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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

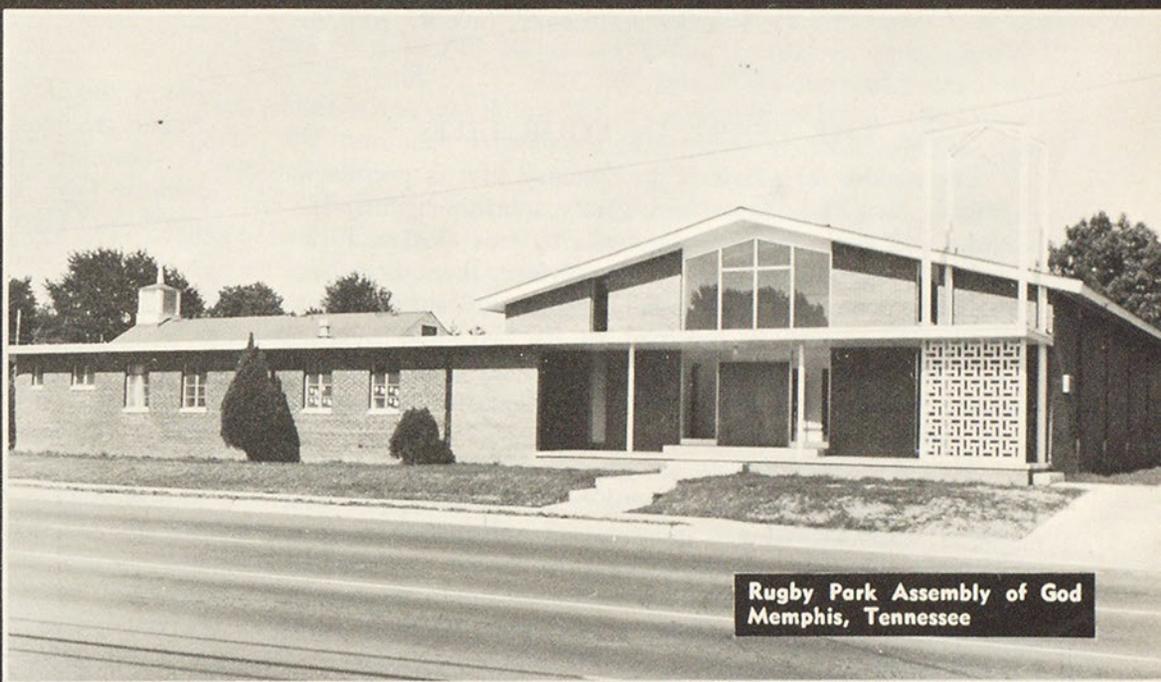
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### THE MASTER KEY

It is God's Word, not our comment on God's Word, which saves souls. The Word of God is that by which sin is slain and grace is born in the heart.

We have seen men shut up as in the devil's own dungeon, and we have tried to get them free. We have shaken the bars of iron, but we could not tear them out. But the Word of the Lord is a great breaker of bolts and bars. No cell or cellar in Doubting Castle can hold a soul in bondage when the Word of God, which is the master key, is once put to its true use, and made to throw back the bolts of despondency.

—C. H. SPURGEON

### PRAYER MEANS PROGRESS

That which begins with prayer ends in power. To have failed in the closet of prayer is to fail in the conflict with evil. Prayer is that most indispensable function of the church or the Christian.

A church suffers without prayer as a child suffocates without air. Prayer, in its largest dimensions, can be the most successful program of the church. Solve the scarcity of prayer, and you solve every problem.

Tell me your program of prayer, and I will chart your progress. Communion with God as a personal program of daily living is a vital part of successful Christian life and ministry.

—J. ROBERT ASHCROFT, in *CBI Bulletin*

### THE PEARL IN YOUR LIFE

The making of pearls is an industry that is peculiarly Japan's own. The Japan Sea gently splashes against the rocks and at the base of the rocks oysters cluster. Fishermen bring these oysters to the surface, then specialists carefully open each oyster and place a tiny smooth rock in it. The oyster is returned to its bed, and months later is brought to the surface again. By this time the oyster has covered the tiny rock with luster and made it a pearl.

This may not be new to you. You may have heard this illustration applied to troubles in the Christian life. But I want to add one more bit of information to this picture—the sizes of the rocks vary. Some are smaller than others. The man who puts the rock into the oyster decides what size pearl he wants and selects a rock accordingly.

So, too, with the Christian. God expects us, through faith, to produce pearls. The size of the trouble deter-

### Day by Day in Your Bible

## THE WORD OF POWER

The American Bible Society again this year is promoting Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Millions of Christians in many lands customarily join in this annual program by reading the selected daily passages.

Those who are reading the entire Bible through in '62 will wish to continue doing so. The readings for the coming week are in the Book of Acts (beginning chapter 1 on Sunday, November 11, and finishing chapter 24 on Saturday, November 17). Others who do not plan to "read it through in '62" may wish to clip the following list of Bible readings suggested by the Bible Society.

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| 22 Thanksgiving Psalm 103:1-22 | 9                           | Universal Bible          |                             |
| 23                             | ..... Psalm 24:1-10         | Sunday ..... Mark 5:1-20 |                             |
| 24                             | ..... Psalm 107:1-16        | 10                       | ..... Luke 5:17-26          |
| 25 Sunday                      | ..... Exodus 3:1-12         | 11                       | ..... John 5:1-18           |
| 26                             | ..... Joshua 1:1-9          | 12                       | ..... John 6:1-15           |
| 27                             | ..... 1 Samuel 3:1-21       | 13                       | ..... John 9:1-16           |
| 28                             | ..... 1 Samuel 16:1-13      | 14                       | ..... John 9:17-41          |
| 29                             | ..... Isaiah 6:1-8          | 15                       | ..... Mark 4:35-41          |
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|                                | 18-23                       | 20                       | ..... John 1:1-18           |
| 3                              | ..... Matthew 13:44-52      | 21                       | ..... Matthew 1:18-25       |
| 4                              | ..... Matthew 18:10-22      | 22                       | ..... Luke 1:26-38          |
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| 7                              | ..... Luke 12:13-31         | 25                       | Christmas .. Matthew 2:1-12 |

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mines the size of the pearl we will produce for Him. Small troubles, small pearls; big troubles, big pearls. If, therefore, the rock in your life seems big, it is because God is expecting you to produce a large lovely pearl for Him.

—BOB PIERCE, in *World Vision*

### AIR FROM THE WORLD ABOVE

There is a curious little spider in South America that has a home under water. It forms a bubble about itself in which, like a diving bell, it sinks to the bottom and it will remain there for hours, living below, yet breathing the air from the world above. When it returns to the surface it is found to be perfectly dry, not the slightest moisture having penetrated the atmosphere in which it lived.

Even so we may live in the world breathing the air of heaven (Colossians 3:1, 2) and keeping our garments undefiled (Revelation 3:4).

—Choice Gleanings

**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.

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## God Is Our Refuge

When nations totter and men's hearts grow faint with fear, how blessed it is to turn to the Psalms and read about our marvelous Refuge. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea . . ." (Psalm 46).

Boldly we may declare, with the Psalmist, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust . . ." (Psalm 18). "In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion . . ." (Psalm 27).

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Psalm 118). "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124).

President Kennedy issued a proclamation for a national day of prayer last month. There may be more than coincidence in the fact that less than a week after his proclamation the Pentagon discovered the secret build-up of Soviet striking power in Cuba.

The prayer proclamation gave only two or three days advance notice. It called for Wednesday, October 17, to be the day of prayer. Pastors did not learn of it in time to make the necessary announcements during Sunday services and so there was not a very wide observance; nevertheless the President's call seemed providentially timed. He issued the proclamation pursuant to an act of Congress in 1952 requiring the chief executive to set aside some day other than a Sunday as a national day of prayer each year.

"Let us pray for our nation and for other nations of the world," the President said, ". . . that this generation may experience the fruits of peace and may know the real meaning of brotherhood under God." He reminded Americans that "faith in almighty God was a dominant power in the lives of our Founding Fathers" who "expressed this faith in prayer, and in this posture members of the Continental Congress mutually pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor." Furthermore, he said that "each succeeding generation has shared that faith." Therefore, "let us all pray, each following the practices of his own faith," the President said.

God is our greatest Ally and we only obtain His help through prayer. We need to realize that our chief enemy is not flesh and blood, but a spiritual army led by Satan. Great events of history always have spiritual causes behind them. The present world situation is no exception. Behind the bitter fighting in the Indo-China border areas, the Cuban crisis, and the Berlin situation, is Satan himself who is bent on taking peace from the earth. We need not stand helplessly by while he fills men's hearts with hatred, plunges the nations into a nuclear war, and shuts the doors to gospel work. We have a mighty weapon which the apostle calls "prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Our Saviour gave us authority over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). Let us put on the gospel armor and face our foe—let us battle on our knees against the forces of darkness that are closing in. In the sight of God the mightiest nations are but a drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15). Victory is assured if we battle in His strength, in His name, and according to His will.

—R.C.C.

# All One in Christ

By INEZ STURGEON



"What a wonderful, wonderful Saviour,  
Who would die on the cross for me..."

Softly the organ spoke with the voice of our hearts. We were gathered in a beautiful city in *California*, sitting in a well-appointed auditorium, leaning back in comfortable chairs. We had met for the communion service of the District Council.

The carefully groomed women and the well-tailored men sat with bowed heads and everyone of us could feel the nearness and the sweetness of the presence of the Holy Spirit. As we commemorated our Lord's supreme sacrifice for our sins, tears were flowing freely and the murmured prayers and praise made a swelling background for the hymn. Our souls stood at the very portals of heaven.

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"Freely shedding His precious life's blood,  
That a sinner might be made free..."

The words were sung in *Italian*—the soft, flowing cadence of Sicilian Italian. The auditorium was small and the congregation was packed into it. Broken concrete made the floor; the seats were rough, narrow,

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wooden benches. The light was dim, for the windows were few and small. The air, heavy with the aroma of the farmyard, told the occupation of most of the roughly dressed people.

There was no organ, but the unaccompanied song sung from redeemed souls brought the Lord very near as we, in our turn, moved forward with six or eight others to kneel in the tiny space to partake of the emblems of the Lord's Supper. The common cup was a silver goblet and the wine tasted metallic from its excessive tarnish. The bread was heavy black bread, but all of this mattered not as we partook of this declaration of the covenant promise of our crucified and risen Lord.

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"He was nailed to the cross for me,  
On the cross crucified, for me He died..."

The round, full phrases of the *German* language gave a majesty and dignity to the words and the old theater, which had been patched and partially renovated after the dreadful bombings of World War II, seemed to be aglow as heaven moved down into our souls.

On the platform we held the cup and the bread and looked out into the faces of the people who had come to the evangelistic center on the border between East





and West Berlin. The beautiful scripture reading for the communion service was being read by the pastor, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup..." Suddenly I was conscious of those among the people whose eyes were filled with tears, whose faces were tense and white, whose hands gripped the glasses and the bread too tightly. My own eyes filled with tears, as my mind prompted, "Those are from East Berlin!"

I knew that uppermost in their thoughts was the dread that something might come to cut them off from this haven where they could worship the Lord partaking of His "broken body and shed blood." I turned to my husband, and my voice quavered and broke, "I wonder if we will be able to have these precious ones from East Berlin with us for another communion service?" IN TWO WEEKS THE WALL WENT UP! They are cut off today!

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"He was wounded for our transgressions . . .  
This He came to the world to do..."

The melody was changed so that it had a definite *Oriental* rhythm, but as the words were sung by the thousands gathered in the shadow of the gigantic, snow-capped Himalayas on the very border of Red China and Burma, the Lord met every heart. This communion service was the climax of a great convention. More than 3,500 were in attendance and there had been one of the most powerful outpourings of the Holy Spirit that had ever come to this part of the world. Many of the people had walked barefoot for eight or nine days, some for thirteen days, to attend this time of worship and fellowship. Among them were a great number of refugees from Red China.

There were no seats, and they sat on the rice straw which made the floor for the long bamboo tabernacle. Suddenly, as the service progressed, the heavens opened and the clouds emptied out torrents of rain. It came through the grass-thatched roof as though it were not there. The water ran down over the people, soaking them and making the straw upon which they sat a sodden mass. Completely unperturbed, they sat unmoving—faces uplifted in worship, glorifying and magnifying their precious Lord whose death they were commemorating.

Looking down into their faces one realized that no

imagination could be vivid enough to even begin to picture the terrible fires of persecution through which some of these people had passed. Here was a man who had seen 10,000 of a Christian community liquidated. Over there was a pastor who just recently had seen his people shot down like dogs as they sought to flee for their lives. None of this congregation knew but that in the immediate tomorrows his or her name might be added to the list of martyrs, yet they counted not their own lives dear to themselves.

Primitive? Yes. Barefooted? Yes. Clothed in rags and skins? Yes. But upon their rain-washed faces shone the incandescent glow of the glory of God!

How could one do else than humbly bow in God's presence and thank Him for the privilege of partaking of HIS SUPPER with this group of HEAVEN'S ROYALTY!

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"Take, eat: this is my body, which was broken for you: this do in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

"The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body" (1 Corinthians 10:16, 17).

"For ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).



