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Why I Am Pentecostal

There are Scriptural reasons for believing that a New Testament church is a Pentecostal church.



by Jimmy Phillips

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I BELIEVE THE PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE OF THE BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit is one that all Christian believers can and should receive. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all..." (Acts 2:39).

There are those who accept this doctrine but do not partake of its benefits. If we believe it we might as well enjoy it! There are several Biblical reasons why I am Pentecostal and why I believe everyone ought to be, not only in theory but also in personal experience.

I

Jesus Christ taught that we should have a Pentecostal experience. He made this incumbent upon us when He said to His disciples, "Tarry... until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

He declared concerning Himself—in Luke 4:18, 19—

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me..." And in John 14:12 Jesus stated that our ministry was to be like His.

At His ascension, Christ knew the need of His followers and the approaching Day of Pentecost. One of His last commandments on earth was "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4). We need this endowment with power that was promised, as much as the first disciples needed it.

II

We should be Pentecostal because we need today the Help of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

The Holy Spirit came to Christ's followers on the Day of Pentecost in supernatural power. He came to give them a force stronger than Satan, sin, disease, or the spirit of popular opinion. It was a force strong enough to combat the stubbornness of the human will. It was power to make things move—to lift one out of self and to "make him to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

For our everyday lives we need the Holy Spirit's guidance. We note His work throughout the Acts of the Apostles. We see Him leading Paul on the marvelous journey to Rome when everything had conspired to stop him. With his life "hid with Christ in God" and relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance, a person is safe in this present hour of great pressure.

III

We should be Pentecostal to effectively fulfill the Great Commission and to extend the kingdom of God.

Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem... and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). He also said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel... and these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:15-18). In response to these commands "they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

It was the results of Pentecost that enabled Peter and John to minister healing to the lame man, as recorded in Acts 3. "But such as I have," were their words of victory. Signs followed their ministry and a city was stirred. The city's attention was directed to Christ for the people "marveled; and took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

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In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came only to certain persons. He anointed men called to be prophets, priests, kings, or to perform some other distinguished service. He gave them special qualifications for their work. He did not come to the great mass of people. Now, thank God, we are told He will come to *all* flesh—even the handmaidens and servants without distinction of sex, rank, or education may receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost formerly came *upon* men but on the Day of Pentecost He came *in* them. Formerly He was with them, but now He entered and became part of

their inner lives. He is a Presence not just with us but in us. Thus He gives us an unction to spread this glorious gospel, to the tearing down of the strongholds of sin, and the advancing and upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

Like the apostles after Pentecost, the Spirit-filled Christian has a compelling urge to take the gospel to others. He personally seeks people out and wins them to Christ. He lifts up Jesus as the One who can transform the hearts of men. He offers Him as the One who can solve the problems that face mankind.

The terms we use to describe this Pentecostal experience may vary according to our rearing, locality, or tradition. The Bible uses a number of terms: "endued with" (Luke 24:49); "baptized" (Matthew 3:11); "come upon" (Acts 1:5); "filled with" (Acts 2:4); and "gave them" (Acts 11:17).

Regardless of what terms we use, it is vitally important that we have this New Testament experience. Because Jesus taught it... because we personally need the Holy Ghost's help... and because the Great Commission requires it—let us be *Pentecostal!* ◀◀



A Sign to Unbelievers

By EVANGELIST GLADYS PEARSON
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THROUGH THE YEARS I HAVE SEEN MANY EVIDENCES to convince me of the reality of the Pentecostal experience. Another incident occurred recently in Santa Cruz, California, when a man who knew no Italian spoke clearly in this language through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 14:22, "tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." They are a clear testimony to the truth and supernatural nature of the gospel of Christ.

I was conducting a revival campaign in Santa Cruz for Pastor Kenneth Short. Attending the services was a couple around forty years of age. A few months earlier he had been filled with the Holy Spirit. The wife had been baptized with the Spirit many years before this, while in her teens, but had drifted away from God.

This couple went to the prayer room one evening after the service and both of them began to pray. God's power soon came upon the husband and he was speaking joyously in other tongues, worshiping the Lord and communing with Him in this holy medium of prayer in the Holy Spirit. The wife, however, seemed confused and unhappy. She was unable to "pray through" and receive an anointing from God.

She was disturbed and, after arriving home from church, she knelt in her living room to pray. She said she seemed unable to make any progress. Suddenly she felt that God wanted her to ask her husband to pray with her, so she went to him and made this request, though it humbled her to do so. Her husband knelt

by her side and immediately words began to pour from his lips in a language he never had learned.

She said that for a few moments she could not believe what she was hearing. He was speaking Italian, a language she had heard from her parents from earliest childhood. She knew he had no knowledge of the language, for he was a Scotsman. They had been married only a year. He had come from Scotland and married this young widow.

Listening carefully, she heard the Lord speaking to her in Italian about some sins she had allowed in her life. God was calling her to repentance and to a separated life. God was saying that if she obeyed He would fill her mouth also with a heavenly language!

Later she told us that if Pastor Short or I had spoken to her in this manner she would have resented it deeply, but she knew God was speaking to her and she quickly repented.

When the altar call was given at church the next night she went hurriedly into the prayer room. Immediately the Spirit came upon her. The husband came to me and said, "Please go help her." I did so. I was not acquainted with this couple and I knew nothing of what had happened the night before but I could see the anointing was upon her. I encouraged her to speak as the Holy Ghost gave her utterance (Acts 2:5). There came from her lips a heavenly language as beautiful as any I have ever heard. She rejoiced in her Saviour's love, singing and speaking hilariously in a "tongue" inspired by her Lord.

Yes, this Pentecostal experience is real. ◀◀

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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 a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. 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 Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost was one of the three great annual festivals among the Jews. Although it was primarily an Old Testament institution it became important to the New Testament Church because it was on the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit came down (Acts 2:1).

There are at least two other New Testament references to the feast. One is in Acts 20:16 where it is stated that the apostle Paul "hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost." The other is in 1 Corinthians 16:8 where the apostle said, "I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost." Whether the Early Christians participated in any special observance of the anniversary we do not know but the date must have had much spiritual meaning to them.

Originally it was called the Feast of Harvest, due to the fact that it marked the conclusion of the wheat harvest (Exodus 23:16). It was also known as the Feast of Weeks, the reason probably being that it climaxed the seven-week period that began with the Passover (Deuteronomy 16:10). Elsewhere in the Scriptures it is called the Day of Firstfruits (Numbers 28:26) because the first loaves made from the new harvest were offered on the altar at this time.

Later on, the rabbis decided it was on this same day, the fiftieth day after Passover, that Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai. They began to celebrate the receiving of the Law and the day came to be known by the Greek word "Pentecost," which means "fiftieth."

God chose this feast day as the time to send the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, and thus to inaugurate the Church of our Lord Jesus. Jerusalem was full of pilgrims on this day. Jews from many other lands had come to their holy city by the thousands to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, so this was an excellent time to inaugurate a new missionary movement. While it might be incorrect to say this was the birthday of the Church—for the little band of people in that upper room were disciples of the Lord Jesus prior to this, having answered His call, and having obeyed His command to tarry at Jerusalem—it surely was the day of the Church's public inauguration.

And what an Inauguration Day it was! God sent "a sound as of a strong rushing blast of wind," as Weymouth translates it, "filling the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues of what looked like fire, distributing themselves over the assembly; and on the head of each person a tongue alighted. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues according as the Spirit gave them words to utter" (Acts 2:2-4).

The crowds were amazed at this miracle. They came together to ask what it meant. Then Peter preached and three thousand were converted.

That Day of Pentecost was indeed the Feast of Harvest, for it marked a great ingathering of souls. And it was the Feast of Weeks, too, for the endowment of power they received that day was the climax to the redeeming work Christ had done for them at Calvary seven weeks before.

In a new spiritual sense it was also the Day of Firstfruits, for the soul-winning work did not end with the three thousand converts: it went on compounding through them like a multiplication table. And as for the giving of the Law, they celebrated that event by having the laws of God written upon the fleshly tablets of their hearts!

Let us celebrate this Pentecost Sunday, June 2, by tarrying in God's presence until we too are filled with the Spirit in order that, as we witness for Christ, sinners may turn to Him by the thousands.

SATISFIED YET DESIRING

It is amazing to see how God is drawing those who are willing to pay the price and go through with the Lord. His hand is upon them, and He is drawing them to Himself in a deeper way.

There is no self-satisfaction with those whom God is drawing and making hungry for Himself. Though we are always satisfied with Jesus, it seems that the more we feed upon Him and the more satisfied we become in belonging to Him, the hungrier we are for Him.

The more we drink of the living waters, the more satisfied we become, and yet the thirstier we are.

The closer we draw to God, the more Jesus is revealed to us, the more satisfied we are, and yet the more fervently our hearts pant for Him. The reason many of God's children are not hungry, is that they are not feeding at all, or are eating impure food, and drinking muddy water.

—CORA HARRIS MACILRAVY, in *Christ and His Bride*

HER PRAYER LIST

Mary was a servant girl and had few opportunities to attend church services. Once she was asked what she did for the Lord. "I take the newspaper to my bedroom each night," she replied. "I always turn to the births, marriages, and deaths column. I pray that the little babies may be early led to the Saviour, and made a great blessing to their parents. I pray that the brides and grooms may be very happy, and may be always true to each other. I pray one by one for all the bereaved that they may turn in their sorrow to the only Source of lasting comfort."

—*Choice Gleanings Calendar*

A PARABLE OF A ROSE

An old brier was growing in a ditch. A gardener came along with a spade, dug around, lifted it out, and put it in his garden.

"Doesn't he know I'm a worthless old brier?" it said.

"What a mistake he has made—planting an old brier



like me among such roses!" But the gardener came once more and with his keen-edged knife made a slit in the brier. He "budded" it with a rose; and bye and bye, when the summer came, lovely roses were blooming on the old brier. Then the gardener said: "Your beauty is not due to that which came out of you, but to that which I put into you."

The human heart is no better than the old brier. But the heavenly Gardener can graft in the divine life, and the impossible happens. Heavenly virtues bloom where once the weeds abounded. Graces that are spiritual are found because of the Holy Spirit that He puts into us.

—*The Prophetic News*

LISTEN FOR THE TICKING!

A man who operated an icehouse in the old days lost a good watch in the sawdust. He offered a reward, and men went through the sawdust with rakes but they were not able to find it.

When they left the building for lunch, a small boy went into the icehouse. He came out a few minutes later with the watch.

They asked how he had found it, and he replied, "I just lay down in the sawdust and listened, and finally I heard the watch ticking."

There are some of you who have lost more than a watch. If you will be very still and listen quietly, the Lord will speak to you and show you just where you lost the power and the victory. God will show you how sin came and interfered, and how you can get back into fellowship and peace (1 John 1).

—*Redemption Tidings*

H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS



Broken for the Lord

BY ALVY E. FORD
Blind Veteran of World War II

I sat in darkness, sunk in black despair.
I would withdraw from life, I wore a frown.
Then Jesus whispered, "Son, why pine you there?
My grace can change that cross into a crown."

But, hopeless yet, I stared into the night.
I could not see, nor think, beyond myself.
Why talk of crowns in my disastrous plight?
A broken vessel, wasting on a shelf!

What else was there to do but sit forlorn?
Where was the buoyant health I once had known?
Had ever mortal carried such a thorn?
Why must I suffer—useless, and alone?

Again the Master whispered softly, "Son,
Will you not trust My love, believe My Word?
Will I not finish what I have begun?
Will you not take My hand, and be assured?"

Arrested by His gentle loving tone,
I turned, to view His elegance and grace.
I saw a cross much greater than my own!
And, 'neath a crown of thorns, that smiling face.

I begged forgiveness for my selfish ways,
That I had dared His loving hand to spurn.
I then surrendered all my future days,
That, even yet, this feeble lamp might burn.

He took this broken vessel to His breast
And with the touch that all the Blood-washed know
He filled it with the Comforter, then blessed
Till it, with heavenly joy, did overflow.

I'm happy now, in service for my King,
Securely bound with His protecting cord.
Though broken yet, I've given Him everything—
Not cast away, just *Broken for the Lord!*

Their Secret— UNBROKEN COMMUNION

by Zelma Argue
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THERE ARE SECRETS WHICH I LEARNED BY OBSERVATION from the *early-day* saints of our Pentecostal movement. These secrets are very sacred, deep and spiritual, and I cherish them very dearly. They have formed a solid base and foundation for my daily walk with God.

Choice among them is the secret of *unbroken communion* with the Lord. It was carefully guarded day by day and hour by hour. Countless times from my beloved father I heard such admonitions as:

"Keep in the spirit of communion!" "Let nothing break the Spirit." "Let your words be few, or you may lose the anointing."

Not only did I hear them, but I saw the speaker demonstrate them. Through winter's cold or summer's heat, through the many travels in early revival efforts and camp meetings, I saw this purpose of spirit lived out in his life.

For hours before the time of service he would be shut away with the Lord. As he entered the service what a mantle of the Spirit rested upon him. He used few words apart from those that created faith. As he moved about, it appeared as if he were enveloped by a tabernacle of the Spirit. It melted and gradually pervaded the whole atmosphere.

