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



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TODAY IS MEN'S DAY
Theme: Mobilizing Men

Worshiping in the Spirit

"God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth."

By JOHN CARTER

IN AN EFFORT TO TURN THE EMBARRASSING CONVERSATION with Jesus away from herself and her sin, the woman at Sychar's well raised the controversial question concerning the place where God should be worshiped. Pointing to the ruins of the rival temple built by her ancestors on nearby Mount Gerizim, she said: "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, in Jerusalem worship the Father."

Under the Law, the worship of God centered around the Tabernacle, and later the Temple. To His sojourning people in the wilderness God promised that He would choose the place "where he would cause his name to dwell" (Deuteronomy 12:5, 11, 14). For centuries the divinely appointed place was the Temple in Jerusalem.

But from now on, said Jesus, man's approach to the Father would not be localized; the worship of God would be independent of place. "God is a Spirit"—not limited to place or time. He is infinite, omnipresent, and men can approach Him at any time and everywhere.

The words of our Lord were not intended to discourage or disparage the gathering together of worshipers in recognized places. Did He not say later, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst"? But the place of gathering is the least important; it is the people themselves who constitute the Temple.

In His discourse with the woman, Jesus proceeded to emphasize the spirituality of true worship, the kind which the Father is seeking. "True worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (R.V., "for such doth

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the Father seek to be His worshippers"). Then follows this profound statement: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Until the advent of Christ, the worship of God had been largely ceremonial: a magnificent temple, ornate ritual, fragrant incense, trained choirs, elaborate vestments, costly furnishings, and animal sacrifices. But all these elements were external; true worship must come from within the individual. The spiritual worshiper is not dependent upon external circumstances to bring his spirit into communion with the Father.

Because God is spiritual in essence, the worship that pleases Him must be spiritual. While independent of external things, it is dependent upon inward truth. The Father seeks "true" worshipers. There can be no true worship if the heart is not right. The woman at the well was more concerned with outward religion than inward truth; while she was ready to argue a theological point, she was living in adultery.

Our Lord's designation of the "Father" is significant. He said: "True worshipers worship the *Father*." Only those who have experienced a new birth have entered into this spiritual relationship with God. True worship can never proceed from the unregenerate heart.

The next step in spiritual worship is personal consecration. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your *spiritual* worship" (Romans 12:1, R. V., margin). The dedication of our bodies to God is an act of spiritual worship. The apostle had in mind the sacrifice of the burnt offering, the only sacrifice which was completely consumed upon the altar. It was a sweet-savor offering; in other words, it was something sweet and pleasant to God and gave Him much pleasure.

The Judaizers in Paul's day created dissension by their rigid insistence upon external ceremonies and ordinances; they were more concerned with these than inward purity. Warning the Philippian church against them, Paul contrasts that which is outward with that which is inward, the material with the spiritual, the ceremonial with the inspirational. He makes this statement: "We are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Philippians 3:3, R.V.).

"We worship by the Spirit of God." It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to render true worship. We worship the Father "in spirit" and we worship "by the Spirit." In other words, spiritual worship is from the human spirit, dominated by the Holy Spirit. We are told, in 1 Corinthians 2, that only the Spirit of God knows the things of God, and the Spirit of God is given to us that we might know the things of God. The Holy Ghost is the divine revealer, unveiling to our human spirit the character and attributes of God. By His gracious influences He moves and inspires our spirits to worship and adore the Father.

Through the miraculous medium of speaking in tongues, it is possible for the human spirit to be edified and to worship God independently of the understanding. The apostle says: "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit [i.e., 'my spirit'], and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing

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The Church Guest

IT ALL STARTED AT A WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING in one of the assemblies I always attend. As I entered the room some of the folk were immediately aware of my presence and welcomed me; others never realized I was there at all. I helped both in the song service and the prayers as I had opportunity.

The pastor, at my suggestion, read from Joel 2 and exhorted the people to believe God for a moving of the Holy Spirit among them. This opened the way for me to help those who desired it, and I looked forward to the altar service.

At the close of the pastor's message he invited all to come and pray. I moved from one to another to help them; a few responded, but most of them seemed satisfied with their usual routine. I even met with resistance from a few. After a time most of the people left the altar and went to the back of the church to chat.

Early Sunday morning in anticipation of the day's services I called the pastor. I was aware of the day's plans, but I also knew that hungry hearts would be present. Since the pastor's message on the previous Wednesday had been on Pentecost, I suggested a follow-up message based on John 16:13. He knew my voice, but responded hesitantly. He explained that today was the day for taking in new members and he had a message already prepared. He was rather apologetic, but said he appreciated my suggestion and promised that as soon as he could work it in he would preach on the subject. . . .

A few minutes before Sunday school was to start I took my place in the church along with two or three others who had arrived. The superintendent didn't notice me as he was busy getting ready for Sunday school and, too, he was greatly concerned about the drop in attendance last week. He was disappointed that the last contest had not netted more results.

I ventured the suggestion that they try a program of "Every Member a Soul Winner." He dismissed the idea on the grounds that most of the people were timid and didn't have the knack for that type of thing. He thought they needed something a little more interesting, and went off still worrying over the slump. . . .

Sunday school was pleasant. The lesson was on the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer (however, I'm afraid not many even knew I was there). Some of the people left between Sunday school and the morning worship service. I stopped one young couple and asked the husband, "Aren't you going to stay and welcome the new members?" The husband seemed a bit annoyed and told his wife that some of the fellows from the office were coming and he would have to meet them for a game of golf. "All right," she said. "The service is always late when we take in new members." I wish they had stayed. I had something to give them both. . . .

Before the service was dismissed an afternoon board meeting was announced, and during prayer I was invited to attend.

Since they were discussing the new educational wing, the board meeting was most interesting. There were several things under consideration: the matter of funds; a building committee; the best source of building materials; and the size of the building needed. They knew what they needed for the present time, but the city was growing. How could they anticipate the need for the future? The problems were discussed pro and con without conclusion.

The pastor turned to me as to a trusted friend and whispered a request for my opinion on the subject. A few minutes later, at my prompting, he said, "Brethren, it so happens that we have a master architect in our midst. He is also able to predict the rate of growth in our city and our church. What is more, he has promised to put the necessary knowledge and materials at our disposal if we will but consult, believe, and obey him. With this help, I believe we should plan to accommodate at least half again our present Sunday school enrollment."

There was a spontaneous but negative reaction.

"Where can we get the money?"

"It's hard enough to do what we are doing now; how can we do any more?"

"Let's be sensible about this!"

The pastor seemed almost sorry that he had taken my suggestion, but I encouraged him with the words of Paul, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me." He quoted this to the group, and challenged, "How large a door does God want to open to us? Does He want us just to get by, or shall we really believe Him for great things?"

(Here I reminded him of Psalm 37:3-5: "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.") He spoke very boldly, and when he finished he stood with bowed head, praying silently. I whispered to him that I would talk with them. The meeting was quietly dismissed, with an invitation that I attend the evening services. . . .

At 6:15 I received an urgent call from the pastor. He asked for Scriptures that would reveal the divine Presence to the congregation in a new way. I began to pour them out so fast he could hardly write them down. What a joy! He was completely receptive to the message, and his soul was burning with the Pentecostal fire. . . .

I was in the evening service from the very first prayer, and what a welcome I received! By testimony time it

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What a Fellowship!