### CHRISTIAN MEEKNESS DEFINED

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . *meeekness*." It is exquisite to remember that when the Holy Spirit came to earth, He came not as an eagle—much less as a vulture—but as a gentle dove, and it was as a dove that He possessed Christ Himself. "A meek and quiet spirit," Peter says (1 Peter 3:4), "is in the sight of God of great price."

A lovely illumination of this grace appears in Moses. "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). So far from meekness being anemic helplessness, the self-depreciation of a sluggard, Moses' *meeekness* qualified him for probably the most gigantic physical task God ever put into the hands of one man—the transport of two million persons for forty years across a desert.

Christian meekness is a deep under-rating of our own powers and an immense estimate of God's!

—D. M. PANTON

# Remember Sodom!

By Ruth Copeland

WHY SHOULD YOU REMEMBER SODOM? OF WHAT CONCERN ARE THE PEOPLE OF THAT ANCIENT CITY TO YOU?

How can any common bond exist between you and people who lived and laughed, worked and played, suffered and wept forty centuries ago?

A relationship *does* exist between you and them. It concerns your prospects before the judgment bar of God. Jesus compared you and the people of Sodom (Matthew 10:15, 11:24; Mark 6:11; Luke 10:12, 17:29).

He compared your opportunities. He compared the way you are using your opportunities. He compared the basis upon which you will be judged.

## A GREAT CITY

Sodom was set like a splendid jewel in the center of a rich farming area—verdant, well watered, and fruitful. With her twin city Gomorrha and numerous suburbs she teemed with a great population. Her merchants displayed the luxury goods of the day. Her people enjoyed a material prosperity commensurate with what you enjoy today.

## A WICKED CITY

Large cities usually are wicked cities. The vice from which one recoils in the small community—where everyone knows everyone else—is committed without shame in the anonymity of the crowd. Inhibitions are thrown

off. Lust, bestiality, and selfishness which are inherent in the unconverted heart thrive where the noisy rush of the city drowns the voice of God and conscience. Crime flourishes; traffic in souls multiplies; penal institutions, insane asylums, and hospitals bulge with the wreckage of human lives.

Sodom was no exception. The men of Sodom “were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly” (Genesis 13:13). Its name is associated with one of the most debasing vices to which men sacrifice themselves. Sodom’s defiance of God was total; the angels of God who visited the city to look for Abraham’s ten righteous persons were mobbed and outraged by “both young and old, from every quarter of the city” (Genesis 19:4).

## A DOOMED CITY

God unleashed His holy wrath upon Sodom and made her an example to “those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6). Through a divine concession to the intercession of Abraham, God would have spared the city had ten righteous persons been found. In the still dark of the night the angels ushered just four people out of the city. Then judgment fell. The men of Sodom likely were aroused first by a gentle patter of sparks on the roof tops. They probably turned themselves over lazily in their beds and drifted back into delicious sleep. Then,

*If the men of Sodom,  
who relatively  
had so little light,  
perished in the fiery  
anger that flashed  
from the throne of God,  
do you imagine  
that you will escape—  
you who have sinned  
against light  
as Sodom never did?*



with a rush, the torrent of fire descended.

Clouds of sulfurous fumes swept into their houses and choked them. Streets and yards became great heaps of fiery coals. Burning embers hissed in the pretty fountains of water and turned them into clouds of steam. A mighty draft roared through thousands of homes and carried the flames upward.

Sodom became a blazing inferno. Her people were burned, cooked, roasted alive in their homes. Early in the morning, at his place of prayer, Abraham looked toward the rising sun and "lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace" (Genesis 19:28). God annihilated Sodom. He sterilized the very earth it had polluted with its sin.

#### A JUDGED CITY

In the end of time the men of Sodom will appear before the judgment bar of God. You, too, will be summoned to the judgment of God—as will all unconverted sinners. "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29).

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

#### A SIGNIFICANT CITY

Jesus said to His disciples who took the message of His first coming to the cities of Judea, "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words... it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city" (Matthew 10:14, 15).

To Capernaum, where gospel preaching and miracles abounded, He said, "And thou, Capernaum... if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day... it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matthew 11:23, 24).

Remember, knowledge increases one's guilt. "If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:41). "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak [margin, *excuse*] for their sins" (John 15:22). "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:16).

The people of Sodom had little, compared with our privileges, to show them the way. They had the laws of God stamped upon their consciences. They knew God had sent a flood some 450 years before to rid the earth of sin. One man, Shem, who had ridden the God-provided ark to safety, still lived to verify that.

Righteous Lot also lived among them. Vexed by their filthy conversation and unlawful deeds, his life was a rebuke to them from day to day (2 Peter 2:7, 8).

They had little else. They did not have the crucified and risen Saviour, nor the convicting influence of the Holy Spirit (not in the same sense we have today). They had no gospel ministers, no Sunday schools, and no churches. *Yet they sinned against what they knew of God, and so were guilty.*

#### TODAY'S SIN

Because God does not punish sin immediately, men may imagine that He does not notice it. But he does. "*God is angry with the wicked every day*" (Psalm 7:11). He sees the drunkenness and debauchery, the fraud and crime, the broken homes, and the ruin and slaughter of men's lives. He hears the blasphemous and filthy talk. He hears the cry of the poor who have been wronged—the young who have been enslaved, and the little children who have been orphaned and made homeless. He takes note of the pride and rebellion in the hearts of men as they neglect His house, His Word, and as they make His day a day of sensuous pleasure rather than one of worship. The accounts of nations and individuals in the books of Almighty God grow longer and longer, and will one day be brought out into the open. Guilt will be proved and punishment will be made (Revelation 20:12-15).

#### TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY

If the men of Sodom, who relatively had so little light, perished in the fiery anger that flashed out from the throne of God, do you imagine that you will escape—you who have sinned against light as Sodom never did?

Great "lights" have been given to show you the way. You have the written Word of God. You have the crucified and risen Saviour, and the convicting influence of the Holy Spirit. Teachers and ministers present the way to be saved and delivered from sin. You are aware of archaeological discoveries that verify the judgments of God upon offending civilizations of the past. You see the unfolding of prophetic fulfillment. You have witnessed the healing power of God.

If, in the light of all God has given you, you go on choosing the pleasures of sin in preference to the issues of eternity; if you persist in clinging to the disease-ridden pet of sin; if you refuse to seek the deliverance and forgiveness Jesus purchased with His blood at Calvary; then, judgment will come upon you as surely as it came upon Sodom. For you there will be no mitigating circumstance. "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." You are lingering in a burning house; you are clinging to a sinking ship!

#### TODAY'S CHOICE

The warning with which the angels hasted Lot from Sodom can be paraphrased for you thus: "Escape for thy life. Look not behind thee; neither stay thou in all the plain of sin; escape to the mountain of Calvary lest thou be consumed!"

If you do not respond favorably to the gospel invitation, there is nothing left for you but the judgment of God. The fire of eternal punishment is not a natural fire that will burn itself out. It is a supernatural fire—fed by the eternal wrath of a holy God. As long as God hates sin, that fire can never go out. "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever..." (Revelation 14:11).

God does not want to punish you. He sent angels to lead men out of Sodom. He sent Jesus to lead you out of sin. His goodness pleads with you to repent (Romans 2:4). Only your positive and deliberate choice to repent of sin and surrender to His terms can turn away His anger from you. Will you turn to Him and away from sin, *now?*

"Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my . . .

# FIVE WAYS TO OBEY GOD

. . . commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Genesis 26:5)

By HOWARD S. BUSH, *Executive Director, Men's Fellowship Department*

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A VITAL experience with God. A man with experience is never at the mercy of one with only a theory. Abraham personally met God and practiced daily communion with Him. This experiential relationship with God is necessary also in our service for Him. A living, personal acquaintanceship with God will produce in men the qualities so necessary in their work for the Lord.

Back of all soul winning efforts must be men with a passion. Action is seldom taken by cold or lukewarm individuals. Action results when hearts are moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Effective witnessing requires a life based upon the *five* principles that Abraham observed (Genesis 26:5).

## OBEY HIS VOICE

The *voice* of God must be heard and obeyed. God sometimes speaks in tones of thunder. At other times His communication comes as "a still small voice" to those who listen.

A man in a telephone booth was shouting to drown out the noise of the street traffic. He shouted, "I can't hear . . . speak louder . . . I can't hear!" Outside the booth a woman waited for the phone. After hearing repeated statements of "I can't hear," she impatiently remarked, "If you would close the door of the booth you *could* hear." There are many competitive noises in the world today. We must shut out the distractions that we may hear the voice of God.

## KEEP HIS CHARGE

Abraham was given a special commission by God and was *charged* to observe and watch closely the unfolding of the will of God for his life and posterity. Hearing the voice of God brought with it a sense of responsibility. It is thrilling to hear God speak, but God does not speak purposelessly. He charges us with important tasks.

## KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

The *commandments*—or express orders—of God demanded strict obedience, which was revealed in Abraham's willingness to leave Haran to go to Canaan. Once in Canaan, he set an example of righteous living by separating himself from the idolatries and impurities of the heathen. They called him a "Hebrew"—a separated one. A sovereign God has a right to issue commandments, but let us al-

ways remember that "his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

## FOLLOW HIS STATUTES

The name "Abraham" was given to Abraham by God in a special covenant relationship—by which he was designated to become the "father of a multitude." By faith Abraham kept the *statutes* (ordinances) of the Lord. These decrees and rules—statutes—were intended to be guiding principles in the life of Abraham. They were not only to be acknowledged—Abraham was expected to live within these limits.

## OBSERVE HIS LAWS

The *laws* were religious in nature. They consisted of the great doctrines and truths necessary to the spiritual welfare of Abraham and the nation. God's teachings and instructions were to be followed closely. That Abraham's life was shaped by God's laws is shown (1) in his pleading with God on behalf of the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and (2) by his permitting Lot to possess the well-watered plains of Jordan. If a man will read and absorb God's laws—the Bible—they will leave the imprint of noble character upon his life.

This Genesis passage emphasizes in these five principles the deep and complete dedication of Abraham to the known will of God. Isaac is reminded of his father's wholly committed life, and of the covenant relationships which are repeated by the *voice* of God to him. He is *charged* to follow the example of his father so that

## Notice:

Tell all the men that Action MANDATORY begins New Year's Eve with a watch night service and continues to March 31. "WIN MEN AT WORK" is the theme for the 1963 soul-winning crusade for men.

all nations may be blessed through his posterity.

The *commandments, statutes, and laws* show how scrupulously Abraham regulated his life—carefully abstaining from idolatrous worship and immorality to walk with God. Laws of all kinds are written primarily to restrain and govern our excesses. There is guidance and protection in the law.

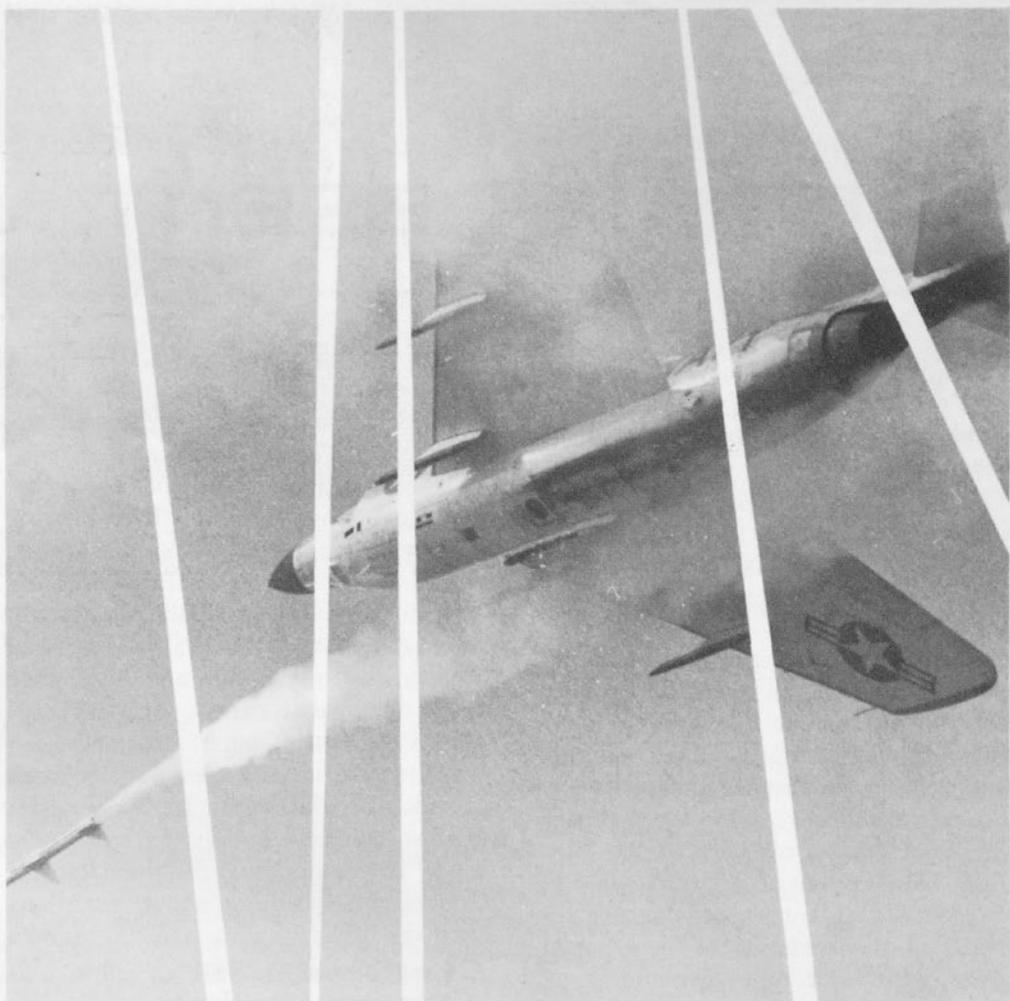
Old Testament citizens were obliged to keep these laws—the Old Testament Scriptures. We who are living under the New Testament have the responsibility of sharing with others the truth as it is found in Christ Jesus. “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). We are called to be witnesses to Christ both by our lives and by our words.