Signs and wonders were wrought in Jesus' mighty Name. Sinners would cry aloud to God. The sick and afflicted would dare to lay hold upon the mighty promises which he would quote. The hungry would persist, determined to *ask*, and *seek*, and *knock* until they *received*, and *found*, and had *the door opened unto them!*

Very humbly I speak these words, for I saw the same moving of the Spirit in the lives of other early-day servants of the Lord. They had been chosen to usher in this Pentecostal revival. With such yielded ones my father labored and from them he learned some of the secrets of their spiritual overflow. Then he, in turn, allowed the *rivers of living water* to flow out of his innermost being.

It was under the ministry of William Durham in the North Avenue Mission of Chicago that he waited on the Lord for twenty-one days until he was charged with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. As he tarried, he received an ineffaceable vision of the beauty of Jesus, a vision of which he spoke until the end of his earthly life.

He and other young ministers assisted another old-time witness, Mrs. Marie Beulah Woodworth-Etter. As she advanced in years they helped in the preaching in

order that her strength might be saved for the ministry of laying hands on the sick and afflicted for healing.

In the memories of my childhood I can yet see aged Sister Etter standing, oblivious to all around her, looking up silently or otherwise into vistas of the glory of another world—*lost* in the Spirit! God had dealt *hardly* with her, taking five of her six sweet children before she was willing to step out for Him. Uncomplainingly she endured being hailed before authorities and experiencing many other hardships.

Although more than a generation has passed and she is long since dead, I can still hear her saying, "God chooses a worm to thresh a mountain," and quoting, "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound... the things which are mighty,... and base things..., and things which are despised, hath God chosen,... that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

Kind arms would assist her to enter the tent and again assist her as she left, but the scene of the "slain of the Lord" which she left behind would resemble a deserted battlefield. A spiritual lesson was observed: when the needy came—hopefully, expectantly, eagerly, hungrily—it was not merely to hear the words of a prepared address, but rather to receive what Sister Etter so humbly gave to them.

With utmost urgency she would exhort those about her to: "Go... preach!" And when, in obedience to God's command, they would *go* out from the "secret chamber of communion" into the whitened harvest field, these ardent *wrestlers* carried with them the spirit of power and authority. When they entered the public gatherings they relied on God to confirm the Word! Like Paul the apostle, as recorded in the middle chapters of the Book of Acts, they moved from city to city under the guidance of the Spirit. God did not fail them but raised up a strong worldwide witness to the full gospel both "with signs, and wonders, and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost."

Recently I read with interest some of the literature along this line which has been published by our Spirit-filled Episcopalian friends. In a tract entitled, "What Next?" the writer spoke of the life in the Spirit as being unexpected and adventurous, sometimes extremely strenuous or even shattering, usually glorious and triumphant, always creative and satisfying. The reader was exhorted to relax, to learn to leave things to God, to

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The Pentecostal saints of fifty years ago would never think of going to church without their Bibles.

'I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST'

BY GEORGE P. TUNKS, BARRIE, ONTARIO, CANADA

LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF VOICES THE WORLD AROUND unite in this confession of faith every Sunday of the year: "I believe in the Holy Ghost." Here is no controversy. Here is no debate. Here is no division. Whatever differences there may be in Christendom (and there are many) here is one point upon which all agree. Protestant and Catholic, evangelical and modernist, low churchman and high churchman—all unite in this statement of faith, "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

This is faith with a foundation in the Holy Scriptures. The New Testament alone speaks of the Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit (the two are synonymous) more than ninety times, besides the many times when He is referred to simply as "The Spirit," "The Spirit of God," "The Spirit of the Lord," and similar terms.

To this statement in the Apostles' Creed undoubtedly the apostles themselves would have said "Amen." However, they said more than that. The apostle Paul said, "Have ye *received* the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2).

We must not minimize the importance of *believing* in the Holy Ghost. One must believe in order to receive. Receiving is impossible unless there first is believing. But there may be a believing without receiving. Paul found some folk in this situation at Ephesus, folk whom he thought to be believers in Christ, and he said to them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" As we well know, Paul learned these were disciples of John the Baptist and he led them into the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; but his very question shows that although one *believes* in the Lord Jesus Christ it does not necessarily follow that he has *received* the Holy Ghost.

Thousands repeat the Apostles' Creed but have never known the apostolic experience. They "believe in the Holy Ghost" as a creedal statement but have never received the Holy Ghost as a personal experience. They may have participated in a ceremony in which hands were laid upon them and words pronounced over them but it may have been only a ceremony void of personal reality and life-changing power.

Not that the ceremony is wrong. Did not the apostles lay their hands upon believers that they might receive the Holy Ghost? Assuredly so, as recorded in Acts 8 and chapters 9 and 19. The ceremony is not wrong. The wrong is in being satisfied with mere ceremony and rejecting the actual experience of receiving. The ceremony may be compared with a wedding. The marriage ceremony may be performed in all the solemnity and decorum of the church but the ceremony of marriage is not recognized by the law of the land unless it is consummated in experience. Without the consummation the wedding may be declared null and void—without effect—as though it never took place. So it is also in the ceremony of the imposition of hands. The ceremony is null and void—without effect—unless there is also the personal experience of receiving the Holy Ghost.

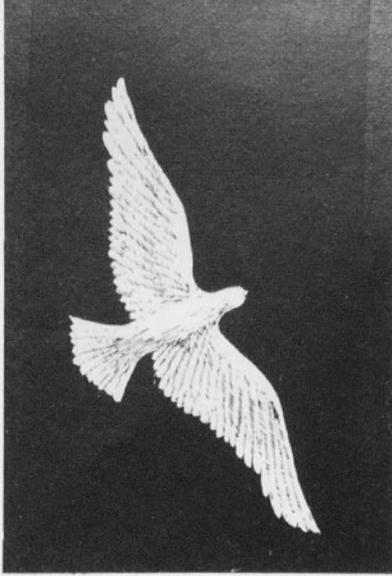
In the Book of Acts we find the Holy Ghost was received both with and without the laying on of hands. Acts 8:17 states, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (These were "believers" in the Lord Jesus Christ—v. 12. They had been "baptized" in the name of the Lord Jesus—v. 16—but had not as yet received the Holy Ghost—vv. 15-17.) It is also true that the Holy Ghost sometimes was given even before hands were imposed. Acts 10:44-47 records that "while Peter was speaking" the Holy Ghost fell on all who heard the Word. These were Gentiles of Caesarea. Peter and his Jewish associates were "astonished" that these Gentiles should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and that they should receive without the laying on of the apostles' hands—right in the middle of his sermon!

Now let us consider a question of great importance. If the apostles did not lay hands upon these Gentiles, how did Peter and his Jewish friends know they had received the Holy Ghost? We find the answer given in Acts 10:45, 46—"And they of the circumcision [Jews] which believed were astonished... because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost... For [literally, *because*] they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." That settled any question in Peter's mind. He declared, "These [Gentiles] have received the Holy Ghost as well as we [Jews]" (v. 47).

Reporting to his Jewish brethren in Jerusalem a little later, Peter said, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them *as on us at the beginning*" (Acts 11:15). At what beginning? At the beginning of the church, as recorded in Acts 2:1-4. He said, "The Holy Ghost fell on them *as on us*." And how was this? It was with the accompanying sign of "speaking with other tongues," even as Jesus had promised in Mark 16:17. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Because he heard the Gentiles at Caesarea speak with other tongues he concluded that they had received the same "baptism with the Holy Ghost" as our Lord had promised (Acts 11:16).

In summary let us notice it is possible truly to *believe on the Lord Jesus Christ* and yet not to have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:12, 16). It is possible to have been *baptized in water* and yet not to have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:11; Acts 8:12, 16). It is possible to *believe in the Holy Ghost* and yet not to have received the Holy Ghost.

The Bible asks, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" If you have, you also have experienced this scriptural sign of "speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance." If you have not so received, be assured it is God's wish that every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should have this experience. It is God's will for you. ◀◀◀



Quench Not the Spirit

By GEOFFREY DUNCOMBE

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SPEAKING TO THE CHURCH AT THESSALONICA PAUL the apostle delivered a capsule sermon in four pungent words when he said, "Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

To quench means to put out (as fire is put out with water), to extinguish, stifle, or suppress. J. B. Phillips translates this particular verse: "Never damp the fire of the Spirit."

If in the early days of the Church such an admonition was necessary, how much more is it needed today! There are very good reasons why we should seriously consider these words.

First of all, we are told not to quench the Spirit because of *His pre-eminent position*.

The Trinity is composed of three distinct persons, the third person being "The Spirit Himself." Jesus consistently spoke of Him as a *person*, saying in one place, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."

I have noticed with some amusement that a newborn baby is invariably referred to as "it." I surmise this is because the baby has not yet developed a distinct personality. The Holy Spirit is a definite person with a distinct personality. He should never be referred to as "it."

The importance of our relationship to the Holy Spirit and of His dealings with us is summarized by Jesus Himself when He warns us that the one sin that cannot be forgiven is the sin against the Holy Spirit. "And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." We cannot be too careful in our attitudes or words when we are dealing with the Third Person of the Trinity!

It is not our prerogative to criticize the manner in which the Spirit moves. Cain's altar of fruit and flowers may look more beautiful to us than the bleeding sacrifice on Abel's altar, but this only reminds us that God has said, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."

Since Christ left this earth the Holy Spirit has been God's agent and representative in the world. Indeed He is *God*. When we stifle the Spirit we are refusing the presence of a Person of pre-eminent position. To refuse house-room to royalty or someone of high rank would be considered a breach of etiquette. What care we need to exercise that in our church services and in our in-

dividual hearts we are never guilty of quenching the Spirit by not giving Him room or recognition.

Secondly, we should not quench the Spirit because in doing so we deprive ourselves of *our most essential source of power*.

To use a mundane example, it is theoretically possible to get greater economy in an automobile by making the jet hole in the carburetor smaller and making other adjustments. This slows down the flow of gasoline and gives more economy, but at the same time it automatically results in loss of power.

Today many people economize on the power of the Spirit because their lives are so clogged and congested there is no free channel through which the Spirit can move. May our prayer be that of the hymn writer:

*"Jesus, fill now with Thy Spirit
Hearts that full surrender know;
That the streams of living water
From our inner man may flow.*

*"Channels only, blessed Master,
But with all Thy wondrous power
Flowing through us Thou canst use us
Every day and every hour."*

There is a price to pay for the power of the Spirit in our lives—not in dollars and cents, but in consecration of a yielded life, where all hindrances that might block the free flow of the Spirit are removed. The things that can clog our lives are numerous.

Fear can easily quench the Spirit. In the past there may have been excesses in Pentecostal circles and even some goings-on that could be termed fanatical. In a reaction against this there is a trend today toward formality. If we are not careful (and prayerful) the pendulum may swing too far in this direction. Unfortunately there are churches where people have become unresponsive to the Spirit's moving due to a fear of anything excessive. There is a great danger that in attempting to avoid a situation which might be misunderstood by some, we may become guilty of quenching the Spirit.

Weapons designers in the Pentagon discovered that a brand-new atomic weapon had been so rigged out with safety devices that it could not be fired at all! Likewise, we may have inhibitions and reservations which make it impossible for the Spirit to move.

Some individuals have never received their "personal Pentecost" because of fear. Fear cancels faith, and faith

is absolutely necessary in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Our dependence as Pentecostal people must always be upon the moving of God's Spirit. Other things, legitimate though they may be, must be recognized as secondary in importance. We cannot meet the Goliath of this age in Saul's armour, nor can we substitute program and propaganda for the power of the Spirit.

As an automobile is useless without a motor, so we are destitute without the help of the Holy Spirit. Through dedicated lives the Spirit's power must be perpetuated; then other things will fall into their rightful place and add to our total impact for the kingdom of God.

The Holy Ghost is a Holy Guest. He comes when invited. On one occasion the people of Gadara besought Jesus "that he would depart out of their coasts." May we never be guilty of doing this to the Holy Spirit, either intentionally or unintentionally. Paul's admonition to the Thessalonian Church comes as a clarion call to twentieth-century Pentecost: "Quench not the Spirit."
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They Danced Before the Lord

By R. E. ORCHARD

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PENTECOSTAL PHENOMENA—THOSE STRANGE ACTS caused by the mighty moving of the Holy Spirit upon the human spirit—brought into being some of the revival movements which are flourishing in our world today. Such phenomena also brought about new expressions and phraseology in the language of the people whose lives were affected by these revivals. They spoke of "getting saved," "speaking in tongues," "gifts of the Spirit," "holy laughter," "dancing in the Spirit," "the anointing," and other expressions which a dead or dying orthodoxy knew nothing about. When they attended the services it was with the expectancy that someone would "get saved," or "be filled with the Spirit," and quite often the power of God was displayed in a manner unheard of before.