The blessedness of "the fellowship of the Spirit" (Philippians 2:1) was demonstrated once again at the 16th annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. Hundreds of delegates from 15 Pentecostal bodies in the U.S. and Canada assembled at Montreal for the three-day event and it was difficult to tell one group from another. Whether from Newfoundland or California, from British Columbia or Florida, all seemed to forget their church affiliations as they entered into that sweet communion which is the peculiar privilege of people who have been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Speakers from eight different Pentecostal bodies related their sermons to the convention theme, "The Holy Spirit in the Contemporary Church." They stressed the importance of praying in the Spirit, worshiping in the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, and witnessing to this generation. They emphasized very strongly that the principal work of the Holy Spirit is to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord. Again and again the power of the Spirit swept over the congregation, melting the hearts of all and drawing them closer to Christ. The secret of true Christian ecumenicity was revealed in that the closer the people came to Jesus the closer they found they were related one to another.

Both in physical attendance and in spiritual "atmosphere," the Montreal convention was outstanding. The PFNA was organized in 1948 "to demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Spirit-filled believers, fulfilling the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ 'that they all may be one'" (John 17:21). Other objectives of the Fellowship are: to provide a vehicle of expression; to provide certain services; and "to encourage the principles of comity for the nurture of the body of Christ, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come to the unity of the faith."

These objectives are being realized more and more. On the national level there have been leadership meetings to study and exchange views on such matters as home missions, foreign missions, youth work, women's auxiliaries, and publications. These meetings have been mutually helpful, resulting in closer cooperation and fellowship among all concerned. On the local level also there has been cooperative effort in evangelism as well as in prayer meetings and fellowship rallies. Twenty-eight local chapters have been formed to date.

The Assemblies of God has been a part of this Fellowship from the beginning. Its ministers and congregations participate in local PFNA chapters for they recognize the unity of the body of Christ.

The Pentecostal movement never has been confined to a single organization and it is not the purpose of the PFNA to make it so. The purpose of the Fellowship has been stated as follows: "To give expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of church government adopted by its members; and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession." One requirement, however, is that all members of the PFNA must subscribe to its doctrinal statement. This statement is similar to (but not identical with) the statement of faith which appears in each issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

Thank God for the PFNA and for every tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. What a blessing this Pentecostal fellowship is!—R.C.C.

THE TRANSFORMING WIND

The Holy Ghost is typified in both Testaments by the wind; and among the numerous effects of the wind, nothing is more strange than the way in which it transforms weak and fragile things into missiles of immense power. I have seen photographs of straws and feathers, deeply embedded into hard wood by the power of the wind during a tropical tornado. The unseen wind does it and nothing else can.

Nor can any other power than the Holy Ghost make men and women of commonplace character and attainments to become instruments of irresistible strength.

—J. C. B., in *Gospel Herald*

HUMILITY NEVER PARADES

Some years ago I saw what is called a sensitive plant. I happened to breathe on it, and suddenly it drooped its head; I touched it, and it withered away. Humility is as sensitive as that; it cannot safely be brought out on exhibition.

A man who is flattering himself that he is humble and is walking close to the Master, is self-deceived. Humility consists not in thinking meanly of ourselves, but in not thinking of ourselves at all. Moses wist not that his face shone. If humility speaks of itself, it is gone.

—Dwight L. Moody

THE JOCKEY WAS CONVINCED

A retired jockey, whom a mission worker was eager to win to Christ, appeared at a mission service on Palm Sunday. The lesson that evening was that of Jesus entering Jerusalem. After the service the jockey commented on the story:

"What a jockey He would have made! I know what He was riding. It was a Syrian colt; I had a drove of those beasts to break once. Jesus sat on one that nobody had ever ridden before. And all those youngsters were running in front and waving palms. Yet Jesus was holding him as meek as anything."

The jockey paused a moment, and then said, "If He could do that with a bit of horseflesh, I reckon He could do something with me."

—*The Dawn*

ALMOST LOST, BUT SAVED!

A man passing by a lake saw three men struggling in the water. Plunging in, he rescued two of the men. Almost exhausted, he prepared to go back into the water for the third. An onlooker pleaded, "Don't go. You are already overtaxed. You'll never make it." But he ignored the advice and swam out to rescue the drowning man. As he brought him to shore he looked into his face and found he had rescued his own brother! What if he had failed to make the final effort!

I knew a man who was a great personal worker. He witnessed to men on the street and in stores and hotels, winning them to Christ. One day he witnessed to his



own aged father. The man accepted Christ and wept as he said, "Son, you are the only person who ever talked to me about my soul."

We witness to others and this is right. But we may also win some lost loved ones with a little extra effort. Andrew "first findeth his own brother." Jesus was not willing that *any* should perish, and we should not be either.

—J. D. COURTNEY, in *The Sunshine Bulletin*

STANDARDS OF SUCCESS

Many people today are offering formulas for success. In fact, the idea of success is all-important to some and those who miss the mark by outward standards are definitely looked upon as inferior. To these, the only acceptable outcome of any situation is success.

This sounds splendid, but experience has proved that there are other outcomes than apparent victory! I wonder if God wants us always to be so obviously victorious by human standards. Until we are conditioned to face defeat and disappointment, we are not in a position to appreciate victory!

To many, godliness with contentment is a very poor substitute for victory. Their interpretation of victory is carnal, not Scriptural. They lose sight of the fact that suffering and hardship may come to the godly, and that maintaining good works may not automatically bring prosperity by worldly standards.

Real victory comes from the knowledge that we are doing the will of God regardless of outward circumstances.

—KENNETH E. OLSON, in *North Dakota District Echoes*

He That Believeth

He that believeth shall not make haste
In useless hurry his strength to waste;
Who walks with God can afford to wait,
For he can never arrive too late.

He that believeth shall not delay;
Who carries the word of the King on its way
Keeps pace with the Pleiades' marching tune
And he can never arrive too soon.

He that believeth shall walk serene
With ordered steps and leisured mien;
He dwells in the midst of eternities
And the timeless ages of God are his.

—Annie J. Flint

By Obie L. Harrup, Sr.

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THE PHRASE, "REDEEMING THE TIME," FOUND IN Ephesians 5:16, may also be translated, "Buying up the opportunity." The Greek words bring to mind an oriental marketplace where men and women come to barter for the things they need or want. Life itself may be compared to a marketplace where things both worthless and valuable are bought and sold.

The Book of Ephesians is Paul's vocational epistle. In the first three chapters he unfolds the truth concerning Christian vocation and points out God's ultimate purpose for His children. Then He brings us down to the level of everyday life and shows us how the vision should affect our conduct—as fathers, children, masters, and servants. "I therefore . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (4:1).

We are sometimes accused of being "other-worldly," but it is only in the proportion that we understand our heavenly calling that we are able to influence others to share our vocation. It is only as we realize that all that comes into our lives between our conversion and the return of our Lord is to prepare us for the higher service that lies beyond, that we shall fulfill our potential of Christian service here. It is the viewpoint of eternity that lends force to Paul's admonition, "Buy up the opportunity, because the days are evil."

The people of Ephesus were prosperous and materialistic. The products and wealth of the world found their way to the Ephesian markets, and idolatry and immorality accompanied the prosperity. The days were evil for the men and women who had turned from idols to serve the living God. The prosperity of Ephesus was the adversity of the church. However, the time came when this church was so influenced by materialism that our Lord said, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against

thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4).

We live in an evil day. The prosperity of our nation exceeds that of any other. This prosperity affords the Christian an opportunity to invest much in God's kingdom. But too many are investing in things that will perish, with too little thought for God's work and cause.

These days are evil because man is opposed to the government of God. This evil has even invaded the church where some who pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done," refuse to have Christ rule over them. These have a form of godliness, but deny its power.