Paul wrote, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:13, 14) Unless you and I tell them of Christ, how can men be saved?

In Paul’s day everyone heard the gospel. Christians were witnesses! They were soul winners. They listened to the voice of God for guidance in soul winning—the Lord directed them to needy individuals, and gave them the message to speak. Not all yielded to obey the gospel, but the message was given to that generation for their decision.

May God give us men who will dedicate their lives and talents, men who will intensify the burden of their hearts to win other men to the Lord Jesus Christ, men who will unite in prayer with other men in a great concerted week of prayer beginning January 6, 1963.

This week of prayer launches the 1963 ACTION MANDATORY campaign for all men everywhere—in every Assemblies of God church. For three months an all-out effort will be made by all men to “win men at work, at play, at home.” Will *you* join with your pastor and other MF laymen in this crusade for souls? The urgency of the hour demands it. Like Abraham, may all our men hear the voice of God, keep His charge, obey His commandments, follow His statutes, and observe His laws. “



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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Prayer

### Week of Prayer Proclaimed by Assemblies of God Leaders

The first full week of 1963 (beginning Sunday, January 6) has been proclaimed by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God to be a Week of Prayer.

It is the hope of the executive brethren that during this Week of Prayer there will be a special emphasis upon repentance, contrition, and humiliation accompanied by a personal return to God in full surrender on the part of all members of our Fellowship. Only by a renewal of spiritual life can our Movement experience the revival and the bestowal of Pentecostal power which our times demand.

### "Prayer of Peoples" Offered at Italian Skiing Resort

A common "Prayer of Peoples" was composed by a Roman Catholic priest at Rome after consultations with Christians, Moslems, and Buddhists.

The prayer, formulated by Father Pasquale Magni, superior general of the Company of St. Paul, a secular institute, reads:

"O God, Spirit of love, Creator of all things and the common Father of all men, we invoke from you the joy of seeking together the truth and the desire to practice freedom, justice, and charity."

Recited collectively for the first time at a skiing resort where members of all three religions were present, the prayer illustrates how far genuine prayer can be watered down by the ecumenical movement.

## Foreign

### Protestant Book Banned in Spain

It is reported that the Second Vatican Council, now in session at Rome, will reconsider the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward its index of forbidden books and probably will shorten the list. In the past the attitude of the hierarchy, especially in Catholic-dominated countries, has been inexcusably bigoted in such matters.

For example, evangelicals in Spain have been forbidden to publish a book entitled *Proofs of God's Existence*, by Samuel Vila. A decision on whether the printing would be permitted was held up for more than a year. Finally, according to EFMA *Missionary News Service*, the authorities denied the request. Catholic clergymen have said that Mr. Vila's book against atheism is very good and that they could approve it except for one thing—it was written by a Protestant.

"The case is very clear: Protestants are denied the right to write even against atheism simply because they are Protestants." Will the Vatican Council do anything about situations such as this?

### Chiang Kai-shek Still Champions Christianity

As is his custom, President Chiang Kai-shek delivered a special Easter testimony in one of the churches of Taiwan (Formosa). This year President Chiang spoke in a church in Shihlin in nearby Taipei. He was accompanied by Madame Chiang.

Quoting the New Testament ("Be

ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?") he declared that "the lesson of our forty years of anti-communist struggle is that any individual, group, race or nation wishing to be 'yoked together' and to co-exist peacefully with Communist regimes will be devoured by the devil."

Observing that the suffering and sacrifice of the Chinese people on the mainland have heightened the vigilance of the whole world "to the realities of communist evil," he continued: "Once the measure of the communist iniquity is full and people no longer can tolerate it, we shall fulfill our mission of national recovery for the sake of our national existence and world peace."

"Our struggle for national recovery," he declared, "is the vital hinge on which rest both the peace of the world and the well-being of mankind."

Calling upon his fellow Christians for increased awareness and prayer to probe deeper into the wonders of the Cross and the Resurrection, President Chiang said: "We must ask our-



### HUNDREDS WON TO CHRIST IN SOUTH AMERICAN CRUSADE

Huge crowds attended the Billy Graham meetings in South America this fall. In Asuncion, Paraguay, approximately 40,000 people were present during the eight-day crusade and there were 800 decisions for Christ. The photo shows the evangelist preaching in English. At his side is Paul Sorenson, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Argentina, interpreting the sermons into Spanish. Brother Sorenson, a second-generation missionary born in Argentina, is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

selves conscientiously: Can believers and nonbelievers work under the same yoke? Is it possible for Jesus to be in concord with Belial? Do we want to serve sin and safeguard our physical lives? Or will we refuse to become moribund servants and gain salvation unto eternal life? These are alternatives on which every Christian and every church must make wise decisions."

Chinese Christians in Taiwan (including all faiths) number close to 500,000. The number is growing every year.

### Amazon "Harvest" After Twenty-six Years

The Christian world was stirred in June, 1936, when the martyrdom of the "Three Freds" in the Amazon basin was made known. Fred Dawson, Fred Roberts, and Fred Wright gave their lives in an attempt to reach the Kayapo Indians with the gospel. Following this, others toiled in the footsteps of these three brave missionaries.

Now comes the news that nine Kayapo Indians have openly and fearlessly confessed Christ, and a foundation has been laid for a strong Kayapo church. Here is further proof that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. A harvest must come—even after twenty-six years.

## Miscellany

### Post Office to Issue New Christmas Stamp

Postmaster General J. Edward Day has announced that in mid-November the U.S. Post Office will issue a special Christmas stamp appropriate for mailing greeting cards. The stamp will have a holly-wreath design (instead of a religious one, as formerly contemplated). The Post Office hopes everyone will send Christmas cards by first-class mail using the new Christmas stamp.

### Over a Third of Servicemen Untouched by Church

Major General Frank A. Tobey, chief of Army chaplains, recently reported that a survey of the men coming into the Army today reveals that thirty-eight per cent have never had any contact with any minister, priest, or rabbi. It appears that both churches and the armed forces have a big job of evangelization on their hands.

The Army got a new chief of chaplains on November 1 when Chaplain (Colonel) Charles E. Brown, Jr., a Methodist, succeeded Chaplain Tobey, an American Baptist.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

# YOUR QUESTIONS

✧ *Does not Jesus condemn public praying, in Matthew 6:6?*

Jesus condemned hypocritical prayers which are offered just to be seen of men, not earnest public prayers (Matthew 6:5). The disciples were praying in public when they tarried (waited) to be filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:14). On another occasion, with many present, they lifted up their voices in united prayer (Acts 4:24-31).

✧ *What is meant by "that they might obtain a better resurrection" (Hebrews 11:35)? What is this resurrection?*

The "better resurrection" refers to the greater rewards that will be shared as a result of faithfulness in greater sorrows and sufferings. Every man will be rewarded "according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

✧ *Where I live, Christian young people were permitted, at one of their gatherings, to substitute silly, frivolous words in sacred Christmas carols. Ought they not to be taught that this is wrong?*

Sometimes youths get into a spirit of levity at social gatherings and participate in lightness for the moment, which does not reflect the general tenor of their lives. I believe, however, it would have been right to stop their mutilation of sacred songs and to instruct them against doing this.

And, while writing on this subject, I would like to say that changing the tempo of a sacred song may be just as objectionable as changing the words, for it affects the meaning that is attached to the singing. Those who mutilate the tempo of beautiful Christian songs, thinking that doing this is musical art, ought to be corrected.

✧ *How do you interpret the verse, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Romans 11:25)?*

Israel as a nation (not individual Israelites) will continue in spiritual blindness—concerning Christ as its Messiah—until fulness of opportunity for the Gentiles is completed; at that time the Church will be caught away.

Then God will set His hand again, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people (Isaiah 11:11). Christ, by His personal presence, will be accepted by Israel's remnant when He comes to reign. See Zechariah 12:10; 13:1.

✧ *Was the woman who washed the feet of Jesus a sinner (Luke 7:44-48)?*

She had been a sinner and was considered a "woman of the street." The account shows that Jesus will forgive and save any who feel genuine remorse and repent of their sins.

✧ *How can it be that some Christians have hope of going to heaven without dying? The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Hebrews 9:27).*

It is appointed unto men once to die according to the general rule of life, but God can make exceptions. He did this in the case of Enoch, that godly man of long ago who "was translated that he should not see death" (Hebrews 11:5). He will do it for the godly Christian believers who are living on the earth when Jesus comes to catch away His Church. Those believers who have died prior to Christ's coming will be raised to life and caught up to the clouds to meet the Lord; those believers who have not died will be changed and be caught up to meet the Lord without dying. However, the miracle of "change" must occur in all, making them heavenly beings. This is the event Paul the apostle had in mind when he wrote: "We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump..." (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52). Thus the living shall ascend to meet the Lord without passing through death.

*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).*



# Blessings and Bloodshed in Colombia

By David Womack, Missionary to Colombia

WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, NORMAN Campbell and I have been arrested for preaching the gospel, Verlin and Pauline Stewart have been stoned, and the Colombian Christians have been stabbed, stoned, imprisoned, and spied upon because of their testimony for Jesus Christ. As I write this article, I have before me four pieces of broken glass from the windows of one of our churches. They are stained with the blood of one of your Colombian brothers.

Norman Campbell and I recently

crossed the Andes in our Speed-the-Light pickup. We went to visit Miraflores, a town on the inner side of the Andes where the mountains drop away toward the hot lowlands. Verlin Stewart, the superintendent of Colombia, and his wife were there two weeks before us. For some two years there had been an Assemblies of God work in the country on the other side of the valley. Verlin held the first meeting in the town.

Wednesday afternoon Norm and I went into the town of Miraflores for

the second service. The people watched us from around adobe corners and from second-story windows. The only missionary they had ever seen besides Verlin and us had been Oscar Smith. Several years ago Oscar was shot in the back for preaching in the Miraflores valley.

We went to the home of one of the city jailers, where we had been invited to have the service. There were thirty-three people in the small room.

Right in the middle of our service they came—more than 150 school children led by the main priest of Miraflores. They recited the Rosary and chanted all the time Norm was preaching. Even as the priest raised his voice out on the cobblestone street, five people in the room bowed their heads and accepted Christ for the first time.

Norm accompanied the closing hymn with his saxophone while I kept watch at the window. That was when the priest dismissed the children and started for the door of the house. I rushed to the doorway to meet him, but he was already inside. He shoved me against the adobe wall, then jerked the saxophone out of Norm's mouth. "Just a moment!" he shouted at the local people who had dared attend an evangelical service. "As the principal priest of Miraflores I command every Roman Catholic to leave!"

We waited, wondering how a two-week-old church would react to such pressure. We wondered what those would do who only moments before had accepted Christ as their Saviour.

The priest repeated his command. No one moved. They would lose



Windows were broken and the pastor and a layman were injured when Roman Catholics attacked the Assembly in Barrio, Boyaca.



Verlin Stewart, Bonifacio Daza, and the pastor hold pieces of beer bottles and bricks which were thrown through the windows.

their jobs; they would be ridiculed; maybe they would die for their decision, but *they did not move*.

The priest angrily repeated the command. I answered him, "You are the only Roman Catholic here, so *you* should leave."

He turned and stamped out of the house.

That night we had a victorious service by candlelight out in the country. The Colombian Christians had no fear for their own safety; they only worried about the missionaries. There was only one road from Miraflores to the main highway, and it wound seventy-five miles through the mountains and over an 11,000-foot pass. To make matters worse, the needle of our gas gauge was nearing "empty."

The next day we went back to Miraflores to register a complaint with the authorities. Before we got to the town hall we were arrested and taken to the authorities by armed guards. They held us over an hour, asking us questions and trying to tell us it is illegal to preach in Miraflores. We had copies of the national constitution with us, which provides for religious liberty in the country. What we did not know was that the authorities were holding us while the priest organized a party to stone us to death outside the town. After giving the priest enough time to organize his plans, the officials released us to enter the trap.

But instead of leaving by the main road, we went back out the dead-end road to have another service in the country. Without knowing about the death trap set for us, we continued on our way, rejoicing in the Lord for the opportunity of being arrested for Him.

That night, after the service, we went into town again to get gasoline at the one and only station. We knew the priest would have ordered the owner not to sell to us, but we carried ten strong men in the back of the pickup. The owner asked no questions, made no comment. He sold us a tankful of gas and quickly slipped back into the darkness of his house.