Of special blessing to my own life were the times when I witnessed people dancing before the Lord. During a downpour of the Spirit in a service in Chico, California, an elderly man, very reserved by nature, suddenly moved out into the aisle, and with face radiant with joy and hands raised to God he danced until the congregation marveled how the spirit of man could be so overwhelmed by the Holy Ghost. Suddenly the brother stopped and said to the crowd, "Folks, if heaven is better than this, I surely want to go there."
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I had been a Christian for just a year when I attended the Wisconsin camp meeting in 1939. The morning Bible teacher was ministering with unusual power and anointing. The crowd was held by the beauty and loveliness of Christ for over two hours as the speaker unfolded the Scriptures. The Word was rich. One could taste and savor its depth and richness as the Spirit hovered over the receptive audience. Suddenly the preaching stopped, and before our eyes the Bible teacher began to dance before the Lord. His spirit, ravished by the love of Jesus, was expressing itself in physical artistry and grace which brought thunderous praises and shouts of glory to the Lord from the lips of the audience.

A memorable service in Detroit, Michigan, in 1941 saw a young man dance from one side of the platform to the other. His eyes were tightly closed, his hands upstretched to God, and a smile wreathed his face. The altar was filled with people kneeling, sitting, praying before God. The young man danced down the steps of the platform to the main floor, then from one side of the church to the other, and never touched one of those at the altar though his eyes remained tightly closed all the while.

A woman who was about to walk out of the church had her attention called to this strange phenomenon. After watching for a few moments, she exclaimed, "I never believed in Pentecost before, but this convinces me."

"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels AND WITH DANCES" (Exodus 15:20). The first fourteen chapters of the Book of Exodus give us the historical account of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Through signs and wonders God dealt with the nation of Israel in a different manner than He ever dealt with any other nation, and He brought them out with a mighty arm. The people, with Moses as their song leader (Exodus 15:1), sang unto the Lord concerning their deliverance from bondage; and Miriam led all the women in a dance before the Lord. The women sang also "for he hath triumphed gloriously."

David was so overjoyed to see the Ark of God brought from the house of Obed-edom to Jerusalem that he danced before the Lord "with all his might." In the last of the Psalms David exhorted God's people to "praise him with the timbrel and dance."

In Psalm 30 David extolled the goodness of the Lord, and said, "Lord, be thou my helper. Thou hast TURNED FOR ME MY MOURNING INTO DANCING: thou hast put off my sackcloth, AND GIRDED ME WITH GLADNESS."

Oh, that God would draw us nearer to Himself... that we might have such ecstasy of spirit before Him that we would see more Pentecostal phenomena in our midst. When God moves and His holy fire burns upon the altars of our hearts, the outside world sits up to take notice. Churches become filled with people. The morals of a community change. The strongholds of Satan are cast down. Sinners inquire about salvation and believers inquire about a deeper life.

Perhaps "dancing before the Lord" is frowned upon because it is misunderstood; and flesh has been known to imitate the Spirit with adverse effects; but where the reality is evidenced, a congregation is lifted into the presence of God.
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Members and visitors attending the National Council of *Light for the Lost*. . . Burton Pierce and Jim Revels illustrate the soul-winning techniques being promoted by the Men's Fellowship Department.

Winning Souls at Home and Abroad

Says Howard Bush, MF executive director: "What is being accomplished for God through *Light for the Lost* foreign city crusades can be accomplished here at home as Assemblies of God laymen catch the vision of winning the lost in *their* cities. Men's Fellowship is a program of winning souls abroad *and at home*."

A rally held during the recent National Men's Fellowship Seminar beautifully illustrated the twofold evangelism effort of Men's Fellowship groups across the nation. Assemblies



Sam Cochran (left), President of the National Council of *Light for the Lost*, addresses those attending the National Men's Fellowship Seminar. Chairman Dean Burchett addresses the National Council of *Light for the Lost*.

of God men are winning souls both at home and abroad.

Sam Cochran, an Assemblies of God layman who is an insurance broker in southern California, gave the keynote address, emphasizing *Light for the Lost* foreign city crusades and methods used in winning the lost through literature evangelism.

Burton Pierce, national secretary of Men's Fellowship, presented an il-

lustrated message on soul-winning techniques being promoted by MF. He said two purposes of MF are (1) to help Assemblies of God laymen become more effective soul winners in their local churches and (2) to increase their vision to reach the lost on foreign lands with the gospel of Christ.

Action *Mandatory*, a soul-winning effort which runs each year from Jan-

uary through April, emphasizes men's responsibilities to reach the lost in their own communities.

The National MF Missions Council of *Light for the Lost* (composed of Assemblies of God laymen) met Saturday, the closing day of the three-day convention. Many decisions were made and the foreign missions challenge of

Light for the Lost was eagerly and willingly accepted by these key laymen. More than forty cities were placed on the 1963 calendar as "target cities" for *Light for the Lost* literature evangelism crusades. Reports on the results of past crusades greatly encouraged the members of the MF Missions Council. ◀◀

he said the meeting challenged him to win the lost to Christ.

Men's Fellowship sponsors projects.

The Assemblies of God has given specific areas of responsibility to its men. The Royal Rangers boys program requires men, especially those who are leaders, to spend much time together in planning and work. These times can be informal meetings, but they must be well planned and organized. Plans for your local *Light for the Lost* program, church ushering duties, outreach activities, and other projects can also be discussed in this type informal meeting. The projects will mean much more to the men if they work together in an atmosphere charged with the blessings of the Lord.

Men's Fellowship has area rallies.

A number of MF groups are realizing it is an excellent thing to bring all groups in their area together for monthly or quarterly fellowship and worship. This greatly assists the men in smaller churches and also makes it possible for groups to combine forces for larger projects on an area-wide basis.

In addition to the above-mentioned ways of making your Men's Fellowship group pay off, here are some further suggestions.

Always build your leadership around a group rather than an individual. The most successful MF groups operate on a committee basis consisting of an executive committee assisted by an advisory committee. The executive committee should consist of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and the pastor as an ex officio member. In large churches the executive committee can be expanded by electing several vice-presidents for different areas of responsibility.

The officers should serve only one year and then move on to a responsibility in some other area of MF. This gives more men the opportunity to develop leadership qualities.

The advisory committee should consist of all committee chairmen in the MF group, the MF officers, and the pastor. The advisory committee should meet periodically to plan the over-all objectives of the group.

The national department is anxious to help every Assemblies of God church establish a thriving men's
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A Men's Fellowship Group Does Pay Off

By BURTON W. PIERCE

National Secretary, Department of Men's Fellowship

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ASSEMBLIES are discovering the great potential in their Men's Fellowship groups. And there are good reasons why these churches are finding their men's potential for consecrated Christian living. Here are some of them:

Men's Fellowship has strong objectives.

Men's Fellowship is not just another civic organization such as Rotary or Kiwanis. The fundamental drive of MF is based on a thoroughly spiritual concept. The primary purpose is to win men to Christ, then to involve them in the development of their spiritual priesthood for various channels of service to the Lord.

The National Department of Men's Fellowship has spotlighted this concept in its slogan, "Mobilizing Men for Christian Action." The yearly emphasis, "Action Mandatory," stresses the vital importance of evangelism. An MF group that does not put this spiritual concept into the forefront is doomed for failure.

Men's Fellowship has masculine devotional meetings.

There are many types of meetings which MF groups conduct. Behind all good MF meetings, however, are three fundamental factors: (1) good planning; (2) informality; and (3) the climaxing of every meeting with a spiritual challenge.

Recently I was at a meeting where one man stood and testified about dealing with an individual about his soul's salvation. The testimony electrified the meeting.

Men's Fellowship provides spiritual activities.

It is necessary for men to feel the dignity of their spiritual responsibilities. The activities of MF give men an opportunity to accept spiritual responsibilities. Throughout the year Men's Fellowship groups engage in a witnessing and soul-winning effort called, "Win a Soul." Other activities into which men can channel their efforts are the Royal Rangers boys program, *Light for the Lost* evangelism overseas, studies on official local church responsibilities, and other courses helpful for men.

Men's Fellowship conducts Saturday morning breakfasts.

This type of meeting is becoming increasingly popular. A Saturday morning breakfast is an excellent place to emphasize men's responsibility to reach the lost. Men will make a place for the things that are important in their lives.

A certain physician stated recently that once a week he attends a breakfast at six o'clock in the morning with the other men of his church. When asked why he, a busy doctor, went to a breakfast at that early hour,



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Stewardship

Lost Pocket Money Said to Equal Gifts to Churches

The average American misplaces more money each year than the average church member puts in the offering plate. This fact was brought out by Dr. Arthur R. McKay of Chicago at a conference of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. recently.

The cash lost in the U.S. averages \$75 per person annually, said Dr. McKay. By "lost" he meant the money falls out of pockets or is lost through misplacement of wallets and purses, he said.

The speaker pointed out that in fifteen of the largest Protestant church denominations in the U.S. the total contributions received last year averaged less than \$75. per member.

Over Seven Millions Given to Assemblies of God Missions

Members of the Assemblies of God gave more than \$7,350,000 to World Missions in 1962, an increase of approximately ten per cent over the previous year.

About two-thirds of the total went to the Foreign Missions Department for the support of its 830 foreign missionaries, 73 foreign Bible schools, and other gospel projects in 73 foreign lands.

The Home Missions Department received \$906,030 and the remainder was given to the Women's Missionary Council, the men's Light for the Lost missionary program, the youth Speed-the-Light missionary program, the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and the Revivaltime radio ministry.

Nearly one-third of the missionary contributions came from the Pacific Coast States. Southern California churches gave a total of \$901,135 to top all other districts. Five of the ten leading churches in missionary giving were in California.

First Christian Assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio, took first place among local congregations by giving \$85,246

to World Missions during the year. Calvary Temple in Denver took second place by giving \$62,809. Glad Tidings Tabernacle in New York City stood third by giving \$46,042. Total giving to World Missions was the highest in the history of the Assemblies of God.

Churches

Southern Baptists Open 4,907 Churches in 1962

Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention have reported that 4,907 missions and churches were organized by their denomination in 1962. This brought the total number of churches and missions started since 1956 (both in U.S. and abroad) to 19,117. In 1956 the Southern Baptists set a goal of organizing 30,000 churches and missions by 1964.

The Southern Baptist Convention is now the nation's largest Protestant body having reached 10,193,052 membership at the end of 1962. The second largest is The Methodist Church which last September reported having 10,153,003 members.

Roman Catholic Members Increase

As of January 1, 1963, there were 43,851,538 Roman Catholics in the U.S., according to the latest official Catholic Directory published by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. The figure represents an increase of 969,372 over a year ago and includes children of all ages, as well as adults.

Most of the membership increase was in the number of infant baptisms of which there were 1,322,283. A total of 128,430 conversions to Catholicism during the year was reported.

Methodists Lead in Number of Foreign Missionaries

In the latest report on missionary personnel serving abroad The Methodist Church (with 1585 missionaries) ranks first and the Assemblies of God eighth. The yearbook *North American Protestant Foreign Mission Agencies*,

just released by the Missionary Research Library in New York City, lists the following totals:

Seventh-day Adventists 1550; Southern Baptists 1548; United Presbyterians 1306; Wycliffe Bible Translators 1149; Sudan Interior Mission 1037; Christian and Missionary Alliance 860; Assemblies of God 815; Evangelical Alliance Mission 798; American Lutheran Church 590.

The yearbook reports on 427 missionary agencies in the U.S. and Canada which support over 27,000 foreign personnel altogether. There are about 18,000 dependent children of missionaries also supported by these mission agencies.

Social Problems

Pinball Machines Outlawed in Georgia

Governor Carl Sanders vetoed a bill which would have allowed pinball machines to operate in the state, and church groups have applauded his action. The governor said that pinball machines "lend themselves readily to gambling." He said he will uphold the state's policy against any form of wagering.

Social Workers Meet

Some 60 persons registered at St. Paul, Minn., in April for the 14th annual meeting of the National Association of Christians in Social Work. At the sessions, held on the campus of Bethel College, the group re-elected Robert Ekeland as president of its board of directors. He is executive secretary of the Evangelical Child and Family Service in Philadelphia.

Venereal Disease More Prevalent

Last year, for the sixth straight year, there was a sharp increase in the rate of infectious syphilis and other venereal diseases, Surgeon General Luther L. Terry reports. The advance threatens to wipe out all progress made against V.D. since World War Two, he said.

A total of 21,143 new cases of primary or secondary syphilis were diag-

nosed and reported to public health authorities in 1962, the largest number since 1950. The greatest increase was in New York, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and Georgia.

There were nearly 4,000 new cases in New York alone in 1962, compared with only 6,392 new cases diagnosed in the entire nation in 1956.

Miscellany

Buddha Day Proposed as Hawaiian Public Holiday

A bill introduced in the Hawaii state legislature would designate April 8 as Buddha Day and make it a legal state holiday. There are an estimated 100,000 Buddhists in Hawaii.

Supporters of the bill, which would honor Gautama Buddha, founder of the Buddhist religion, said creation of a Buddha Day would promote world brotherhood, improve U.S. relations in the Far East, and show that Hawaii is a land of many cultures.

No opposition was voiced at a public hearing and the bill is expected to pass.

Old Believers to Enter the U.S.