But if these days are evil, they also create unique opportunities for the Christian just as they did for those in Paul's day. They need not hinder the work of God. The evil days of the antediluvian civilization afforded Noah the opportunity to demonstrate his faith in God's Word by building an ark which brought salvation to his own household and a warning to earth's populace of the judgment to come. The evils of Babylon gave Daniel and the three Hebrew children an opportunity to manifest their faith in God and to influence others for Him.

While the evil of Sodom and Gomorrah vexed Lot's soul, God had to send an angel to pull Lot from the doomed city. Lot failed to buy up the opportunity by his own faith and obedience. But with all the advantages of this dispensation of grace, the complete revelation of God's Word, the experience of the new birth, plus the privilege of the Spirit-filled life, we are more responsible than Lot ever could have been. Are we buying up our opportunities?

Christ has called us to be His representatives in the world, taking hold of the things that seem to be against the development of spiritual character and turning them into opportunities to forward His work in the earth.

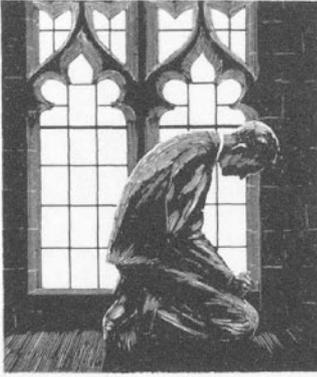
Are you tempted to feel that the days are evil because of the ungodly men around you? Remember that every contact with the lost is an opportunity you may buy up for eternity. We may not always be able to speak our witness, but our lives and conduct can speak for Jesus Christ. We belong to the heavens and when we touch the earth it must be with the breath of heaven upon our lives. When we sell goods or transact business we must do it in line with the righteous principles of the heavens. We must remember that the God of the heavens to which we are going for higher service one day, hates an iniquitous measure and an unjust scale. We are to make a name for Jesus Christ in our business whether it is sacred or secular. Christians need to take hold of this truth and use every contact with ungodly men as an opportunity to influence them for Christ by their actions and attitudes.

If all our contacts are to be opportunities, we will keep certain facts in mind:

We must maintain a right attitude toward God, living
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Buying Up Every Opportunity

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A Royal Priesthood

BY RAYMOND L. COX

A MAN WHO WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE PAGEANTRY of the processions connected with the opening of the second Vatican Ecumenical Council in Rome concluded that Protestants "make too little of the priesthood."

Perhaps he is right—but who is a priest, according to the Bible? All born-again preachers, to be sure, are priests, but by no means are all priests preachers. *You* are a priest if you have been saved by the blood of the crucified Christ. "Ye are a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9).

Addressing the churches (not the clergy alone) John says in Revelation 1:6 that Jesus "hath made us kings and priests unto God." Every Christian has been made a priest unto God since the veil of the temple was rent and access to the holy of holies was opened.

A priest is one who transacts business with God. All believers may have access to God at all times for this ministry. No red tape, no ceremony, no other person save the great High Priest Christ Jesus, need be involved in our coming boldly to the throne of grace.

A new stretch of highway had been completed in King County, in Washington State. Dedication ceremonies were scheduled, and the mayor of Seattle and the governor of the State were on hand to make speeches. Following the speeches, according to the program, a housewife whose property had been expropriated for the construction of the road was to cut the ribbon stretched across the highway at the site of the ceremony. Scores of autos were lined up, awaiting the opportunity to traverse the new road.

Just as the ceremonies were about to begin, the woman with the scissors accidentally snipped the ribbon. While officials watched in consternation, the waiting cars sped onto the new road. The governor and mayor were seen hastily handing out to spectators copies of the speeches they had not been able to deliver. Unaware of the confusion they caused, the motorists drove happily along, rejoicing in the quick and easy access to the highway.

The rending of the veil in the Temple in Jerusalem had much the same effect. Previously men had approached God through the mediation of a hereditary priesthood. But as Christ died on the cross a different dispensation dawned. The priests stood by as men and women surged into God's presence through faith in Christ and without the usual ceremony. The heavenly highway was now open to all comers and we should now entertain, according to Hebrews 10:19, 20, "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil." We may transact our priestly business with God in person.

What business does the believer-priest transact with

God? Primarily it is the offering of sacrifices and the ministry of intercession. Under the Law these were conducted mainly at the Tabernacle or Temple. Now God has many temples. "Ye are the temple of God" (1 Corinthians 3:16). We who worship God in spirit and in truth may officiate at the priestly functions wherever we may be. God has made us a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Him by Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5).

According to the New Testament, three types of spiritually oriented sacrifices are to be offered by believers.

First, there is the continual sacrifice of praise. "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

Another important spiritual sacrifice is that of one's means. The presentation of tithes and offerings may seem to some a carnal sacrifice, but the Bible makes giving a barometer of spirituality. When the Philippians sent Paul an offering, he hailed it as "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18). "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16). A believer who contributes to God's work performs a priestly function.

But while God desires our praises and our offerings, He is most interested in our presentation of a total, living sacrifice. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God," Paul beseeches believers in Romans 12:1. As priests, Christians are to offer the sacrifices of praise, of stewardship, and of themselves.

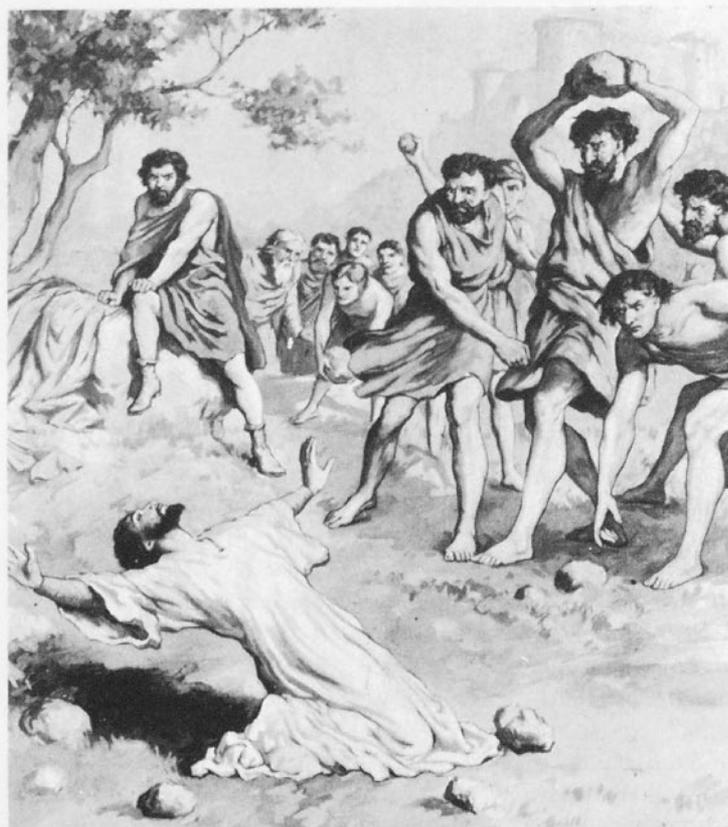
The other major priestly function is intercession. As Old Testament priests interceded with God in behalf of Israel, so it is our privilege to intercede with God for our families, our friends, our neighbors, our nation, and the world. Intercession is the highest form of prayer, for its purpose is to benefit others rather than ourselves. What a privilege to carry, not only everything, but everybody, to God in prayer!

Christians are members of a royal priesthood! We have immediate access to Almighty God. We are authorized to offer sacrifices of praise and of our means, and to make intercession. Then, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22). The way is open! "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Let men feel we fall short in the outward ceremonies of priesthood if they will—but let us not be guilty before God of making too little of the believer-priesthood purchased for us by His Son at Calvary. ◀◀◀



By J. A. SYNAN



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Stephen,

THE ANGEL-FACED MAN

IT IS WRITTEN OF STEPHEN THAT "all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15).

