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—DAVID BRAINERD

WANTED—WORKERS ON APPROVAL

Sitting there in my room, as the evening shadows gathered, I reached for my Bible. I turned to 2 Timothy 2:15 and read the words: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Then, as I drifted into a quiet, peaceful reverie, I seemed to read these words: "WANTED! PERSONS TO WORK FOR GOD ON APPROVAL!"

I realized this was in the language of a modern newspaper and I asked myself, "Is God *advertising* for workers on approval?"

Yes, for over nineteen hundred years God has had on the bulletin board of this world His call for strong, stalwart, and faithful workers. Had I not read it before?

My heart responded, "I do want to work for you, dear Lord. I *am* willing to work on approval for you. I want to serve in such a way as not to be ashamed. I want to have your *approval*!"

—KATHERINE BEVIS

ARE YOU GROWING?

Are you growing taller? Are you able to overlook some things you were unable to overlook last year? To overlook the sneering glance, the harsh word, the selfish, unkind, or malicious deed? Serenely to overlook failure when you have done your best? Cheerily to overlook dark days and darker frowns? Are you getting tall enough for this?

Are you getting broader? Are you able to see more of the other sides of things than you could see last year? Does your vision reach to the other side of men's faults and perceive their difficulties, temptations, and struggles? Are you learning to look on all sides of your plans and of the designs proposed to you by others? Are you really growing?

—A. R. WELLS

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The Father never fails to cheer our hearts with sweet surprises of His grace. He hides them through all our fleeting years, and every day we are finding them: friends old and new, home joys, new aspirations, new tasks, new knowledge, new understandings of the heart of Christ, new experiences with Him. Often they fall into our laps when we are least expecting them.

This is God's antidote for weariness and dullness. We greet each day with expectancy. We grow old gracefully, eagerly waiting to know what is that grandest gift of all—eternal life.

—COSTEN J. HARRELL

GREAT IN LITTLE TASKS

People who are faithful in that which is least wear very radiant crowns. They are the people who are great in little tasks. They are scrupulous in the rutty roads of drudgery. They win triumphs amid small irritations. They are as loyal when wearing aprons in the kitchen as if they wore purple and fine linen in the visible presence of the king.

They finish the most obscure bit of work as if it were to be displayed before an assembled heaven by Him who is the Lord of light and glory. Great souls are those who are faithful in that which is least.

—J. H. JOWETT

NEEDING A "RADICAL CURE"

Before we can have spiritual exhilaration we must have spiritual humiliation. And it begins not with the other brother but with me!

"Let us be clear once and for all," says Cecil Rose, "that honest self-examination and introspection are not the same thing. Introspection is looking inside yourself and doing nothing about it. Self-examination means allowing God to give you an overhaul with a view to a radical cure."

It is the "radical cure" that we need; otherwise we shall continue to be part of the problem instead of part of the answer.

—PAUL S. REES, in *God's Revivalist*

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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The Lord Our Healer

Divine Healing is not some new thing discovered by self-promoting evangelists, nor is it some strange doctrine to be associated with nonbiblical cults. The Assemblies of God has preached it for over forty-eight years and it was a part of God's provision for thousands of years before that.

Away back in Moses' day God revealed Himself as Jehovah-Ropheka, "The Lord that healeth thee (Exodus 15:26). All through the Old Testament we see displays of His healing power.

From one generation to another God's people have found Him to be their Great Physician. Jesus Himself devoted a great portion of His time to healing the sick, and His disciples did the same, showing that wherever people are willing to believe God's promises He is willing to heal their bodies.

The same divine grace that provides forgiveness for our sins also offers us healing from sickness. The connection between these two great blessings is shown in many scriptures. Isaiah 53:5 is one instance: "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Here are both healing and forgiveness. The fact that this prophecy referred to our Lord Jesus is shown in 1 Peter 2:24 which says, "By whose stripes ye were healed."

The Psalmist likewise spoke of the twofold cure. He said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2, 3).

When the Israelites complained of the wilderness life and wished they were back in Egypt, the Lord sent fiery serpents into their tents to bite them, and many people died. The Israelites then repented and Moses prayed for them. As Moses prayed, the Lord told him to make a brass serpent and put it upon a pole—"and it shall come to pass," God said, "that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (Numbers 21:8). This was a remarkable symbol of the crucifixion of Christ. We are told in John 3:14, 15 that "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." We interpret this to mean spiritual healing, and it does; but we must remember that the people were dying a physical death when Moses erected the brass serpent. That brass serpent symbolizes healing from sickness, as well as salvation from sin.

There are mysteries in this matter of Divine Healing, of course. Some might ask, "If God can heal us, why doesn't He keep us from getting sick?" He could—but He expects us to take care of our bodies, and sometimes we bring sickness on ourselves by carelessness, ignorance, or deliberate disregard of the rules of good health. Others might ask, "Why are some healed, and not others?" All we can say is that there must be some good reason. Possibly they have failed to meet all the scriptural conditions. No doubt a lack of faith is sometimes the case. There may be times when immediate healing is not God's highest purpose. The sovereignty of God to heal or to withhold healing must always be recognized. Whatever the situation may be, we know that God is able to heal our bodies and that He will be gracious to all who call upon Him. He wants us to trust Him for physical healing, as well as spiritual healing, for His name is still Jehovah-Ropheka. He has never changed.—R.C.C.

A Divine Prescription for HEALING the sick

IF YOU ARE SICK, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT YOUR heavenly Father is concerned with your condition and that He has made provision for your healing. You may receive your healing as a gift from heaven if you will follow the instructions He has given in the Bible. Your course of action is prescribed in James 5, verses 14-17, as follows:

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Here we have the New Testament formula for dealing with sickness among Christian believers. This is the divine prescription which no medic nor pharmacist can equal (though we thank God for revealing to medical science some marvelous means by which man may help himself).

Notice the three parties involved in this passage of Scripture: the sick, the elders, and the Lord. Let us consider each of these separately.

THE SICK

The Bible says, "Is any sick among you?" Those two words "among you" indicate that the sick one is a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and not one of the outside world. There is a separate provision for outsiders. In Mark 16 we are told that when believers go out among the unbelievers and proclaim the gospel certain signs shall follow them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and the sick shall recover. This is one of the "signs" to convince the world. But the Epistle of James is not written to the world, but to Christian believers.

After the gospel has been preached and a community of believers has been established, this constitutes a church, and if sickness breaks out within the church the sick one is told to call for the elders; that is, for those who represent the church.

THE ELDERS

Who are the "elders of the church"? James did not mean the officials or leaders of any particular denomination. James was addressing the church in general which was not split up into denominations then as it is today.

It is necessary to remember that the Church, according to the Bible's use of the word, means the aggregate body of God's redeemed people on the earth. The Church contains every born-again individual under the canopy of heaven without regard to any particular religious affiliation he may have. A sectarian spirit is not of God. This is made clear by the fact that when the Holy Ghost is poured out upon God's people they forget their denominational divisions and cease their rivalry. The true Church is one because there is a unity of the Spirit and this becomes evident whenever the Spirit moves in power upon the believers.

We see this unity illustrated in the contest between God's prophet and Baal's priests on Mount Carmel. Elijah built his altar of twelve stones, thus confessing the unity of the nation in the sight of God, despite the fact that at the moment the nation was split into two rival kingdoms. Would the divine fire have come down from heaven upon his altar if he had not confessed the unity of the nation in this way?

The Church is all one body of which Christ Himself is the Head and each believer is a member of that body. We are "members one of another." As it is with the physical body, so with the spiritual; when one member suffers all suffer. When one member is blessed, all are blessed; and when the Church as a body is advanced, each member is advanced. We are also compared to a building of which each believer is a part. This spiritual building is built upon the Rock and Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is the first time the Church is mentioned by name in the Scriptures (Matthew 16:18) and it points up the fact that in unity there is strength.

The elders represent the local church. When they pray for the sick they pray as a united body representing the larger church body which also is united. There is power in united prayer, for the Saviour promised that if as few as two believers will agree as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done (Matthew 18:19).

THE LORD

Notice the third party in the situation—"the Lord." It is not the elders, nor the Church, but the Head of the Church who heals the sick. It says, "The Lord shall raise him up." It is our part to follow the course prescribed in the Word; it is His part to do the healing. If we do our part, the Lord will do His.

The Lord is the Healer and the glory must be ascribed to Him. He does not heal us for our own pleasure. If our bodies are not dedicated to Him we cannot exercise faith to obtain healing, but if every member is devoted to His service we can come boldly into His presence with our petitions. The apostle expresses the

principle in 1 Corinthians 6:13—the body for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

THE ANOINTING

The elders are directed to pray over the sick one, "anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." This anointing bears testimony to the fact that the whole being belongs to God. It is an act of consecration. Prophets, priests, and kings (as we may read in the Old Testament) were each anointed on the day of their consecration. After the anointing oil had touched them they were regarded in a different light from what they were before.

Anointing is a solemn thing. It means that from this

time forward you intend to live for God entirely. It means the Lord can claim all you have. "All for all" is His rule—He gives you His all as you give Him your all. The anointing means nothing less than that. If you want the oil of consecration to be placed upon your head for the healing of your body, you must present that body to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in His sight, as an act of spiritual worship.

For that reason the anointing is not forced on the sick man. He is the one who takes the initiative. He "calls" for the elders. He has communed with his Lord; he has had dealings with Him in the secret of his own

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Health and Salvation by the Name of Jesus —by Andrew Murray

WHEN, AFTER PENTECOST, THE PARALYTIC WAS HEALED through Peter and John at the gate of the temple, it was "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" that they said to him, "Rise up and walk"; and as soon as the people in their amazement ran together to them, Peter declared that it was the name of Jesus which had healed the man.

As the result of this miracle and of Peter's discourse many people who had heard the Word believed (Acts 4:4). On the morrow Peter repeated these words before the Sanhedrin, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth . . . doth this man stand here before you whole"; and then he added, "There is none other name under heaven . . . whereby we must be saved." This statement of Peter's declares to us that the name of Jesus both heals and saves.

We see that *healing and health form part of Christ's*

salvation. Does not Peter clearly state this in his discourse to the Sanhedrin where, having spoken of healing, he immediately goes on to speak of salvation by Christ (Acts 4:10, 12)? In heaven even our bodies will have their part in salvation. Salvation will not be complete for us until our bodies shall enjoy the full redemption of Christ. Why then should we not believe in this work of redemption here below?

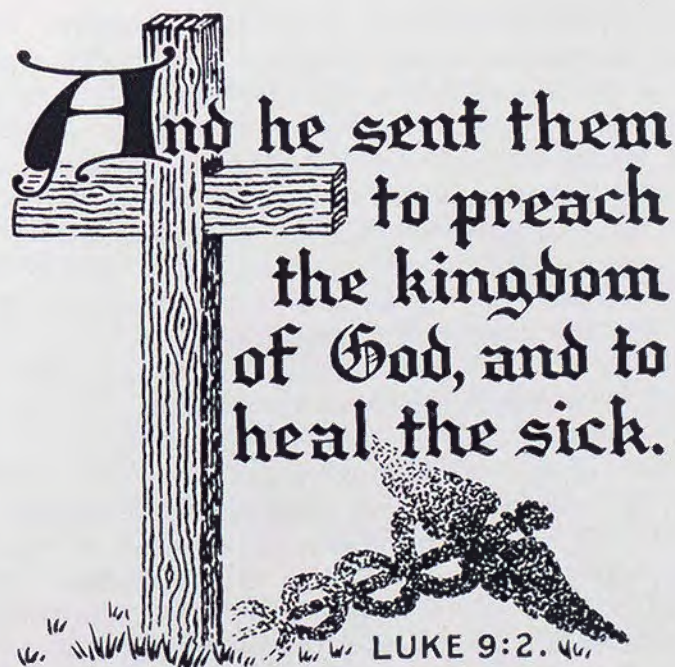
We see also that health as well as salvation is to be obtained by faith. The tendency of man by nature is to bring about his salvation by his works; and it is only with difficulty that he comes to receive it by faith; but when it is a question of the healing of the body, he has still more difficulty in seizing it. As to salvation, he finally accepts it because he cannot open the door of heaven by any other means; while for the body, he makes use of well-known remedies. But were not these words, "Thy faith hath saved thee," pronounced when the body was healed?

Happy is he who comes to understand that divine healing is the will of God. Our heavenly Father wishes to reveal to us His love, and to manifest the power of Jesus. He desires to exercise our faith, and to confirm it, and to make us prove the power of redemption in the body as well as in the soul.

Wherever the Spirit acts with power, there He works divine healings. Would it not seem that if ever miracles were superfluous it was at Pentecost? for then the word of the apostles worked mightily, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit was abundant. Well, it is precisely because the Spirit acted powerfully that His working must needs be visible in the body. If divine healing is rarely seen, we can attribute it to no other cause than that the Spirit is not acting with power.