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy announced the U.S. has granted asylum to about 250 men, women and children who are members of the Old Believers, now living in Turkey. In the 17th century a group of 5,000 Old Believers split from the Russian Orthodox Church over a religious dispute and migrated to Turkey. The number has dwindled, with many returning to Russia, and it is believed the 250 farmers and fishermen who are coming to America are the last descendants of the Old Believers group.

June 9 Named Prayer Day for Christian Broadcasting

A special day of prayer for worldwide Christian broadcasting has been set for June 9 by the International Christian Broadcasters according to its co-chairmen, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann and Dr. Clarence W. Jones.

The world broadcasters group was formed early this year through a federation of the National Religious Broadcasters and the World Conference on Mission Communications. The new federation's membership includes more than 100 radio and television broadcasts, 75 domestic stations, and 38 overseas stations all dedicated to spreading the gospel.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Was the Daniel of 1 Chronicles 3:1 the prophet Daniel?

The Daniel of 1 Chronicles 3:1 was a son of David. He lived about 1000 years before Christ. Daniel the prophet appeared in Babylon about 400 years later. We are not told whose son he was but obviously he was not the son of David.

If all Scripture is written by inspiration of God, why does the Bible quote the sayings of Satan?

The writer was inspired to record words which the devil spoke, but this does not mean that the devil was inspired of God to speak them. The same is true of others—their lies, wrong counsel, and rash words did not come from God, but the writers were inspired of God to include them in the divine record.

At Pentecost Peter quoted: "Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). Some people believe all their dreams are of God and have a message in them. Do you believe this?

Very few dreams convey messages from God. Most dreams are the result of natural causes. Some may result from impressions which have become hidden in the subconscious mind and are released in odd forms when the body and mind are relaxed in sleep. I suppose Joseph, the husband of Mary, had many dreams, but the Bible tells of only three that were God-given. Although God has given dreams, to look for guidance from all dreams would lead into error.

Please explain the true meaning of the valley of dry bones as described in Ezekiel 37.

The prophecy begins with Ezekiel 36. There God promises the restoration of Israel. In Ezekiel 37 the prophet sees in a vision the revival of national Israel. For centuries Israel has been scattered as dry bones among the Gentiles with all national life gone; but in the past few years God has been raising the people of Israel out of their graves (figuratively speaking) and bringing them together from all parts of the world. They have become a nation, but they do not yet have the breath of God—the life of the Spirit. And they will not have this until they accept Christ at His coming, when God will pour out on them the spirit of grace and supplication. Such references as Zechariah 12:10 to 13:1 make this clear.

Was the Book of Galatians written to Jews or Gentiles?

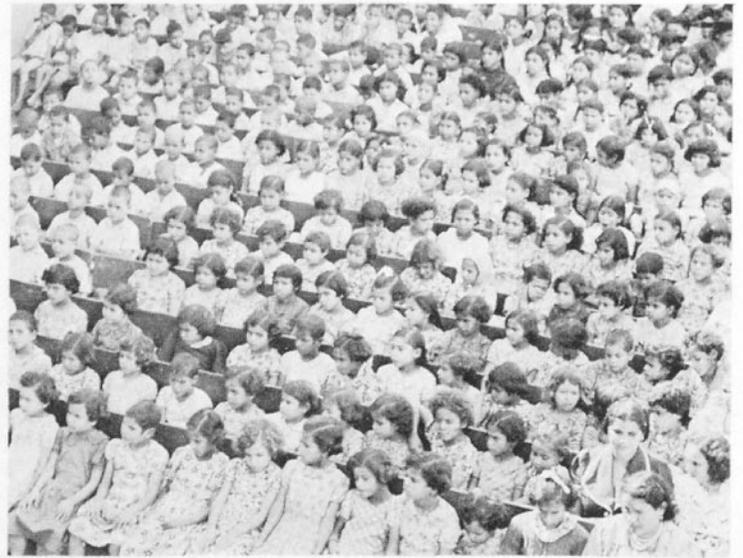
It was written to Christian believers who had been Gentiles and who were being led astray by false teachers who taught that they should keep the Mosaic Law instead of trusting in Christ alone. But it has a message for all who wish to serve the Lord. Paul sought to show that Christ was the "end of the law for righteousness." He used the Old Testament story of Hagar and Ishmael as an allegory, likening the "covenant from Sinai" to Hagar, and those who were under the Law and depended upon it for salvation to Ishmael. Then he pictured Sarah as representing the New Testament provision for salvation, and Isaac as the foreshadowing of the heirs of New Testament blessing (Galatians 4:28-31). He said: "Cast out the bondwoman and her son"—that is, do not go back under the Law, but enjoy the blessings of grace!

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 if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



REVIVAL AT ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE

By Ruth Anderson Iskander



This is part of the children at a chapel service at the orphanage.

"HOW ARE THINGS AT THE ORPHANAGE, spiritually?" Brother George, an Egyptian Assemblies of God pastor, asked me a year ago.

"Dead," I replied. Even though this answer was heartbreaking, it was true. The orphanage was chocked with jealousy, hatred, gossip, even stealing and lying. And things seemed to be getting worse.

"There is much prayer stored up with the Lord for the orphanage to become a glory to the Lamb," Brother George assured me. "One of these days those prayers will be answered."

Brother George's prophecy is coming true! If you were to visit the orphanage now you would not believe it had ever been in such a spiritually lax condition. There is now no place in the orphanage where you would not hear the name of Jesus spoken in adoration. Boys are pleading with other boys to be saved. Children and widows are singing and rejoicing in Christ. People are asking one another's forgiveness for past quarrels. Stolen articles are being returned. Confessions are being made. Great joy is reflected on the faces of many. They are filled with the Spirit of God and now have His concern for others, together with His courage and peace! I know this is

The former Ruth Anderson was an Assemblies of God missionary prior to her marriage to an Egyptian, Dr. Habib Iskander. Mrs. Iskander is still assisting at the orphanage.

Joseph and Edna Brown, for seventeen years missionaries to Egypt, and who are directing the orphanage since Lillian Trasher's death, are equally enthusiastic in their reports about this revival.

more than a passing wave—it is an eternal work done by the Holy Spirit, and it is just beginning!

In an answer to our prayers that God would bless the orphanage, Brother Barnaba Naus, one of Egypt's best-known evangelists, came for meetings. He preached much on sin, repentance, and practical Christian living, but the first few services were as usual. The break came one Sunday during the evening prayer service. Brother Naus had gone to Assiout to preach at one of the churches. Dr. Iskander (my husband) was asked to take charge of the seven o'clock prayer service. He spoke from Joel chapter two regarding God's promise to send an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Later, as we were praying, a spirit of joy fell upon us. We prayed, then sang. Spontaneously, different ones testified. Then we sang some more. My husband felt led to get Brother Naus. "Come quickly," he said, "a heavenly fire has fallen!"

In the meantime another minister present dismissed the service—but no one left! Hungry-hearted people filled Mama Lillian's office, the dining room leading to it, and the terrace on the other side of it.

One of our worst behavior problems, teen-age Miriam, cried her heart out throughout that service. The Saviour did not let her go until she had received new life and was filled with peace. What a changed girl! From a loud, rebellious, rude person she has become serious and quiet—in love with the Lord. Last night she was asking God to fill her with the Holy

Spirit and I noticed that she was crying as one does when asking for forgiveness. This morning she stood during prayers and told us why God had not yet filled her. She had a stolen blouse in her locker. The Lord had told her she must confess and return it.

The boys, including the university students, had been coming to the Lord in groups. But the girls were holding back—until last night. After last night's service two girls, Gadeesa (who works in our home) and Ida—themselves only three days old in the Lord—took me almost by force around the dorms to call to repentance all the girls who were not yet saved. The classroom where the others were meeting was already full to overflowing, so I had to find another place for the girls we had rounded up to pray. And how they prayed!

A girl named Samira came to talk to me. "I've been praying downstairs," she said, "but I feel under bondage. I want to know Jesus and to be His, but I can't seem to get peace." As I prayed for her, her bondage left and she began to praise the Lord: "Jesus, Jesus, thank you for saving Samira, sinful, sinful, Samira. You've accepted Samira! You've made Samira new! I never knew you were so wonderful! I never believed you'd take me, Samira—Samira who cursed and swore." Then she broke into a prayer of intercession for her sisters and friends.

One girl could not find peace because she was at enmity with a friend. I went with this girl to hunt up her

friend and the three of us prayed together. What joy then filled the girls' hearts!

Gamil, one of the boys, had given his heart to Jesus. Then the Saviour began to speak to him about a shirt he had taken. He returned the shirt and now he has a staggering burden for Fouzi, a high school senior with deep psychological problems.

Fouzi is not yet in the fold and there are still many students like him. Since the orphanage was not established just for born-again Christians, only a small portion of the students really know the Lord when admitted. But this revival is far from over. At least five hundred students have come into a new and vital relationship with the Lord! The continuing spirit of blessing gives us faith that Fouzi and the others will soon share in the outpouring God is sending—the greatest outpouring at Assiout for many years. ◀◀

Good News by Mail

By ESTHER CIMINO
Missionary to Nigeria

WE WERE STARTLED RECENTLY TO SEE this headline in the Nigerian *Daily Times*: "Two Killed as Sacrifice to Juju." The article stated that a murder case was being tried against an eighty-year-old village head and five villagers. Police investigation revealed that two men had been murdered and their bodies found buried on a near-

by farm. Two other men were missing.

This news startled us because human sacrifice in modern Nigeria is rare. The incident stands out in sharp contrast to what is going on in countless other Nigerian villages—villages where the precious seed of God's Word has been sown in human hearts. There are several ways we are made aware of what God is doing. The approximately 130 student-pastors attending Nigerian C. B. I. report thrilling results. Our own frequent trips to different villages give first-hand encouragement.

Perhaps most exciting of all are the hundreds of letters mailed to our correspondence school office each month telling how God is blessing. These letters come from every nook and corner of the country. They show that the knowledge of God's Word is being spread mostly by personal contact! One recent letter said, "I would like you to send a course to one of my friends who is willing to know more about Jesus Christ." Another letter read, "Your name and address were given me by one of my best friends who told me that you would like all the people to believe in God." One man mentioned that he was a Moslem and added, "I was told by a friend that you are willing to teach us about the Word of God that will change us from bad to good."

A grateful boy stated, "I am happy to write you this letter because my friend told me about your kind help to him. It was one lucky day when I went to his house and saw the course you people sent him. I read it and I was even more happy when I met one line in the paper where you say that if anybody writes to you people, you will answer his or her request."

The purpose of our correspondence

school is to give many more Africans the opportunity to know God. Since its beginning four years ago the school has enrolled over 15,000 Nigerians (besides a number in other West African countries), and has mailed over 25,000 courses. We are able, through the help of BGMC and interested friends and churches, to offer several elementary courses free. These include studies on the Gospels of John and Mark, an over-all Bible study called, "What the Bible Teaches," and a clear, simple study on salvation titled, "One God, One Way."

When a student satisfactorily finishes these studies he is sent a certificate of completion. For a small fee he may then proceed to advanced courses (about twenty in all). The correspondence school gives us unlimited opportunity to sow the seed of the gospel throughout Nigeria.

Our courses are being studied by young and old, by policemen and prisoners, clerks and accountants, Sunday school superintendents, government employees and members of town councils. The need met by a course is often very specific. A policeman wrote, "I have difficulties [his work] that hinder me from attending services... I prefer this correspondence course until such time when I will be free to attend." An Assemblies of God Sunday school superintendent said, "I have gained much benefit from the correspondence courses because they have helped to increase my knowledge of the Scripture and they have kept me in contact with my Bible daily. I am a worker in petroleum, on duty at different hours of the day and night, so cannot attend Bible classes. But I am now able to study the Scriptures at home in the early hours of the morning."

We are grateful that the Word of God is spreading in a land where men are still sacrificed to jujus. We are also grateful for freedom to proclaim God's love for all men. Let us pray that God's Word—through the mail as well as from the pulpit—shall be a two-edged sword bringing conviction of sin and the knowledge of eternal life! ◀◀



Abraham Naudim, Sunday school superintendent, enjoys correspondence courses prepared by the Nigerian Central Bible Institute Correspondence School.

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News in Pictures



COLUMBUS, GA.—Wide publicity was given by two television stations to the Michael Lord crusade at Edgewood Temple. Tom Fallin, T. V. host, is shown interviewing Mrs. Lord, Evangelist Lord, and Pastor J. D. Stevens.