Stephen was the first of the seven deacons chosen by the disciples and appointed by the apostles to take care of the physical needs of the widows in the church at Jerusalem.

He was the first Christian martyr and was undoubtedly the predecessor of the apostle Paul.

He was on trial for his life, falsely accused as a blasphemer. But, as he stood before his accusers and his judges, his face, upon close scrutiny by those who sat in judgment upon him, was observed to be as the face of an angel. What made his face to shine?

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First, let us observe *the character behind the angel-faced man.*

Sometime, somewhere, he had met the Master face to face. "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, had shined in his heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Sometime, somewhere, this Grecian Jew had surrendered all to Jesus Christ and had been cleansed from all sin and completely separated unto God.

Sometime, somewhere, he had been filled with the Holy Spirit. He was, according to the standard set up by the apostles, *a full man* (Acts 6:3, 5, 8).

He was "full of faith."

He was "full of the Holy Ghost."

He was "full of wisdom."

He was "full of power."

He was "full of grace" (v. 8, alternate rendering).

And, according to Romans 14:17, he was full of "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

A person so filled with the manifold blessing and grace of God and supported by such a clean, consecrated and blameless Christian character would certainly radiate all of this in a countenance that would make his traducers think of the angels.

Secondly, let us consider *the conduct behind the angel-faced man.*

Full of faith and power, Stephen had done great wonders and miracles among the people. He had magnified and transcended the office of deacon.

He had defended the truth with an irresistible spirit and an unanswerable wisdom.

His passive goodness had broken forth into torrents of active goodness. The enemies of the truth don't mind passive goodness. In fact, they rather admire it. It is only when goodness, clothed with the power of the Spirit and armed with the Word of God, becomes active and aggressive and engages in real conflict with evil and error, that it is despised, feared, oppressed, persecuted. It is then that the Sanhedrin, the Council, the Inquisi-

tion go into frenzied action and assert the power of brutal and repressive force. It is then that Stephen may have to die; but, even so, his face will shine like that of an angel, and he will have the assurance of Christ's presence and support.

Under Stephen's active ministry the Word of God increased, the number of disciples multiplied and a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith of the gospel.

Thirdly, observe *the conflict facing the angel-faced man*.

He was arrested, falsely accused, and condemned. He made a noble defense, not of himself, but of the truth. He preached a great sermon, revealing a marvelous grasp of the Scriptures and the history of God's dealings with Israel, together with a development of the prophetic theme that led his persecutors to a direct confrontation of Christ.

And, when they had no reasonable or scriptural answer to his message, they resorted to physical force, the age-old method of men who "always resist the Holy Ghost" and refuse the truth of God.

Finally, let us not forget that *Christ welcomed the angel-faced man into His glory*.

His persecutors gnashed on him with their teeth. They cried with a loud voice, stopped their ears and ran upon him with one accord. They cast him out of the city, as unfit to dwell or even die in its sacred confines, and stoned him to death.

But he saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. He prayed for his enemies, committed his spirit into the gracious hands of Jesus Christ, and fell asleep—that is, he died physically. But his spirit went to be with Christ in the glory, and his face shines even more radiantly there.

And, even on earth, there was a strange, persistent afterglow—a radiance which the persecuting Saul of Tarsus, who voted against him and kept the garments of those who stoned him to death, could never forget. It haunted him constantly until that day on the Damascus road when he, too, saw the glory of Christ and became His willing bondsman forever after.

It was indeed a strange and wonderful providence that arranged for Stephen's successor to see the glory of his dying face and to stand among his persecutors. ◀◀



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

How may a Christian be "filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19)?

By cultivating a life in the Spirit, every believer may be filled to his capacity with all the fullness of God—with those qualities which make for godliness.

Will the saints of Old Testament times be resurrected when Jesus returns for His own? The Bible says only, "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

Old Testament saints were saved by faith as they looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, it is generally believed that they will be resurrected along with the "dead in Christ," and will go to be with Jesus when He comes again.

Some believe the Old Testament saints were resurrected and taken to heaven in connection with the death and resurrection of Christ (Matthew 27:51-53); but the scripture says only that the resurrection of Christ was, like a single sheaf of the full harvest, an earnest of the general resurrection (Leviticus 23:10-12; 1 Corinthians 15:20).

What is the belief of the Assemblies of God regarding the time when the Church will be caught away, or raptured?

The *Statement of Fundamental Truths* of the General Council of the Assemblies of God reads: "The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church."

The general belief is that this event may take place at any time, fulfilling such promises as: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [trial], which shall come upon all the world" (Revelation 3:10), and, "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

Was it a holy angel or a demon spirit that deceived Ahab, defeating Israel and destroying Ahab (1 Kings 22:21-23)?

In my opinion Micaiah had a vision in which he foresaw the defeat of Israel and the destruction of Ahab, rather than that a lying spirit literally appeared before God and gained His approval of lying deception. The vision was most likely fulfilled in the false prophecy of Zedekiah who claimed great victory for Ahab (1 Kings 22:11, 12). God often gave His revelation in the form of similitudes. Largely this is true throughout the Book of Revelation, as well as in the visions of Old Testament prophets.

Please explain the difference between the soul and spirit of man.

While some theologians believe spirit and soul are but two aspects of what is called "the inner man," the Bible speaks of "spirit, soul, and body" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). In simple terms, the body is our means of world consciousness through the senses; the soul the center of our self-conscious life, the seat of affections, emotions, and desires. The human spirit is the center of spiritual life. It is through our spirits that we worship in spirit and in truth. The Spirit of God "beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." While the spirit is the center of spiritual life, salvation affects the whole of our nature, spirit, soul, and body.

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. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

MEN LEAD THE WAY

BY HOWARD S. BUSH

MEN ARE ON THE MOVE. THE WORK of God is moving ahead and the reason is that men are putting their shoulders to the wheel.

It is Scripturally proper that men should lead the way. From the beginning of time God has worked through men. He placed man in charge of His creation and blessed him with woman as a companion and helper. This is true in spiritual matters as well as other realms of life—men should be the leaders; and it is also true that when men take the lead in the service of the Lord it is not difficult to get the women and the children to follow.

IN WORSHIP

David associated the act of worship with the Tabernacle. Alone in the wilderness, fleeing from King Saul, he longed for the sanctuary and the daily ritual of Jewish worship. "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice," he cried.

Men have worshiped God in varying circumstances through the ages. Today the local church is the center of worship. It is the channel through which men serve God and through which God is building His spiritual kingdom. Men have the great privilege of building with God. Their leadership in the church lends significance to its program and purpose.

Worship in the home depends upon the attitude of the man of the house! A Bible in the hands of a husband and father will insure its respect and effectiveness in the lives of the whole family. A peaceful and happy home is a joint endeavor in which the leadership of the father contributes the principal ingredient.

IN WITNESSING

To men was committed the responsibility of winning the lost to Christ. The Great Commission was given to *men*. Soul winning is as important as

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men make it. Men do the things they want to do the most! If men are soul winners, it will lend dignity and importance to the program of visitation, personal witnessing and altar work.

What men do is important. Their leadership influences the whole congregation. Men are the vital key to a witnessing, soul-winning church.

IN WORKING WITH BOYS

It was a small, country church in the hills of Oklahoma. A group of small boys sat on the front seat at the funeral of an old man. They wept disconsolately. When gently asked why they cried so, they looked up through their tears and replied, "He whittled with us!"

Boys need men. They need their understanding and companionship. The Royal Rangers program is sponsored by Christian men in the local church. It is designed to utilize this natural relationship for the greatest advantage of the church and of the boys.