It was then that we learned of the earlier attempt to stone us. The jailer told us the plan was definitely known to the police at the time they had released us. We returned to the house in the country, slept a few hours, then passed through the town at four o'clock in the morning for home. Not even

### SPECIAL NOTICE

A cable from Egypt has informed us that Mrs. Jennie Benton, sister to Lillian Trasher, and her companion in Egypt for more than fifty years, has passed away. She was buried in Assiout, Egypt.

a dog barked to tell of our departure.

Two weeks later I went back to Miraflores. I had another service in the town, this time with forty-five people in attendance. The jailer had lost his job and they had closed the house to us, but we were able to get another place where the believers now have services every week. People are being saved regularly for, thanks to the persecution, the whole valley now knows about us.

But one need not go to the back country to find this kind of opposition. He need only go out to one of the suburbs of Bogotá, the country's capital. *Barrio Boyacá*, that sector is called. The Spanish-born priest cries out over the loudspeaker that they must "exterminate the evangelicals."

One of the believers was stabbed in the chest last December. In spite of his ugly wound and a punctured lung, he said, "This is the greatest blessing I have ever had in all my life; I thank the Lord for it."

Last spring, at the same church, Verlin and Pauline Stewart were attacked and their car was stoned. A few days ago the church was attacked again. Using bricks, stones, and beer bottles, the attackers broke all the windows in the building. Bonifacio Daza, the man who was stabbed, was hit in the mouth by a piece of flying brick. His teeth were knocked out and five stitches had to be taken in his lips. The pastor, Avelino Avendaño, suffered a badly bruised arm. One woman was hit on the hip by a brick. The believers barred the door just in time to keep the attackers from entering the church and killing them all.

Brother Daza told Verlin and me, "Praise God that I have been able to suffer twice for the gospel."

We read Matthew 5:10 and 12 to him: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." He wept and said, "Amen!"

It is Brother Daza's blood that stains the broken glass on my desk. As I look at it, I hear the blood of martyrs throughout the centuries, crying out to you and me to sacrifice more.

You cannot know about Colombia and forget it. You *have* to do something! There are three things you can do to help this country: First, you can pray. Indeed, how could you know about the persecution in Colombia without praying earnestly and in faith that the crash evangelism program will continue? Second, you can support the missionaries, the Bible Institute, and the projects of the Colombian field. And third, you can ask God whether He wants you to come to Colombia to help us.

As for me, I am going back to Miraflores next week. I get a little frightened, just as you would, but I *have* to go. They tell me that eight people have just been filled with the Holy Spirit there. That means they will be preaching and testifying more than ever. So will I! " "

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# How to Raise Cain—and Abel

*There are specific reasons why some children become incorrigibles while others develop into upstanding and useful citizens. An Abel is no accident.*

By LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

*Pastor, First Assembly of God, Cheyenne, Wyoming*

THE NAME "CAIN" BRINGS TO MIND the heinous crime of murder and the folly of good works as a substitute for God's directives. As you know, Cain was the first child born of the first parents on earth, and he is remembered (1) as the slayer of his brother Abel and (2) as the presumptuous young man who dared to

offer a sacrifice to God that was contrary to God's orders.

The name "Abel" calls forth the recollection of a young man who scrupulously obeyed God, presenting a sacrifice which pleased God and honored His desires. Abel was dutiful to the Lord in the minutest details. Adam and Eve had just cause for

gratification over this obedient son.

One wonders why Cain and Abel turned out so differently. Did the parents fail in their responsibility toward Cain? We do not know; the Bible is silent on this point. We do know, however, that God has promised success to parents who bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

A high incidence of juvenile delinquency in the end-time was prophesied in the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:2). Present-day proofs of the accuracy of this Biblical prediction are everywhere abundant. "Children of Cain" are running wild all over the universe. We thank God for the vision of those who have raised up teen-age evangelism centers in New York and Chicago, but these centers—and we say this courteously—will salvage only a small portion of the children who have gone "after the way of Cain."

## HOW TO RAISE CAIN

The police department of Houston, Tex., recently issued a leaflet called, "Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children."

(1) Begin in infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

(2) When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.

(3) Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him "decide for himself."

(4) Avoid use of the word "wrong"; it may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

(5) Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, and clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.

(6) Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.

(7) Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.



*Debts hinder couple's preparation  
for the gospel ministry until*

# GOD ANSWERS REVIVALTIME PRAYERMEETING REQUESTS

"SHORTLY BEFORE THANKSGIVING 1959 I was listening to *Revivaltime* and heard about the Thanksgiving Prayermeeting. I wrote and asked *Revivaltime's* prayer groups to pray that God would help me to pay my bills and make a way for me to enter the ministry. I want you to know He has done this for me."

This is the testimony of David Turnbull, now a student at Elim Bible Institute, Lima, New York. For many years he was unsaved and so ill that he was unable to work steadily. Through the witness of a Christian neighbor, he was saved and God gave him health again.

"The doctors said I had a nervous stomach and they could not give me much help. Eventually, my nerves broke—then I began to pray," David wrote.

A Christian neighbor lady, feeling a burden for David's soul, also began

to pray. Medical authorities had informed her that she would die within three months if she did not have an operation to remove a growth on her neck.

"She prayed that the Lord would heal her in such a way as to bring conviction to my soul," David relates. "Her pastor and some of the people from her church came and prayed for her. That night she vomited up the growth.

"Unable to refute so great a testimony, I yielded to their invitation to attend their church, the Assembly of God in Angola, N. Y. I found Christ as my Saviour there on September 15, 1955.

"From that moment on, I felt the call to preach the gospel." In an effort to do as much for the Lord as he could, David began to teach a Sunday school class and later became the Sunday school superintendent at

a new church in Hamburg, N. Y.

But David and his wife Lucie were still faced with mountains of bills and any plans for entering the ministry seemed futile. "My income began to increase with my health, but still the



David and Lucie Turnbull are following God's call after their prayer requests sent to the Revivaltime Prayermeeting were answered.

## FAMILY SALVATION

BEFORE MRS. F. R. FOSTER OF WETASKIWIN, Alberta, Canada, finished her letter to *Revivaltime*, telling of her son's salvation in answer to a prayer request sent to last year's Thanksgiving World Prayermeeting, she received word that her daughter was also saved.

The constant concern of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who had been saved in a full-gospel church prior to the birth of their twins—a boy and a girl, was the salvation of their children. Therefore, they claimed the promise of Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

This concern led Mrs. Foster to re-

quest prayer for the salvation of her son and daughter and their families at last year's prayermeeting.

"The children were brought up in the Pentecostal church," Mrs. Foster writes. "When they were about eight years old, they both were saved and they lived for the Lord until they drifted away in their early teens."

The son married a fine girl of the Anglican faith and three children were born to them—a girl and two boys. The daughter also married and has four children.

About four years ago the son's daughter, Susan, accepted Christ as her Saviour at a children's meeting. Then she and her grandmother agreed

to pray for the salvation of Susan's parents and sent a prayer request to *Revivaltime's* 1961 Thanksgiving Prayermeeting for this purpose. Susan's eight-year-old brother accepted Christ in Sunday school.

In the early part of 1962, Mrs. Foster's son and his wife were attending the Calvary Church in Woodstock, Ontario, on a Sunday. Conviction gripped their hearts and when the altar call was given, they went forward and made their public confession for Christ. A short time later, Susan and her parents were baptized in water.

Not satisfied with salvation alone, Susan went a step further this summer and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a Christ's Ambassadors service. The last night of camp meeting this summer at Braeside, her father, too, received his Baptism.

bills persisted. I can testify to the blessing of tithing because even through those days God returned more than I ever gave."

In addition, David enrolled in the Berean School of the Bible and completed a correspondence course on Pentecostal truth. "It took me two years to finish the course, but it established me forever on a Pentecostal foundation."

Then, shortly after David requested prayer for his needs at the 1959 *Revivaltime* world Thanksgiving prayer-meeting, he received an offer to attend a denominational seminary with support promised. After a three-year course, he was to be assigned a church with a salary, house, and car.

"My wife and I prayed much about this offer. It seemed to be the answer to our request. But when we conferred with a minister of the denomination, we were horrified to find that we could not preach against specific sins such as drinking and gambling, and that healing and the gifts of the Spirit were considered for another day. We turned sadly away."

God came to their rescue. David's application to Elim Bible Institute was accepted. Soon they were able to sell their home under circumstances so remarkable that it amazed the real estate agent. Today David is preparing for the ministry in his home area where he plans to minister. God has answered the request sent to *Revivaltime's* World Prayermeeting. ❧

"They are still so happy in the Lord. Even the little four-year-old loves to pray," Mrs. Foster relates.

But Mrs. Foster was still not satisfied. If one child could be saved, why not the other? So, when she heard about *Revivaltime's* 1962 Thanksgiving World Prayermeeting, she wrote requesting prayer for her daughter's salvation.

"Please pray that my daughter will come back to the Lord and that her husband will be saved. Two of their four children are also unsaved," Mrs. Foster wrote.

But before she mailed the letter, Mrs. Foster heard from her daughter and so added this post script: "Since writing this letter my daughter has been saved and also a neighbor of hers. Now, please pray for my son-in-law and the neighbor's husband.

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God is so good; I am really rejoicing today."

Before the request could again be placed before *Revivaltime's* Thanksgiving Prayermeeting, God had answered her prayer. Truly, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

If you have needs such as Mrs. Foster—or those of Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull—send your request to *Revivaltime*. Concerted prayer will be offered for these needs on November 18 at the annual Thanksgiving World Prayermeeting. Mail your requests to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, and an attractive prayer reminder will be sent you. Also, your gifts and offerings are needed now to meet this month's airtime expense. ❧

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The implications are clear—a message will be proclaimed on this system. "But what message?" is the question! Will the fundamental church let its message be heard? Will it be permitted to? Or be able to?

The apostle Paul's line, "there are so many kinds of voices in the world," never has had quite the weight it will have in the Telstar age of communications. Above this din of "voices," the gospel voice must be heard!

Will you give so it can be heard now—through *Revivaltime*? Will you pray so that, should Jesus tarry, it can be heard in the days ahead? Let's target our prayers in this direction!

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1240 kc.  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

# Our Prison Literature Ministry Is Expanding

By ARVID OHRNELL  
*National Prison Representative*

RECENTLY I STOOD ON A BRIDGE IN A state prison watching the old-timers as they left the dining room. Oh, what a scene! As they passed by I thought, "What a sample of the results of sin." Their faces were molded and carved according to sinful habits. Some had only one arm or one leg.

Society has expelled these men but Christ died to save them. The Lord has granted the Assemblies of God a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the gospel from coast to coast in our state and federal institutions. We are grateful to the many friends who have so faithfully supported the work of our Prison Division. We know that our great Master, who Himself was so concerned for the outcasts, will reward you now and in eternity. Before the throne of God you will hear the words, "I was in prison and ye visited me."

The prison ministry of the Assemblies of God is very encouraging. Thousands of our Bible study courses written for prisoners are requested each year by inmates themselves as well as by prison chaplains. Letters of appreciation and reports from many state and federal prison chaplains indicate these courses have proved a great help to prisoners desiring to study the Word of God.

Courses sent out from the Prison Division during July, August, and September numbered 3,337. Completed courses during the same period of time numbered 1,368. More than 17,000 students have completed study courses since the program was begun in 1951.

A new Bible study course entitled "The Book of Acts" has just been printed, which makes a total of eight primary Bible study courses now available free of charge to those behind

prison walls. Three hundred Bibles and twenty large-print New Testaments have been sent to prisons in the past month.

I recently completed a four-month tour of thirteen states, where I visited state prisons and interviewed hundreds of inmates; I also spoke in many of our churches in the interest of our prison ministry.

In September I attended a prison chaplains convention in Philadelphia, Pa. Here prison chaplains and wardens, members of the American Protestant Chaplains Correctional Association, were assembled from every part of the United States.

At one meeting in which Bible courses provided for prisoners by various denominations were discussed, the chairman of the prison chaplains association and head chaplain for the State of Missouri introduced me. He asked for a show of hands of those who are using the Assemblies of God Bible study courses. Hands were raised all over the room in that well-attended meeting.

I was asked to speak to the group. After the service many chaplains came and expressed their appreciation to me for what we have been able to do for the inmates. At another meeting a federal man spoke and told of the great help the Assemblies of God courses had been in federal institutions. He said that no courses could be compared with them, since they were written so that the inmates could understand them.

Frederick R. Silber, Protestant Chaplain for the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., recently wrote me: "There has been a decided increase of interest in your correspondence school program. This, of course, you have noticed from the number

of booklets you have had to grade. I can assure you that this interest is due to the superiority of your correspondence work.

"To the men who do their duties rather quickly, thus having quite a few hours of free time, this Bible study work has been very beneficial; and they are obtaining much good from your lessons. It should be recognized that your correspondence work is by far the best course we have been able to make available to our men. We certainly appreciate your continued interest in the men here. Please understand their thankfulness for your concern. Not only do we appreciate the Bible correspondence courses, but we also appreciate the quick attention the books receive as they are forwarded to you for examination and returned to us. You are doing a fine job and we are glad to be a part of your program."

