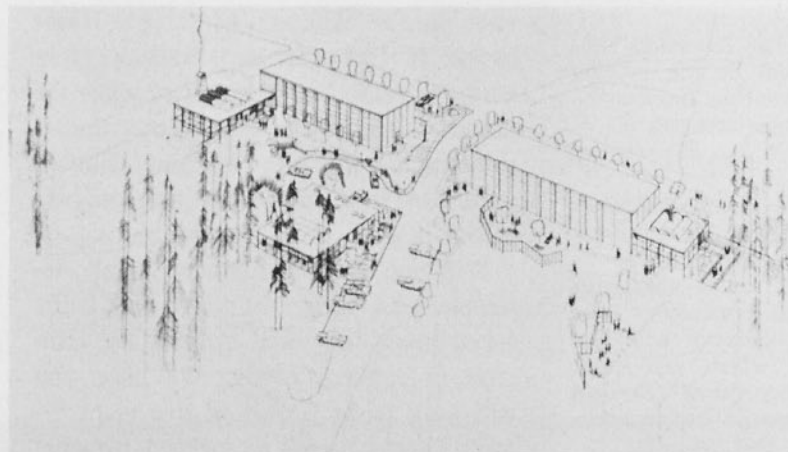


Charles Hodge

Holy Spirit and the Assemblies of God." Thus the challenge was placed before some 467 students entering the spring semester of study.

Plans for weekend evangelism are being accelerated by the school as gospel teams and choirs prepare for spring tours. Evangelist James Brown, who has been added to the faculty to teach courses in evangelism, will be traveling with various musical groups from the school on weekends, conducting three-day evangelistic meetings. The *King's Choraliers* choir plans a tour to the east coast in April, and the *Revivaltime* choir will tour in Kansas and Colorado.

Architect's sketch of two new buildings to be constructed on campus of Northwest Bible College. Building in upper left represents proposed three-story men's residence hall, and building at center left is proposed cafeteria building. The building at right is the existing women's residence hall showing expansion plot for a second wing for the future.



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INDIANA MINISTERS MEET

INDIANAPOLIS — The 16th annual Indiana District Ministers Institute held January 29-31 at the Parkway Assembly of God, Indianapolis, was unusually blessed of the Lord. A rich anointing rested upon the main speaker, E. M. Clark, district superintendent of Illinois, and the attendance was excellent.

Other speakers included Lula Bell Hough and Lester Sumrall from Hong Kong, and Pastor Robert Bayless from Anderson who recently returned from a trip in the Far East.

Mrs. Thomas Paino, Sr., ministered to the lady ministers and pastors' wives during one of the afternoon sessions.

Many of the ministers said this was one of the best institutes ever held in Indiana. The pioneer and home missions preachers in particular were encouraged to press the battle on.

(Reported by *Gordon H. Matheny*, district secretary)

TEXAS SECTION AWARDS TRAINING CERTIFICATES

TYLER, Tex.—Fourteen churches participated in the fifth annual area-wide Sunday School Workers Training Course in Tyler last January. The instructor was Pastor James McKeehan of Houston, Tex., who taught Raymond T. Brock's book, *Into the Highways and Hedges*.

In spite of bad weather there was an average attendance of 157 and 105 certificates were issued. The next training course has been scheduled for the last week in February, 1963.

—by *M. L. Fauss*
Secretary-Treasurer
Tyler Section
North Texas District

WITH CHRIST

JAMES W. PITTS, 64, of Bonifay, Fla., went to be with the Lord January 26. He had been in poor health for some time. Brother Pitts was licensed in the West Florida District in 1927 and through the years had served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife and five married children.

MRS. DOTTIE E. UPTON, 62, of Dodson, La., recently passed away. Ordained in the Louisiana District in 1951, Sister Upton had pastored in Winfield, and Dodson, La. She also spent some time in evangelistic work. Survivors include four children.

MRS. ANN REESE, 34, of Westfield, N. Y., passed away October 29. She had been ill for