The program is meeting with marked success. A Royal Rangers program will help, but it must be built upon the friendly, genuine interest of men with hearts of compassion for boys.

IN WORLD MISSIONS

The gospel was given for the whole world. Light-for-the-Lost is a program of literature distribution as a means of strengthening the hands of missionaries and other gospel workers. It is sponsored entirely by laymen. Gospel portions and selected pieces of Christian literature are furnished to population centers throughout the

world for distribution from "house to house." Thus men join other men in a literature crusade to bring *light* to a lost world that is fast becoming "blacked out" by false and godless information.

The Men's Fellowship Department was organized as a means of encouraging men to participate in the work of the church. It offers a unique service to the men through its program of activities. Information on the work of the Department may be obtained from your headquarters office at Springfield, Missouri. Join the army of men who are mobilizing for action in all phases of church life. Enlist today. ◀◀

A LAYMAN'S DEDICATION

BY ANDREW E. NELLI
Los Angeles, California

MAN'S SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY HIS dedication to his goal. Without this dedication he would be drifting. He would have neither plan nor purpose; would be neither successful nor truly happy.

With dedication a man plans and builds both for today and tomorrow. As Christian laymen we have a greater responsibility in our dedication to Christ and His Church than we have to our own personal affairs.

All too often we leave the work of the church solely to the ministers. Between the two undesirable extremes of overstepping our responsibilities in the church, and that of doing absolutely nothing, there is an area where

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God wants us to be and to work.

Our dedication should include *time*, *talent* and *treasury*. We are held accountable to God for each.

HIS TIME

How much time, that precious commodity we value so highly, are we devoting to Christ and His Church, as opposed to the time we are devoting to personal gain and pleasure? As born-again, Spirit-filled Christians we owe our first responsibility to serve Him. Second-best will not count either in time or in eternity. We shall be held accountable for the total hours spent here on earth.

In the light of eternity, how much of this time is truly "spent" for Him as opposed to time wasted on ourselves? If our total cumulative time to date were weighed in the balance, as between devotion to the cause of Christ and devotion to personal gain, in whose favor would the scales be tipped? This is a soul-searching question both to you and to me.

HIS TALENT

Talent is that God-given gift without which we would be nothing. How are we utilizing it? How much of it are we devoting to the cause of Christ as opposed to personal gain?

We have taken this talent, this God-given gift, and developed it to the point where it serves us best. We have trained, worked and planned; we have used our talents to the fullest in personal gain; yet, when it comes to Christ and His Church, we have been reluctant to fully utilize it. Why?

We have talent enough to further our own ends, yet we plead bankruptcy when it comes to talent enough

to further God's ends. Why? These are some of the questions that every last man of us will have to face before a righteous God.

HIS TREASURY

How are we dividing the *increase* God has given us? The tithe belongs to Him—we owe it—and it belongs in the storehouse, which is our local church. This is a first *must!* It is amazing to learn how many miss God's blessing because of failure to tithe. How we can expect anything but His rebuke when we withhold that which belongs to Him, is just short of presumption.

Our dedication in this area lies in our liberality over and above our tithe—in the light of His multiplied blessings. It lies in *love* offerings, *sacrificial* offerings, and *thank you* offerings. We have an experience with God here that defies explanation. The rewards are many both in spiritual blessing and in material blessing. Try it and experience it for yourself!

All of these dedications of *time*, *talent*, and *treasury* are fully made only as we enter into the most important dedication—*self!* Therefore the apostle tells us (in Romans 12: 1) to present our bodies unto God as living sacrifices. The inner man can only act through the outer man. This medium should be placed in God's hands.

Notice the nature of this dedication. It is a *living* sacrifice—not dead or inactive. It is a *holy* sacrifice, for our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. And it is an *acceptable* sacrifice—or, as the margin reads, "well pleasing unto God."

Why should we sacrifice? Because



Andrew Nelli speaking at the Men's Breakfast.

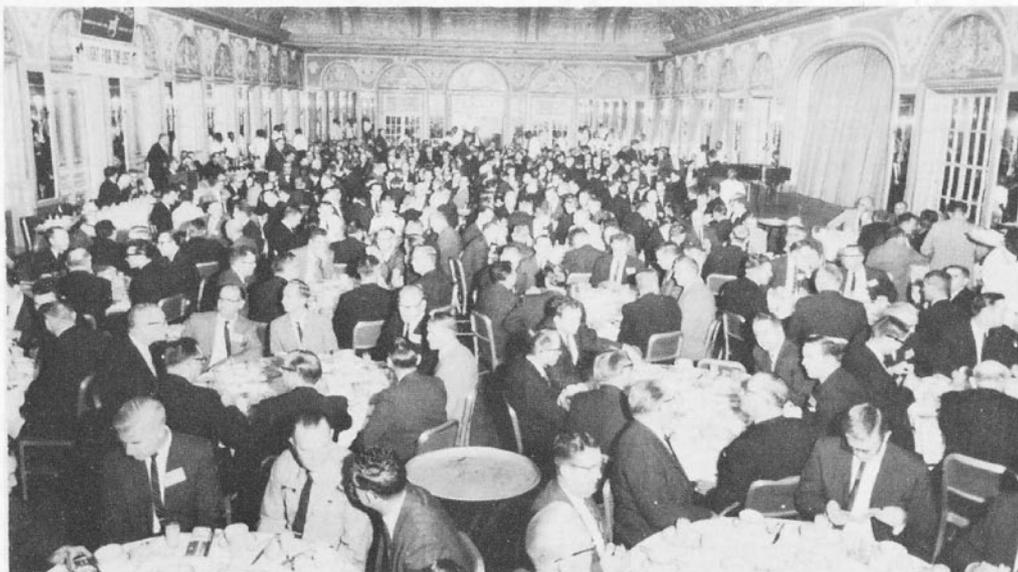
we are saved to serve. The apostle beseeches us, by the mercies of God, to dedicate ourselves to His service. God's love in Christ—the forgiveness, reconciliation, eternal life, all the gifts of His love constrain us to serve Him. This, he says, is a "reasonable" thing. It is reasonable that He should have our all since He redeemed us out of eternal darkness and eternal damnation, translating us into the realm of eternal light and everlasting life.

Notice also the *results* of this sacrifice. "Be not conformed to this world," the apostle says, "but be ye transformed." We are to "reckon ourselves dead"—therefore it is not possible for us to follow this world. Christ gave Himself for us that He might deliver us from this present evil world.

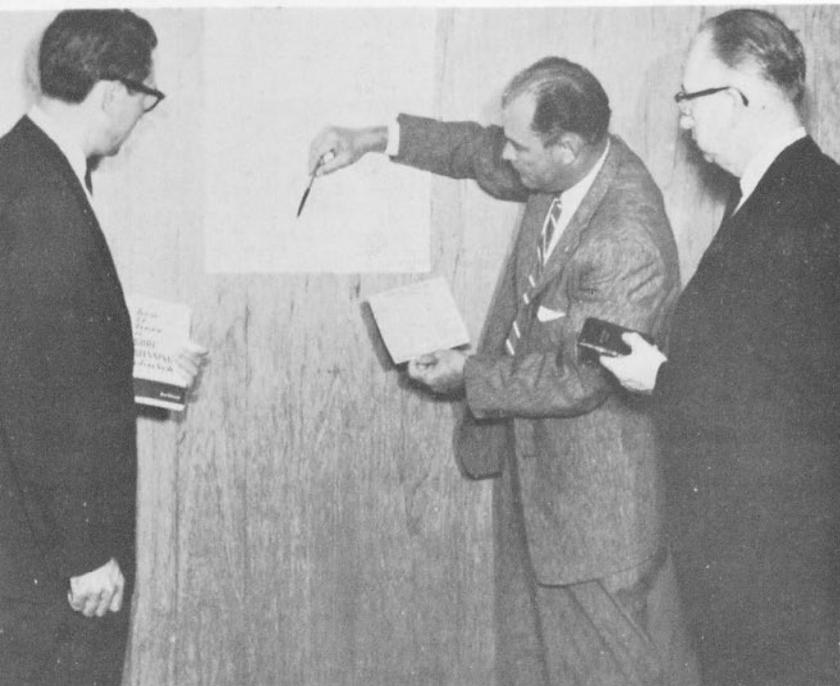
As to the world, we are nonconformists. As to God, we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. As a man thinketh, so is he. Therefore the renewing of our minds is a fundamental necessity. The outer man is transformed in the degree to which the inner man is renewed.