A recent letter from a prisoner brought joy to our hearts. He said: "To me this has been one of the greatest thrills I have ever received—accomplishment of this Bible course. I have received wonderful blessings from the answers I have put in this book. The answers I have found in my Bible have enlightened me and given me a greater courage and determination to study further and learn more. I know I have found the life God intended for all of us to lead. I have found peace and serenity through prayer and meditation. I pray Christ will give me the knowledge to understand fully this wonderful Book, the Bible."

Another prisoner wrote us: "Although I am incarcerated, the workings of God have been many. He has answered numerous prayers, and as a result I have made a promise to serve Him always. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more of God through these courses. They, in addition to my daily meditations, have raised me above my situation and I know God now!"

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Editor's Note: The expanding ministry of the Assemblies of God Prison Division is dependent on the continued financial support of interested churches and individuals. These courses cost many hundreds of dollars each year. Your offering is urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. It may be sent direct to the Prison Division of the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.



Arvid Ohnell takes a personal interest in the prisoners and often grades their lessons.

Here is proof that prison ministry is a double blessing that brings joy not only to prisoners but also to the church whose workers minister to them.

# Prison Ministry Presents a Challenge

By JOE W. ADAMS, Pastor of University Assembly of God, Waxahachie, Texas



"ARE JAIL SERVICES WORTH THE time?" is a question often asked by people who have never engaged in such ministry. The story of University Assembly's prison ministry answers affirmatively.

Lloyd O. Stone enrolled as a student at Southwestern Assemblies of God College in the fall of 1954. At this time he made a new consecration to God and accepted the responsibilities of supervising our religious services at the local county jail. This ministry to prisoners has been sponsored for years by University Assembly of God of Waxahachie, Tex., and Lloyd Stone has faithfully assumed the burden of this ministry for these past several years.

Another door of opportunity was opened in March 1956 when, after much earnest prayer, our workers received permission to minister at the county farm. Some time later they began conducting services at the city jail, by permission of the chief of police.

Every Sunday afternoon the jail squad meets at University Assembly

for a session of prayer and rehearsal. Then the workers, after dividing into three groups, proceed to the three jails. The National Prison Department has provided correspondence courses and appropriate tracts for the local prisoners. Also such materials as New Testaments, *Live*, Sunday school lesson leaflets, and *Evangels* are distributed by the groups.

Brother Stone has appointed capable leaders to be in charge of the one-hour services at the city and county jails and the county farm.

Two of the men that served faithfully with Brother Stone are now foreign missionaries. Others are engaged in full-time ministry in the U.S.A. Just recently a pastor stated that his congregation is conducting services in the city where he ministers because he caught a vision of this type of work through the jail ministry of University Assembly.

One man sentenced to prison for life for the murder of three persons says, "I aim to pass on to others the help that you and your group brought to me—that is, the wonderful

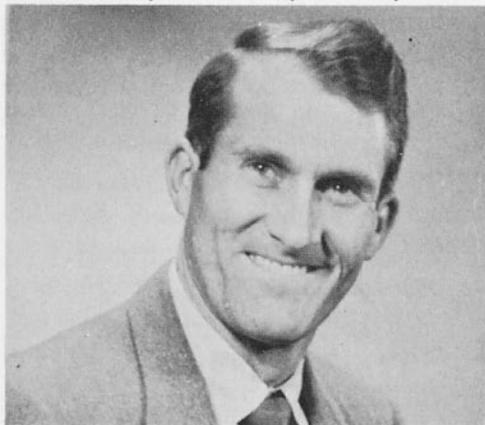
relief to be found by laying one's burdens at the feet of our Lord."

Another man, also in prison for murder, says in his latest letter to Brother Stone: "I have some wonderful news to tell you. I feel very deeply that God has called me to the ministry. It is my desire that the Lord will use me to His own glory."

Sheriff Wayne McCollum, Captain A. J. Robertson of the county farm, and Sergeant Brown, representing Chief of Police Ernest Allen, were guests at University Assembly on National Prison Day in 1961 and gave tribute to the commendable work of Lloyd Stone and the local church.

Recently the Board of Corrections of Texas' sprawling prison system asked for a two-year building program of over \$10,000,000 to meet housing needs of a prison population expected to grow from 12,000 to 14,500 by 1965! The challenge of prison ministry is great for Assemblies of God churches who wish to do their part to fulfill the Great Commission by taking Christ to "every creature"—including those unfortunate people behind the bars.

Lloyd O. Stone is director of the prison ministry at University Assembly.



University Assembly's jail squad sings gospel songs at the county jail.



John Farina, a member of the jail squad, speaks at the county farm service.



**TODAY IS NATIONAL PRISON SUNDAY**

# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING



*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).*

## Spaniard Healed of Spinal Curvature

AFTER EIGHT LONG YEARS OF SUFFERING, resulting from curvature of the spine, Ines Marques of Barcelona, Spain, was miraculously healed. Now, four years later, her healing remains complete and lasting.

It was in August, 1950, that Ines Marques felt symptoms of curvature of the spine. She was in the hands of medical doctors for two years, but they could not fully diagnose her case. She practically lived on medicines to alleviate the pain from which she suffered day and night.

Mrs. Marques then went to a bone specialist. An X ray showed the separation and deviation of three lumbar vertebrae. She was operated on immediately in November, 1952. Part of the right shinbone was transplanted to the deviated side of the spine, after which she spent three months lying on a hard bed.

During the next nine months she felt quite well. However, she continually had to wear an iron orthopedic brace and an elevated shoe. The severe pain then returned, and she was confined to a hard bed for an additional two months—without relief. She was given more medicines, injections, X ray and other treatments, yet her condition remained the same.

After an additional five years of suffering, she underwent the second operation. This consisted of transplanting a piece of the left shinbone to the separated vertebrae. She then spent four months in a plaster cast, without any improvement. The doctors now had done all they could for her.

In her suffering and desperation she went to Lourdes, France, in October, 1957, to seek relief at the world-famous Catholic shrine. She saw no one healed, found no release from her

distress and pain, and returned home discouraged and disillusioned.

It was not until the beginning of 1958 that Ines and her husband had the privilege of hearing the true gospel. They both accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. At that time the



*Ines Marques discarded these supports and elevated shoe after God healed her.*

truth of divine healing was unknown to them. Ines' physical suffering continued. For a time she had to take morphine to obtain relief, and a new orthopedic brace was purchased to replace the old one she had worn for five years.

That same year some of her Christian friends attended a Pentecostal meeting. They brought to her the message that Jesus Christ has power to heal today, quoting Isaiah 53:5, "and with his stripes we are healed." Together they prayed, believing the promise. Ines threw away all her medicine and took off her brace. She was miraculously and completely healed!

We have known Ines, her husband, and their twelve-year-old daughter since March, 1961. The healing remains complete and lasting. If it were not for the scars on her legs where

bone was removed to graft into her back, one would never know she had been sick.

As a result of this healing, many in Barcelona have become interested in the Pentecostal message. During the past year and a half that we have ministered in our small assembly here, many have received the infilling with the Holy Spirit, including Ines and her husband.— (*Kenneth and Martha McIntyre, Assemblies of God missionaries, Barcelona, Spain.*)

## Doubts Vanish When God Heals Him

I SHALL NEVER BE A DOUBTER AGAIN! No, not after what the Lord did for me a few months ago.

While attending services at the San Rafael Assembly of God I heard several persons speak of miraculous healings in answer to specific prayer. I also had heard of healings in other churches. But always I doubted.

Recently—for a month or so—I suffered almost unbearable pain and soreness in my left side. Finally I went to the doctor. He said that it was either a *dead* kidney or my ulcers had returned. (I had had three-fourths of my stomach removed because of ulcers.) He told me to get X-rayed on the following Monday.

But in the meantime my condition grew worse. On Saturday night the pain was so severe that aspirin and other pain-killers had no effect.

On Sunday morning I called a fine Christian lady in the church, and asked her to request prayer for me. She did, and the church offered special prayer. Although I was not present, all pain and soreness vanished *immediately*. There has not been a trace of pain or soreness since, and the X rays showed no trouble. Praise the Lord!—Harold M. Donohoe, San Rafael, Calif.

(*Endorsed by Pastor Harold E. Rhodes, Assembly of God, San Rafael, Calif.*)

## Healed of Heart Trouble and Anemia

AFFLICTED WITH A BAD HEART CONDITION and anemia, I was taking *vitamin B-12* shots twice a week. I was unable to attend any services of my church for I was confined to my home and bed.

During Evangelist Jimmie Snow's

campaign at our church (June 1961) I felt impressed of the Spirit that if I could get to the services God would heal me. My family was afraid for me to go, but I insisted.

I was unable to sit through the forepart of the service, so my pastor came for me just before the message and took me to the church. It was difficult for me, but I *knew* that I would be healed.

The moment I was anointed I was "slain" (prostrated) by the power of God. When I arose I was healed. From that day until now I have never had any medication. I was able to attend the rest of the meetings and never missed a service.

Now I am superintendent of the Extension Department of our Sunday school and busy in my work with the shut-ins.

Praise the dear Lord for having done so much for me.—Mrs. Erman Higgins, 402 Second Avenue West, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Max Johnson, Assembly of God, Oskaloosa, Iowa)

#### THIS WEEK'S COVER

### NEW CHURCHES IN IOWA AND TENNESSEE DEDICATED

#### Mason City, Iowa

The First Assembly of God recently dedicated its new edifice with West Central District Superintendent T. E. Gannon present as speaker. The new L-shaped church has a redwood and stone exterior and will seat about 400, with an overflow area in the administrative wing which will accommodate another 200.

The sanctuary has arched ceiling beams of laminated wood, the roof deck is of Douglas fir, and pews and pulpit are light oak. A baptistry of white Georgia marble is behind the pulpit. John G. Walker is the pastor.

#### Memphis, Tennessee

A beautiful new all-brick sanctuary was dedicated a few months ago by the congregation of Rugby Park Assembly of God. The church is located at 3000 N. Watkins in Memphis. District Superintendent Earl E. Blythe was the guest speaker for the occasion.

The new building which seats 350 is air conditioned throughout. Pastor Cecil Wiggins, who has been with the church for some three years, directed the construction.



Safe behind  
bars...

Too often the Christian shares the common sentiment that once the lawbreaker is caught, convicted, and imprisoned, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. A particular kind of sinner is now removed from our sight. He is no longer a threat to our property or our lives. He is *safe behind bars!*

But thanks to the vision of some Christians who see *all* sinners as objects of God's grace, many men in our penitentiaries are actually *saved behind bars!* You can have a vital part in this neglected ministry which Christ specifically commissioned us to do. Your offering will support our national prison ministry, which includes free Bible courses for prisoners and Bible and literature distribution.

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## THEY GAVE ALL FOR YOU AND ME

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

This scripture refers to Jesus Himself, but it is also a picture of the now aged ministers and missionaries of the Assemblies of God.

They were not always old—only short years ago they were full of the vim of life. Now their lives are almost over—laid down on the altar of sacrifice in exchange for the privilege of winning souls for the Kingdom of God.

Those of us who found the true way of salvation through the efforts of these pioneers—and who among us did not—actually owe our knowledge of the full gospel to the fact that these men of God loved the ministry more than their own lives.

Can you despise this love? If you can, push the aged ministers and missionaries of the Assemblies of God from your mind. If you cannot live by this principle, however—and you must return love for love—remember them on Thanksgiving Sunday. Contribute generously to:

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Springfield, Missouri.

## Baptist Minister Receives Baptism for Which He Hungered Thirteen Years

by

ALMA WARE CROSBY

THE TESTIMONY OF A SWEET YOUNG coed at Baylor University thirteen years ago bore fruit for the Lord recently when a Baptist minister came to our home and received a wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I gave thanks for her testimony again several weeks later when I received a long-distance call from this minister who is pastor of a large Baptist church in another city.

He said, "Mrs. Crosby, I have a friend here who needs the Baptism. He is a contractor. He belongs to an Assemblies of God church but he has not yet been filled with the Holy Spirit. I would like to bring him over to your place so that we may pray."

Of course, I invited them to come, and there was a Methodist pastor from another city who had been wanting to visit us for some prayer and fellowship; he called me long distance just after this so I invited him to come at the same time. Then an Assemblies of God evangelist who is a good friend of ours (Kenneth E. Hagin) happened to be in the city so we called him and asked if he would like to come too and join our prayer meeting.

And what a prayer meeting we had. The Assembly member received a happy Baptism and God led all of us—Baptist, Methodist, and Assemblies of God—out into a season of united intercessory prayer that lasted for several hours. No words can describe what God did in our hearts during that prayer meeting. We believe that many strongholds of Satan were torn down and that God's power was released to glorify His name.

We were thrilled when the Baptist minister told us about the coed at Baylor. He said she wore no makeup; her hair was long; and the very light of Jesus seemed to shine from her eyes. She seemed "set apart" from the other students, he said, though she was very sweet and friendly and highly esteemed by them all.

One day when he chanced to be alone with her she said to him, "You need the baptism of the Holy Spirit." The minister said he never had forgotten her words. When one of his members came to him with a wonderful testimony of how he had received the Baptism, this Baptist pastor was ready and willing to come to our home to receive the experience because the influence of the Baylor coed thirteen years ago had never left him.

His baptism was most glorious. We explained to him that it was just a gift that Jesus was so wanting to give him, and that it would bring power into his life to work for God. He opened his heart and received almost immediately. He was under the power of God for quite some time and preached at length in other tongues. Afterwards he wept and said, "I was preaching to my own people in my own church."