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Gadsden	West Gadsden	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Charles Hodge	Doris Mynatt
Ariz.	Oracle	A/G	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Jerry A. Jones	David T. Thompson
Ark.	Fort Smith	First	Mar. 18-25	Fred E. Ball	B. Owen Oslin
	Smackover	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	J. W. Walker	W. H. Richardson
	Van Buren	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Larry Allbaugh	Edwin Burris
Calif.	Bakersfield	Glad Tidings	Mar. 22—	Morris Cerullo	Walter M. Barnard
	Baldwin Park	First	Mar. 13-25	Lowell & Mrs. Lundstrom	Burl Rogers
	Caruthers	Full Gospel	Mar. 11-Apr. 1	Paul E. Riggs	C. O. Branson
	Felton	A/G	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Les Martin	Buster C. Martin
	Oceanside	A/G	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Carolyn Lindblad	P. C. Walcher
	Palm City	First	Mar. 20—	Lloyd Perera	Richard W. Krake
	Paso Robles	A/G	Mar. 22-Apr. 1	Bender Team	Kenneth Solberg
	Salinas	Calvary	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Ralph I. Cranston	Ray Oliver
	Santa Ana	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	The Tanner Team	E. W. Odell
	Santa Ana	New Hope	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	Earl McMillin	J. R. Daily
	Wasco	First	Mar. 11-25	Harlin Hines	Ralph Gaither
Colo.	Aurora	First	Mar. 20—	Donnell-Holler Team	J. L. Boulware
	Denver	Calvary Temple	Mar. 21—	W. E. (Gene) Scott	Charles Blair
	Lakewood	Daniel's Garden	Mar. 19-25	Jeremiah Hanley	Hubert Surratt
	Loveland	A/G	Mar. 13-25	Don & Pat Hall	Virgil L. Conger
Conn.	New London	Glad Tidings	Mar. 20-25	Bob & Pat Ludwig	David Clifford
Del.	Wilmington	Calvary Pent.	Mar. 13-Apr. 1	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Charles Eyer
D. C.	Washington	Trinity	Mar. 15-25	Ira Stanphill	Herbert A. Nunley
Fla.	Miami	Evangel Temple	Mar. 11-25	Tommy Barnett	M. L. Davidson
	Sarasota	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	R. S. Peterson	H. H. Jenkins
Ill.	Carthage	Calvary	Mar. 21-Apr. 8	Fisher-Cheek Team	D. E. Skiles
	Glen Carbon	First	Mar. 18-25	Lucelia Lanz	Arlando Hale
	Quincy	Faith	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	D. F. Hussey
	Rockford	* First	Mar. 11-18	Jim Wead	E. A. Manley
Kans.	Le Roy	A/G	Mar. 14-28	Johnny Garrison	Kenneth Broadus
La.	New Orleans	First	Mar. 18-25	Albert C. Bates	L. O. Waldon
Md.	Baltimore	Essex	Mar. 23-Apr. 1	William & Mrs. Farrand	Stephen Bogden
	Hancock	Full Gospel	Mar. 11-Apr. 1	Peiffer-Harden Team	A. Kyle
Mich.	Detroit	Southfield	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	John Higginbotham	Robert L. Clark
	Midland	A/G	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	H. M. Burk
Miss.	Cleveland	A/G	Mar. 12—	R. C. Dickerson	R. G. Hardy
	Greenville	First	Mar. 14-25	Frank Martin	L. C. Cunningham
Mo.	E. Prairie	A/G	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Glynn Hall	Lynn Drumwright
	Kansas City	Evangel Temple	Mar. 13—	W. E. (Gene) Scott	Robert Wilson
	Webb City	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	Jimmy & Mrs. Parrack	A. M. Roberts
Mont.	Glasgow	A/G	Mar. 6-18	Musical Mjurs	A. A. Kirkpatrick
Nebr.	O'Neill	A/G	Mar. 18—	C. M. Smitley	Ivan Christoffersen
N. J.	Elizabeth	Ebenezer	Mar. 21-Apr. 15	Sunshine Party	F. H. Huber
N. Y.	Corning	A/G Tab.	Mar. 20-25	W. Clifford Nelson	Norman G. Love
Ohio	Windham	Drakesburg	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	W. W. Martin	Clifford Sutton
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Evangel	Mar. 21-Apr. 1	Don Neel	Floyd L. Poag
Pa.	Apollo	A/G	Mar. 14-18	Buddy Creel	Roy Wasdin
	Beaver Falls	First	Mar. 20-25	Paul Olson Party	Forest T. Nelson
	Brookville	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	A. J. Chandonnet	Vernon Boyer
	Northampton	A/G	Mar. 16-18	A. Alan Alaimo	Gerald Olshevski
	Steelton	Full Gospel	Mar. 23-Apr. 1	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Anthony Mayeski
S. Dak.	Roshalt	A/G Tab.	Mar. 13-25	Evelyn Glosser	Clarence Watterud
Tenn.	Savannah	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	James T. Burkett	E. T. Echols
Tex.	Amarillo	* San Jacinto	Mar. 18-23	Bob Olson	J. E. Burkhalter
	Clute	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Leon & Ann Bayless	E. J. Mills
	Dallas	First	Mar. 21-25	Warren Litzman	E. E. Krogstad
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some time. Sister Reese was a field, N. Y., at the time of her passed away. She was a licensed minister with the New Homegoing. Survivors include minister with the Ohio District York District. She was assisting her husband and three children, and was pastoring Peace Chapel in Klondike, Ohio, at the time of her Homegoing. She is survived by her husband.

MRS. HARRIET A. EVANS, 63, of Delaware, Ohio, recently

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Growing Up

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and the Holy Spirit is that we "grow up." Developing and maturing is not an overnight act. It is something that comes through a gradual process. Un-

like physical growth, it is a goal toward which we strive and make consistent efforts.

On one occasion the apostle Paul wrote, "When I was a child... I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Corinthians 13:11). He had developed into an adult physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. He was a mature Christian.

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Suds, Soap, and Smoke

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of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:30-31).

My business then on this network of stations is not "to upbraid" men. Whittaker Chambers said a great thing which I shall always remember. "A witness," he said, "is never so much a witness *against* as he is a witness *for*." The gospel is a positive action. It is triggered to faith. It is an acceptance of what God has done for me and is doing for me.