Furthermore, the apostle says this transformation is necessary in order that we might "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." To what degree are you and I enjoying this new experience of God's perfect will in our lives? What percentage of God's best are we appropriating? What price are we willing to pay? How deep is our dedication?

Only after we have fully dedicated *self* can we bring into full force and effect the dedication of our time, our talent, and our treasury—which is our reasonable service to Him who gave His all for us that we might pass from death unto everlasting life. ◀◀



549 attended the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the General Council in Memphis, Tenn.



Pastor Stanton Johnson and MF President Norval Harmon watch as Sam Jordan points out the area of the town (Ottumwa, Iowa) to be canvassed by the men.



Ottumwa MF officers are (left to right) Harold Gaston, treasurer and Royal Rangers leader; Sam Jordan, leader of soul-winning program; Pastor Johnson, Norval Harmon, president; and Gerald Hardy, secretary.

I'M SOLD ON IT!

A Pastor Looks at Men's Fellowship

By **STANTON JOHNSON**

*Pastor, First Pentecostal Assembly of God
Ottumwa, Iowa*

ONE NIGHT A CAR PULLED INTO THE church parking lot and out dashed a young man exclaiming, "I won my first soul to Christ all by myself."

Talk about excitement—we had it! Not only angels rejoiced but also a layman and myself because the fruit of our labors in training personal soul winners had appeared.

This is why I'm sold on Men's Fellowship. Through its program of "Mobilizing Men for Christian Action" we have thrust before us a challenge to the men of our church to "make up the hedge, and stand in the gap" for God.

It is my understanding of the Bible that every person must work for God or they will die. Doesn't the Scripture tell us, "Faith without works is dead? Therefore, I informed my congregation that God never called me to do all the work, but rather to find work for everyone to do.

When we endeavored to fulfill this Herculean task we were driven to despair until we discovered the Lord's plan of visiting sinners in their homes. This is not attendance solicitation necessarily, but making an effort to introduce them to Jesus Christ. In the last six months more than sixty have made decisions for Christ because of these efforts.

To reach this generation for the Lord is nigh impossible if the ministers are expected to do this task alone. Often pastors and even evangelists spin their wheels preaching salvation sermons to sinners who are not pres-



Norval Harmon (left) and Harold Gaston make a "soul-winning" call. They visit in the homes endeavoring to lead men and women to Christ.



This picture is a typical scene of our soul winners. If possible they talk with the husband and wife together. Here Wallace Bergman, an active worker, points the way of salvation as Norval Harmon looks on.

ent. Our church congregation is rediscovering the purpose of God's anointing upon their lives and it is reflected in their daily witness and burden for souls.

In the past our prayer requests were mostly for physical and material needs, but now we also have many requests for lost souls.

A number of our men have experienced the thrill of leading a soul to Christ. One family has led thirteen people to Christ since their conversion about a year ago.

The ladies of our church are very active in every area and doing a commendable job, since we organized our Men's Fellowship the men's activities have been magnified and brought into proper focus. The men are enthusiastic about every phase of Men's Fellowship including Royal Rangers, Light-for-the-Lost, and the district Minute Men project. Recently the men donned their work clothes and completely redecorated the church basement, a saving of approximately \$500.

We are aware that the continued success of our Men's Fellowship rests on our ability to develop leadership. In the light of this we are using the valuable helps provided by the national office for training sessions in our local meetings.

It is not without significance that since we organized our Men's Fellowship our men have found a close bond of fellowship as they have prayed, planned, and worked together.

I'm sold on Men's Fellowship! ◀◀

IT'S BIG BUSINESS

A Layman Looks at Men's Fellowship

BY NORVAL HARMON

Men's Fellowship President, First Pentecostal Assembly of God, Ottumwa, Iowa

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS BIG BUSINESS in our church. Since being elected president of our chapter I have discovered I have a tremendous responsibility. But the Holy Spirit has helped me and shown me that the key to the MF program is to keep it spiritual and keep it moving.

Soul winning is the major project. Our group has been thrilled over and over again to see men kneel and give their hearts to Jesus. Usually this is not in the church but is accomplished by our men going into homes and winning lost souls to Christ.

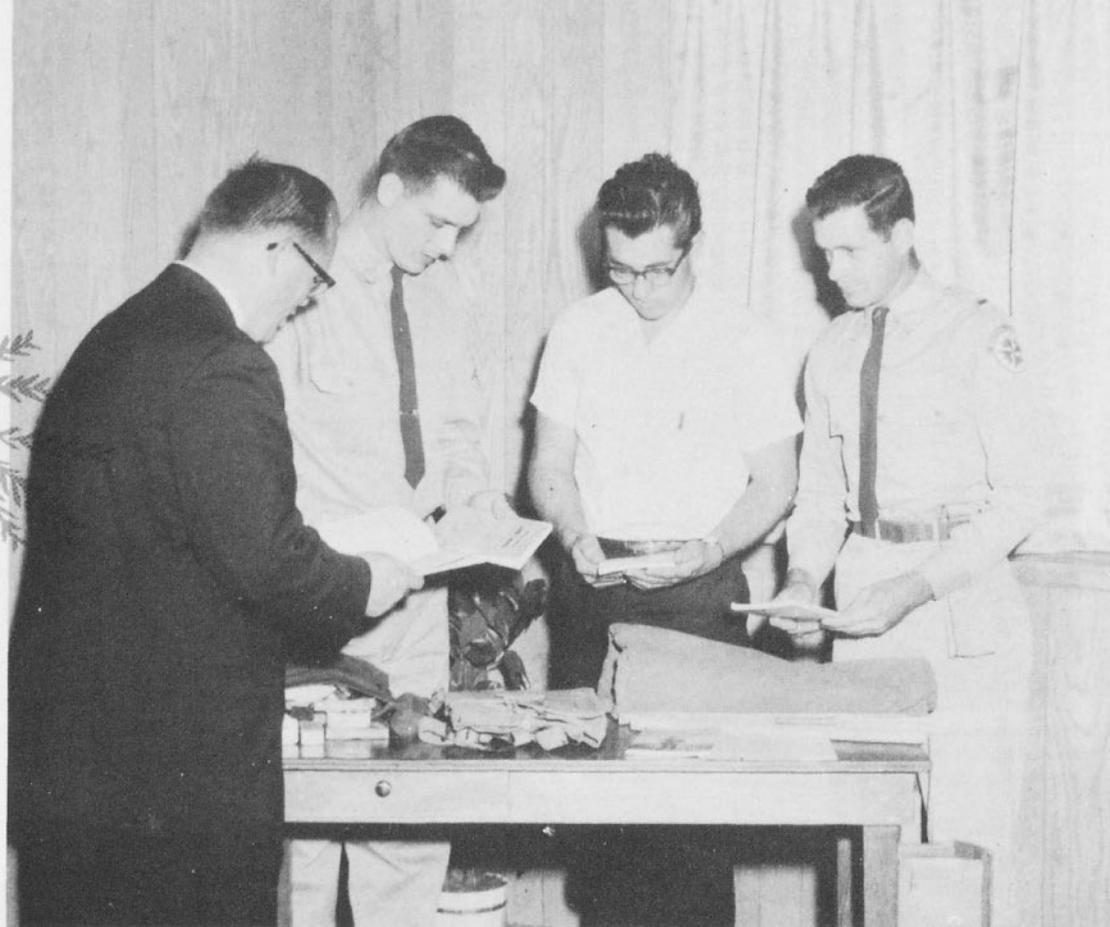
Our overseas foreign missions thrust of Men's Fellowship is Light-for-the-Lost. We cooperate with our district program of providing literature for foreign city crusades. These revivals are in key cities. What interests us particularly is that 100 per cent of our funds go for the purpose they are designated without any deductions for promotional expense. The Men's Fellowship of our church is very conscious that the Communists spread

their literature so we help to redeem lost souls through the printed Word of God in these target cities that are particularly receptive to the gospel.