The unbelief of worldlings and the lack of zeal among believers will stop His working. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit; let us place ourselves unreservedly under His direction, and let us seek to be firm in our faith in the name of Jesus, both for preaching salvation and for the work of healing.

God grants healing to glorify the name of Jesus. *Let us seek to be healed by Jesus that His name may be glorified.*



The Stigma of the Supernatural

THERE IS A PRICE TAG ON A GENUINE PENTECOSTAL MINISTRY

By P. S. BREWSTER

ON THE VERY LAST PAGE OF THE BIBLE WE FIND THE startling words, couched in dreadful warning terms, that whoever adds to or subtracts from the words of the prophecy of this Book will lose all the privileges of the Cross. Something vital has been taken from the Christian ministry of evangelism. It is the supernatural; and until it has been restored we shall never have a revival on the scale the Bible teaches us to receive. The Bible is a book of miracles with frequent displays of God's supernatural power and many answers to prayer.

Israel as a nation was taught to expect manifestations of God's power, and when Jesus Christ, God's Son, came to this earth, His ministry opened with a blaze of miracles. Right through His earthly life He showed His authority and power. He healed the sick, cast out evil spirits, and raised the dead.

His very words were full of authority. He showed His power over the elements by stilling the wind and the waves. He commanded an untrained donkey, and led the fish into the disciples' nets. He could read the hearts of all men. He knew their thoughts from far off.

Christ taught very plainly that this supernatural ministry was to continue through His Church. He commissioned the disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick. He declared that His disciples would do greater things because of His resurrection. He further taught that the source of all their power would be the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The right to use the name of Jesus would produce the desired results.

When the curious Pharisees and bystanders watched Christ, they shouted, "Show us another sign." They desired signs of His authority and signs of His power. Jesus refused point blank to give signs to satisfy idle curiosity and to cater for depraved whims, but when His disciples asked for signs of His return He spent hours explaining the signs of the times; the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew is the result of the asking. Christ will always give signs to encourage faith and to expand His kingdom.

This modern generation with its advanced education and training has pushed to one side the laws of faith and the teaching of the Bible, and has subtracted the supernatural from the preaching of the Gospel and the worship of God. Now there is a stigma attached to any person who dares to stand up and claim the power of the supernatural. However, the general public will not agree with

their church leaders and professors, for there is a great search after the miraculous power of God as can be seen by masses flocking to the various false cults of today.

The rise of Spiritism is due to the fact that the Church has not come into the open and taught that Christians who die go immediately to be with the Lord, and that there is no contact with the dead. If the gifts of the Holy Spirit were taught and practiced in religious life the false cults would not have an opportunity to deceive the public. If we had been true to our Lord's great commission to heal the sick on Bible lines we would not have the various grades of healing which there are today in the various healing movements. The healing that Jesus taught is *Divine healing* and not psychological healing or psychiatric healing. Neither is it the kind of healing taught by the so-called Christian Scientists. Neither is it mystical healing as propagated by those engulfed in Spiritism. It is a straightforward, simple, wholesome, and beautiful fact that God cares about the ailments of the human body and has promised that in answer to faith and prayer He will heal our sicknesses. Divine healing is actually wrapped up in His great name.

In all our evangelism we must make it perfectly clear that salvation as taught by Jesus, especially as introduced to Nicodemus, is a miracle from God. It is the direct work of God's Holy Spirit. Man cannot save himself, neither can he merit his salvation. Neither can it be inherited through the family, nor can it evolve. It is entirely an act of God's grace. This great lesson had to be learned by a master of Israel, and it was a bitter lesson to him. He, a great master, simply said, "How?" He had the intellect of a giant but the spiritual mind of a pygmy. "How can I unlearn? How can I, an old man, be reborn?" That was his perplexity, and Jesus replied, "You must be born of the Spirit."

Our weapons are not carnal, neither are they all natural, but they are spiritual. We must meet the sickness of the world by laying our hands on the sick and praying the prayer of faith. The Lord is adding to His Church daily, and He will add many more before the trumpet sounds if we will approach the people with a supernatural message from God. The people cannot shake off habits of a lifetime, neither can they forgive their own sins, neither can they face death, nor can they meet the

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The Story of

Our 'Miracle Girl'

By F. WILDON COLBAUGH

THE MIRACLE OF GOD'S HEALING POWER IN OUR HOME is just as great today as when it took place in 1948. Watching our daughter Carol, who is now a senior at Evangel College, as she types, plays the piano or other musical instruments, we marvel at the mighty power of God to heal completely.

There was a time when her frail body was wasted to skin and bones. For two weeks she was in coma from which doctors gave little hope of recovery. But many were praying for her recovery.

Carol was eight years old. Along with other children in her school, she became ill with what appeared to be only a mild case of measles. For three days no unusual symptoms were evident. Then, however, she became increasingly distressed and vomited violently. Nothing brought her any relief. We prayed earnestly, but her condition quickly became worse. Her temperature rose and before we realized what was happening she dehydrated.

When the doctor first called he was not able to locate the cause of her distress nor to specifically diagnose her ailment. Intravenous feeding was undertaken and further efforts made to reduce her high temperature, but without result. Convulsions continued and dehydration increased until the little body became stiff and inert.

On Sunday morning early, in desperation we awakened our pastor, Emil Balliet, and asked him to come to our home to pray with us for Carol. Also, the doctor was called. We united in earnest prayer for Carol's deliverance. It was evident even now that life for her hung only on a thread of hope.

The doctor anxiously called several hospitals trying to locate a room where oxygen could be administered, but due to the contagion of the disease no hospital

wanted to admit her. Finally, after much persuasion, a room was made available and without wasting moments for an ambulance the doctor raced to the hospital with the almost lifeless form of our precious daughter. The doctor was frank; he said there was little hope. But he assured us that every effort would be made to save her life. Pastor Balliet also assured us that at Central Assembly that morning prayer would be made for Carol.

An oxygen tent was draped over the stiff emaciated body while around it we knelt in prayer, trusting God in this dark moment to extend His hand to heal and return Carol to full health again. The doctor offered slight encouragement. However, he did say that if she lived past midnight there might remain some slim hope that she would survive. But if she did live, he said, her chances of full recovery were small.

The high fever had already affected her brain tissue and she was in coma with postinfectious encephalitis. If she lived, the doctor said she might be mentally retarded, or so seriously paralyzed that she would be unable to walk, talk, or handle herself. This was the usual case history of patients as seriously ill as Carol.

We felt the Lord unusually near that Sunday. Through the day we were sustained by His closeness to us. The doctor acknowledged he had done all he possibly could and said that only a Higher Power could bring her through the ordeal. As night came on and she remained alive, the doctor made plans to stay with her through the critical hours. Mrs. Wesley Steelberg (now Mrs. Howard Carter) stood by the bedside in faithful prayer as the crisis hour neared. Breathing almost disappeared. The light of life faded low and for long spaces of time it appeared to go out. But prayer, uttered in implicit faith in God's power, held fast to Him for life and healing.

While nurses tiptoed noiselessly in the corridors, and the doctor rested in an adjoining room, the Great Physician bent over that still form and breathed into it divine life. The aura of His presence filled the room and hope returned as the hours slipped past midnight.

Morning came and Carol was still alive. Though for several days death was perilously close, yet he could not claim her. For two weeks the child remained in a coma. All feeding was intravenous and great care was necessary to sustain the feeble spark of life that flickered in the wasted body.

When at the end of the two weeks she awakened, and had gained some in strength, we were permitted to take her home. At first her mental response appeared retarded, but time quickly changed this and her recovery became complete. Within two weeks she was up and running with the other children, enjoying again a normal life. In about a month from when she became ill and left school, she was back attending classes again. Her legs, arms, tongue, and mind all worked normally and she was just as active and alert as ever.

We can only explain her case in the words of the doctor who said, "Only a Higher Power could do this." We know that Jesus laid His hands upon Carol and made her well. We praise His wonderful Name!

You can understand now why we think of Carol as our "miracle girl." The Lord kept Death from taking her and today we enjoy her companionship. We thank God for her buoyant good health. "



THE TOUCH OF FAITH

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"Who touched me?" the Saviour asked as the throng milled about Him. Someone had reached out in faith and by that touch had obtained a miraculous healing.

WE READ THE STORY IN LUKE 8:43-48. IT IS THE story of a desperate woman who was plagued by a seemingly incurable disease. She elbowed her way through the crowd that surrounded Jesus—"came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment; and immediately her issue of blood stanchied."

All the actions and words of our Lord should be considered in a natural manner if we are to receive spiritual truth and consolation from them.

In examining this miracle of mercy, let us first notice the consolation to be derived from it so far as deliverance from physical sickness is concerned. How, one might ask, can this Gospel record help the sick today? Are people less likely to receive physical benefits

from God than those who lived in Palestine during the earthly lifetime of our Lord?

Our Lord has taught us by His miracles of healing that He sympathizes with us, and that we should sympathize with each other and do all in our power to alleviate human suffering. He has given us the assurance that He, as Head of redeemed humanity, is Lord over all diseases and over death itself, and that His followers hereafter will be free from all ills.

THE WAY OF FAITH

The woman mentioned in this incident had doubtless heard of the fame of Jesus—that He was a heaven-sent Teacher and Healer—that all who came under His attention and within the sphere of His influence, and who exhibited faith, were immediately made whole and received within themselves His divine favor.

Perceiving, then, the spiritual principle of the kingdom of God, that approach to the Saviour in faith brings divine blessing, she came behind Jesus and touched the tassel which hung over the back of His garments. At once she was made whole. We thus understand that the prime condition for receiving blessing from God is coming to Jesus, coming in the exercise of faith and touching Him, even if it be but the border of His garment.

THE NATURE OF FAITH

No matter how we evaluate this woman's action, it must be admitted that she had faith—real faith in the person and power of Jesus Christ. None of the crowd on that occasion demonstrated such transforming faith as did this poor, suffering woman. Many people thronged Jesus, but she alone *touched* Him. Just visualize how she struggled through the crowd, weak and diseased though she was, until she was able to reach the Saviour's side and touch His garment. How implicitly she believed in His power! How sure she was that He could heal her without even a word or action! *She just touched Him.* Her faith was a positive faith, an unwavering faith. To some of us such faith may seem somewhat childish and superstitious, but let us note that it was a faith which Jesus recognized and rewarded. Can we not say, therefore, that a faith like this, though not orthodox as many view orthodoxy, is nevertheless a genuine and rewarding faith when considered in the light of spiritual blessing and practical accomplishment.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

It further should be noted that the faith of the woman was capable of being expanded and elevated. To encourage additional development of her trust, Jesus asked, "Who touched Me?" To this question she responded honestly with an open confession before the throng. Here we see another spiritual principle exemplified; namely, the divinely prescribed manner in which spiritual blessings and experiences are secured (see Romans 10:9, 10). The confirming word of the Master was, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole of thy plague; go in peace." By her faith and confession she was healed. She had proved herself a true child of God.

Today we should remember that our faith ought to be as definite and instructed as this woman's faith. As genuine faith, in her case, was accompanied by purposeful action, so with all of us: the true measure of our faith will be demonstrated in the way we approach the Lord.

Salvation Brought More Than I Expected

By MARION WHITTEN
Caldwell, Idaho



“Miraculous healings and deliverance from tobacco followed my conversion.”

CONVICTION THAT I WAS A HELL-BOUND SINNER CAUSED me to pray for salvation at the close of the evening service on Sunday, November 12, 1961, at the First Assembly of God in Caldwell, Idaho. Little did I dream that God was going to completely change my attitudes, habits, and health.

Through the course of my thirty-one years I had become filled with hatred and I had little concern for persons outside of my immediate family. How strange and wonderful it seems to feel cleansed from that black bitterness! In its place is a warm, compassionate love for others. This change in personality continues as God pours more and more of His love into my heart.

Two weeks after accepting Christ as Saviour, I discussed with Pastor E. S. Caldwell my inability to break the smoking habit. He counseled me to believe in God's ability rather than my own, and then he prayed for my deliverance.

That Sunday afternoon, while reading my Bible, it dawned on me that I had no desire to smoke. My amazement mounted as I discovered I had forgotten the taste of cigarettes. I knew this was nothing short of a miracle for I had been averaging two packs per day for almost twenty years.

In place of the old smoking habit I gained new habits, like reading God's Word and attending church regularly (my family attended without me until my conversion). The wonderful thing about it all is that I didn't have to force myself to do these things—they came naturally!

My physical condition was poor at the time of my salvation, due to injuries I had received in an automo-

bile accident two years previous. God had spared the lives of everyone involved in that grinding collision in March, 1959. However, I had been seriously injured; my face was smashed against the jutting corner-post as I was thrown from the car I was driving.