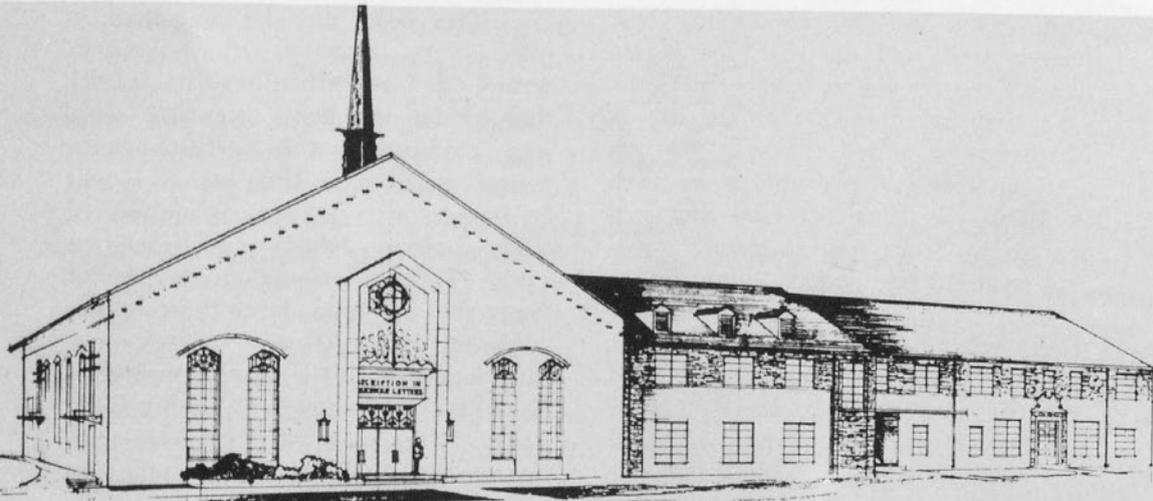
WOLF POINT, MONT.—1963 has been set aside by the Wolf Point Assembly as a "Year of Evangelism," during which soul winning will be emphasized in all departments. Pastor W. L. Roset and Evangelist Dave Tonn are shown above.



ALTOONA, PA.—The eighth annual C. A. convention of the April 11-12. According to the district president, Chester Jenkins and over 4,000 in attendance. B. Owen Oslin was the speaker at the candlelight service shown above. District ministers served comm



GREENVILLE, TEX.—Central Assembly, whose enlarged and renovated building is shown here, this year received its tenth successive Gold award for Sunday school growth. W. J. Rogers has succeeded J. as pastor.



TYLER, TEX.—This architect's sketch shows the First Assembly as it will look when the sanctuary is completed (probably in 1964). Three years ago this church spent \$150,000 for a beautiful chapel and educational wing (right) with 51 Sunday school rooms. Pastor B. L. Greene reports that God is saving souls and the congregation is growing.

NEW CUYAMA, CALIF.—Pastor Samuel White reports excellent results from the crusade conducted in February by the Ceylonese evangelist, Lloyd Perera. Photo shows a group of people addressed at the local high school gym.



MT. CLEMENS, MICH.—This is how the new church in Mt. Clemens appeared in February with snow still on the ground. The fine brick building recently dedicated by Pastor David O. Norcross and congregation contains a sanctuary which seats 300 (not counting the choir) and a modern nursery. The Sunday school annex can be used as an overflow area to accommodate another 150 persons.





The annual C. A. convention of the Eastern District was held at the Jaffa Mosque, the district president, Chester Jenkins, previous records were broken with 2,687 registered in attendance. B. Owen Oslin was the speaker. A high point was the Good Friday morning service. District ministers served communion and their wives lit the candles.



ARABI, LA.—Arabi Assembly reports an outstanding revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Ansly Orfila. Pastor N. J. Sorenson says many were saved or reclaimed and some were filled with the Spirit. Eight were baptized in water. On Easter Sunday the newly organized junior choir sang, directed by Mildred Stegall.



First Assembly, whose enlarged and remodeled building last year received its tenth successive Gold Crown Award. W. J. Rogers has succeeded J. D. Ross as pastor.

Onward

We can never recover the days that are past
No matter how splendid they seem;
But it's onward and upward to toil and to climb,
And the moments so precious redeem.

So we fight our way onward with sometimes a sob,
Or a sigh for the glories of yore;
But the past is behind and the future untrod,
Passing shadows returned nevermore!

And it may be the pathway will break into light,
Just around the next bend in the track,
And such splendors as never the past could afford
Shall be ours if we never turn back.

So let's make today every fraction as good
As the others that lie in the rear,
And at last we'll look back at this troublous "today,"
And its glories, now hid, will appear.

—by Herbert P. Wood



KANKAKEE, ILL.—The all-time Sunday school attendance record was broken at First Assembly on Easter Sunday. The pastor's wife is shown breaking the record over the head of her husband, Richard H. Peterson.

Evangelist Lloyd Perera reports excellent results from the revival at Arabi. Photo shows a group he led in prayer.



DENTON, TEX.—A recent area-wide revival with the E. C. Briggs Evangelistic Party of Fort Worth drew a near-capacity crowd each night. Many were saved, healed, or filled with the Spirit at this old-fashioned indoor camp meeting which was sponsored jointly by Frisco, Sanger, Aubrey, Lewisville, and Denton assemblies. The evangelist was heard over the daily broadcast which has originated from the church for many years. Host pastor H. A. Johnson said this was the Briggs' seventh revival at Denton's Faith Tabernacle.



Revivaltime's Results Are Worth More Than It Costs

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS. . . . I have been healed. . . . I truly enjoy your broadcast sermons and the choir's songs. . . . My son has just called and he has accepted Christ." These are just a few samples of the more than 10,000 letters that monthly come into the *Revivaltime* office.

Revivaltime's diverse outreach brings many varied responses. Some write concerning salvation, healing, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit; while others comment on the stirring messages or choir numbers to which they have listened.

Let us dip into one week's Box 70 mailbag and read some of these stirring reports of God's work around the world.

Milford, Delaware:

"You will never know this side of eternity what your wonderful sermons do for me and for the numbers of others that listen. Each Sunday I am up by eight o'clock so I can hear your program. When I hear the message and you pray and the choir sings, 'There's Room at the Cross for You,' I fall on my knees for it is so wonderful."

Ashland, Virginia (college student):

"I just finished listening to your broadcast. I praise God that you are preaching Christ and His love with all the power God can supply. There are so many preachers today that neglect the gospel of Christ. I received a real blessing from your message. So many college people ridicule and mock the things of God. Hearing your broadcast gives me the added assurance that neither persons nor things can separate me from the love of Christ."

Springfield, Minnesota:

"I asked you to pray for me about

a job a couple of weeks ago. The Lord has so marvelously answered prayer. I now have a job with more pay and a shorter distance to drive. The Lord is so good."

San Fernando, California:

"I received a call tonight telling me that our son in Oregon just gave his heart to the Lord."

"I wrote to you only about a month ago requesting your prayers for his salvation. So, this is to let you know that God has heard and answered prayer already. I want to thank you sincerely for your prayers."

Minneapolis, Minnesota:

"A week or two ago I wrote for prayer for a bronchial-lung condition. X rays had shown a blur or shadow. I asked prayer that when I went for another examination, as the doctors requested, it would show negative. Thank God, I got the report Friday and it was negative. Thanks so much for praying."

Luverne, Alabama:

"This is to let you know the good Lord has answered our prayers of three weeks ago. My husband has a job, went to work last Friday, and has worked all this week. Thank the good Lord."

Roanoke, Illinois:

"Thanks for your prayers. I asked you a little over a year ago to pray for the salvation of my mother. About a month ago she went to be with her Maker. She had turned from atheism to God for forgiveness and salvation a month prior to her decease. Praise God for answered prayer."

Westbrook, Maine:

"Two weeks ago I was very ill. When you prayed for all who were sick, I put my hand on my stomach, where I was feeling so badly, and just asked God that if it was His will to please heal me. I dropped off to sleep. The next day I was much better and have been ever since."

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These testimonies reveal only a part of the results of the vast work *Revivaltime* is accomplishing as it sends the gospel of power across the air waves. The cost of continuing this vital ministry is high and your support is urgently needed. The rewards are worth the price we must pay. Send your contributions for this international evangelistic ministry to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. Please remember the *Revivaltime* team in your prayers. Every week of the year, "It's *Revivaltime*, across the nation and around the world."



The *Revivaltime* summer choir, pictured above, is on its thirty-day tour to the central and northeastern states and Canada. They will visit approximately 29 churches and will be on the Carnegie Hall origination from New York City. *Revivaltime* team members traveling with the group include Cyril McLellan, choir director; Lee Robbins, the broadcast's tenor soloist; and Field Representative Stanley Michael, who serves as tour speaker and manager. The choir is looking forward to many decisions for Christ.

BY ROBERTA DAVIDSON CRABTREE

"IT WILL NOT BE A FUNERAL, BUT rather a coronation." These words were spoken shortly before the body of James H. Davidson was laid to rest on January 16, 1963.

James Davidson of Kenosha, Wis., had spent his eighty-seven years as a true and steadfast "contender for the faith" of Jesus Christ. He had been a Christian more than sixty years, having been saved in the Salvation Army around 1900. He received the Pentecostal baptism in the Holy Spirit on Labor Day, 1917.

James Davidson's Homegoing was a glorious event, even to the relatives and friends who would miss him here on earth. They would miss his prayers, for he prayed a great deal each day. They would miss seeing him sit in his favorite chair near the window with his Bible and a missionary book nearby (three of his children have been, or now are, serving as Assemblies of God missionaries). And they would miss their talks with him about the Lord. His family would no longer be able to hear him lead out in prayer during family altar.

Yes, James Davidson would be missed, but his Christian influence would continue to live on in the lives of his children and grandchildren and the many who had been inspired by his testimony.

Five of his seven children and his oldest grandchild are in full-time ministry. Their lives, influenced by a godly father and mother, have touched many other lives around the world. The oldest son Howard pastors Calvary Assembly of God in Cleveland, Ohio, Alice (Bergstrom) and her husband Gustav have been missionaries to Brazil for many years. Roy pastors First Assembly of God in Kalamazoo, Mich., and has served as a missionary in Africa. Malius is pastor of Bethel Tabernacle in Carlisle, Pa., Paul, who has been a missionary in China, the Philippine Islands, Jamaica, and the Bahamas, is presently pastoring First Assembly of God at New Castle, Ind. The two younger daughters, Pearl and Esther, have faithfully maintained a home for the parents and are actively engaged in church work in the Assembly of God in Kenosha, Wis.

All of the Davidson children attended Central Bible Institute, having spent a total of twenty-one years there. Of the older grandchildren, one has attended C.B.I. and three have attended Evangel College.

Why is this article being written about James Davidson? Certainly not to glorify the man, for that would have greatly displeased him. Rather it is to glorify the Master that this man served. Perhaps through this article others will be challenged to become "contenders for the faith."

Let us look into the little home on 32nd Avenue in Kenosha the day before the funeral. It is evening, and



A Contender for the Faith... Called Home



while most of the relatives are away at the funeral home greeting friends, little Nannie Davidson, wife of James, is sitting in the living room, Bible in hand, talking to a daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Mother Davidson is eighty-five. Her hair is gray and her skin wrinkled, but age has not dimmed her spirit. As she talks of the Lord her face radiates an inner peace and happiness.

She is telling of a time, many years ago, when God gave her a promise concerning her children. Friends had taken an interest in Howard, her oldest son, and wanted to send him to the state university. But Nannie and James wanted their son to go to Bi-

ble school. The friends thought this was silly. Why send their boy to a small, non-accredited school? Mother and Father Davidson prayed about it and the Lord gave Mother Davidson this Scripture: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13).

After reading the verse to her daughter-in-law and granddaughter this little mother of seven, grandmother of fifteen, and great-grandmother of three, pressed her Bible to herself and looked heavenward. This verse was more than mere printed words; it was a promise fulfilled. Mother and Father Davidson had exposed their children to the teachings of the Lord, and in their old age they had the satisfaction of knowing that great was the peace of their children.

As the minister said at the funeral, "The Davidsons made church their home, and they also made their home a church." Nothing could deter this couple from attending a church service—and their children always accompanied them! Nothing ever hindered family altar either!

The day of the funeral was a wonderful day. In the morning the family gathered at the funeral home for a private service—"family altar." The oldest son read from 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Two of the other sons then led in prayer, and in conclusion Mother Davidson prayed. The presence of the Lord brought a holy hush upon everyone. All who entered the room that morning were Christians, but they left with a new determination to work more earnestly for God. They had been inspired once again by this godly father. Even in death this man of prayer was influencing others.

At the funeral the topic of R. L. Scharnick's sermon was, "Contender for the faith." Earl Scharnick and John Conaway assisted in the service.

James Davidson died as he had lived—victorious through Christ. One of his favorite scriptures sums up his life's goal: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Another soldier of the Cross has gone to his heavenly reward. Who will fill his place in God's earthly army? 



Deaf Campers Testify of Blessings

By MAXINE STROBRIDGE
National Representative of the Deaf and Blind Ministries



The Deaf enjoy singing unto the Lord in the sign language. The sign pictured is "Jesus."

PENNY, AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DEAF girl, came running to me and joyfully exclaimed in the sign language, "I'm saved! I'm saved!" She and two others had found the joy of salvation that night.

Many deaf persons hear the good news of Jesus Christ for the first time at the camps for the Deaf. One deaf teen-ager was very sad when he first came to camp last year. He paid very close attention in the Bible classes and the camp services, but he would

not enter into the other camp activities. A short time before camp time his mother had died. When he returned home from the residential school for the Deaf which he was attending, he thought his mother was in the hospital. Because of lack of communication the relatives were unable to explain to him that his mother had died. The boy was shocked when he was taken to the funeral home to see his mother. He became very depressed.