Another area that has kept our Men's Fellowship on the move is the Royal Rangers program. Working with boys has done something for the men of our church. It thrills me to see our men teaching our boys the fundamentals of the Bible and keeping them close to the Lord and bringing them into the church responsibilities.

Our Men's Fellowship has an interest in our district Minute Men program. This project includes building and keeping churches in good repair. We are looking forward to being involved in assisting home missions work through our building skills also.

The longer I work in Men's Fellowship the more I realize that an organized group of men such as this can be the greatest help a pastor can possibly have. I would like to see every church have a live wire Men's Fellowship group like ours. ◀◀



Officers of the Royal Rangers of the First Assembly in Salem, N. J., look over the material for this new boys program. Left to right: Pastor Robert J. Lundstrom, Commander John McCauley, Lt. Commander David Wiley, and Lt. Commander Robert Simpkins.

Why I Believe in ROYAL RANGERS

By **ROBERT J. LUNDSTROM**

Pastor, First Assembly of God, Salem, N. J.

WHEN J. ROBERT ASHCROFT, WHO is president of Evangel College, came to our church in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1944, I was a boy of twelve years of age. My spiritual condition was very poor, and certain bad habits were forming in my life. The first thing Pastor Ashcroft did for us boys was to form a boys club called "The White Shirt Brigade." Our motto was, "What would Jesus do?"

At that time there was no organization like the Royal Rangers in our movement, but through this club we learned about Jesus. A consecrated

layman, James Lewis, later assumed the leadership of it, and through all our Junior and Senior High years we had this wonderful Christian boys club to go to every Saturday evening. Through the boys club I was saved and inspired to live wholly for the Lord. Church became my life. Several of us boys formed a quartet called the Evangelaires and traveled with Pastor Ashcroft in youth meetings for several years. We were on fire for God!

Through the boys club, started by Pastor Ashcroft in 1944, have come

four Assemblies of God ministers, Harold Hanson, Paul Kinney, Sid Regnier and myself. I personally look upon that boys club of the 40's in Hartford, Connecticut, as the greatest contribution to my salvation as a boy.

It was at the age of thirteen, on a boys camping trip, that I had the privilege, for the first time, of leading a soul to Christ. This is why I believe in doing everything possible to reach our boys.

When I consider this important subject, I think of a boy in five aspects:

1. *A soul with an Eternal Destiny*

Every time I see a boy, the Holy Spirit reminds me that here is an eternal soul that shall spend eternity either in heaven or in hell (John 3:36; Revelation 20:15). I must reach him with the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). Being aware that only the Holy Spirit can regenerate (John 3:5; Titus 3:5), nevertheless I realize that as a soul winner I must do all I can in prayer, witnessing, teaching, visitation, self-sacrifice to see that he accepts Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour (John 1:12).

2. *A Man in the Making*

One does not need to study psychology and sociology to recognize that a boy is formulating ideas and habits that will determine what kind of man he will be. If he is to be righteous and successful, then those seeds of the Eternal Word of God must be planted today so that he will become a man of God tomorrow (1 Peter 1:23).

3. *A Follower of Some Hero*

Every boy has a hero. Thousands of boys today have Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris as their heroes. Oh, that Jesus Christ would become the Hero of more boys! Oh, that more godly men would take a personal interest in our boys so that they would desire to pattern their lives after godly Christians. Let us pray that many more boys in sinful America might say with Paul the apostle, "For me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

4. *A Potential Leader*

Boys may be an instrument of God or of Satan. Satan can entice boys to cheat, steal, lie, smoke, and drink.

On the other hand, the Holy Spirit indwells the boys who accept Christ and uses them for His glory. Look at what God did through Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego, Moses, David, and a score of other boys in sacred Writ. Some of the greatest servants of God were saved while boys or young men. Matthew Henry, the great commentator, was eleven, and Isaac Watts, the hymn writer, was nine. Jonathan Edwards, the father of the New England awakening, was seven; George Fox, the great Quaker preacher, was eleven; Peter Cartwright, the great preacher-statesman, was sixteen; General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was thirteen; William Penn was twelve; P. P. Bliss, the hymn writer, was twelve. Spurgeon received his start in the Sunday school, and at the age of sixteen was a regular teacher. Moody was seventeen when his Sunday school teacher led him to Christ, and George Mueller was saved when only twenty.

5. *The Greatest Field for God and Satan*

The Communists are placing great emphasis on the youth. They have enlisted millions of boys to live for Marxism. It has been stated that for every child that is being taught Christianity, five are taught Communism. It is through the youth of today that Khrushchev expects the Reds to have world dominion in the next decade.

Twenty million of our boys are not enrolled in any Sunday school. Of those who are, the Church has lost 75 per cent by the time they reach the age of twelve. However, we can praise the Lord that the Holy Spirit, through consecrated workers, is reaching many boys for Christ. Statistics show that 86 per cent of all converts are saved between the ages of four and fifteen.

Royal Rangers Is the Answer

1. *Royal Rangers is God's program to stop the devil's program of robbing*

Royal Rangers has everything that a boy desires: Comradeship, camping, sports, merit badges, ranks, awards, uniforms, skills, hobbies, and much more. But, in addition, it is a spiritual program. It prepares boys to work in our great Sunday school and Christ Ambassador programs and in all other departments of the church.

2. *Royal Rangers is an ideal means of teaching our boys the Bible.*

The Supreme Court's ruling on Bible reading and prayer in our schools has dismayed us. Our boys must learn the Word of God. The Scripture, "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15) refers to our boys too. The Pioneer Handbook, the Trailblazer Handbook, and the Air-Sea Ranger Handbook present the great doctrines of the Bible. The rank system of the Royal Rangers serves as a tremendous incentive for boys to learn the Word of God. When our boys graduate from Royal Rangers into adult life, they will be able to say with David of old, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

3. *Royal Rangers presents the greatest field of evangelism among boys that I know of.*

Through Royal Rangers we can reach boys, both unchurched and churching, that we could never reach by the Sunday school or church services. What a privilege it has been to lead many boys of non-Protestant and nonevangelical faiths as well as the unchurched, to acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. Without the Royal Rangers we would not have had this privilege.

I strongly urge every church to start a Royal Rangers outpost immediately. Let every pastor and layman carefully consider the following statement by C. N. Hostetter: "What shall it profit a church if it go around the world to make converts and lose its own sons and daughters?"