The Lord be praised for the way He is filling hungry hearts in all denominations with His precious Holy Spirit these days. Let us all be faithful to witness to others about this blessed experience: there may be a hidden hunger where we least expect it.

### The Lord Is My Light

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 21:1)*

The Lord is my *light*; and the darkness is past;  
No longer do shadows my path overcast;  
He graciously, clearly illumines the way;  
The night of my soul has been changed into day.

The Lord's my *salvation!* He saves me from sin,  
And gives me assurance my spirit within.  
Though wand'ring and lost like a sheep far astray,  
He brought me in peace to His sheepfold to stay.

The Lord is my *strength*, yea, the strength of my life;  
He clothes me with might for the battles and strife.  
I'm strong in His grace, and I fear not the fight,  
For God is my *strength*, my *salvation* and *light*.

—William Burton McCafferty

# Stewardship Book to Be Studied During Workers Training Month

By DONALD F. JOHNS

INTEREST IN WORKERS TRAINING Month is steadily increasing in the Assemblies of God. In 1947, when the training month program was initiated, 6,454 certificates were issued for successful completion of a course of study. Last year 57,005 certificates were issued. A preliminary survey of this year's statistics indicates that over 58,000 certificates will be awarded.

January will be Workers Training Month and many churches are now charting plans for the course. The text book chosen for 1963 is *This Is Stewardship*, by George Brazell.

George Brazell is vice-president of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas. His varied practical experience as pastor, evangelist, and Christian educator provided part of the rich background upon which he drew to write the book. Brother Brazell holds the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees.

The book, *This Is Stewardship*, had its origin in lectures on stewardship given by the author at a recent Advanced Christian Training School. Brother Brazell was asked to put his material in book form so that Christian workers throughout the nation could benefit from it. Seventy thousand copies of the book are being printed.

The theme of the book is clear: men should "Christianize" all the processes of daily living. Author Brazell says: "Stewardship is the sum total of man's attitude and reaction toward the Divine Creator and His creation. God is the Owner of all creation, and man is the responsible servant entrusted with and commissioned to rightly handle for God His program on earth." The book quickly establishes Christian stewardship as

more than giving of money. Christian stewardship is giving of self.

The theme is developed through the successive chapters of the book. Chapter one explores the Biblical foundations for the teaching of Christian stewardship. The reader will discover that stewardship has both Old Testament and New Testament roots.

Chapter two develops a Christian philosophy of stewardship. The author encourages correct motives and offers practical guidance in determining how much to give and how much to retain for the necessities of life.

Chapter three teaches that stewardship is concerned with more than money and goods. A Christian steward must also consider his influence, time, habits, service, attitudes, and his prayer life.

Chapter four expounds the thought that responsibility is directly related to personal capabilities. The Christian is responsible for effective use of his abilities, his knowledge, and his opportunities.

The opportunities for stewardship are explored in chapter five. Everyone can do something. This chapter will encourage the reader to find his place in Christian service.

Chapter six focuses on the need of teaching church members the larger concept of stewardship. Practical suggestions are included.

Is tithing synonymous with stewardship? This question is answered in chapter seven. Tithing is a part, but stewardship goes beyond tithing.

The role of the family is discussed in chapter eight. All members of the Christian family are involved in Christian giving.

Chapter nine widens the concept to include community responsibilities. This will make the reader conscious that he does not live in a cloister and that his responsibilities extend outside the four walls of his local church.

The last chapter is a call for commitment. The author is aware that an understanding of stewardship is not enough. Christian understanding must be accompanied by Christian action.

Study the book. Make its teachings yours. Application of these principles will help the individual, benefit the Sunday school, bring honor to the Lord.

*This Is Stewardship*, by George Brazell, is available from the Gospel Publishing House; order number: 2 EV 745; price \$1.25.

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USE GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY



# Sunday's Lesson

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH



## PENITENCE AND PARDON

Sunday School Lesson for November 18, 1962

2 SAMUEL 12:1-9, 12, 13; 1 JOHN 1:9, 10

This lesson centers around the SIN of David and is a sorry chapter in David's otherwise splendid life. It carries a solemn warning to all of us, for transgressions such as this have caused more sorrow and suffering than all the wars of human history. And no saint of God—however far-advanced spiritually—can claim to be beyond the possibility of failure in living a life of moral purity.

### UNCONTROLLED PASSION (vv. 1-4)

In his parable to David, Nathan said, "There came a traveler unto the rich man." Thus he described the way in which David had opened his mind to an impure thought and uncontrolled desire! How low the king's spiritual resistance was!

For one thing, David at this time was *idle*. While his men were at the battlefield, he was resting on the laurels he had won in battle. Many years earlier, David had also sown the seed of his sin when, in disobedience to the divine decree concerning kings, he had begun to marry many wives! (See 2 Samuel 5:13, and compare Deuteronomy 17:17.)

### THE THIEF THAT IS TOLERATED



### HYPOCRITICAL ANGER (vv. 5, 6)

Here we have a revelation of the perversity and deceitfulness of the human heart! Often Christians may be found expressing so-called "righteous indignation" over the sins of others. Many times these inconsistencies are less in the sight of God than those present in their own hearts! Paul said, "Wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things" (Romans 2:1).

### SUDDEN EXPOSURE (vv. 7-12)

Nathan said to David, "Thou art the man." Thus, through the prophet, came the convicting voice of God to David. It took courage for Nathan to do as he did. But how thankful David could be!

Are we prepared to admit the state of our own lives? We may denounce sin in the lives of others, decry the low state of the church, and deplore the progress of communism—but are we ready to face ourselves and to hear God say to us, "Thou art the man"? Are we ready to confess our own complicity in the unhappy affairs of the church and the world?

### COMPLETE CONFESSION (v. 13)

Though David's sin was grievous, he was quick to admit his guilt: "I have sinned against the Lord." His sense of sin was not superficial—it and his repentance were deep and genuine. Above all, he recognized that he had sinned against the Lord who loved him and who had called and blessed him.

Indeed, this is the chief heinousness of sin. Not only does it blight and ruin the lives of others, but it breaks the heart of God. (See Psalm 51:1-17.)

### GRACIOUS FORGIVENESS (v. 13)

"The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die." How melodious these words must have been to the sin-sick soul of King David. ("Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!")

Romans 5:20 declares: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Though sin is a shocking, terrible, and dreadful thing, let it never be forgotten that He "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Hebrews 7:25). There is no sin so great that it cannot be forgiven!

### IRREMIEDIABLE CONSEQUENCES (1 Samuel 12:14)

David's sin and its forgiveness should offer hope to the hopeless, but it was never intended to promote presumption or light views concerning sin. David had:

1. "Despised the Commandment of the Lord."
2. "Killed Uriah the Hittite."
3. "Committed Adultery with Bathsheba."

These terrible deeds could not be undone. Moreover, Nathan reminded him, "By this deed thou hast given great occasion for the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme." From that day until this, the enemies of the Lord have pointed the finger of scorn and ridicule—not only at David but, *because* of him, at the whole cause of Christianity.

Finally, let it be observed that, as predicted in 2 Samuel 12:10, 11, David's evil sowing was bitterly reaped in his own household!

—J. Bashford Bishop



# Saved From Drink and Drugs

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY BOBBY BLACK

GOD WROUGHT A MIRACLE WHEN HE TRANSFORMED ME from a wild, hell-bound teen-ager to a new creature in Christ Jesus.

For 1,460 days I was on dope, drunk, or sick. After a close brush with suicide I stumbled down the street and into an Assemblies of God church where I found the help I needed.

But let me go back to the beginning.

I was one of a family of ten which lived in a poor section of Oakland, Calif. We were allowed to run loose around town and, consequently, I soon learned things that were not good for a small boy. I was brought up in a home that did not believe in God, and I had never been to church in my whole life. Never once had I heard the story of how Jesus died on the Cross for sinners like me.

At the age of thirteen I was like many other teenagers. I had a big mop of hair, smoked cigarettes, and could swear just as much as the next fellow.

The real trouble started when I was fifteen. Two school friends persuaded me to have some "kicks." They gave me some pills and told me if I took them I would get "high." I took the pills. After forty minutes they "hit" me and every nerve and muscle in my body was stimulated by this dope. It may have felt good at the time, but the next day I was miserable. I felt nauseated, as though I had the flu; and even worse than the physical pain was the mental depression. I said to myself, "Never again!" but I was coaxed to take the pills again and yielded. Before long I was "hooked." After four months I was beginning to live in a little world all my own.

At the end of six months I was using thirty pills a day. My parents put me in a juvenile hall. But the people at this institution were unable to help me, and as soon as I got out I went right back on dope. By the time I was seventeen I was getting \$300 shipments of marijuana from Mexico every two months and smoking the "weed." At eighteen I was also a habitual alcoholic. Sometimes when I could not get dope I turned to alcohol to numb my brain and relax me. Many times I remember drinking a half quart of wine for breakfast. At nineteen I had been using dope for four years and was sick of it. I did not want to be a dope addict. I tried many times to quit—but couldn't.

I decided to begin boxing. I thought that if I could build up my body I might be able to "kick the habit." But I was unable to. When my big chance came to fight in the Golden Gloves tournament, the judges stopped the bout in the third round because I was doped up.

After this I decided to commit suicide; what was left to live for? I saw a car coming down the street about

forty miles an hour and I ran at it as fast as I could. Just before I hit the car, it swerved and missed me!

As I stood on the street corner, I put my face in my hands and began to sob, "Oh, God! Oh, God!" And just as real as can be, God spoke to my heart. It was not an audible voice. It was an impression. The thought of church flashed through my mind. Something urged me, "Go to church."

I walked down the street intending to go into the first church I saw. It happened to be an Assemblies of God church. I walked up the steps and tried the door, but it was locked. As I turned and walked away I heard a voice call "Son, come here!" I looked back and there standing in the door was an elderly man with a gleam in his eye and a shine on his face. He was so different from the people I knew. He put his arm around me and we walked into the church together.

We sat down in a pew and he said, "Son, would you like to tell me what your problem is?"

I was shaky, depressed, sick, and began to cry. I said, "Mister, I'm hooked. I'm a dope addict. I'm a big sinner—I need help." He got a Bible and read Revelation 3:20 to me. He asked, "You want to be saved, don't you?" I looked at him and with a broken heart said, "Mister, I don't know what you mean, but I sure do need help."

"All right," he said, "let's go to our knees together." My knees hit that floor, and when they did something inside me broke. I wept and sobbed like a baby. I repented; I was sorry for my sins. I never cried so much before, and it never before felt so good! I felt the power, the love, the reality of God come all over me. For ten minutes I begged God to forgive me.

Then just as real as anything could be, I felt the Lord Jesus say to my heart, "Son, I forgive you." He cleansed me. I arose from the altar with my burdens lifted. I felt wonderful—like a new person. It was as the Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Yes, I found peace, love, joy. I began to live for God, read my Bible, and go to church. I have been serving God now for four years, and I wouldn't trade this love and peace I possess for anything this world has to offer. I don't use dope any more. I don't get drunk any more.

When Christ comes in, He transforms you—regenerates you. He takes away those old habits and old desires, and gives you new desires and a new purpose. Now I am preaching and testifying and telling young people across the nation that I have found peace and a wonderful life in Jesus. " "

# Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



MERCER, MO.—There was good attendance throughout a two-week revival recently held at the Mercer Assembly of God here with Evangelist Bonnie Ruble. One was saved, another was reclaimed, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The evangelist's ministry was an inspiration to old and young alike. Her messages and musical talents were inspiring.

—Donald L. Payne, Pastor

ATLANTA, GA.—Faith Memorial Church enjoyed the rich teaching and profound preaching of the British evangelist, Charles H. Harthern. Several were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a good attendance each night. The evangelist's ministry among the children was as successful as that among the adults.

—Ralph Byrd, Pastor

ARDMORE, OKLA.—The ministries of Evangelist and Mrs. Harold J. Baker of Wetumka, Okla., were a great blessing to the congregation at Central Assembly here. Nine persons were saved, six were filled with the Holy Spirit, eight were baptized in water, and there were two outstanding healings. A seven-year-old girl who was unable to attend school because of a rheumatic heart condition received deliverance following prayer in her behalf. With her doctor's permission she attended school several days later. Another child was healed of a nervous condition. The Kids Crusade conducted nightly by Sister Baker preceding the regular evan-

gelistic services was a particular blessing. A spirit of revival continues in the church.

—Alfred Hambrick, Pastor

HOUSTON, TEX.—More Bibles were in evidence at Radio Revival Church than ever before as a result of the dynamic Bible preaching of Evangelist Sidney Jones. Numbers of persons were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit during this three-week revival. Sunday school attendance reached 190. Plans are being made for the evangelist to return to Houston next summer for a camp meeting. Revival fires continue to burn in the regular services.

—Kenneth Berry, Pastor

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—A revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Oren Paris of Waxahachie Tex., brought great blessing to Northside Assembly of God. Five conversions were reported, and many were refilled with the Holy Spirit. It was a time of real soul-searching and rededication to Christ. The meeting was concluded by a water baptismal service.