This feeling of depression was por-

trayed in his actions at camp until one night he found a Friend who never leaves or forsakes. A Christian teen-ager who had accepted Christ at the camp the year before sat down with Charles and explained the way of salvation. They then knelt and prayed. Charles arose with a glow on his face. He joyfully told the other campers what Christ had done for him. He entered into the other camp activities after that night.

Deaf Christians look forward to camp as a time of spiritual revival. Showers of blessing are poured upon the campers. Deaf persons are often hesitant to express themselves in prayer in churches with hearing people, for they feel they have many spectators. At camp they gather in one accord to worship. Some express themselves in prayer and worship entirely with signs; others are able to express themselves audibly to some extent.

Many come to camp expecting to be filled with the Holy Spirit. God meets the desires of these earnest seekers for He has promised: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Judy Litzner, a deaf girl from Bay



Camp provides the only opportunity some deaf persons have to attend Bible classes. . . . A camp king and queen are chosen at the banquet at the close of some of the camps.

City, Mich., recently wrote the following letter to me:

"I am writing to let you know how happy I am since the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit. I was saved during the 1961 Michigan Camp for the Deaf. In 1962 I went to camp hungry for more blessings from God. On Friday night the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit, and I spoke in other tongues. I thank the Lord for saving me and filling me with the Holy Spirit.

"I am looking forward to camp again this year. I would encourage deaf persons or any interested in the deaf work to attend camp."

Judy, who does not normally use her voice, spoke in a beautiful language when she received the Baptism. After receiving the infilling she enthusiastically began to pray for others who wanted to be filled. A revival began that night which continued until the close of camp.

One young man was able to visit this camp for only one day. Watching the other campers receive spiritual blessings made David hungry for the Baptism. On the following day he went to his bedroom to pray. He needed satisfaction for his spiritual hunger. He later testified: "On a Sunday afternoon, August 12, 1962, I was in my bedroom praying and praising the Lord when I sensed something flash through my body. I began crying and continued to praise the Lord. I then began to speak in a language I never knew. How long I prayed this way, I don't know, but I felt wonderful. The Lord Jesus had baptized me according to Acts 2:4. I thank the



Everett D. Cooley, Michigan district superintendent, prays with the candidates for water baptism. . . . Recreation is provided for the campers in the afternoons.



Lord for all He has done for me!"

A mother of five children gives the following testimony concerning her family's camp experiences:

"We have certainly enjoyed the past two camps in our area where we made many wonderful Christian friends. What wonderful Christian fellowship! In no other place can we find such clean, wholesome fun. We also have received much spiritual food to satisfy our souls. I am thankful God filled me with the Holy Spirit while at camp last year.

"We are also thankful for what camp means to our five hearing children. They have come to love the Lord through their camp experiences."

Special Bible classes are taught at camp each morning. Handicraft projects, boating, games like volleyball, and many other types of recreation are provided for the campers in the afternoon. Rally services are conducted each evening. A camp king and queen are chosen at the banquet at the close of each camp.

Water baptismal services are conducted at some of the camps. These services are provided especially for the deaf campers who do not have opportunity to attend local church services. The only spiritual fellowship they receive is at the camps they attend.

The first 1963 Assemblies of God Camp for the Deaf is being conducted near Kansas City, Mo., from May 29 through June 2. Other camps are planned for Illinois, Western Pennsylvania, Michigan, Northern California, Oklahoma, and Eastern Pennsylvania (see list in May 19 issue). For more information about Camps for the Deaf write to: Miss Maxine

Strobridge, Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo.

Many deaf persons have been able to attend the camps in the past only because churches or individuals helped them with expenses. Deaf persons are willing and anxious to pay their own camp expenses, but many are unable to do so. It is especially difficult for families with several deaf members. Some deaf children and young people have unsaved hearing parents who do not understand the spiritual value of camp. The directors of the 1963 camps know of those who would like to attend camp this year, but will not be able to do so without financial assistance. Would you like to help make it possible for these to receive spiritual blessings? Send your offering today with the coupon below. Also, please pray that many deaf persons will be saved at the camps this summer and that a mighty revival will spread among the Deaf as a result of the camps.

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The personal testimony of I. V. Hill, Dallas, Texas, who was miraculously healed over five years ago.

IN 1956 I WAS CONFINED TO A WHEEL-chair. Almost daily I suffered smothering spells which made it necessary for me to be rushed to the hospital several times a week. These trips became so frequent that the doctor advised my sons to build a ramp so they could carry me out of the house quickly. I had suffered from heart trouble for sixteen years. My condition was complicated by asthma, bladder trouble, and a hip infection that prevented me from walking.

It was about this time that I began listening to the Morning Worship Hour broadcast by the Oak Cliff Assembly of God. I was only a church member, not a Christian. If somebody told me a big yarn, I could tell one bigger. I was not a Christian; if I had died I would have had to go to hell.

One morning in November, 1957, after listening to the Morning Worship Hour, I called Pastor H. C. Noah. I told him my condition and asked him to pray for me. My home was on the verge of breaking up. I had gotten into such confusion that I could not get along with anyone, including myself.

About ten o'clock that morning the phone rang. It was Sister Faust. She talked to me and I told her what I had told Brother Noah. She asked me to come to church, but I said I did not have a way. She said she would come for me.

After lunch I went to the hall closet to see what I had to wear to church. Someone knocked on the door. I worked my wheelchair to the door and saw Sister Faust standing there. I invited her into the living room to pray for me. She laid her hands on me and something like an electric shock went through me. Right there I met the Lord; I was saved. Sister Faust promised to come back that night to take me to church.

Our youngest child, Jane, was twelve years old. Wife and I had not been to church since before Jane was born. My wife came in shortly after Sister Faust was gone. I told her I was going to church and asked her to go with me, but she did not answer.

I'M A NEW MAN NOW

One of my sons came in and I told him I was going to church, but would have to wear my khakis. He said, "Daddy, get in the car." He took me to get clothes to wear to church.

I put my clothes on and got ready for church. My wife still had not promised to go to church with me,



Mr. I. V. Hill

but while I was talking to one of my sons she and Jane came into the room and they were dressed for church.

Sister Faust came and took us to church. I listened to the sermon, and when the altar call was given I hobbled forward on my crutches, even though I already had been saved in my home when Sister Faust prayed for me.

On Friday, Sister Faust again took us to church. I determined to have faith in God: I knew I would be healed. When the invitation was given I went to the altar. I told God I wanted Him to take away all of my sorrows and troubles. I named my asthma, heart trouble, nervousness, locked kidneys, hip infection, and also my tobacco. For fifty years I had used tobacco, and since part of my lung was gone, doctors had tried to get me to quit smoking. Within myself I tried to conquer tobacco, but when I got mad the first thing I would do was smoke.

When I got up from the altar, no one helped me. I left my crutches behind and have not used them since. When I got to the door, I threw my tobacco away.

That night, when I got home, I held Jane on my lap for the first time since she was a small baby. I went to bed and slept. Prior to this time I was taking as many as twenty-five doses of medicine a day and had to take dope to get sleep. Even then I could not rest. But this night, after the Lord healed me, I went to sleep without any dope and slept all night.

When I awoke the next morning I went into the kitchen, washed, and put on the coffee percolator. When wife got up I was shouting and having a big time. She was not saved at the time, although she has been saved since then, and could not understand why I was shouting.

Before I was saved and healed I could not read. I could only spell a few simple words like "cat" or "dog." Now I can read the Bible, and there are only a few words in the Old Testament that I cannot read. God has taught me how.

I have had a plate in the back of

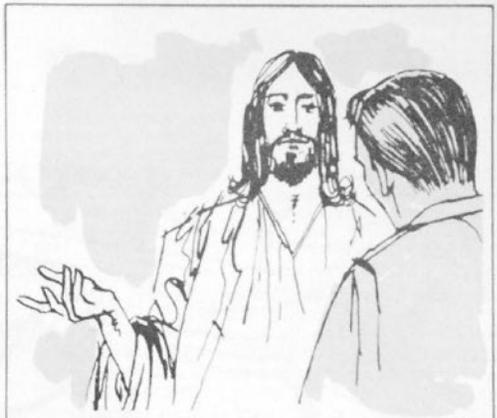
my head since Jane was four months old. I could not bear to wear a hat because the pressure of the band hurt the nerves around the plate. Now I can wear a hat: it does not hurt any more.

The things I used to like I don't like now, and the things that used to worry me don't bother me any more. For the past five years I have been a new man. I have health, happiness, and heavenly hope, thanks to the Lord who changed my entire life.

When the Lord first saved my soul and healed my body, I could not walk more than a few feet at a time. Now I go from house to house with gospel tracts, witnessing to others. I promised the Lord I would do all I could. It used to get under my skin

when people would slur me for my testimony but now, when somebody shuts the door in my face, I know it is the conviction of the Spirit they are fighting. For sixty-three years I served the devil, but now I am serving the Lord and want to tell everybody how He saved my soul and healed my body.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. C. Noah, Oak Cliff Assembly of God, 919 Morrell Avenue, Dallas, who writes: "This is one of the greatest testimonies I have ever witnessed. Brother Hill has been a member of our church for a little over five years. He is a very faithful man of God. People always respond when they hear this radiant man tell what God did for his mind, soul, and body.")



What if Jesus said to you—

**'GO SELL THAT
THOU HAST, AND
GIVE TO THE
POOR . . . ?'**

He did give these instructions to one particular young man, indicating His approval of sharing with those in need. Probably you will never be required to take such drastic measures as to sell your possessions, but God does expect you to share that which He has allowed you to accumulate.

The Department of Benevolences of the General Council of the Assemblies of God has accepted the responsibility of providing financially for approximately **three hundred aged ministers, missionaries, and widows; and one hundred neglected children.** Funds for this work are collected from churches and persons interested in giving to the poor. Offerings are designated for these areas as: *Aged Ministers' Assistance* (for the care of ministers who are physically able to maintain private homes); *Bethany Retirement Home* (for those in need of a home and nursing care); and *Hillcrest Children's Home.*

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We Looked at a Miracle

TODAY, AS IN DAYS GONE BY, GOD still speaks and acts through His Holy Spirit. A recent experience made me more thankful than ever for the privilege of knowing the Lord.

Early on the morning of December 31, 1962, I was awakened by the Holy Spirit to pray earnestly for our youngest son Jeffrey, age six. (We had left him in the care of a friend while we rested a few days in the desert.) Although a phone call home the night before had assured us there was no need of worry, the burden was so intense that we decided to return home. When we arrived, we found little Jeffrey deathly ill with *virus pneumonia*. We rushed him to the nearby hospital where the doctor placed him in an oxygen tent for several days.

In their fight to save him, they gave him twenty-two shots, blood test, spinal tap, and intravenous feedings. But his wasted body and labored breath confirmed the dreaded verdict, "Not reacting or responding to care."

Prayer went up from various Assemblies and many dear friends. An old colored friend, Sister Harris, prayed all night as we kept watch by Jeffrey's bedside—for we never left him. On his worst day, our Pastor, John C. Tinsman, came and laid hands on him as prescribed in God's Word

(Mark 16:18; James 5:14) and we prayed fervently.

As I continued to hold his cold, limp hand all night in prayer, we reminded God of our faithful service to Him from childhood up, and of our commission to raise our five children in the fear and love of the Lord. Then when faith and strength seemed tried beyond endurance, my eyes fell upon a Bible verse on the editorial page of a daily newspaper. It was printed that day—I am sure—just for us! There in the dim light of the dawn I read in tearful gratitude: "For *this child* I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." How I thanked and praised Him for answering prayer!

The next morning the oxygen tent was removed. Jeffrey immediately began to eat ravenously. Then, to the amazement of all, he proceeded to climb out of bed and run about. His doctor merely shook his head and told us, "He's fine—but as long as I live, I hope I never see another child *that* sick again!"

He was released a day or so later, and I thankfully watched him run out the front doors of the hospital to his mother, three sisters, and brother. As they gathered him in their arms, he grinned and shyly said: "Well, what are you looking at?"

We were looking at a **MIRACLE!** Praise the Lord!—Garman McKnight, Whittier, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor John C. Tinsman, First Assembly of God, Whittier, California.)



Feeding the Children

By MARGARET N. FREEMAN

OUR LITTLE DOUGLAS HAD A PARAKEET. He ministered to Blue Boy with loving solicitude. The seed cup and water container were filled daily. Then one day, unknown to all the family except his owner, Blue Boy received extra rations—far above his ability to assimilate. His craw bulged, and, to the consternation of Douglas, Blue Boy perished from overeating.

When children are hungry physically they expect to be fed, and probably today's children sit down to more adequate meals than any children in history. Supermarkets bulge with taste-tempting goodies. Fresh vegetables, fruit, and out-of-season perishables may be shipped from one area to another in a matter of days. Modern

methods of preservation and freezing make cooking a delight (and an expense).

Most of us do all right by our children's natural appetites. They even overeat now and then! But our responsibilities do not end when we have placed a nourishing meal on the table. Our families also have a right to receive good spiritual food, and, sad to say, here the dangers of overeating are very slim!