My need is to love mankind as God loves mankind. Over and above better sermons that I may preach is a better love I must have, a greater concern, a stronger compassion. I must, in the words of Samuel Parker addressing the trappers a century ago, "*endeavor affectionately*" to show men today that they are "unfit for heaven" and that here is a product within their reach which can make them *fit*. I must have an urgency about this.

Paul took it through Asia and Europe. He challenged the major league of his day. He said: "If God be *for* us, who can be *against* us?" (Romans 8:31). This is the message to the alcoholic, the narcotic, and the di-

voinee. This cleansing stream of satisfaction is flowing. Its constant release is guaranteed.

My best contact with the man who buckles his seat belt next to mine on some plane or sits next to me in the lobby of some hotel is this: "Sir, I would be as foolish to try to live without God as I would be to live without electricity or the automobile. They are available. *God is available.*"

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). *Why try to make it without that kind of help?* You are doing yourself and your family an injustice. "The things which are impossible with men are possible *with God*" (Luke 18:27). Please accept that fact."

I am not ashamed of this gospel. The results speak for themselves. They are unchallenged by any other product. It is the same proposition as that of long ago when the Philistines placed the Ark of God from Israel before their fishgod, Dagon.

Here is the recorded result: "And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him" (1 Samuel 5:4).

This is the reason for buying up or "redeeming" the time. The days are evil. And only the gospel is sufficient for this malady. ❖

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HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

by Oswald J. Smith



MANY OF YOU HAVE KNOWN OR HEARD ABOUT THE great American evangelist, Paul Rader, who went to his eternal reward in 1938. I knew him very well.

He often called on the telephone and asked me to come and preach in his great tabernacle in Chicago when he was going to be away holding a campaign elsewhere. Time after time I have faced his audience of some three thousand people, and I have seen the altar full as men and women responded to the invitation. Many times I invited him to Toronto to preach for me. I say, I knew him very well.

But not only was Paul Rader a great evangelist; he was also a great pugilist. As a matter of fact, he fought thirty-three battles in the ring and was never once knocked out. He weighed some 240 pounds and he always came off victor.

One day I was spending an evening with him when my curiosity got the better of me. "Mr. Rader," I said, "will you let me feel your muscle?" He looked at me somewhat perplexed and then, standing to his feet, he took off his coat, rolled up his sleeve, folded his arm, and said, "Put it there." I felt those great steel muscles of his, and even as I talk about it now I can still feel them.

Now suppose he had said to me, "My friend, I want to challenge you to a fight in the ring." Suppose I had answered, "All right, Mr. Rader, I'll be very glad to take you on." But, even while saying it, I would know perfectly well he would never have to strike me. He would just pat me gently and I would go down unconscious. He would just tap me a little bit and I would see stars.

Nevertheless, suppose I accept his challenge. Immediately I find my way to Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion. "Mr. Dempsey," I say, "I have a fight on my hands, a fight with Paul Rader, the man who has never been knocked out. Would you be willing to take this fight off my hands? Would you be willing to meet Paul Rader on my behalf?"

Mr. Dempsey answers, "Why, certainly. I'll be delighted to take the fight off your hands. I'll be very glad to meet your opponent in the ring."

Well, the great night of the fight comes. I take my

seat somewhere outside the ropes in an easy chair. (I never have been at one of those affairs and I never expect to be, but I know I would be *outside* the ropes.) Presently I see the huge form of Mr. Rader coming through the curtains in the farther corner, and as I look at his great steel muscles I am very glad that I am not inside the ropes. Then I look in the other direction and I see Mr. Dempsey coming out. Of course, no one there knows that the other man is Mr. Dempsey. Everyone thinks that Paul Rader's opponent is Oswald J. Smith.

The referee gives his instructions and the fight starts. Suddenly, to the amazement of everyone, a decisive blow is struck and for the first time in his life Paul Rader goes down for the count. Then the referee lifts the arm of the other and calls out to the gathered thousands, "Oswald J. Smith has won."

Then newspaper headlines all over the world, nearly a foot deep, appear with the announcement—"NEW HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, OSWALD J. SMITH." I haven't struck a blow—and yet I am now the heavyweight champion of the world.

Do you see what I mean? It is wonderful to fight like that. You never get hurt and you always win. But there are so few who are willing to let others do their fighting.

Listen, my friend, I would be a fool to go into the ring with Paul Rader, for I would not stand a chance. But you are a greater fool when you go into the ring with Satan, for you haven't a ghost of a chance. Satan has been on the job for over six thousand years. He knows your weakest point. He knows exactly how to defeat you, and do you think you can match yourself against him? Have you sense enough to let somebody else do your fighting for you?

What should you do? You should do exactly as I would do if Paul Rader were to challenge me. You should go and find someone bigger and stronger. And the only One I know who is stronger than Satan is the Lord Jesus Christ. When you are challenged you should go to Him and ask Him to fight for you. He can defeat Satan. He knows how to do it. You can be victorious as He fights your battles. ❧