—Branham and Steele, Pastors

TEXARKANA, TEX.—A successful tent revival was held here with the Quentin Edwards Evangelistic Team of Dallas, Tex. The Calvary, Lakeside, Oakland, and New Boston Assemblies cooperated in this effort. Each night the meeting climaxed with a wonderful response to the salvation altar call. A goodly number were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were



VALEJO, Calif.—A capacity crowd filled the main sanctuary of First Assembly here on the closing Sunday morning of the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin of St. Petersburg, Fla. An overflow crowd (bottom photo) viewed the service by closed-circuit television in the lower auditorium. More than 40 persons responded to the gospel invitation. L. H. Bottroff is pastor.

several outstanding miracles of healing. Crowds increased each night; on some occasions the tent was packed out. Each cooperating pastor expressed appreciation for this revival.

—V. D. Dial, Chm.

FESTUS, MO.—A most profitable revival was conducted at Calvary Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Ft. Worth, Tex. Prayer meetings were held daily. Sinners were saved, believers were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was revived as this special ministry exalted Christ and honored the precious Blood.

—T. Doyne Jennings, Pastor

MURDO, S. DAK.—An outstanding two-week evangelistic crusade was held recently at the Assembly of God here by the "Message for America Team" of Sisseton, S. Dak. Backsliders were reclaimed, and many others showed a desire to know Christ in a real way. Visitors were present in each service. Plans are under way for this team to return in the near future.

—Jack L. Glass, Pastor

ST. JAMES, MO.—September 23 marked the close of a two-week revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelist Glenna Byard and husband. Believers prayed from two to four hours daily for God to pour out His Spirit upon the meetings, and God answered. Nine persons were saved, six were reclaimed, six were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and an equal number were baptized in water. Sunday school attendance reached 163, the highest in 17 years. This is the third consecutive revival held here by the Byards in less than three years.

—T. Bluford Conway, Pastor

TUCSON, ARIZ.—A gracious spirit of revival continues in the regular services at the Southside Assembly of God here following a great revival with Evangelist Jerry Russell of Sedona, Ariz. God used this young evangelist to stir the hearts of the people—both old and young. Some 26 were either saved or reclaimed, and 14 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Average monthly Sunday school



VAN BUREN, Ark.—Adults as well as children enjoyed the Kids Crusade conducted at the First Assembly of God here by Evangelist Gladys Voight of Durant, Fla. Many new people attended the church and a number accepted Christ as their Saviour. Edwin Burris is pastor.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

attendance was the highest in eight years. Many visitors attended the revival and some of them now come to the regular services.

—*Carl E. Reynolds, Sr., Pastor*

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**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—Calvary Assembly reports one of its most spiritual revivals in the pastor's four years of ministry here. There were many visitors during these meetings with Evangelist Robert Rogers. Two individuals were saved, four were reclaimed, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, four were refilled, and five joined the church. The life story of the evangelist was one of the high lights of the revival.

—*P. L. Nixon, Pastor*

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**HOT SPRINGS, ARK.**—Central Assembly reports a genuine Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Bill Mason of Beaumont, Tex., and Reuben Welch of Edgerly, La. Many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and a good number were reclaimed. God has blessed the church in many ways. The entire church has been redecorated and new furniture has been installed. The old parsonage has been sold and another will be purchased in a new location. This is the pastor's fourth year of service here.

—*Nelson Woodcock, Pastor*

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**GARY, IND.**—Miller Assembly reports an outstanding week of meetings with Evangelist A. F. DiMusto and family. The campaign, which began with a sectional fellowship rally on Monday night, was well attended throughout. Several were saved, others were reclaimed, and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. The preaching and special music was especially anointed of the Holy Spirit.

—*Floyd Petrucci, Pastor*

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**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**—Evangelist Wallace Joice of Jenks, Okla., ministered in a very profitable revival in the Midway Assembly of God here. Five persons were saved and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. Believers were moved to a fresh consecration and caught anew the vision to work for God.

—*E. D. Bagwell, Pastor*

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**JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**—Meetings reminiscent of old-time Pentecost were enjoyed at the Southside Assembly of God August 8-19 with Evangelist Wm. H. Kautz of Clearwater, Fla. The straightforward Bible preaching drew many to the Saviour. Services were well attended each night. Several were

| STATE  | CITY               | ASSEMBLY          | DATE           | EVANGELIST             | PASTOR              |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Ala.   | Brantley           | A/G               | Nov. 11-25     | C. E. & Rita Simms     | Gordon Morrison     |
|        | Eight Mile         | Victory           | Nov. 11-25     | B. R. Minton           | W. W. Vaughan       |
|        | Enterprise         | Holloway Tab.     | Nov. 11-25     | Robert Rogers          | W. B. Johnson       |
| Ariz.  | San Carlos         | Apache            | Nov. 18-25     | F. Wm. Olson           | O. B. Treece        |
| Ark.   | El Dorado          | First             | Nov. 14-30     | Eddie Eaton            | Erling Saxelid      |
|        | Forrest City       | First             | Nov. 12-25     | Jack & Mrs. Kinard     | J. S. McMahan       |
|        | Fort Smith         | First             | Nov. 14-25     | Charles T. Crabtree    | B. Owen Oslin       |
|        | Little Rock        | A/G               | Nov. 4—        | Freddie Richardson     | Paul Graves         |
|        | Little Rock        | Central           | Nov. 14—       | H. J. Keener           | B. H. Campbell      |
| Calif. | Modesto            | Central           | Oct. 30—       | Doug Payne             | Donald J. Bogue     |
|        | Pittsburg          | Templo Cristiano  | Nov. 11-25     | D. Bazan, Sr.          | Francisco Rivera    |
|        | St. Helena         | A/G               | Nov. 6-11      | Doug Payne             | F. T. Alford        |
|        | Santa Clara        | Neighborhood Ch.  | Nov. 11-18     | Christian Hild         | Ed Gomeš            |
|        | Tulare             | First             | Nov. 6—        | Bobby Black            | Paul J. Smith       |
|        | Vacaville          | A/G               | Nov. 13-18     | Marvin Schmidt         | Wm. L. Shelley      |
|        | Wilmington         | Boulevard         | Nov. 18—       | Doug Payne             | Leonard Nipper      |
| Fla.   | Baker              | Shady Grove       | Nov. 14—       | Michael & Peggy Lord   | Albert C. Vickers   |
| Ga.    | Smyrna             | First             | Nov. 12-18     | Robert C. McNew        | T. C. Harty, Jr.    |
| Idaho  | Rupert             | First             | Nov. 13-25     | Gospel Evangelaires    | Vernon R. Vance     |
| Ill.   | Cottage Hills      | First             | Nov. 13-25     | G. A. & Mrs. Snaveley  | Maurice Burgund     |
|        | Zion               | Christian         | Nov. 13-25     | William Caldwell       | Thos. R. Brubaker   |
| Iowa   | Eldora             | A/G               | Nov. 13-25     | Norman & Evelyn Hays   | J. F. Perry         |
|        | Marshalltown       | First             | Nov. 11-25     | Floyd L. Dennis        | Warren La Rose      |
|        | Ottumwa            | First Pent.       | Nov. 13—       | Joseph De Grado        | Stanton E. Johnson  |
| Kans.  | Great Bend         | Crescent Park     | Nov. 6—        | Doug & Louise Bartlett | Howard Marshall     |
| Md.    | Frederick          | Calvary           | Nov. 18—       | Jim & Tammy Bakker     | R. E. Hartle        |
| Mich.  | Detroit            | * Brightmoor Tab. | Nov. 11-16     | Bob Olson              | Bond Bowman         |
|        | Farmington         | A/G               | Nov. 13-25     | Ray C. Eskelin         | John Winn           |
|        | Owosso             | A/G               | Nov. 13-18     | Glenna Byard           | R. L. Berthume      |
| Minn.  | St. Cloud          | ** A/G            | Nov. 11-18     | Victor Etienne         | Martin E. Gerdes    |
| Miss.  | Shubuta            | First             | Nov. 7-18      | L. Grant Daniel        | Autrey Harvill      |
| Mo.    | Kansas City        | Bethel Tab.       | Nov. 13-25     | P. A. Samford          | R. A. Sites         |
|        | Kansas City        | Parkville         | Nov. 9-18      | Bob & Pat Ludwig       | Aubrey Grindstaff   |
|        | Trenton            | A/G               | Nov. 18-Dec. 2 | Bonnie M. Ruble        | Roy Donelson        |
| Nebr.  | Bridgeport         | A/G               | Nov. 6-18      | Jerry & Joy Spain      | R. V. Umphenour     |
|        | Kearney            | A/G               | Nov. 12-25     | Bob & Sonya Johnson    | L. E. Wilkins       |
|        | Mitchell           | A/G               | Nov. 6-18      | Billy & Mrs. Heaston   | Troy D. Allen       |
| N. J.  | Livingston         | Full Gospel Ch.   | Nov. 14-25     | Busse Team             | Joseph Mezzapelli   |
| N. Y.  | East Aurora        | A/G               | Nov. 13-25     | Brosey-Buchwalter Team | Charles A. Thomas   |
|        | Huntington Sta.    | A/G Pent. Ch.     | Nov. 13-25     | The Tanner Team        | C. M. Shaffer       |
| Ohio   | Columbus           | Fairmoor          | Nov. 13-25     | Paul D. Van Winkle     | Felix Coyle         |
|        | Conneaut           | A/G               | Nov. 13-25     | Leon Morrow            | Earl E. Hart        |
|        | Delphos            | First             | Nov. 13-Dec. 2 | W. W. & Mrs. Martin    | Warren J. Campbell  |
|        | Fairfield          | Tri-County        | Nov. 14-18     | Bob Hoskins            | Hugh H. Rosenberg   |
|        | Youngstown         | Highway Tab.      | Nov. 13-18     | John A. Stallings      | E. J. Schlossmacher |
| Okla.  | Idabel             | A/G               | Nov. 13—       | J. B. & Mrs. Essary    | Ruben Ruiz          |
|        | Oklahoma City      | Evangel           | Nov. 11-25     | S. B. Douglass         | Floyd L. Poag       |
|        | Tahlequah          | A/G               | Nov. 12-25     | Erwin Moore            | George McGee        |
|        | Tulsa              | Suburban Hills    | Nov. 7-18      | Eddie Richards         | Dale D. Starling    |
| Oreg.  | Coos Bay           | Bunker Hill       | Nov. 11-25     | L. H. Sheets           | Ray B. Hasley       |
| Pa.    | Bristol            | Pent. Ch.         | Nov. 13-25     | Dan & Anita Bogdan     | Anthony Marinacci   |
|        | Dillsburg          | A/G               | Nov. 14-25     | John French            | F. C. Bennett       |
|        | Johnstown          | Grace Pent. Ch.   | Nov. 13—       | V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun | Edward Opendhoff    |
|        | Shippensburg       | A/G               | Nov. 13-25     | Peiffer-Harden Team    | Earl H. Ford        |
|        | Shrewsbury         | Full Gospel       | Nov. 13-25     | Olshevski Musical Team | Alfred D. Boyd      |
|        | Turtle Creek       | A/G               | Nov. 18-Dec. 2 | J. E. & Mrs. Douglass  | Howard Sproull      |
|        | Wilkes Barre       | Pentecostal       | Nov. 11-18     | Dorothy T. Ponge       | Albert Lazar        |
| S. C.  | Greenville         | Southside         | Nov. 6-18      | Bob & Jeri Winford     | J. L. Gallman       |
| Tenn.  | Bristol            | W. Highland       | Nov. 16—       | John Eller             | J. Samuel Rasnake   |
| Tex.   | Fort Worth         | Rosen Heights     | Nov. 11-25     | Ted Stephens Party     | O. B. Braune        |
|        | Garland            | Rose Hill         | Nov. 18—       | Jimmy & Lente Merritt  | E. D. Maxfield      |
| Va.    | Norfolk            | Calvary           | Nov. 13-25     | J. W. & Mrs. Beam      | Stanley Cooke       |
| Wash.  | Harrah             | A/G               | Nov. 6-18      | A. L. Batterson        | D. E. Nelson        |
|        | Kent               | A/G               | Nov. 18-Dec. 2 | John Irish Smith       | Alfred A. Dobson    |
| W. Va. | Evergreen Hills    | A/G               | Nov. 11-25     | Laird Fain             | James R. Ailles     |
| Wyo.   | Cheyenne           | Full Gospel       | Nov. 13-25     | Wesley Pollet          | George Alber        |
| Canada | Milton, Ont.       | Highway Gospel    | Nov. 14-25     | Kudra Musical Team     | M. C. Christensen   |
| India  | Shencottah, Madras | A/G               | Nov. 13—       | Donnel-Holler Team     | Mrs. Doris Edwards  |

\* Children's Revival

\*\* Youth Revival

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saved, and approximately 15 were filled with the Holy Spirit—including some who had sought for years. There were numerous testimonies of God's healing power as a result of the prayers for the sick. The two daily newspapers and the television and radio stations gave excellent and extended coverage during the entire revival, cooperating with the public relations committee of the church (Mrs. Blanche Foreman, committee chairman).