When I awoke in the hospital, I learned that my face was a pulp from just below the right eye to my fractured jaw. Surgery was performed with a high degree of success. My nose, smashed across my face, was rebuilt to look normal, my chin was brought into line, and my other features restored, leaving only a few scars.

There were two problems: my right eye did not focus with my left, and the feeling was gone from much of the damaged tissue.

Special glasses were prescribed, since I saw two images, one above the other. Prismatic lenses adjusted the vision of one eye up and the other down. Unfortunately, the damaged eye moved still further after I got the glasses so they were useful for only a short time.

Surgeons could perhaps have corrected the damaged eye socket and nerves, but the cost was prohibitive. By closing either eye I could see sufficiently well, so I learned to live with my problem. Even after becoming a Christian I had not considered that God might heal me, *but He did.*

Almost three weeks after being saved I was looking at the printing on a box on the other side of our living room. Suddenly I realized something wonderful had happened. I called to my wife, “Honey, come quick! God has healed my eyes!”

A few days later my wife asked me why I was rubbing my nose. I replied, “It itches.” In an instant we both knew that another miracle had occurred—the feeling in my facial tissues had been restored!

Along with my healings from injuries, an ulcerous condition on my legs cleared up within a month of my salvation. This could hardly be classed as a coincidence since various treatments had failed to relieve the condition in fourteen years.

All these things are more wonderful than I have the power to express. One thing is certain—life is really worth living since I found Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Healer!

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Evangelism

Telephone Canvass Reveals 50,000 Churchless

A telephone survey conducted by members of several Protestant churches checked the religious affiliation of 205,000 residents of the suburban areas surrounding Chicago and learned that 50,000 of them are unchurched. About 550 people were used to contact between 85 and 90 percent of the people in the areas surveyed.

Of the seventy-four percent who were members of churches, 45.8 percent were Catholics; 11.5 percent Methodists, 13.4 percent Lutherans, and 3.5 percent Baptist. Only seven percent of the people whose phones rang were not at home, and only three percent of those who answered refused to give information concerning their religious affiliation.

Deaf Church Wins Attendance Contest

The United Evangelical Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oreg., which competed in a national Sunday school attendance contest sponsored by the National Sunday School Association, won not only the contest but national admiration as well.

This unusual church increased its Sunday school attendance during the contest from fifty to 200. It is a separate church, not attached to any parent congregation or even to a denomination. The thirteen-year-old church has its own building and is entirely self-sustaining. All its members are deaf mutes, although it does have a Sunday school problem in that a good number of the members have children who are not handicapped.

Richard Cooke, the pastor, and his wife Mary are both children of deaf mutes. They attended the recent NS SA convention in Denver, Colo., where they were cited for the outstanding growth of their deaf congregation.

During their drive to increase Sunday school attendance the members of

the Church of the Deaf were unable to make house-to-house canvasses or carry on telephone campaigns, as "hearing" congregations do. They busied themselves writing letters and contacted many friends and acquaintances in person. In some cases they traveled fifty miles to visit a prospective member. Rival churches agreed they fully deserved to win the NSSA contest.

Tobacco

Britain to Tone Down Cigarette Advertisements

The Independent Television Authority in London has ordered advertisers to make cigarette commercials less glamorous, according to the *Associated Press*.

Postmaster General Reginald Bevins told Parliament that the Authority, a government-appointed agency, will ban the following types of commercials: (1) Those that greatly overemphasize the pleasure to be obtained from cigarettes; (2) those featuring the conventional heroes of young people; (3) those appealing to pride or general manliness; (4) those using a fashionable social setting to support the impression that cigarette smoking is an essential part of the pleasure and excitement of modern living; (5) those presenting romantic situations and young people in love in such a way as to link the pleasures of such situations with the pleasure of smoking.

Will we get this sort of ban in America, too?

Air Force Hospitals Halt Free Cigarettes

The Air Force Surgeon General's office in Washington, D. C., has ordered Air Force hospitals and clinics to stop distributing free cigarettes to patients. Major General R. L. Bohannon, the deputy surgeon general, said in a strongly worded directive that the "ever-increasing evidence" of a link between cigarette smoking and

cancer and certain other diseases "no longer can be ignored."

Liquor

Drunkenness in the Sky

In the September 7, 1962, issue of *Time* appeared an article on Drunken Flying.

"The murderous by-product of the gasoline age—the drunken driver—is moving into the sky," it said. "In 1961 private planes were in fifty-four accidents in which alcohol was involved—thirty-eight of them fatal. 'We are finding more and more examples of the brave World War II hero who after about three beers goes out and borrows, leases, or steals an airplane and flies it,' said Federal Aviation Agency Chief Najeeb E. Halaby.

"FAA's Director of Flight Standards George C. Prill confirms that drunken flying is increasing, and that the agency is trying to figure out how to deal with it."

Blind

Special Braille Scriptures Available This Christmas

For the first time, the American Bible Society is making its popular Christmas Scripture booklet available this year in Braille. Sightless people—or their friends who wish to remember them in this way at Christmastime—may obtain this booklet in Grade 2 Braille (in either the King James Version or the Revised Standard) for only 45 cents per copy. This is less than the cost of production and distribution.

A single copy will be sent free to anyone who asks for it. Write to: American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Blindness Unnecessary in Most Cases, Avers UN Group

The World Health Organization has released figures showing that, of the 10,000,000 blind people in the world (with many tens of millions more who are sufficiently blind to prevent them from earning a living), at least two-

thirds of the permanently blind could have had their sight saved if only measures had been taken early enough.

The physically blind number into the tens of millions, but the spiritually blind must be calculated in billions. The Bible points out that these also are needlessly blind. There is hope for those "who have eyes, but they see not"; for "The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind..." (Psalm 146:8).

Miscellany

Majority of School Leaders Oppose Prayer Ruling

A survey sponsored by *The Nation's Schools*, a monthly educational journal, shows that 51 per cent of public school administrators believe the U.S. Supreme Court was wrong in holding unconstitutional the Regents-composed prayer used in New York State's public schools.

The survey, based on a 4 per cent proportional sampling of the 16,000 school administrators in the U.S., found that 51 per cent opposed the Court's decision, 46 per cent approved, and 3 per cent had no opinion.

Conversely, the survey found that only 46 per cent favored a Constitutional amendment to permit the recitation of prayer in public schools, while 48 per cent opposed such an amendment, and 6 per cent had no opinion. Most of the administrators polled felt that the Court ruling in the New York case would affect more than just state-supported, state-written prayers; they feared that Christmas exercises might eventually be banned from public schools.

Episcopal Bishops Urge Sympathy Toward "Tongues"

Among many matters considered by the Episcopal House of Bishops at its recent meeting in Columbia, S. C., was "new movements within the Church." The bishops said the proper response when such a movement arises is to "view it with sympathy, to work to keep it within the great fellowship, and to discern what in the movement is of God that we all may learn from it."

Calling on all church members to be "generous, and charitably critical" of such movements, the bishops warned, however, that the "danger of all new movements is self-righteousness, divisiveness, one-sidedness, and exaggeration." (While the statement did not specify any particular movement, it was understood to refer to "speaking in tongues" and "spiritual healing.")



YOUR QUESTIONS

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

** What are we to think of people who profess salvation, then divorce their wives and marry others, and afterward come back claiming they did this when backslidden? Has God forgiven them?*

If such persons were ever really saved, they take backsliding altogether too lightly. They need to read what God says about turning their backs on God (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26, 27). The Assemblies of God believes it best not to break up homes of those divorced and remarried before they knew the Lord, or before they had light, trusting that God has forgiven the past; however, those who have light, then knowingly go against such light, may find themselves left on the outside when they face an offended God.

** I have a friend who believes her church is the only right church, but I believe the Pentecostal church is the only right one. Can you answer this question for me?*

Every member of a church probably thinks his church is right, but we know some churches are more spiritual and more scriptural than others. It is extreme narrow-mindedness to think that any one denomination alone constitutes the true Church. The Church of Jesus is made up of born-again believers—persons whose names are written in heaven. Membership in a visible church does not guarantee membership in the mystical Church. A work of the Holy Ghost is required. The visible church is a means of grace; it is not, in itself, a savior. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

** What is the "fire" connected with the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and what is the "chaff" and the "wheat"? Matthew 3:11, 12.*

It is my conviction that the fire represents the sanctifying grace of God. John the Baptist is the messenger, spoken of in Malachi 3:1, who announces that Christ, "the messenger of the covenant...", is like a refiner's

fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver..." (Malachi 3:2, 3).

Concerning the chaff, this properly can refer to the rejecters of the gospel who "are like the chaff which the wind driveth away" (Psalm 1:4). I believe there is also another meaning: The Holy Ghost comes into the Christian's life to order and discipline it, to deal with the self-life, to purge it by "crucifying the flesh with the affections and lusts" thereof, to remove the chaff in order that the clean wheat of holiness and righteousness may remain making us ready for the day when the Lord "will gather the wheat into his garner..." (Luke 3:17).

** Does the soul enter the body at conception or at birth?*

The soul develops with the body from the time of conception. It is a vital part of the new life.

** A certain preacher says animals have souls, but the Bible says, "God... breathed into [man's] nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Am I not right?*

The Hebrew word *nephesh* is translated in the Bible into two terms "life" and "soul." It is sometimes used to describe animal life (Genesis 1:20), and at times it is used to include both persons and animals (Genesis 12:5).

But when the Bible says, "What shall it profit a man if he shall... lose his own soul?" it refers to the life that survives death. Animals have animal souls—or life—with no promise of continuance after death. Man has spiritual life—or soul—which does not end at 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).

'ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS' EMERGING AMONG BIBLE SCHOOLS

By LOUISE JETER WALKER

"THIS," MY HUSBAND AND I SAID TO each other as we prepared to leave for South America, "is going to be either a tremendous blessing or a colossal flop." We knew that God was leading in the preparations for the international seminar for Bible school personnel to be held in Bolivia, but it was the first of its kind for the Assemblies of God. We were alternately walking on clouds, thinking of the great possibilities, and staggering trembly kneed as we realized the many difficulties involved.

Now, 20,000 miles and twenty Bible school workshops later, we look back in amazement at the way God overruled the difficulties. We marvel at the progress that has been made in these short months. We praise Him for the "alliance for progress" that is shaping up among our Bible schools and producing results exceeding our hopes and expectations.

There is a great surge forward in education in Latin America. In Brazil,

for example, many high schools run three shifts a day to care for the enrollment. The streets at night are thronged with young people and adults on their way to or from the many evening schools. Most of them have worked hard all day but, thirsty for education, they go to classes every night.

As a result of this forward move in education nationally, the young people who are called to minister in our churches today usually have a much better education than their counterparts did twenty years ago. In the 1940's much of the teaching in our Bible schools had to be given on an elementary level because of the scanty educational background of the students. Better educated students necessitate a corresponding rise in the level of Bible school teaching. They demand better training for the teachers, and orientation in modern teaching methods and the use of libraries for more adequate study.

Moreover, the opportunities for radio ministry, the need for Pentecostal literature in Spanish and Portuguese, the complex demands of national leadership in our churches, and the shadow of the hammer and sickle over Latin America all emphasize the urgency of improving our training program, stepping up our operations, and doing it *now*.

Two years ago, an international Bible school committee under the direction of Melvin L. Hodges, Field Secretary for Latin America and the West Indies, worked all summer planning improvements for our Bible schools throughout Latin America. This was the beginning of our "alliance for progress" among the Latin American Bible schools—the beginning of a united effort to achieve a common goal rather than multiplying costly experiences by trial and error.

A coordinator for Latin American Bible schools was named and plans were begun for international seminars where Bible school personnel would study steps for improvement. A Bible school bulletin was started for the faculty and board members of all our overseas Bible schools.

A seminar for seven countries of South America was held in Bolivia early in 1962. During the last class session the students wrote their evaluation of the three-week seminar. "Many times," wrote Domingo Torres, "I have felt like jumping up and shouting: 'That's it! That's just what I've been wanting to know for years! That's what I've been looking for and now I've found it!'" A few days after the seminar Domingo returned to Peru to teach a series of training courses in the section where he is presbyter. What a privilege to work in alliance with God to help develop the teaching ministry of workers like Domingo!

Everyone was "dog tired" after three weeks of intensive studies in tropical mid-summer, but it was worth the hard work. Teachers from nine Bible schools were going back to their respective countries anxious to put new teaching methods into practice. The seven Bible school principals who attended the seminar clutched bulky mimeographed notes as though they were studded with diamonds. Two of the directors had been newly appointed to their positions; one was just getting ready to open a new school. Now they had a valuable man-



Twenty Bible school workshops in Latin America were preceded by a Bible school seminar in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Missionaries and nationals shown above attended the seminar.