The Bible gives this emphasis. As Israel journeyed toward their promised land, Moses addressed the fathers of Israel and admonished them to keep God's words in their hearts AND "teach them *diligently*" to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). The im-

portance of this rule for parents has never lessened. Preparing three daily meals and snacks in between may be the mother's job, but fathers should never take a back seat in providing spiritual nourishment for their children.

Some little boys discovered a robin's nest filled with baby birds. When the tiny bills opened wide expecting food, the boys crammed grass down the little throats. Of course, it was a transgression against their very natures and beyond their ability to assimilate. We too must be on guard against giving our children spiritual food beyond their ability to grasp. Parents will be well repaid in taking time to explain Bible portions.

Good devotional books and Bible storybooks on the child's level of understanding are also tremendous aids to spiritual growth. Just as the public school increases the child's studies gradually according to his progress, so year by year the home should relate its teachings to the realm of the child's experience.

There is something instinctive about the desire to feed the young. I was told of an inquisitive young chicken that got the tip of its beak cut off by the blades of a lawn mower. A tenderhearted rooster appointed itself to the job of popping bits of food into the open mouth of the chicken until a new beak grew back. He never stopped feeding the chick until it could feed itself.

"Drink your milk." "Eat your vegetables." What mother has not said this? Emerson once said: "We appreciate people who make us do what we ought to do." Sometimes the appreciation is overdue, but it generally comes!

Should a parent insist that the child go to Sunday school and church? Read his Bible? Pray? Obey? Some day the child will thank his parents for their insistence.

It is a matter of vigilance from the child's early years to train the mind to accept the worthwhile and to reject the trash. This cannot be left to chance or neglected even briefly, for weeds spring up and grow without encouragement. Crops must be cultivated ceaselessly in order to bring a harvest!

"Of making many books there is no end," said Solomon. Today, more than ever, this is so. Are the magazines reposing on the shelf or coffee



The Voice of God

Sunday School Lesson for June 9, 1963
1 KINGS 19:9-15, 18; PSALM 51:10-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

What a contrast between our previous lesson and this one! On Mount Carmel we saw Elijah, full of faith and courage pray down fire and rain and slay 850 prophets of Baal! On Mount Horeb we find him in a cave, gloomy and despondent, having fled from a lone woman who had threatened his life! But God does not desert His servants even when their faith falters. Therefore God had strengthened Elijah for this journey to Horeb where He would teach him some lessons—lessons which we still need to learn today!

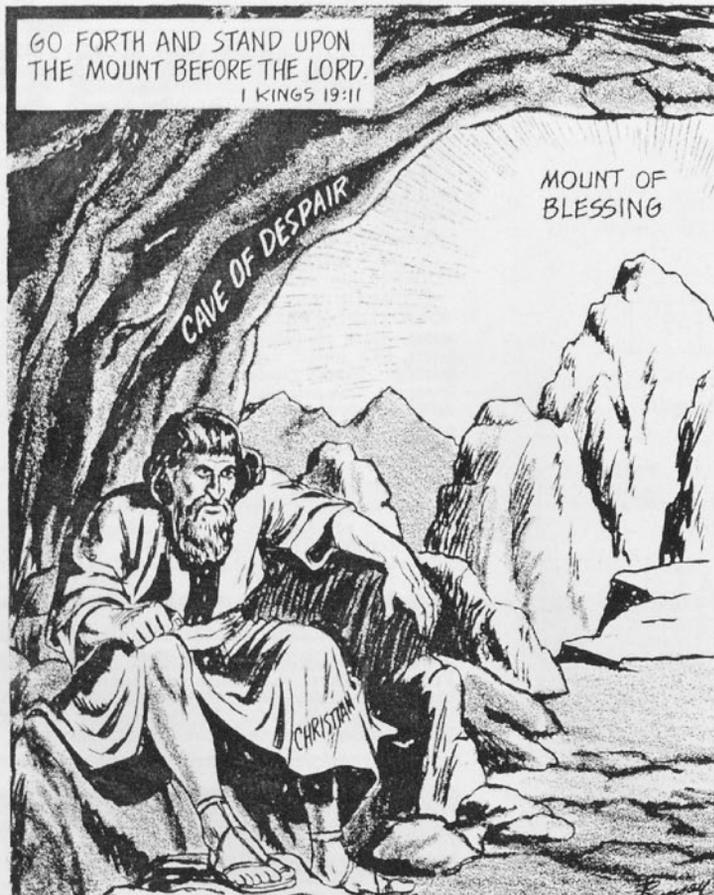
THE SEARCHING QUESTION

"What doest thou here, Elijah?" This question was calculated to lead Elijah to examine himself in order that God might finally enlighten and strengthen him further.

"What doest THOU here?" It pointed out to Elijah, "What are YOU doing here, Elijah—a man who knows God and has been used of God—a man who knows God's power and willingness to meet every need."

"What **DOEST** thou here?" Elijah had been a man of

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELIJAH?"



action. There was work to do for God. But now fear had paralyzed activity.

"What doest thou **HERE**?" Elijah was repining in a cave. This was no fit place for God's prophet. His place was among the people God had called him to serve.

"What doest thou here?" God's searching question comes to men in all sorts of "caves": (1) to the sinner in the cave of sin; (2) to the Christian in the cave of discouragement, worry, doubt, fear; (3) to the indolent in the cave of idleness; (4) to the unconsecrated and divided heart in the cave of worldly pleasure and questionable activity; (5) and to the child of God in relation to all of life. Why am I where I am, doing what I do, thinking what I think, saying what I say? What are the motives that shape and guide my life making me do this rather than that, take this turn rather than the other, choose this friend and that?

THE OBJECT LESSON FROM NATURE (vv. 11-13)

The wind and fire and earthquake were indeed spectacular and miraculous. However, they merely preceded that which was most significant—"the still small voice." Part of Elijah's failure lay in the fact that he had placed too much hope in the external manifestations of God's power. God was now saying to Elijah, in effect: "Elijah, you have thought that I could only deal with Israel through fire and storm and outward show of My power. This I do, but I have other ways of accomplishing My purposes. My power is mightily working in stillness and in ways which may seem ordinary. You expected the fire and the storm to convert Israel. But that was merely My preparation for revival. As you return to duty and faithfully proclaim My Word, it will accomplish its intended purposes in the hearts of men."

In these days of feverish haste and hyperactivity we need to wait before our Lord until we, too, hear the "still small voice" in the depths of our inner being. His voice which will become to us the voice of peace, of guidance, of revelation and of power!

THE CORRECTION OF ELIJAH'S ARITHMETIC

"Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel... which have not bowed unto Baal." Says one writer: "The Lord was saying to Elijah, 'It is not your business to keep books. You don't know how in the first place. You added a column of figures and got zero. I added it up and got 7,000. You have not been a failure for you have walked with Me.' A man may not realize many of the hopes of his life, but if he lives in the secret place of the Most High his life will never be a failure."

To express it in yet another way, God was saying to Elijah (and it applies equally to any of us in a time of discouragement!): "Cheer up, Elijah, things are at least seven thousand times better than you think they are, and the future is seven thousand times brighter!"

THE CALL TO RENEWED MINISTRY (1 Kings 19:16, 17)

Ministering to others in obedience to the will and call of God is often a sure cure for depression. Introspection and self-examination are occasionally helpful and necessary, but too much of it results in morbidity and dependency.

Furthermore, the work God gave Elijah to do made it plain that God had the future of His people well in hand. All Elijah needed to do was to trust and obey!

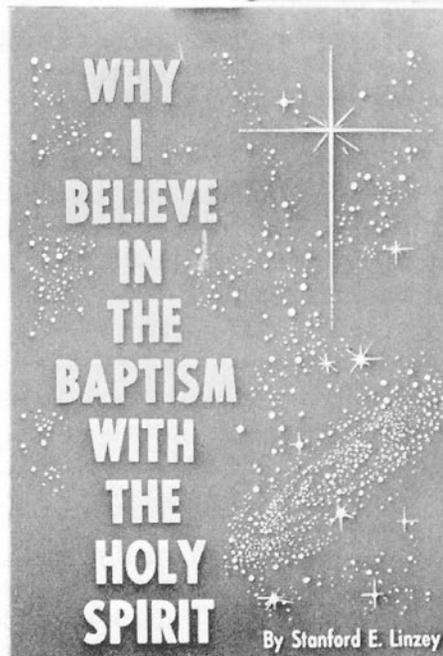
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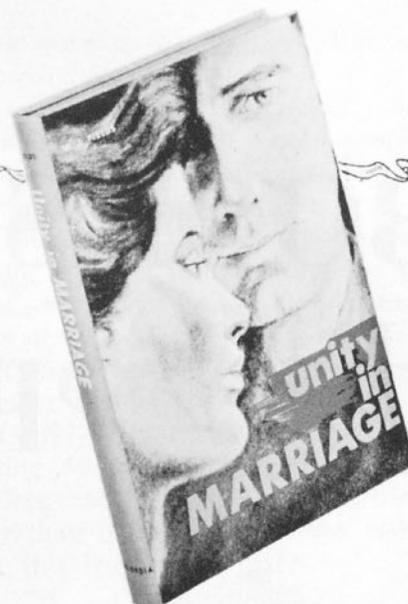
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Their Secret—Unbroken Communion

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learn to obey, not to fear His strange supernatural way, but to adventure and step out boldly on faith. He was urged to enter the Lord's service with reckless abandon, to enter the constant rejoicing of His service, to yield to His purifying love, to grow in the Spirit!

There comes to my own mind the words of an old gospel hymn:

*"More about Jesus in His Word,
Holding communion with my Lord,
Hearing His voice in every line,
Making each faithful saying mine."*

It behoves us now to *walk softly before God* (those words were so often heard in my childhood) lest overconfidence cause us to lose the things which we have gained. Although an host of distracting voices clamor for attention we *must* keep our communion with God unbroken. We must heed Ephesians 5:19, "Singing to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your hearts to the Lord."

Ere the first gleams of daylight meet our eyes, we can engage in this precious communion. David was not willing to let this communion be broken even while he slept. We read in Psalm 63 such desires as: "Early will I seek thee... my soul thirsteth for thee... my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: when I remember

thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches."

As the swift hours of the day unfold, we can still inwardly repair to our place of secret communion for renewal. Remembering that "he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1), we pray to be kept close to His side. We can exclaim as Moses, "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Eventually as the evening shadows lengthen and twilight falls, we may cry, "Still, still with Thee." Then as we seek our couch for rest, if sleep is slow in coming, we may still joyfully commune with our Lord.

Perhaps undesirable situations have surrounded us. This need not alter our attitude. In the constant travels of John Wesley he and a companion, John Newton, one night found themselves with aching bones in the wee small hours. As they lay upon the floor, were they dismayed? On the contrary, John Wesley spoke cheerfully to his companion, "Be of good cheer, Brother Newton, I still have one whole side left!" It was their spiritual communion that made the long night seem joyous.

This path of unbroken communion has been proven throughout the years. Saints and martyrs—witnesses of all ages—have known this secret and have cried, "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." May we avail ourselves of it today and declare, "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (Isaiah 50:7). ◀◀◀

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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group. If you have any questions about MF, write to the Department of Men's Fellowship, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

Growth of local Men's Fellowship groups has increased the need for providing leaders with materials to help promote and direct their activities. *Guidelines for Leaders*, a quarterly leadership manual, is published by the Department of Men's Fellowship and sent free of charge to all chartered groups. *Guidelines for Leaders* contains a rich store of study material to assist leaders in MF activities.

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SPARTANBURG, S. C.—March 24 marked the close of a ten-day revival conducted at First Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Joel Palmer of Beaverton, Ala. Three persons were saved, three reclaimed, and several refilled with the Holy Spirit. Attendance, though not outstanding, was consistent. From the many testimonies given following the meeting, it was evident that believers were spiritually uplifted.

—Lyle M. Hadler, Pastor

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HENRYETTA, OKLA. — A three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Baker concluded at the First Assembly of God here on March 22. Two persons were reclaimed, nine baptized in the Holy Spirit, eight refilled, and one person was healed by the power of God. Sunday school attendance showed an increase of 15. This was one of the best revivals the church has had in years.

—Doyle E. Davis, Pastor

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DANSVILLE, N. Y.—Evangelist John French led a very successful two-week revival at the Assembly of God here. Eighteen persons gave their lives to Christ, others were reclaimed, and many were revived

spiritually. A large number of visitors—the greatest in the history of the church—came as a result of the appearance of the evangelist at the Rotary Club and similar institutions. Also contributing to the fine results were the men's prayer band, which met each Saturday at 7 p.m., and the WMC cottage prayer meetings each Wednesday afternoon at 2. These prayer meetings continue to be an integral part of the spiritual activities of the church.

—Rudolph Metzger, Pastor

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PETALUMA, CALIF.—One of the most heartwarming, soul-stirring moves of God's Spirit upon the entire congregation here at Full Gospel Assembly was witnessed during a recent meeting with Evangelist Paul Hild of Minnesota. The congregation has truly been transformed spiritually speaking. Ten persons accepted Christ and five or six were filled with the Holy Spirit during this one-week meeting. Many others were refilled and reconsecrated their lives to Christ. God's blessings continue to rest upon the church. Sunday school attendance has shown an increase within the last year from 126 to 158.