—*J. B. Davis, Pastor*



Eugene Vaters



A. S. Burse

### Pentecostal Leader in Newfoundland Retires

LEWISPORTE, Nfld.—At the general conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland held here last June, Eugene Vaters retired from his offices of president and general superintendent after a tenure of 35 years. A. Stanley Burse was elected as his successor, and Brother Vaters was designated as honorary president.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland has enjoyed a remarkable growth. In 1935 there were 3,721 Pentecostal people in Newfoundland. In 1961 the govern-

ment census recorded 20,367 Pentecostals—about 4½ per cent of the Newfoundland population. There are now more than 100 Pentecostal assemblies in the province.

In 1954 the Newfoundland government recognized the denomination officially for educational purposes. The Pentecostal Board of Education now operates 52 day schools in Newfoundland and Labrador, employing 150 teachers with a pupil enrollment of about 4,000.

Brother Vaters, now honorary president, also acts as director of the Religious Book and Bible House in St. John's and as editor of *Good Tidings*.

The new president and general superintendent, A. Stanley Burse, formerly served as superintendent of the North Western District of the Newfoundland Pentecostal Conference. His brother Frank also serves in an official capacity, having been elected assistant general superintendent at the same general conference last June.



The four winners are greeted and welcomed to headquarters by Charles Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department, and Carl Conner, public relations director of the Assemblies of God. Left to right are C. W. Denton, Ruth A. Karr, Charles Ness, Cora Samnoen, Tom A. Beal, and Carl Conner.

### Sunday School Workers Visit Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The National Sunday School Department was honored in September when a carload of Sunday school workers from Vancouver, Wash., paid a four-day visit to Springfield.

Pastor Wayne Adams of Glad

Tidings Assembly, Vancouver, had informed the national Sunday school secretary, C. W. Denton, of the fact that his church had awarded this trip to the workers in recognition of their outstanding achievement during a three-



Melvin Soltau (left) of the American Bible Society hands Ralph Harris one of the new Bibles the Society presented to the NSSA Curriculum Committee. Left to right are Dr. Soltau, Lewis J. Willis, Clyne Buxton, John Schaal, Elmo Warkentin, Clate Risley, William Jones, A. M. Long, William Eastlake, and Brother Harris.

### ASSEMBLIES EDITORS HELP PRODUCE OUTLINES FOR NSSA UNIFORM SERIES

CHICAGO, ILL.—Mid-September brought another meeting of the National Sunday School Association's Curriculum Committee which was held at the headquarters of the association. The NSSA, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals, provides the Sunday school lesson outlines for the uniform series used by the Gospel Publishing House and other evangelical publishers.

Two Assemblies of God representatives were present for the sessions. They were Ralph W. Harris, editor-in-chief of Sunday school literature for the Assemblies of God, and William Eastlake, associate editor who has charge of quarterly materials.

The committee has been preparing uniform Sunday school lesson outlines since 1946. Over three million people study lessons prepared from these outlines. Brother Harris currently serves as chairman of the NSSA Curriculum Committee.

NSSA recently began the development of a seven-year permanent lesson cycle that is creating considerable interest in evangelical circles.

Other committee members present for the curriculum meeting were Lewis J. Willis, Church of God; Clyne Buxton, Church of God; John Schaal, Christian Reformed Church; Elmo Warkentin, Church of Mennonite Brethren; Clate Risley, executive secretary of NSSA; William Jones, American Sunday School Union; and A. M. Long, Pentecostal Holiness Church.

month "beat the summer slump" attendance drive.

Members of the party were Tom Beal, Sunday school superintendent; Ruth A. Karr, primary departmental superintendent; Cora Samnoen, junior teacher; and Charles Ness, Sunday school member.

They reported that the special attendance drive had good results. During June, July, and August some 670 visitors attended the Sunday school, many of whom later joined. At least two persons were saved as a direct result of the effort. The three-month average attendance was a healthy 414 compared to the previous summer's 355.

While in Springfield the four visited Central Bible Institute, Evangel College, local churches, toured the new administration

building of the Assemblies of God, and gathered information that would be helpful to them and their church. They spent four days as guests of the National Sunday School Department.

The Sunday school staff of Glad Tidings is already making plans for a special summer attendance effort in 1963. The campaign will be part of a year-long program to celebrate the Vancouver assembly's twenty-fifth anniversary.

### BLESSING REPORTED AT MARYLAND CAMP MEETING

LONACONING, MD.—For the third consecutive year the George's Creek camp meeting was conducted under a large gospel tent in Lonaconing. The three-week

meeting, sponsored by First Assembly of God, was supported and attended by people of many denominations. It ended September 9.

God made the camp a glorious time this year. Many were saved, healed, and blessed. The speaker was Evangelist Charles Crank of Orlando, Fla. (who is now an ordained minister with the Indiana District Council). Brother Crank sang and preached with a mighty anointing.—*Chas. E. Fussell, Pastor.*

**VBS HELD DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

MARTINEZ, CALIF.—The best time for VBS is during the summer but if that is not possible the next best thing is to schedule it for some other vacation period.

That is what happened at the Assembly of God in Martinez. The VBS was held during the Christmas holidays (December 18-22, 1961), and climaxed with a special program on Christmas Sunday morning, December 24, led by the pastor's wife, Mrs. W. Sandlin.

Total enrollment was 56 and the average daily attendance was 48. The children met from 9 to 12 a.m. each day, Monday through Friday. The teachers presented a course of study prepared by women in the church. A special thrill to the 11 workers and teachers was to see the attendance in the young people's class grow each day.—*Linda Spiva, Chairman, Bible school committee.*

**LARGE CANADIAN CHURCH DEDICATED**

A \$600,000 edifice, one of the largest evangelical churches in all Canada, has been dedicated at Mimico (suburban Toronto), Ont., by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Speaker at the dedication service which attracted some 2,200 people was Prime Minister E. C. Manning, an evangelical lay preacher who is head of the government in the western Canadian province of Alberta. The pastor, A. W. Ness, began the church nine years ago in an unused building with \$3,000 which he borrowed.

**REVIVAL IN THE FAROE ISLANDS**

THORSHAVN—There has been an unusual move of the Holy Spirit in the Faroe Islands. At a recent evangelical convention in Thors-havn, the capital city, it became necessary to use the local fish market since no other building could accommodate the crowds.

According to *The Flame*, meetings are marked by simplicity and often last three hours. Though no

open "appeals" are given, many are being saved.

The Faroese have had the Bible in their own language for only 15 years and there is little literature to help them, but many young people have a great hunger for spiritual truths. There now are 26 evangelical centers scattered over these islands.

Victor G. Greisen, Foreign Missions field secretary of the Assemblies of God, conducted services on the Faroe Islands in December, 1958. He reported attendance in the Pentecostal church in Thors-havn at approximately 250, and said that God was blessing the Pentecostal witness throughout the islands.

The Faroe Islands (22 in number) are situated in the North Sea midway between Iceland and Norway. A Danish possession, they have a population of 35,000 and have only two large towns, Klakksvik and Thorshavn.

**WITH CHRIST**

RICHARD E. TAYLOR, 82, of Graceville, Fla., went to be with the Lord May 16, 1962. He was ordained in 1915 and served as pastor and evangelist in Alabama and Florida. He is survived by his wife, Golda.

MRS. RILDA M. HOPKINS, 76, went to her eternal reward on August 20, 1962, after a long illness. She was a licensed minister in the Oklahoma District of the Assemblies of God. Sister Hopkins served as an evangelist. She is survived by her husband, Henry L. Hopkins of Baxter Springs, Kans., who is an ordained minister (now superannuated), one daughter, and two sons.

L. R. LYNCH, 56, of Tulsa, Okla, left his home on earth for his eternal mansion on September 10, 1962. His death following five months of illness was attributed to cancer. At the time of his Home-going Brother Lynch was pastor of the Philadelphia Assembly in Tulsa, a church which he founded in 1951. He began preaching in Arkansas in 1922 at the age of sixteen. He affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1936 and served as pastor, evangelist, and Bible college instructor. During his forty years of gospel ministry he pastored in Missouri, Illinois, and Oklahoma. From 1936 to 1942 he served as an instructor at Central Bible Institute. Brother Lynch was widely known in Tulsa, having been past president of the Tulsa Ministerial Alliance and having served as its treasurer for five years. He is survived by his wife Ethel, two sons, one daughter, and eleven grandchildren.



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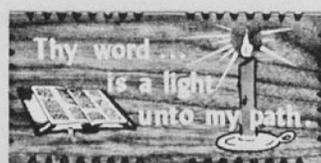
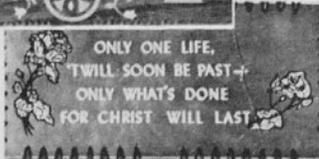
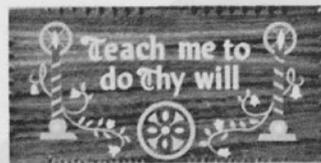


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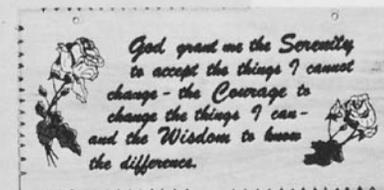
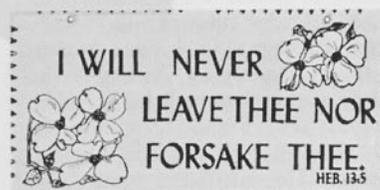
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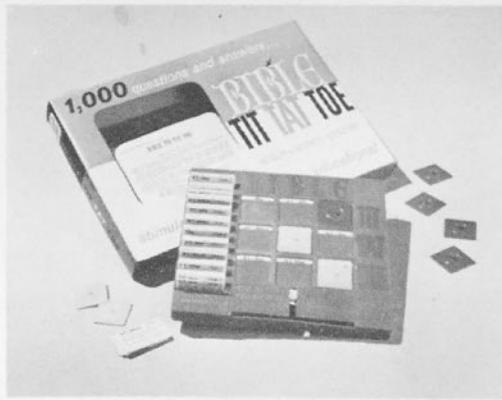
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# A Certain Samaritan

By IRMA HEGEL



IT WAS A DARK WINTER NIGHT A YEAR AGO. MY HUSBAND, an insurance salesman, had been called to the Cherry Hill section of the city to visit the holder of a lapsed policy.

Cherry Hill is a slum area of giant warehouses and dingy shacks clustered closely together. It was not the most inviting place to visit after dark, so when George insisted that he had to make the call that night, I insisted on accompanying him.

Our car was turning into a narrow alley of the district when two rough-looking individuals suddenly emerged from the shadows and stepped directly into our path. They waved for us to stop. We had to brake the car or run over them.

My mouth felt dry and my heart pounded as I realized the danger of our situation. Had I been at the wheel I probably would have thrown the car into reverse and cleared out of there at top speed. But George is braver than I. He rolled down the window and asked, "What do you want?"

The taller of the two men slouched forward until his unshaven face stared directly into the face of my husband. "We got a pal back of the Tipkins warehouse," he said. "He's hurt and bleedin' bad."

I nearly panicked. "Don't go," I whispered. I felt sure it was a trap. But George was not thinking of us so much as of the injured man—if there was such a man. He was moved with Christian compassion.

He opened the car door and as he did so he turned and looked at me. "Coming?" he asked. And in an undertone he added, "But a certain Samaritan..."

I knew the parable. I had talked glibly about it as I worked in mission and charity drives but suddenly that night the story took on a new meaning.

In a vacant spot behind a big warehouse we came upon the form of a man prone upon the ground. He was poorly clad, perhaps in his early forties. His eyes were shut; blood caked his face and head; black and blue marks told the violent beating he had received.

George looked at the two men. "Why didn't you report this to the police?"

"Wid our record?" the tall one retorted. "The cops

would clamp us in jail and pin this job on us in nothin' flat. You gotta get him to a doctor, Mister, and leave us strictly out o' this."

But the man was hurt too badly to be moved. In spite of violent protests from the two unkempt individuals we notified the police and they called an ambulance.

A patrolman asked a lot of questions. "What about these fellows?" he queried, jerking his head in the direction of the victim's "pals."

"They're the men who stopped us and directed us here," George replied, "I'll vouch for both of them."

The ambulance and patrol car drove off, leaving us there with the two. The taller one stretched out a grimy hand. "Thanks, Mister. We knowed ole Bill Shipley from 'way back. Comin' across him like we did tonight, we couldn't let him down. It was Pete here who got the idea of stoppin' the first car we seed."

A grin lit the other's grimy face. "I'm glad we hit a good Samaritan," he said.

"Oh, then you know Jesus' parable?" I asked.

"Yes, ma'am. When I was a kid, I had that kind of a home. Just bunk, that's what I thought it was. After a fellow hits the skids nobody cares. I wanted—jest once—to see somebody care. You two did." And the men moved back into the shadows from which they had come.

Two days later we visited the hospital. We found Bill Shipley patched up, clean, doing fine. "Gus and Pete told me what you did, folks. Thanks."

Bill squirmed uneasily on his pillows. "I was drunk, got rolled. Mebbe I deserved it. But I ain't thankin' you jest for me. It's them—Pete and Gus. They come over last night shaved and all slicked up. Said they got theirselves jobs. Told me they'd get me a job when I come out o' here. S'pose a man can change that much?"

"We know One with whom all changes are possible," George declared.

I was glad my husband did not "pass on the other side," like the priest and Levite in the story recorded in Luke 10. It's so easy to go our own way; but the way of "a certain Samaritan" is a happier way of life.