Students attending the River la Plata Bible school in Argentina (right) and the Bible school in Santiago, Chile (left), are among those benefiting from the seminar and workshops.

ual on many phases of Bible school work.

We were able to observe the powerful impact the seminar had made as we went from country to country conducting follow-up workshops in each school. The joint planning of Bible school personnel in the seminar had launched a dynamic program for improvement throughout the area. General recommendations were now being applied to specific problems. New attitudes and new vision were evident. The words of the district superintendent of one field were encouraging: "Your workshop here was a benefit and stimulus to the entire faculty. I still believe that we have entered a new era of understanding between the national pastors and churches and the Institute."

Cooperative effort in this area includes a proposed series of national seminars. A team will go from country to country to help develop a stronger teaching ministry among our pastors, to encourage night schools and correspondence courses for the training of an army of lay workers, and to give further help to Bible school personnel. Verner Warner (Argentina) heads the Bible school committee named for the furtherance of this and similar projects in southern South America. Other members are Lawrence Olson (Brazil) and Monroe Grams (Bolivia). A separate committee for Central America and northern South America will be selected in the near future. With the field secretary as chairman, these two committees will become the Bible School Committee for Latin America.

Our Bible school tour of seven and one-half months took us to fourteen countries of South America and the West Indies. The nineteen workshops

varied from two days to two weeks in length. Thanks to the help of WMC and BGMC we were able to help select books for the libraries of ten schools. Activities and classes varied according to the problems of each school. Many of the directors asked for help with schedules, curriculum, and methods classes for teachers. Plans were made for regional seminars to be conducted in 1963 in northern South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies.

The program for improvement, launched by the Bible school leaders who met in Bolivia, involves a fantastic amount of work and a great deal of expense. Maybe we were "carried away" with enthusiasm over the tremendous possibilities in cooperative effort. Maybe we bit off more than we could chew. Maybe the "alliance for progress" we made in the stimulating, revitalizing, compelling presence of God will meet overwhelming difficulties in attempting to carry out its full program, but we have made

a start and God will lead us step by step.

The alliance is much larger than you at first may realize. You are a part of it—when you pray for God's work in Latin America. You can bear the workers up in prayer; God will give strength and wisdom for the taxing labors. As you pray, the Holy Spirit will direct and anoint plans for the coming seminars. And as you give for the support of Bible schools and for this coordinating program, you are a vital part of the "alliance for progress" with workers in Latin America and with God. With each of you doing your part we will move forward to new victories in these exciting, challenging days.

Funds are urgently needed to finance the scheduled seminars in Venezuela, Nicaragua, Mexico, and the Caribbean area. Those who wish to help should send their offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Latin American Bible School Seminars.



"I forgot to send a special Christmas offering."

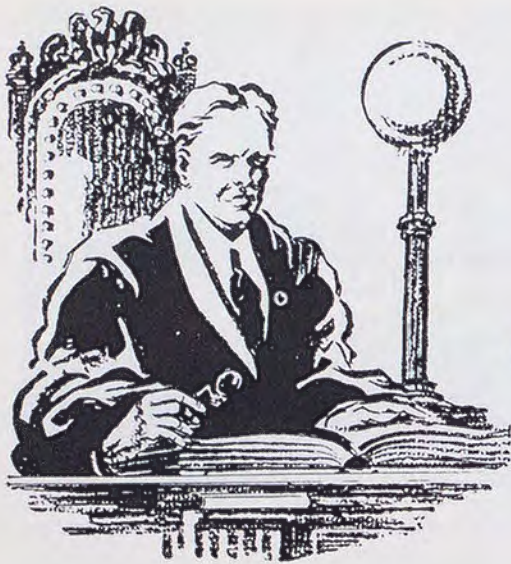


"You mean, I can still send one?"



"Good! I'll put it in the mail today!"

If you have forgotten to send your offering, mail it today to the Foreign Missions Department, designated to the missionary of your choice.



The Strange Case of George Wilson

By STEPHEN E. SLOCUM

SELDOM HAS A PERSON UNDER SENTENCE of death refused a pardon. Yet there is one case on record, in the annals of the United States Supreme Court, in which a man sentenced to die actually did refuse to accept a pardon.

The Court records show that two men, Wilson and Porter, were convicted and sentenced to be hanged for robbery of the U. S. mails in 1829. Porter was executed on July 2, 1830. About three weeks before the time set for Wilson's execution he was granted a pardon by President Andrew Jackson, but instead of accepting the pardon Wilson changed a plea of "not guilty," which he had entered to a lesser indictment in connection with the same crime, to "guilty." This raised the point of law as to whether the pardon should be held to relieve him of conviction and punishment for the lesser offense.

When he was given the opportunity to plead the pardon, he refused to do so. Refusal to accept a pardon was a point of law that had never been raised before, and the Supreme Court was called upon to render a decision. Accordingly, in January 1833 the Supreme Court handed down the following decision, written by Chief Justice John Marshall (U.S. vs. George Wilson, 7 Peters Reports, p. 150):

"A pardon is an act of grace, proceeding from the power intrusted with the execution of the laws, which exempts the individual on whom it is bestowed from the punishment the law inflicts for a crime he has committed.

"A pardon is a deed, to the validity of which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance. It may then be rejected by the

person to whom it is tendered; and if it is rejected, we have discovered no power in a Court to force it upon him."

This was an unusual case, and most people would agree that Wilson was a fool for refusing to accept a pardon. Yet these same people daily reject the pardon which God has provided for them in the crucified Christ. The most amazing thing in this atomic age is to see men who tremble at the thought of universal destruction, and who would snatch at a reprieve which would prolong their lives a few short years, deliberately refuse God's pardon from eternal death and His offer of eternal life.

In Justice Marshall's definition, "A pardon is an act of grace"—a free gift, an unmerited favor, unearned, not to be obtained by purchase or effort. But that is by no means all. The decision reads: "Pardon is a deed, to the validity of which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance."

In the case of real property, we all know that a deed must be delivered and acknowledged before the transaction is complete. The Court extended this ruling to apply to man's physical life. The Bible extends it to include his eternal soul. God executed His deed on Calvary, and sealed it in the blood of His Son, but the transaction is not complete in your case until you definitely accept Christ as your Surety.

God's justice is as infinite as His mercy. To satisfy His justice, sin must be punished. But to reconcile justice with mercy, God gave His own Son as our substitute: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever be-

lieveth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). No one can fathom the infinitude of God's love. Christ was not alone in His substitutionary sacrifice on Calvary. It was God, the Father, who sacrificed His only begotten Son. This is the supreme example of what is meant by "A pardon is an act of grace." Certainly you had no part in obtaining it, for the deed was signed on Calvary, nineteen centuries before you were born. In your case it has waited a long time for delivery, and delivery is not complete without acceptance.

Wilson's pardon cost only the scratch of the President's pen. Your pardon cost the life-blood of God's Son.

Wilson's pardon meant only a few short years added to the sordid life of a common criminal. Your pardon is a reprieve from hell, and a deed to heaven. But acceptance is essential to delivery, and acceptance of a blood-bought gift of such infinite price is more than a mere intellectual assent to the fact of Calvary. Wilson believed that his pardon had been granted, but refused to avail himself of it. To accept Christ is definitely to renounce a self-centered life for a Christ-centered life.

Wilson's was a strange case. But then, Wilson was a fool.

—American Tract Society

Christian Scientist Becomes Pentecostal

I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE DAY MY spiritual eyes were opened and I understood the terribleness of sin for the first time. For sixteen years I had studied Christian Science, and, like the folk described in Proverbs 30:12, I was "pure in my own eyes." Only God could open my eyes to the subtlety of Satan, and He used my niece to do this.

My niece was a full-gospel Christian who believed in the power of God to save. She had a zeal and a burden for lost souls and did not give up easily. For two years she prayed, read the Bible, and talked to me about the way of salvation.

One day as she was leaving, she said, "Aunt Ruby, let us pray." She told me later she was becoming dis-

couraged that day. But that was when God came on the scene. As she prayed, the Holy Spirit took over and prayed through her in unknown tongues. The Lord gave her the interpretation. (Later she told me that was the first time she ever *interpreted*.)

We read in Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought." Although I did not understand the moving of the Holy Spirit, I was deeply impressed. I felt the compassion and pity of Jesus for me and thought, "Why does Jesus feel this way about me if I am right?"

I went to my knees and prayed, "God, if I am wrong, show me." Two months later God answered that prayer. He led me to an old-fashioned altar where I found Jesus as my Saviour. The power of darkness lost its hold upon my life. That was on February 19, 1957. Oh, the joy of the awakening!

I *knew* I was born again. It was as definite an experience as my natural birth. Then, two weeks later, I experienced the wonderful baptism in the Holy Spirit spoken of in Acts 2.

For years I thought I was serving God, but I was building on the wrong foundation. My foundation was Mary Baker Eddy and it should have been Jesus Christ.

When in Christian Science, I studied the Bible through the interpretation of Mrs. Eddy. The Bible speaks against this in 2 Peter 1:20, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."


Mrs. Eddy says, "The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree, than when it was flowing in His veins as He went daily about His Father's business." But Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Again, Hebrews 9:22 affirms, "Without the shedding of blood is no remission."

In all sincerity I had claimed the promises of God and believed I was His child. However, "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). I had not been led by the Spirit of God, for I had not been born into that Spirit; so, therefore, I had not

Week of Prayer

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

The Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God have proclaimed the first full week of 1963 (January 6—13) to be a Week of Prayer. All who love God and who desire to see a new outpouring of His Spirit in the new year are invited to join in this observance in their homes, in their churches, and wherever they may be. Every problem we face will dissolve before a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Nothing else is needed. Nothing less will do.



Ask, and it shall be given you;

Seek, and ye shall find;

Knock, and it shall be open unto you.

—Matthew 7:7

IT IS TIME TO ASK

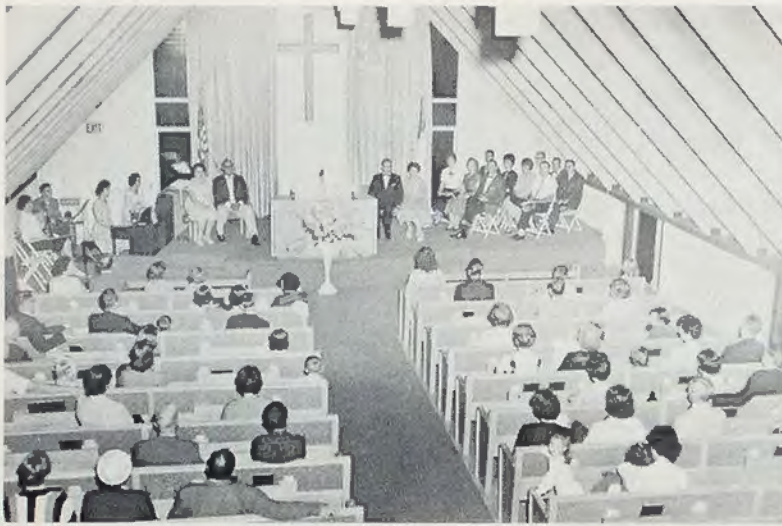
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been His child! I had had a "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge."

How I thank God for consecrated Christians that are praying and believing God for souls to be saved. Christian friends, never give up. Do not believe that someone cannot be saved. That is a lie of the devil. My

Bible says there is nothing too hard for God. Last year God saved a dear friend of mine who had been in Christian Science for forty years. I am glad He is no respecter of persons.—Mrs. Ruby Beeman, Lee's Summit, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert E. Palmer, Assembly of God, Lee's Summit, Mo.)



NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA — Pastor William L. Schultz and the congregation of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God moved into their new church home this summer. The building, designed by Joseph Colombo, will seat 225. The sanctuary has upholstered pews, all wool carpets, new pulpit, piano, and PA system. Soon after the congregation occupied its new building, an offering of \$1340 was received to blacktop a 60-space parking lot.

News

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA — The new Glad Tidings Assembly was conservatively appraised by a local bank at \$80,000 but the total indebtedness is only \$34,000. The cement walks, landscaping, and painting were done by volunteer help. The congregation contributes regularly to the support of 12 missionaries and supports *Revival-time*. Total missionary giving has climbed to approximately \$4,000 a year.