—Eugene Fields, Pastor

WOODLAND, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church reports a fine revival with Evangelist Walter Larson. Services were conducted twice daily and the entire congregation entered into a fresh experience in the Holy Spirit. About 15 accepted Christ as Saviour and at least three received the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

—R. A. Wilson, Jr., Pastor

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MADISONVILLE, TEX.—The entire congregation at the Assembly of God here was greatly encouraged by a very successful revival just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge. Several persons were either saved or reclaimed—one of which was a man who had been attending for years, apparently untouched by the gospel. One person was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—William D. Brooks, Pastor

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ST. PAUL, VA.—A three-week revival conducted by Evangelist Charles Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla., brought great blessing to the Assembly here. The sermons that went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the special music and singing inspired the church to greater heights in God.

About 20 decisions were made for Christ, and young and old alike were drawn closer to God.

—Bob McCutchen, Pastor

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LEEDS, ALA.—The Assembly of God here was recently visited with a wonderful moving of the Spirit of God during special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. During the three-week revival many were saved, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others healed.

—Cary L. Rigby, Pastor

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LENNOX, CALIF.—The power of God was manifested in every service of a four-week meeting just concluded at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Byers. The Spirit of God moved upon the service in a mighty way as sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It was particularly thrilling to witness an elderly lady receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit just a few moments after her conversion. At the same time faith was increased so that she was able to believe for her healing, which was granted in a wonderful way. A young girl requested prayer for healing and

Ministers Oppose Sale of Obscene Magazines to Children

COLUMBUS, GA.—While Evangelist Michael Lord was conducting special meetings at the Edgewood Temple Assembly of God in Columbus he and the pastor, J. D. Stevens, made an effort to curb the sale of pornographic literature.

The two men made a survey of the local situation. They proved that children nine to thirteen years old were able to purchase extremely objectionable publications at drugstores, variety stores, and other places throughout the city. They found these publications displayed very plainly where young children could see them, and there were only two newsstands where the children were not permitted to buy them.

The evangelist appeared before the Columbus Ministerial Alliance to report on the situation and invited any minister who so desired to accompany him in presenting an ordinance to the City Commis-

sion to correct the situation.

"We can't stop its publication," Brother Lord said. "This has been tried repeatedly, and it has invariably failed. But we can require that literature of this type be placed on a separate display, prominently marked 'For Adults Only,' and make it illegal for this material to be sold to anyone under eighteen years of age."

The city attorney drew up an ordinance and had it ready for the first reading when suddenly the Georgia legislature passed a bill banning these objectionable publications from the state.

City officials have tabled the ordinance until they can see what real effect the new state law will have on the local situation.

Says Pastor Stevens: "We feel our action had quite a bearing on the matter. We intend to keep an eye on the situation and be ready to offer assistance."



PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS ATTACKED—At a meeting for adult men only, Evangelist Michael Lord and Pastor J. D. Stevens presented a report on the sale of indecent publications to Columbus children. They displayed a wide variety of books and magazines which, in both words and pictures, graphically illustrated the human body, crimes of violence, and sexual activities. Purpose of the meeting was to arouse public opinion against the open sale of pornography. Church leaders and members shown in the photograph are J. A. Snellgrove, Columbus Area Men's Fellowship President; J. D. Stevens; Michael Lord; and J. C. Thurston, past MF President.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

was instantly filled with the Holy Spirit. Three ladies from the Baptist church received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the pastor of a Baptist church brought along some of his people to witness this move of God. A spirit of revival continues on in the regular services as eight young people followed the Lord in water baptism.

—Calvin Eckard, Pastor

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KINSLEY, KANS.—God met with His people in a special way during meetings concluded April 7 at the Assembly of God here with the Knouse-Stovall Team. Three persons were reclaimed, five baptized in the Holy Spirit, eight refilled, and three persons baptized in water. There were 65 visitors during this campaign. The entire church was stirred and moved for God.

—H. D. Mathews, Pastor

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MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle enjoyed a great move of the Spirit of God during its 35th anniversary and homecoming services. The ministry of several former pastors contributed greatly to the success of the services. Among former ministers were Mrs. Helen Jenkins, wife of the founder of the church; Chester Jenkins, now D-Cap; George Butrin; and Alfred Boyd. It was especially thrilling to have back to minister young people who have gone into full-time ministry. Russell Williams, a former member and now District Superintendent, brought an inspiring message. Another special feature of this 35th anniversary campaign was the ministry of Evangelist Tommy Barnett. His preaching and singing were mightily anointed of God. From the very first night sinners came to the altar for salvation, with over 20 making decisions for Christ. The all-time Sunday school attendance record was broken with 368 present.

—Fleming Van Meter, Pastor

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BRAGG CITY, MO.—Old-time Holy Ghost preaching brought great results in a three-week meeting held at the Assembly of God here under the ministry of Evangelist Marvin Walters. Thirty-four persons were saved, ten filled with the Holy Spirit, many refilled, and 14 baptized in water. It was truly a time of spiritual refreshing for the entire congregation.

—W. H. Wilson, Pastor

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DECATUR, GA.—Eastlake Assembly of God reports a fine revival held during the month of January with Evangelist Grant Daniel of Ala. The entire church was uplifted spiritually and sev-

STATE & CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark. Crossett	Beulah Land	June 4-16	Jackie & Peggy Nichols	A. C. Rye
El Dorado	A/G	June 9—	Carl L. Tillery	C. W. Smith
Wynne	First	June 3-9	Bob & Jeri Winford	Howard L. Watkins
Calif. Barstow	First	May 28-June 9	Sara E. Sharp	Gary B. Nash
Fresno	A/G	June 5-23	The Bender Team	Earl Hunt
Highway City	A/G	June 9—	Dorothy Foster	E. M. McKim
King City	First	June 4-16	George Gregg	J. W. Buchanan
Lompoc	First	June 4—	David Bunch	J. O. Epperson
Sacramento	Glad Tidings	June 9-14	Charles Senechal	Gerald Baser
Colo. Greeley	Evangel Temple	June 4—	Raymond Schaeffer	Ken George
Fla. Bonifay	Little Rock	June 2—	A. L. Williams	O. B. Harris
Key West	Glad Tidings	June 9—	Eddie Wilson	Wayne Pitts
Panama City	Bear Creek	June 3—	Doug & Louise Bartlett	H. L. Ellis, Sr.
Ill. Chicago Heights	A/G	June 4-9	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	G. C. Phagan
Rockford	West Side	June 9-14	Bob Olson	Oda Jones
Ind. Hammond	First	June 9-11	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	Paul Cox
Huntington	Bethel	June 3-9	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	R. L. Gross
Iowa Cedar Rapids	*First	June 3-9	Paul Hild Party	Fred R. Gottwald
La. Allemands	A/G	June 9-23	H. M. & Mrs. Lednicky	Cecil Janway
West Monroe	*Siegle	June 2-9	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	B. O. Smith
Md. Cumberland	First	June 4-16	Daniel Summa	Arthur Vespa
Forestville	**Evangel	June 3-16	Irving & Mary Howard	George A. LeRoy
Mich. Detroit	Southfield	May 26-June 9	Ray C. Eskelin	Robert L. Clark
Minn. Jackson	A/G Tab.	June 5-16	Arthur & Anna Berg	Gerald Christensen
Mahoman	A/G	June 4-16	Wes & Pat Larson	Wesley Glennen
St. Peter	A/G	June 4-9	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Charles W. Lamson
Worthington	*A/G	June 3-9	Larson-Stiver Team	John W. Everett
Miss. Jackson	Southside	June 9-23	A. J. Chandonnet	J. F. Patton
Mo. Chaffee	First	June 2-9	Loyd Middleton	William Marshall
Higginsville	A/G	June 2-14	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	C. W. Blades
Ozark	A/G	May 26-June 9	Bob & Sonya Johnson	M. J. Boulware
St. Louis	*Friendly	June 9-14	Gladys Voight	J. C. Washburn
Weaubleau	A/G	June 9-23	Glenna Byard	Nadine Fogle
Mont. Billings	Parkhill	June 5-16	Wallace S. Bragg	John Gottschalk
N. Y. Rochester	Glad Tidings	June 4-16	Ron Prinzing	David Carlson
Okla. Arkoma	***A/G	June 9—	Mildred Kimel	Ed Williamson
Duncan	Glad Tidings	June 4-16	Musical Rogers	J. Floyd Schaeffer
Oreg. Florence	A/G	June 2-7	Christian Hild	A. C. Abrahamson
Pa. Adrian	A/G	June 9-16	Curtis Sample	Roger Pence
Central City	A/G	June 4-16	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Edward Neidermeier
Corry	A/G	June 4-16	Samuel & Mrs. Clutter	L. W. Wiley
Midland	A/G	June 4-16	Steve & Pat Rexroat	Ben Richter
Milesburg	A/G	June 4-16	J. E. & Mrs. Douglass	David Selleck
New Kensington	***Gospel Tab.	June 7-21	Paul Olson Party	Asa C. Martin
Thompsonstown	****Mifflintown	June 9-30	H. A. Christopher	H. A. Christopher
S. C. Rock Hill	First	June 4—	John Higginbotham	James R. Cohn
Timmons ville	A/G	June 9—	Knouse-Stovall Team	Merlin N. Steen
Tenn. McMinnville	A/G	June 4-16	Harry V. Vibbert	Paul E. McKeel
Tex. Amarillo	**First	June 2-7	Victor Etienne	E. R. Foster
Dallas	Lakewood	June 9-23	Mike Wright Family	E. M. Fjordbak
DiBoll	A/G	June 9—	Joey & Mrs. Laird	James Hood
Kermit	***Bethel Temple	June 3-23	Alfred Allen	F. C. Roop, Chm.
Middleton	A/G	June 9—	Orville J. Painter	Don George
Talco	First	June 9—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	H. Don Malone
Wichita Falls	*First	June 9—	Edith Little	S. E. Eldridge
Va. St. Paul	A/G	June 9-16	John & Dave Eller	Bob McCutchen
W. Va. Dorothy	A/G	June 9-30	Frank J. DePolo	Victor Gillam
Keyser	A/G	June 9-23	Jim & Tammy Bakker	R. C. Lymburner
Canada Salmo, B. C.	Hillcrest Pent.	June 4-9	Gaidies-Wagner Team	Keith Parks
W. I. Trinidad	*A/G	June 1—	George & Mrs. Miller	C. A. Barker

*Children's Revival **Youth Revival ***Area-wide Revival ****Area-wide Tent Revival

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eral received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Despite inclement weather there was a good attendance. —A. V. Hendrick, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION of new sanctuary, June

2 and 3, Bethel Temple, Atlanta, Ga. Jesse E. Smith, district superintendent, and Mrs. Sadie L. Johnson, speakers. Revival will continue through June 9 with Mrs. Johnson.—by Grover and Verna Langston, pastors.

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY—June 9, Assembly of God,

Route 519, Baptistown, N. J. Services at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. John Paproski, speaker.—by James Occhipinti, pastor.

AREA - WIDE WORKERS TRAINING — June 3-9, Bethel Temple. Mrs. Robert S. Beisel, instructor. (Edward Hartman is host pastor.)



I'LL GET INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD MY OWN WAY... I'M GOOD ENOUGH AS I AM...

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WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

BY FRED SMOLCHUCK

ONE WOULD IMAGINE THAT CIVILIZATION SHOULD HAVE learned its lessons by now. But a quick look on the world's horizon tells us that men are still selfish, hate each other, insist on waging war and refuse to live in peace.

Our youth is pathetically confused, and no wonder; so are the adults. Crime is on the upswing—distressingly so. Nations are behaving like petulant children, nagging at each other till they come to blows.

Why can't intelligent people work and live and enjoy peace and safety together? History tells us how and why the Pharaohs, the kings of Babylon, the Caesars and other conquerors made their mistakes. Why do we fall into the same trap when so clear a record is left for us?

Can it be ignorance? But we have the highest percentage of literate people the world has ever known. We are informed. Ours is a pushbutton age that brings comforts and efficiency on a level unprecedented in history. We eat, entertain, amuse and fellowship in a way that makes past cultures seem woefully primitive. And yet, we still are a confused, scared and unhappy humanity!

What will it take to change man? What will it take

to make us happy and contented? What will it take to permanently enthrone peace among mankind?

Jesus said the trouble is not external; it is internal. The situation cannot be rectified by additional education or more cultural polish, any more than a bad heart can be corrected by massaging one's head. Major surgery is sometimes needed. It's not what we do to ourselves outwardly that matters as much as what needs to be done in our hearts.

The Master said we need a "new birth"—to be born again of God's Spirit. Such a birth calls first for a re-evaluation of our position before God. It requires an admission that we do need help—His help. It insists on a willingness to humbly submit to the divine processes in educating us as to what our aims in life shall be. Jesus said that an awareness of God's presence and of His power would possess the man who believes in and seeks God's help.

The great apostle Paul said that once we are born again of God's Spirit we become "new creatures"; old things pass away and all things become new. He said, "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

What will it take to make things better? It will take God. It will also take your willingness to submit humbly and fully to God. ◀◀◀