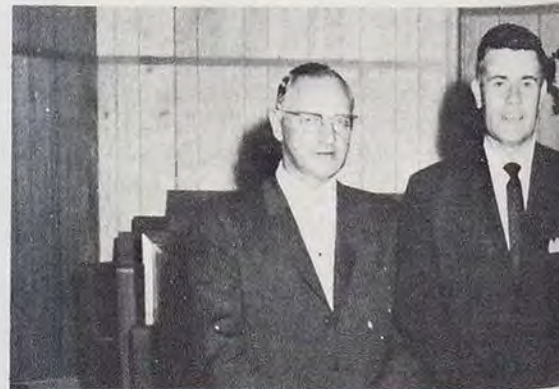
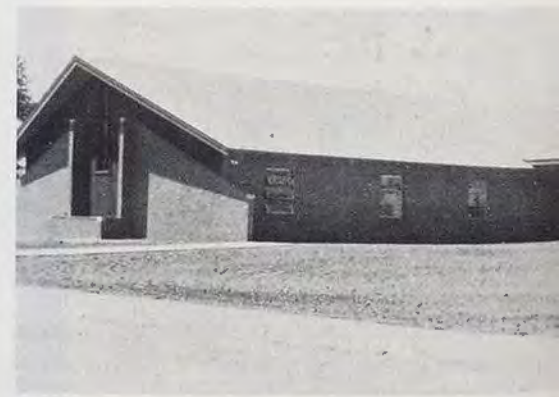


BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA — This was the scene at Bakersfield on July 1 when ground was broken for the new Glad Tidings Assembly of God. Among those present were (front row) T. C. Cunningham, assistant district superintendent; Walter M. Barnard (with shovel), pastor; Jay Betzer, deacon; and Oran Fike, deacon. Back row: Paul Gerig, deacon; Richard Ingham, deacon; Fred Higgins, trustee; Gene Byrd, trustee; Charles Adams, C. A. leader.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — Members of the Northwest Assembly of God in Atlanta now worship in this lovely new church at 700 Commercial Avenue N. W. Jesse Smith, superintendent of the Georgia district, dedicated this new church last January. Under the leadership of Pastor M. G. Barfield the church relocated in a new area of Atlanta. There are now ten Assemblies of God churches in the city of Atlanta.



DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA — These 236 a human cross during a recreation period. The convocations, Bible classes, chapel, athletics, swimming the Paul Hild family. Mel DeVries, district S. S.

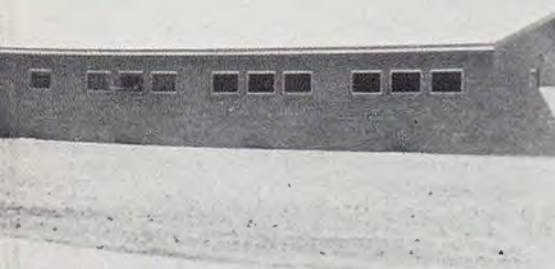


TRIBUNE, KANSAS — It was a happy day for the Assembly of God when their fine new church (shown at left) was dedicated. Another honored guest was Paul J. Samuelson, minister from Parkesburg, Pa. was the special speaker. Standing left to right are: Paul J. Samuelson, Ja

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the Lakewood Park Boys and Girls Camp formed participated in such daily activities as morning devotional and handcraft. The gospel rally each evening featured A. director, had charge of the camp.



James I. Miller and members of the Tribune Assembly dedicated by Claude J. Utley, district superintendent, district secretary-treasurer. The dedication week benefit. James Brown, Spirit-filled Presbyterian on the occasion.
n, James I. Miller, and Claude J. Utley.

VICTORIA, TEXAS—
The First Assembly of God dedicated its new sanctuary and educational department on October 21. Willis E. Berry, a former pastor and until recently superintendent of the South Texas district, was guest speaker. Under the guidance of its pastor, D. L. Blackburn, the church purchased twenty acres of land in a new location on which to erect this 10,379 - square - foot building.



VICTORIA, TEXAS—
The new edifice of First Assembly has an impressive interior featuring a high ceiling with indirect lighting. The sanctuary seats 420. There is a business wing containing pastor's office, secretarial office, Sunday school office, and library. On the opposite side is an education wing with modern Sunday school rooms, connecting with a large fellowship hall. The entire church is of masonry construction, with central heating and air conditioning throughout.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI— This is the new home of the Northeast Full Gospel Assembly at 133 S. Van Brunt Blvd. The congregation purchased this building from the Fourth Church of Christ Scientists. The church seats 575 including the balcony. It has a full basement and ample Sunday school space. N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of the Southern Missouri district, was guest speaker at the dedication on September 2. Elias Zorro is pastor.



OLNEY, TEXAS —
This fine building owned by the Olney Assembly of God is now debt free. On September 2 the church celebrated its 30th anniversary with a Homecoming, Dedication, and Mortgage Burning. Two years ago, after fire destroyed their church, the congregation bought and remodeled this former Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dave E. Laughlin is pastor. District superintendent Phinis A. Lewis officiated at the dedication.



Your Child and Salvation

By MARIE WALSTON

HAVE YOU TAUGHT YOUR CHILD THE plan of salvation? I asked this question when a group of women expressed fear that someone might overpersuade their children during Vacation Bible school, causing them to make a profession of faith before they were ready.

"I made a profession when I was nine," said one mother. "But during my teens I wasn't sure whether I was saved or not. I don't want my child to go through that. He should wait until he is older."

Several mothers agreed with her, but there was no agreement as to when a child reaches the crucial age. Most confessed that they did not teach their Primary children God's plan of redemption.

I thought of my own seven-year-old. Only a few weeks earlier, he had a mother who thought much like these women. I differed only in that Mike was my baby. I thought he was incapable of understanding as much about God as his sister and brother,

who had accepted Christ when they were only a little older.

Oh, Mike heard his share of Bible stories. Verses read from the Bible were carefully chosen—mostly Sunday school memory verses. He was so tender and precious to us that it simply did not occur to me that he might be just as lost as any sinner.

One night during a revival, he touched my arm and said, "Mommy, if I go up front, will I be saved?"

I can't imagine why, but at the time this came as a surprise. "We will talk about it when we get home," I said.

We did talk. I asked him why he wanted to be saved, and he said, "Well, Linda and Joey were baptized, and I want to be baptized too."

So that's it, I thought. He has always imitated his brother and sister. It is only natural that he would want to follow them. Parents often underestimate the deep feelings which little children may have, and many times

pass up marvelous teaching opportunities.

I was afraid Mike wasn't mature enough to understand. Instead of reading God's simple plan from the Bible to him, I said: "You believe in God, don't you?"

He nodded.

"The Bible tells us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and we will be saved," I added uncertainly.

He pulled the covers up over his head, said good night, and I thought the matter was settled—until he was old enough to understand.

But the next night at church he wiggled through two invitation stanzas. When my brother went forward on the third, Mike followed. Several had gone forward, and our dear pastor, through no fault of his, overlooked our small son, and did not speak to him. Afterward Mike disappeared in the crowd, and we were in the car before I spoke to him about his action.

"Son, why did you go forward with Uncle Ruben?" I asked. "Mother has

told you never to wiggle about during the invitation. You might hinder some lost person from accepting Christ."

His dark eyes filled with tears. Looking me straight in the eye, he said, "Mommy, what you don't understand is this: I am lost. I have tried to tell Brother Poe, and I have tried to tell you. But no one will listen. No one will do anything about it."

My heart came up into my throat. "God, forgive me," I whispered.

At home, Mike and I went straight to the kitchen. We sat down at the table, and this time I opened my Bible to Acts 16:30, 31.

"Son," I began, "a long time ago a jailer asked Paul the same question you have just asked me: How can I be saved? I want you to read it for yourself, for the answer is the same today."

He began to read in his faltering second-grade style: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Then I read Romans 10:9: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

He pushed the Bible aside and, turning bright eyes toward me, cried, "Mommy, I thought you had to be baptized to be saved. Why, I can do all that the Bible says—right here. I mean, I already believe in Jesus, and now I want to give him my heart forever."

It was a glorious experience. There may be times when he falters (for who doesn't?) but I shall never doubt my child's salvation.

Never should a young child be over-persuaded. At the same time we should never underestimate a child's spiritual intelligence. He understands what makes rain, thunder, and lightning because his schoolteacher has explained it to him. Surely these things are harder to understand than the plan of salvation. I think the Bible backs me up in this: "Wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Isaiah 35:8).

It is the parent's duty to lead his child to Christ. I actually feel sorry for those who have not had this marvelous experience.

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Typhoon Karen Devastates Our Two Guam Assemblies

Both of our assemblies in Guam were leveled by Typhoon Karen, Pastor John Burke reports by cable. Although devastation is complete, no loss of life is reported among our workers and Christians. Since lack of food, supplies, and utilities has disrupted life on the island, it appeared that Sister Burke and their baby would have to be flown back to the United States.

Established by servicemen, the assembly in Agana, Guam, has become the hub around which evangelization of Guam centers. (Our work in Guam not only meets the spiritual needs of American personnel stationed on the Pacific island but has an outreach ministry among the Guamanian and Filipino inhabitants.)

A second church was established recently in Inarajan. The U.S. government assisted by providing a prefab building as a meeting place for the congregation.

In order to meet the present emergency, the Foreign Missions Department has forwarded \$500 to Brother Burke and is awaiting a complete estimate of the destruction and of the amount of assistance needed by our workers and Christians on the island. It is evident that additional relief funds will be required. Churches and individuals wishing to assist in relief to Guam should send their offerings to the **Foreign Missions Department**, 1445 Baonville, Springfield, Mo. Designation: **Guam Relief**.

A PUZZLE FOR YOUNG READERS

BY DICK CHAMPION

WHO SAID IT?

Listed below are some statements from the Gospel of Luke. Following them are the names of individuals who made these statements. Can you match the statement with the person who said it? Write the name in the space before each statement.

1. _____ said, "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance" (Luke 3:8).

2. _____ said, "If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread" (Luke 4:3).

3. _____ said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel" (Luke 2:34).

4. _____ said, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

5. _____ said, "Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing" (Luke 5:5).

6. _____ said, "Son why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing" (Luke 2:48).

7. _____ said, "All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will, I give it" (Luke 4:6).

8. _____ said, "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, . . . he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Luke 3:16).

9. _____ said, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Luke 4:8).

* * *

PEOPLE WHO MADE THESE STATEMENTS: Jesus, John the Baptist, Mary (the mother of Jesus), Simon Peter, Simeon, the devil. (You will have to use some names more than once.)

ANSWERS

1—John the Baptist; 2—the devil; 3—Simeon; 4—Jesus; 5—Simon Peter; 6—Mary (the mother of Jesus); 7—the devil; 8—John the Baptist; 9—Jesus.



THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Sunday School Lesson for December 23, 1962

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Wise Men have been highly publicized in both sermon and song. Their background is veiled in mystery. And where the Word is silent it is impractical to speculate. But we may derive great lessons from the little which is told us concerning these men. God grant that we may be as wise as they were!

THE SEEKERS AND THE STAR (vv. 1, 2).

These seekers were scholars and scientists. They came "from the east"—probably from the land of Persia. They may have been members of a priestly tribe known as "Magi" whose chief occupation was studying the stars and interpreting dreams.

They noted the appearance of a strange star. Daniel and Balaam had both prophesied in Persia, and the Wise Men may have been acquainted with their predictions. (See Numbers 24:17.) Thus when the star appeared they concluded that it spoke of the birth of the great Ruler who was to be sent from God.

They were wise in their employment of their intellect and education. In their case it led to Christ! How sad that today men will profane God-given abilities so that intelligence becomes a snare and a curse and drives men away from Christ rather than toward Him!

How is it with us who know Christ? Are we employing all of our God-given powers to seek Christ and His glory?

THE SEEKERS AND THE KING (vv. 3-9).

The King's Fear. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled." Observe:

1. Christ brought joy to the Wise Men, but terror to Herod. There is always one of two reactions when we meet Christ. Either He is the source of our keenest troubles, or He is the beginning and continuation of our greatest joys. The good are a constant thorn in the side of the wicked. The presence of Christ in the life of a consecrated Christian is a rebuke to the half-hearted Christian.

2. Herod was troubled because he regarded Christ as a rival to his throne. Men often reject Christ rather than risk the loss of material and earthly things. Which means the most to us: Christ or personal security?

The King's Feigned Devotion. Pretending to desire to worship Christ also, Herod said to the Wise Men, "When ye have found him, bring me word again." His real purpose was to kill this One whom he regarded as a rival. What arrant hypocrisy!

Herod is not alone in his feigned devotion. Millions are pretending devotion to Christ—particularly at this season of the year. There are special services, religious entertainments, elaborate musical concerts, solemn rituals and masses, colorful pageantry and plays—plenty of

words about Christ, but little real heart devotion to Him!

Thank God for those true hearts all over the world who, on the day we celebrate as His birthday, are lifted in transcendent joy and inexpressible adoration to Jesus their Saviour!

THE SEEKERS AND CHRIST (vv. 9-12).

The Seekers' Search Rewarded. The wisdom of the Wise Men is revealed once again in that they were not content merely to admire the star. The star was only a means to an end—to lead them to Christ. They "fell down, and worshipped Him." The movement of the star was indeed supernatural, but these men from the East were wise enough not to become sidetracked—they worshipped Jesus, not the supernatural.

Have we stopped with stars? Have we become more taken up with the preacher, the evangelist, our church, or our denomination than with Jesus Himself? Have we become more occupied with the gifts of the Spirit than with the Giver Himself?

The Seekers' Worship. How wise was the manner of the conduct of these men in the presence of the Babe! There was nothing about the Child or His surroundings to suggest kingly claims, yet they had implicit faith to see Him as He was—King, Lord, Saviour.

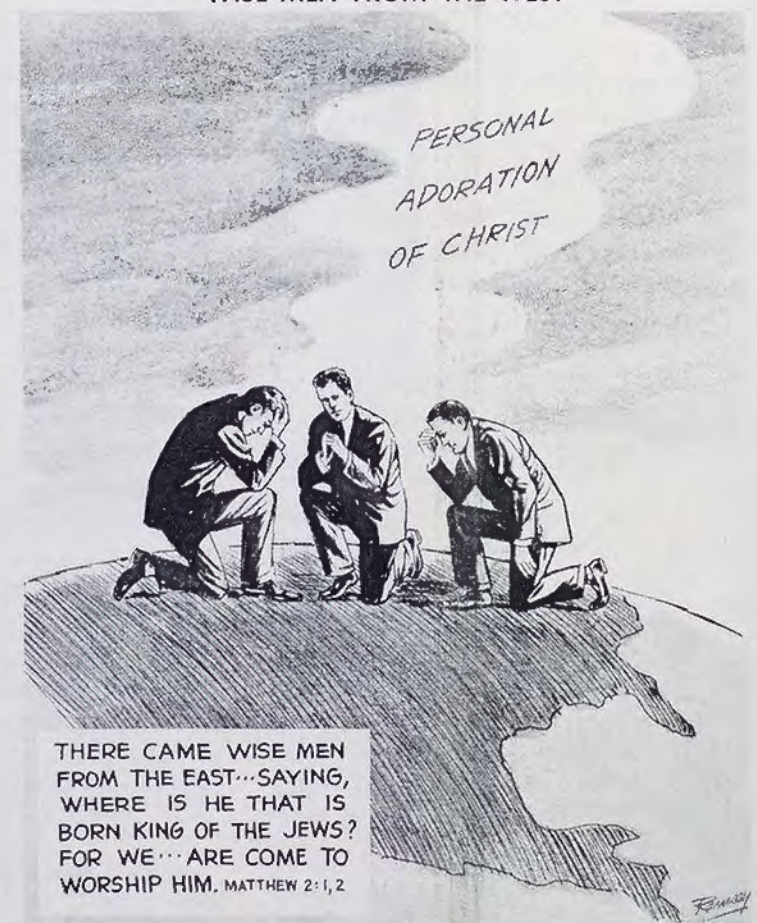
Do we see more in Him than others do? Do we see Him as a "has-been" Christ? Or do we see Him as "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever?"

The Seekers' Sacrifice. Quite apart from their mystical and typical meanings, these costly gifts of the Wise Men involved real sacrifice.

God so loved us that He gave His Son for us. Is our gratitude for that love expressed at Christmastime in terms of really sacrificial giving?

—J. Bashford Bishop

WISE MEN FROM THE WEST



SAILING ON THE CURRENT OF HIS WILL

The Lord taught me a beautiful lesson from the way in which birds use their wings in air currents. I noticed one bird flapping its wings so wildly—working so very hard. Another bird caught the current, flapped just a bit, then stretched his wings and rested—sailing with the current.

I thought: "God wants to lift me up on His currents of faith, trust, and restfulness into a new spiritual freedom, but I must stretch my wings."

The life of faith is a continual stretching process. In faith we reach out to God. Sometimes, with each petition, He seems to delay the answer a little more. It is easy to become impatient. But if we will sail on the current of His will for us, in His own time He will fulfill our heart's desires.

—*Evangel Reader*

THE BLESSING OF FEW WORDS

Have you ever noticed that the folk who have accomplished most for God are often described as "men of few words." They have learned from the "wise man" that "in the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

And have we not known from experience that the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

One of the great works of the Spirit of God is to enable us to bring that "unruly member" into subjection—no longer a fountain giving sweet and bitter water but giving words of wisdom and ministering grace to the hearers.

—ROBERT FAIRNIE in *Redemption Tidings*

A MATTER OF ETIQUETTE

One notable day, about two hundred and fifty years ago, the old gardener at Versailles was in distress. What pains he took with his flower beds! But sad to say, the palace courtiers ruthlessly trampled them down.

At last he could endure it no longer. He appealed to the king, Louis XIV, who took pity on the broken-hearted old man and ordered little tablets, known in French as *etiquette*, to be neatly arranged around the borders of the flower beds. He instructed all courtiers to walk carefully within the limits prescribed by *etiquette*.

For a month or two, the courtiers regarded the old man as an intolerable nuisance. Why should their freedom be diminished? Why could they not tread wherever they liked? But afterward, when rare blossoms arose to border their well-kept promenade, they blessed their horny-handed tyrant as a benefactor.

Life is all a matter of etiquette. God does not protect His flower beds with frowning fortresses. Men are free agents. They can ignore His commandments if they wish. But men will be the losers if they do. The etiquette of God's law is designed to keep man from trampling on the flowers along life's pathway. The etiquette of the Gospel marks out for contrite trespassers the way that leads up to the Cross.

—E. W. BOREHAM in *Revelation*.

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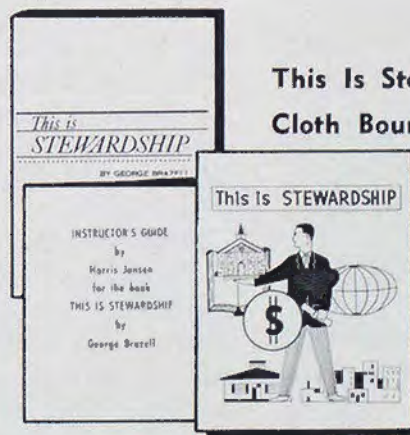
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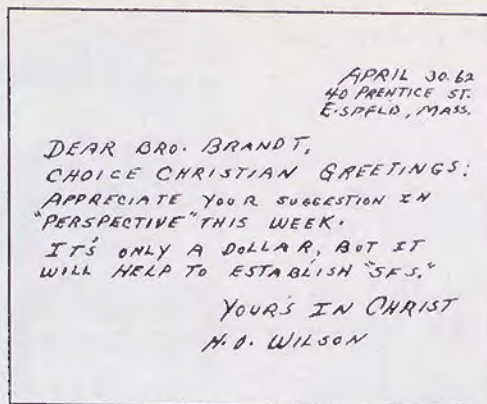
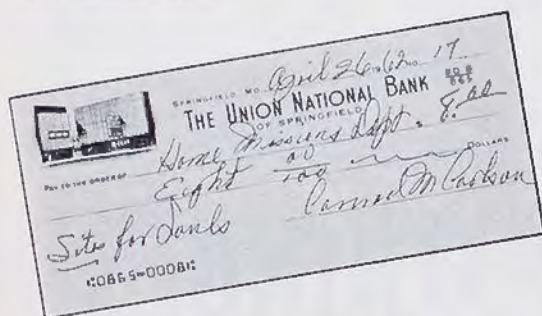
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Focus on the Future

"SITES FOR SOULS" FUND ESTABLISHED FOR ACTION

By R. L. BRANDT

National Home Missions Secretary

A CHECK FOR \$8—A ONE-DOLLAR bill—a letter offering two lots for a new church site—several encouraging letters and comments—all of this and more resulted from a single column entitled "Sites for Souls," which appeared in the April 29, 1962, *Evangel*.

To refresh your memory, I quote: "Suitable sites are as important to pioneer churches as they are to modern shopping centers. To build a pioneer church in an out-of-the-way, not-easily-accessible place is to fight almost impossible odds.

"Serious thought should be given to this matter. Why did Jesus say, 'The children of the world are in their generation wiser than the children of light'? Why does modern business place a premium on location while the pioneer church settles for whatever is available cheap?

"There are reasons: mistaken concepts, shortsightedness, limited funds. But dare we, with so much at stake, allow these reasons to hamstring us? Would it not be wiser to face the problem head-on and find a solution than to concede defeat without lifting a hand?

"In most places where new churches are needed, suitable sites can be found. The tragedy is that we don't seek them out and buy when prices are lowest—when the cows are still in the pasture, as someone advised.

"But to buy takes money, and of this we are always short. One million dollars annually would not be too

much. This would pay for two hundred sites at an average cost of \$5,000.

"Are there any hopes that a 'Site for Souls' fund will ever be developed to meet the need? Is it possible that millions could become available, or is it idle dreaming to even think of it?

"Consider this. If every Assemblies of God constituent were to give only one dollar per year, in two years' time this would total one million dollars. Surely we have the potential. All we need is the vision and determination to act.

"At the moment no plan has been devised and no fund established—at least on the national level. The purpose of this article is to focus attention on the need and to solicit the reader's prayerful concern. Will you unite your prayers with ours in this interest?"

The broad response from readers and the unusual interest in the idea (Sites for Souls) indicated that the Lord was opening a new avenue to make possible the reaching and saving of many lost Americans.

But an idea is not enough. A sound, sensible program must be developed to implement the idea. To do this the matter was presented at the District Home Missions Representative Seminar in Springfield, Mo., August 27 for study and evaluation.

It was proposed "that a 'Sites for Souls' fund be established in the National Home Missions Department for the express purpose of assisting with

the purchase of building sites for new churches throughout the United States."

To justify the establishment of such a fund it was pointed out that:

(1) Thousands of new churches must be built across America if we are to discharge properly our Christian responsibility to a rapidly expanding populace.

(2) The locations for these new churches are as vital as the new buildings themselves.

(3) Suitable sites are becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain. New subdivisions are often planned to accommodate only a certain number of churches. Therefore, a site must be purchased at an early stage of the project.

(4) Sufficient funds for the purchase of suitable sites are seldom available when the property is available at the most advantageous price.

(5) Once a suitable site is owned it is much easier to obtain financing for a building program.

In the light of these facts ten vital recommendations were adopted:

(1) That a "Sites for Souls" fund be established on the national level.

(2) That funds be made available to districts on an application basis.

(3) That a General Council committee be appointed and charged with the responsibility of reviewing all applications and making grants on the

basis of comparative justification of need.

(4) That an annual goal of one dollar per Assemblies of God member be established.

(5) That we designate the month of February as "Sites for Souls" month and that rallies be conducted throughout the nation at that time, having as one of their main objectives the raising of funds for this purpose.

(6) That effort be made to interest able individuals in contributing substantially to the fund.

(7) That careful organization be effected in an effort to gain the total cooperation of the constituency.

(8) That all sites be purchased or held in the name of the district within which they are located.

(9) That in the event of sale of a "Sites for Souls" property, the district must return funds realized from the sale thereof to the national "Sites for Souls" fund.

(10) That when a church is constructed on "Sites for Souls" property, the title to this property should be conveyed to the church at a time most suitable in the judgment of the district officary.

Additional details for the program's smooth operation remain to be developed. At the moment, plans for the official launching of "Sites for Souls" are rapidly taking shape. The new program will be introduced in districts, sections, and churches across the nation during February, 1963, in connection with the annual *Break-through*—8000 rallies.

The wheels of progress are already in motion. One district superintendent recently wrote, "I presented 'Sites for Souls' to our presbyters on the tenth, and they enthusiastically endorsed the program. They are willing to launch it early, as early as December if you think it would be advisable. The presbyters agreed to go to each pastor individually and sell the program.

"We are expecting to oversubscribe and to be the first district to achieve our goal."

With such enthusiastic support the prospects are bright for the future. Only a dollar a year from each Assemblies of God member will make possible the purchase of fine building sites for pioneer churches across the country every year. The purchase of the site is one of the vital steps in the evangelization of any community.



DECADE OF DESTINY

By C. W. QUATTLEBAUM

Pastor, Sheffield Assembly of God, Kansas City, Missouri

JEREMIAH 8:18-22 READS, "WHEN I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

We are hearing numerous remarks about the soaring sixties. No doubt we are in a decade of time that is bringing and will bring about major decisions—politically, economically, and spiritually. This is the time of the end!

The apostle Paul, writing concerning this time, said: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Timothy 3:1). If ever a holy fervor should possess the souls of ministers and laity it is now. An air of desperation should be a part of our lives. This is the end time! The end can come during these soaring sixties. This is a decade of destiny!

Every force in the world except the church is responding to this spirit of desperation. The President feels we must act now to thwart the communist menace. Time is important! Could it be that many Christians are either asleep or possessed with a spirit of ease?

The prophet Jeremiah felt despair and cried out in my text, "The harvest

is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." He said, "Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion?" It is time to cry out to the Lord for sinners to be converted and for the name of the Lord to be glorified in our churches. Jeremiah became so desperate with God that he turned black. He cried out, "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?" God has not changed his ways or methods of reaching the lost. The same old-fashioned way of praying until one's soul becomes a fire will still work today!

Joel 3:10, 11, 13 reads, "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: *let the weak say, I am strong.* Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Put in the sickle, *for the harvest is ripe*: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great."

The fact that wickedness is so great in the earth is a sure sign of the end. Jesus felt a sense of desperation when He said, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Christ urged them not to waste time over unimportant issues. We should not be concerned with who receives the glory for success just as long as success is achieved for the Master.

"In the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, bind them into bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into *my barn.*" Harvesttime has arrived!

This is the time for a united front—pushing out into the whitened fields to build churches. ■



An area-wide Revivaltime crusade was held in the Civic Auditorium in Panama City, Fla.



The Revivaltime choir loaded the bus and began its first 6,000-mile, 30-day summer tour.



Missionary Melvin Grams signed another year's contract to keep Revivaltime on WNBS in Nigeria.



Literature from the pen of C. M. Ward has found its way to many countries around the world. Missionary Maurice Luce uses bookmobile to distribute Revivaltime literature in Western Samoa.

Ninth Anniversary Goal of 400 Stations Reached!

REVIVALTIME MINISTRY EXPANDS DURING YEAR

Many Challenging Opportunities Ahead Require Additional Financial Support

THE FAMILIAR WORDS, "IT'S *Revivaltime* across the nation and around the world," are now being heard over more than 400 radio stations as the program celebrates its ninth anniversary of "live" network broadcasting.

The 400 mark was passed shortly after the middle of *Revivaltime's* first year of broadcasting from its new radio studio in the Assemblies of God international headquarters building. Included in *Revivaltime's* goal-breaking station tally are more than fifty foreign releases, the most recent beginning in November from Nairobi, Kenya, West Africa.

BROADCAST ADDITIONS

The station in Nairobi, Kenya, was obtained through the influence of the recently restored release from Radio Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. Radio Lourenco Marques, which released the program prior to *Revivaltime's* association with the ABC radio network, was returned to the radio log this August.

In addition, since August, 1962, *Revivaltime* has been released over its first foreign radio network. Under the guidance of Garland Benintendi, superintendent of the China Assemblies of God, four releases of *Revivaltime* were secured on the facilities of the Broadcasting Corporation of China in Taiwan (Formosa). The program can now be heard each Sunday at 5:30 P.M. on the radio stations in Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, and Kaohsiung.

NEW AUDITORIUM

On the first Sunday of January, *Revivaltime* will celebrate its first anniversary of origination from the new headquarters' radio auditorium. The fully equipped radio studio, with an auditorium seating 654, was first used on January 7, 1962.

The new auditorium replaces the

radio studio in Central Bible Institute's Bowie Hall, used as origination center since the Radio Department began broadcasting fifteen years ago. CBI was the home of the fifteen-minute program of the Assemblies of God, "Sermons in Song," which began in 1946. Since 1950, the CBI studio housed the renamed and expanded broadcast, *Revivaltime*, and was the site of *Revivaltime's* first "live" ABC radio network broadcast on December 20, 1953, and its last one on December 17, 1961.

CHOIR SUMMER TOUR

Included in a year of many "firsts," the *Revivaltime* choir spent thirty days participating in its initial summer tour. Highlight of the choir's presentation was a dramatic sermon in song entitled, "Name of Names." The choir, under the direction of Cyril McLellan, Central Bible Institute instructor and ten-year member of the *Revivaltime* team, visited the Midwest and western states and Canada.

During the academic year, the forty-voice *Revivaltime* choir, an integral part of the *Revivaltime* team, is heard weekly in the broadcast service. Composed of CBI students, the choir not only ministers in music on the air but each year makes two major tours, some weekend trips, and one-night trips representing *Revivaltime*.

Many persons have been blessed and saved through the choir's ministry and, as a result, demands have encouraged the group to produce four long-playing records. The latest addition, "*Revivaltime* Choir, featuring Lee Robbins, soloist," was released last spring, and another album was prepared for release in the spring of 1963.

THE REVIVALTIME TEAM

The *Revivaltime* team ministers in

the United States to more than 12,000,000 listeners weekly. In addition to the vocal ministry of the choir, the team members are C. M. Ward, for the past nine years *Revivaltime* speaker; Bartlett Peterson, executive director of the Radio Department and broadcast narrator, now in his tenth year with the broadcast service; D. V. Hurst, national secretary, narrator, and producer; C. T. Beem, program director; Cyril McLellan, choir director; and Lee Robbins, now full-time *Revivaltime* soloist.

FIELD MINISTRY

To effectually minister to the constantly growing *Revivaltime* family, C. M. Ward, D. V. Hurst, and Stanley Michael, *Revivaltime* field representative, spend much time conducting meetings outside of Springfield. One or more of these men is ministering each month at some camp meeting, youth convention, *Revivaltime* rally, crusade, ministers' institute, or other service. These field services result in many persons finding salvation as they come to see the *Revivaltime* representative "in person."

CRUSADES AND ORIGINATIONS

In 1962, *Revivaltime* placed increasing emphasis on area-wide crusades aimed at reaching and saturating an entire metropolitan area with the "good news of salvation." This year five area-wide crusades were held—three in the West and two in the East. In addition, *Revivaltime* originated from these five crusade cities.

In the east, *Revivaltime* crusades were conducted at the First Assembly of God in Panama City, Florida, and at the First Assembly of God in Beckley, West Virginia. The Panama City crusade, February 20-25, was sponsored by seventeen Assemblies of God churches in Section Eight of the West Florida District. In West Virginia, the *Revivaltime* origination on April 15 was the first network broadcast ever to originate fully from Beckley and received the largest news coverage ever given to any religious meeting in the area.

In the West, three crusades were held in the Southern California District. The first crusade was held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, California, Sunday, June 3. The First Assembly of God, Santa Ana, was the site of the October 7 origination and a week-long prebroadcast

crusade. The San Bernardino crusade, November 13-16, was held at the First Assembly of God with the origination coming from the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, November 18. This crusade was climaxed with the annual Thanksgiving World Prayermeeting.

THANKSGIVING PRAYERMEETING

Stressing its 1962 theme—"BUT PRAYER WAS MADE" (Acts 12: 5)—*Revivaltime's* annual World Prayermeeting originated from the San Bernardino Municipal Auditorium. Joining together with the *Revivaltime* team in prayer for the more than 20,000 prayer requests for needs of deliverance for a vast multitude of problems were more than 800 prayer groups in the United States and around the world.

MAIL RECORDS

Every month the *Revivaltime* office is flooded with some 10,000 to 12,000 letters. Many of these come from persons needing counseling because of broken homes, financial needs, and sin-sick souls seeking salvation.

Whatever the need may be each letter is carefully considered and prayerfully answered. In turn, many replies like the following have been received: "I wrote you about my distress and my heavy burden... thank God my burden is gone. My Jesus has taken it away. From that time until now I have joy unspeakable and full of glory."—L. G., British Guiana.

Many times the letters come requesting *Revivaltime* literature. Since the program has been on the ABC radio network, more than three and a quarter million pieces of literature—including tracts, sermons, books, and special bulletins by C. M. Ward—have been distributed.

This summer alone, as part of the *Revivaltime* evangelism emphasis, more than 105,000 copies of the "Miniature Bible" were distributed. A series of Bible story-studies was initiated this year with the publication of story-studies of Colossians and of James. It is anticipated that such story-studies will be continued in the future. Response to these story-studies was outstanding.

EVANGELISTIC ARM

To reach the most possible people with the salvation message, *Revivaltime* initiated a vigorous program of follow-up. This continues today. No

listener writes in without receiving a return reply.

For those having more serious needs, *Revivaltime's* well-organized liaison between the Radio Department and the districts alerts local ministers of those in their community who need and would appreciate a visit.

Many tune in *Revivaltime* looking for that "extra something" which they have not found in their home church. The straight-forward Holy Spirit-anointed gospel preaching of C. M. Ward makes them eager to find a full-gospel church. Local Assemblies of God churches displaying the *Revivaltime* sign or following the broadcast with announcements of local services have provided the answer to many of these gospel-starved people.

In addition, the program reaches into many areas where there are no Assemblies of God churches. Letters from listeners have shown that *Revivaltime* receives nearly as much response from cities where there are no Assemblies of God churches as from cities where there are. As a result, a number of home mission churches have been opened in such communities.

WHAT NEXT?

Revivaltime's future holds tremendous opportunities for additional broadcasting time in new areas. Radio is now recognized as one of the most flexible means of communications and the fastest method of speeding the gospel around the world. Now is the time for us to take advantage of this expanding field of communication for Christ's cause.

This work can continue only as you support it with your sacrificial gifts. *Revivaltime's* great potential will be untouched unless each church and each listener will respond with their prayers and offerings.

As we face this holiday season commemorating the birth of Him who came to save the lost world, remember His great sacrifice for sin-blighted people. Honor Christ this Christmas by sending a special gift for the worldwide, evangelistic, missionary radio ministry of *Revivaltime*. Send your offering to *REVIVALTIME*, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Remember, your gifts are eligible for income tax deductions. Take advantage of this opportunity before the end of the year so you will secure maximum deductions.



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Music in All Departments of the Church



Paul Mickelson

By EDWIN P. ANDERSON
Music Editor, Gospel Publishing House

WHEN KING DAVID OFFERED EIGHTY-year-old Barzillai a place in his palace in Jerusalem, the old gentleman complained, saying, "Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women?" (2 Samuel 19:35). He was old and deaf. No longer could he hear the melody of human voices to cheer him in the sunset hours of his life. Can you imagine a world without music? a home without music?

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a church without music? What a dreary place this would be without the sound of melody.

Ever since the creation of the world music has played an important part in man's existence. From the time the morning stars sang together in glory while the Creator formed and fashioned the world, man has cherished music. Above the Judean hills the angels announced the birth of Christ through song. When Christ on the eve of His death on the cross sang a hymn with His disciples, He touched chords in human hearts that were broken. Redemption's grand finale and the consummation of the age will be attended by music, as recorded in Revelation 5, which says, "Ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands . . . sung a new song . . . Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."

Great revivals have ridden the crest of Christian song. The courage of many martyrs was stimulated by the enthusiasm of song. Many times, after the fagots were lit, amid the crackling flames could be heard the song of a dying saint. Women approached the scaffold as to an altar, encouraged in the hour of their terrible ordeal by some song that gave the necessary courage to be true to Christ.

Dwight L. Moody used to say that he believed that Ira Sankey, his singing evangelist, sang more people back to God than he ever preached back. Gospel preaching and spiritual singing make a powerful combination to change lives and nations; more powerful for good are they than the best code of laws. It was a wise man who said, "If I may write a nation's songs, I care not who writes her laws." Na-

tions have risen and fallen by the power of the songs that were sung within their boundaries. Listen to the songs a nation is singing and you will know whether that nation shall rise or fall. Similarly, let us notice the songs a church is singing and we shall know whether the church is strong and vibrant or weak and dying.

In recent years there has been an increasing interest in the relation of music to the entire church program. This powerful force must be harnessed and put to work for God. We must challenge our talented musicians to use their talents for Christ.

In an effort to focus proper attention on the ministry of music, a National Music Conference will be held February 6-8, 1963, at the International Headquarters of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Missouri. This conference will offer workshop sessions dealing with many aspects of sacred music, led by some of the finest church musicians. Music and its place in the church will be highlighted through lectures, demonstrations, and actual participation.

The sessions will be of interest to pastors, music directors, students, and all Christian workers. The entire conference will be geared to the practical aspects of carrying on a church music program. The program will include:

Choral: Elementary and advanced —basic techniques of directing; organizing; and arranging.

Instrumental: Starting an orchestra or band; a demonstration; piano and organ, accompanying and playing "specials."

Reading Sessions: Opportunity will be given to sing over a lot of music for junior, youth, and adult choirs—also instrumental music and "special" music.

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Pastor and Music: What is involved—his relationship to the total music program of the church.

Music Director: His relationship to the music program and pastor.

Included among several who will participate in the conference are guest clinicians Paul Mickelson, Emil Balliet, and David Yoder.

Paul Mickelson, president of Supreme Recordings, Inc., was formerly organist for the Billy Graham crusades. He is active as a composer, arranger, and recording artist. His association with Billy Graham from 1950 to 1957 took him to many countries. For five years Brother Mickelson was under exclusive contract to RCA-Victor, both as an artist and as a director of that company's religious department. Over 300 Mickelson arrangements of best-loved hymns, spirituals, and sacred classics have been produced by leading recording companies. He is a graduate of LIFE Bible College, and has studied at the Liverette Academy of Music and the University of Southern California. Brother Mickelson will conduct the choral sessions during the entire conference. In addition, he and Dave Yoder will rehearse with the students, who will be having a separate and very interesting program, and he will present the students in a concert of music on the closing night.

Emil Balliet, well-known pastor and outstanding violinist, will speak each morning in the devotional service on music in relation to worship and evangelism. There will be special sessions for pastors, which he will direct.

David Yoder, an outstanding musician, will conduct the instrumental sessions during the conference.

Besides the daily sessions of instruction there will be evenings filled with inspiration. On the opening night

there will be musical presentations—both choral and instrumental—by outstanding groups. The second evening talent from across the nation will be heard. On the closing night there will be a unique musical presentation of instrumental and choral groups directed by the clinicians.

As we anticipate this conference, may we be much in prayer that it will be a means under God to bring about a "musical revival"!

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Stigma of the Supernatural

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temptations and trials of this modern age unless they have the true peace and satisfaction that Christ alone can give. The wise man of the Old Testament said: "Thy love is better than wine." That was his own way of explaining the tremendous satisfaction there is in loving God and being loved of God, in feeling wanted and needed. Organized religion will die out and become nothing but a social and political force unless men get back to the simple but dynamic message of supernatural healing for the soul and mind and body through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

—Elim Evangel, London

A Divine Prescription

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heart concerning his physical condition and also concerning his spiritual condition; and now the fruit of his personal exercise of heart is seen in his calling for the elders of the church.

If you are sick, you should take the first step in the matter. Your minister will not press you. He knows it is a solemn act to lay hands on the sick for unless they are spiritually prepared they will not recover. The anointing will be a farce unless it signifies true dedication. The prayer of faith will be a mockery unless it is accompanied by complete obedience to God's Word.

"Let him call," the Bible says. When you have reached the point of calling for the elders you have shown you are not taking the sickness lightly. You know that your body is in the hands of God. You know that it is a temple of God. You know it is dedicated to the service of God. By calling for the elders to come and anoint you with the symbolic oil you have confessed that Christ is your Lord, that all your sins are forgiven, and that you are united in harmony with all other members of His Church.

Now you are ready for the prayer of faith to be offered. It need not be a long prayer. Elijah's prayer on Mount Carmel consisted of only sixty-three words. Some prayers seem to try to make up in length what they lack in strength. It is the quality of prayer, not the quantity, that moves God. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." Do you believe that? This promise is as dependable as Acts 16:31 which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The "shalt" of Acts 16 is no more emphatic than the "shall" of James 5. In the first it refers to the soul; in the second to the body. Christ is Lord over every evil thing. He is Master of sickness as well as of sin.

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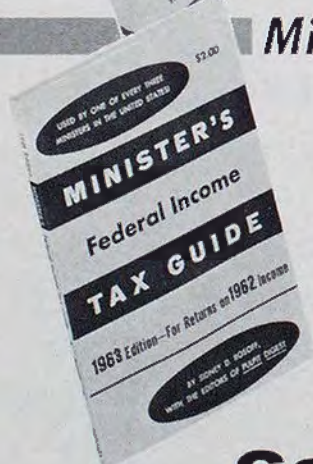


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EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Jonah Participates in Parade

Our Humbolt Assembly of God again entered the local Biblesta Parade with a float of "Jonah and the Whale" (Matthew 12:40) and it won the traveling trophy for the most spectacular float. This was the second consecutive year it won this award. If it wins once more it will have permanent possession of the trophy.

The fifth and most successful Biblesta Parade was held Saturday, October 6. Approximately 30,000 people watched. The annual parade, which is held in Humboldt, Kansas, on the first Saturday of October, depicts the story of the Bible. It is entirely religious, featuring such floats as the Exodus, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and other Bible stories.

Thirty-nine units (bands and floats) made up the 1962 parade. Those participating were the various churches, schools, and civic organizations of Humboldt and surrounding area.

The grand prize went to Poplar Grove Baptist Church for depicting the Crown of Life.

The prize for the most beautiful float went to St. Peter's Lutheran Church for its portrayal of "The Great Commission." Noah's Ark, entered by the First Baptist Church, was awarded the prize for authenticity.

Activities of the day began with an address by R. G. LeTourneau. The address and parade were followed by a free bean feed in the town square. An evening of gospel singing was presented by two well-known quartets.

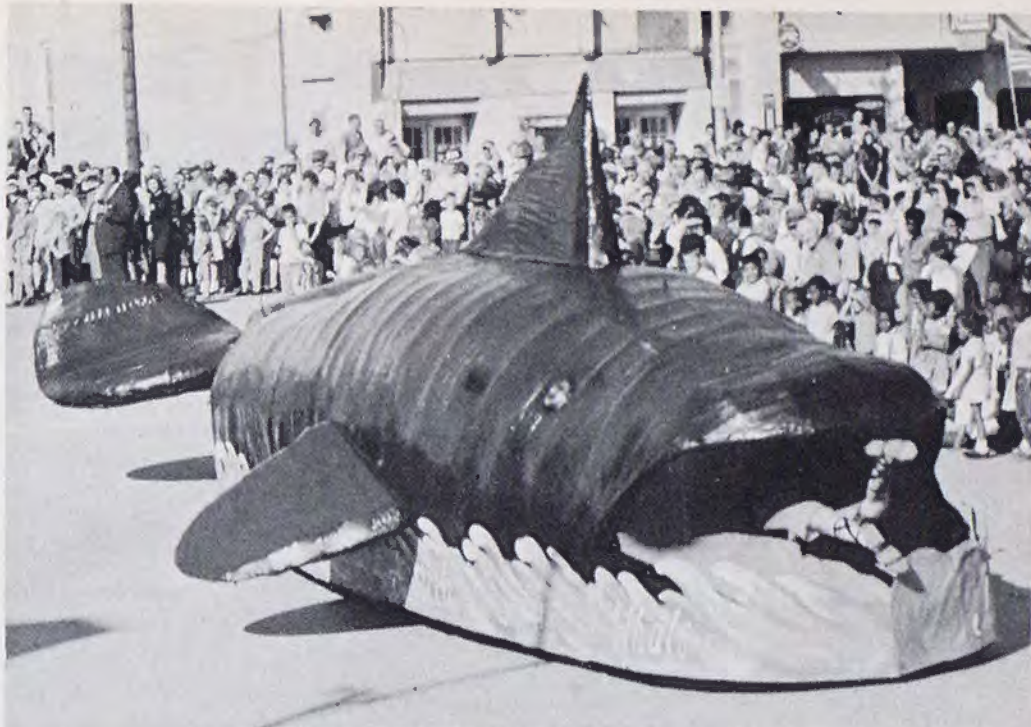
We feel a parade of this type is an excellent means of bringing God's Word to the attention of the public. The Biblesta is unique; it would be well if other communities would follow Humboldt's good example instead of staging the usual kind of Christmas parade.

E. L. HACKER, Pastor
Assembly of God
Humboldt, Kansas

Thankful for Many Blessings

We are old-timers in the Assemblies of God. I'm one of those who attended the convention at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1914 when the General Council was organized. Our children have grown up in the Assemblies and now they are preaching the glorious gospel, carrying on the work we are no longer strong enough to do.

Due to our physical condition we are not allowed to read very much any longer. We regret this, for through all these years and years the *Evangel* has proved to be so inspiring, helpful, instructive, and invaluable in many ways.



This entry by the Assembly of God in Humboldt, Kansas, won the award for the most spectacular float in the Biblesta parade in October. It takes five men to operate this fifty-foot float. Constructed by the men of the church, it is indeed spectacular for the tail and side fins move continually, water spouts from its top, and its movable mouth chews relentlessly on the kicking legs of a real live "Jonah."

But we are still rejoicing in the tender care of the Lord and we are happy in His safekeeping. Signs of Christ's soon coming are manifest on every hand. What a glorious consolation; with the writer of Revelation we say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." All praises be to His matchless Name.

W. RUFUS COOPER
San Bernardino, California

Through the Bible 27 Times

I have read the Bible through 27 times and oh, how I thank God for this Book! It is food for my soul. I used to read it through once a year but now I read it twice a year. I feed my soul every morning, before any other activity. The Bible gives me milk, bread, meat, and honey. It is a source of strength, a lamp for my daily path, an answer to every problem, a solution for every circumstance.

MRS. D. (NELLIE) BAZAN
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A Plea for Church Libraries

I read an article in the *Evangel* a while back about the wrong kind of literature, with which I agreed a hundred per cent; but I have never seen a good library in a Pentecostal church yet.

Why don't we furnish good literature for people to read? We realize what bad reading will do—wouldn't good literature do just the opposite?

Let's have a library in every church!

WAYNE DORSETT
Alzada, Montana

Personal Request for Prayer

I am enclosing remittance for two years' subscription for the *Evangel* and would like at this time to express my appreciation of this great publication.

I do not get out to church but the church is brought to me through this maga-

zine. May I ask you to pray for me. I would like, first of all, the real baptism of the Holy Spirit, and I would like my body to be healed of its infirmities. I have little money to help in the new "Break-through" but if I were healed I could witness to many here in the East where there are so few who believe in the supernatural work of God.

MRS. EVELYN PALMER
Haverhill, Massachusetts

A Young Mother Writes

I have always enjoyed the *Evangel*. It has helped me so very much and now I am ordering the magazine for two unsaved families.

May God bless you in your work. We are a young couple trying to serve the Lord and your articles on the family have helped us to be better parents.

MAUREEN WATSON
Vallejo, California

Idea for Lonely Shut-ins

We are shut-ins and are not able to get out and go much. Pop is 81 and I am 70 years young.

Brother and Sister Morelock who supervise the work here on the Mexican border were led of the Spirit to show us that we are not hard oaks in the vineyard, even at our age. They showed us how to make quilts for the Mexican Bible school. We also sent kitchen utensils, dish towels, aprons, cookies, jelly, etc. Now we are proud new members of the Mexico Revolving Church Fund.

If you will print this, perhaps it will help other lonely shut-ins to find some good work to do for the Lord, so that their sunset hours, like ours, will be the happiest hours.

MRS. A. O. FINDLEY
Mission, Texas

He Mended Every Mile

By RAYMOND L. COX



Against the doctor's order, the frontier preacher hitched his horse to the wagon.

AMERICA'S GREAT REVIVAL CHURCH OF PIONEER DAYS had entered a period of fearful ferment. The slavery issue threatened to tear the work apart. Revival fires began to smoulder when radicals from both the North and the South became bent on splitting the church.

Although they ultimately succeeded in their divisive project, they were withstood heroically for a season by the frontier's most famous circuit rider, Peter Cartwright, a nineteenth-century "son of thunder" whose prowess in producing prayers from penitents gained for him a reputation as the man who "could make even the devil pray."

In the fall of 1844 Cartwright was driving his wagon in the direction of Nashville, where the annual district conference of his church would convene. Momentous decisions would be debated in the conclave, and Cartwright's presence was sorely needed to rally the forces committed to preserving denominational unity.

As his wagon rumbled across a wide stretch of prairie, the circuit rider was stricken with malarial fever. Chills shook his frame so violently that he could not sit in his conveyance. He alighted from the wagon and lay shivering in the grass, thirsting miserably for unavailable water.

After two hours Cartwright's chills abated somewhat and he was able to proceed to Alton City, where he found lodging. But the prostrating succession of fever and chills confined the circuit rider to bed and sapped his strength. He seemed to grow weaker each day.

The conference was scheduled to commence on Wednesday. A physician informed Cartwright that he could not possibly attend.

By Friday the feeling of frustration which seized his soul goaded him toward desperation. "If I don't appear in Nashville," he thought, "the radicals may carry the day. Why can't God give me strength and health to attend?"

Peter Cartwright tumbled out of bed and commenced to petition the Lord for strength and healing. As he prayed he felt what he called "a strong impression" that God would enable him to reach Nashville. So he arose from his knees and, after summoning his host, announced the intention of leaving at once for the remainder of the conference.

The man protested in horror. "Mr. Cartwright, you'll never arrive alive!"

"Arrive alive? Maybe not. But God is leading me to try," replied the obstinate preacher, "and I will go if I die in the first mile!"

Cartwright stumbled weakly out to the stable where, with some help from his host, he managed to hitch his horse to the wagon and began the trip. Describing his journey later, the circuit rider declared, "I mended every mile, and reached the conference on Sunday morning."

Cartwright's recovery was so complete by the time he reached Nashville that he was able to attend every remaining session of the conference. He even influenced the delegates to accept his point of view! His faith was like that of the ten poor lepers, of whom it is written, "As they went, they were cleansed" (Luke 17:14).