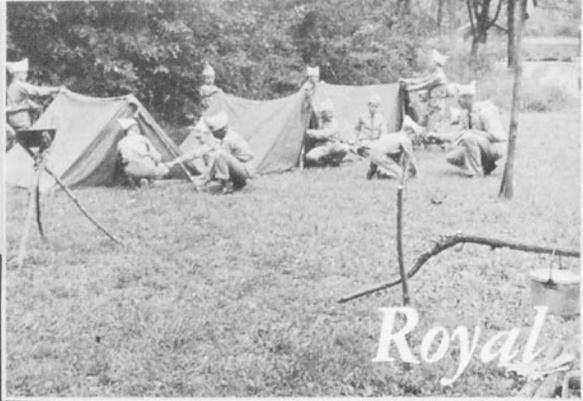


WFF Mobilizing Men...

Win-a-Man...

Never before has there been so many tremendous opportunities facing Assemblies of God men. Through Men's Fellowship laymen are being challenged to become active in masculine Christian activities. They are being mobilized for Christian action through worship, boys' work, missions, and witnessing. This theme will be emphasized during 1964 in Assemblies of God churches throughout the nation in an effort to utilize the manpower of every congregation. If you need more information, check the appropriate box in the coupon.

The witnessing program of Men's Fellowship is called, "Win a Soul." This is an annual year-long campaign to involve men in personal evangelism. It is accomplished by lessons on soul winning in the Men's Fellowship meetings followed by actually going out and winning souls. The effort is based on the great proposition of Acts 1:8—a mandate from God for individual witnessing. It is the apostolic method of evangelizing the unchurched.



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COUNCIL FIRE. Night surrounds Royal Rangers as they sit around a council fire. It is a time for prayer and reflection on the day's activities.

Light-for-the-Lost...

Light-for-the-Lost mobilizes men for Christian service both at home and on the foreign field by providing gospel literature for distribution to thousands who have never heard the message of salvation.

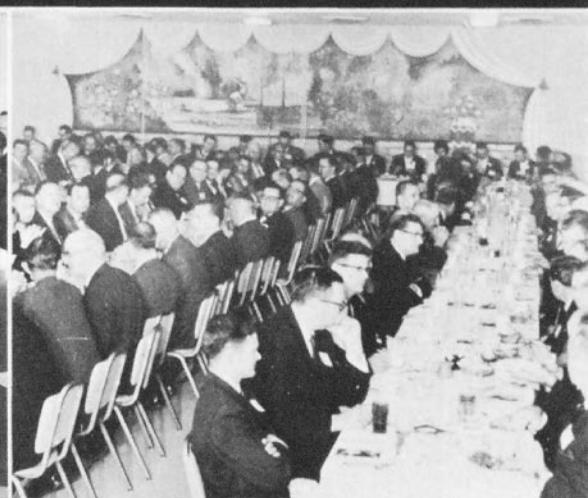
In the United States, Assemblies of God laymen participate in administrating and promoting the program through service on the National Council of Light-for-the-Lost and through giving and praying for foreign city crusades. This makes it possible for 100 percent of all contributions to be used for literature.

On the foreign field Assemblies of God missionaries and trained national workers work in a program of door-to-door evangelism and literature distribution. This is done *before, during, and following* each foreign city evangelistic campaign.

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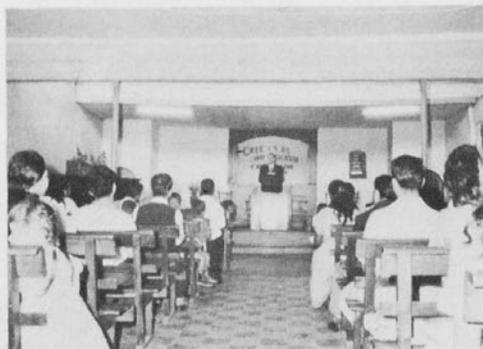
Children hear the gospel in their own neighborhood.



This is the First Assembly in Costa Rica.

Laymen— ON THE MARCH

BY DAVID GODWIN
Missionary to Costa Rica



San José congregation sponsors ten branch Sunday schools.



Pastor Enrique Vargas and Missionary David Godwin rejoice in the doubled outreach since branch Sunday schools were started.

HOW CAN A CHURCH EXPAND AFTER maintaining the same attendance for years, especially when the building is well-filled and leaves little room for expansion? This was the question we faced in San José, Costa Rica, the early part of this year. Now we are seeing the answer. In four months the San José Assembly of God has nearly doubled its outreach! In March, 1963, the Sunday school attendance averaged approximately 200. By July with the same facilities it was almost twice that number!

What made the difference? *Laymen and homes.* Laymen must reach our world and they must do so in the homes as well as in the churches.

Our plan of outreach began with a burden. Prayerfully we challenged the members of First Assembly. How many would give their homes for services? How many young people would teach in these homes? Who would help the person in charge of the

branch Sunday school? The response was gratifying.

Ten San José neighborhoods now have branch works sponsored by First Assembly. A grammar teacher leads one group. The Sunday school superintendent directs one in his home. A middle-aged lady is in charge of still another. Some groups have twelve in attendance, others have forty, but each group is reaching people who would *not* otherwise be in church!

As a result of continued emphasis the interest in this type of lay-member evangelism has grown consistently. It has become a very definite ministry of the San José church.

Our objective is to see these branch Sunday schools become full-fledged churches. To witness the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest thrills of missionary work!

Rejoice with us for victories thus far. And *pray* that this outreach will begin a new era of evangelism here.

BOOKS THROUGH THE WINDOW

By **IRENE E. CRANE**, Missionary to Nigeria

AS MORE AND MORE LITERATURE FLOWS in all directions from our small book center, we realize it is playing a vital part in harvesting the ripened grain in Ogoja, Nigeria.

This bookshop and literature distribution center was started about four years ago by Missionary Martha Jacobson. Now the bookshop has been incorporated into the Bible school program with Florence Metcalf in charge.

To get started, Bibles and a variety of inexpensive religious books were purchased, and an appeal was made for literature which could be distributed free.

Speed-the-Light furnished two bicycles for colportage work at the various markets. Although we have not been able to secure two full-time colporteurs, we have several who sell part time. The bicycles are in constant use for short preaching trips and other activities. Because we are six miles from the post office we accommodate the people of nearby villages by selling stamps and envelopes and posting their letters in our mailbag. Whenever someone comes for this purpose we offer him free literature.

The work continues to grow and our duties increase. There are supplies to be ordered, bills to be paid, packages to be opened, checked, and acknowledged, and supplies to be checked out to the colporteurs. Our colporteurs receive a commission on what they sell regardless of whether the shop makes a profit. One of them walks six miles each way to check in his books and receive his commission.

The bookshop, located in a tiny room at the entrance to our Bible school chapel, is accessible to all who pass on our busy road. A sign on the road tells the hours the store is open. During Bible school terms a student is in charge of the shop in the afternoons.

The annual ministers institute of the Ogoja-Egede fellowship is the busiest time of the year for the bookshop. Because only a small fraction of the eighty-five pastors and student workers can crowd into the shop at one time, many have to be served through the open windows. At this time pastors stock up on tracts and other free literature, greeting cards for



Roadside sign points to Ogoja Book Center.

Sunday school awards, and visual aids. They buy as many study books as they can afford. Blackboards made of plywood are also sold. By using a piece of flannel supplied by WMC's the board serves a dual purpose.

Our Bible school principal, Robert B. Carlson, has drawn up plans for a new building which will house the student dining room, a library, and an enlarged bookshop and storeroom. The bookshop and storeroom occupy a space twelve by thirty feet. With a larger place to store and display literature we pray that there will follow greater blessing to many more people than ever before. Please pray much for the ministry of the printed page in Africa.

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A Servant Becomes a Brother

Sunday School Lesson for December 8, 1963

PHILEMON 4-21

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

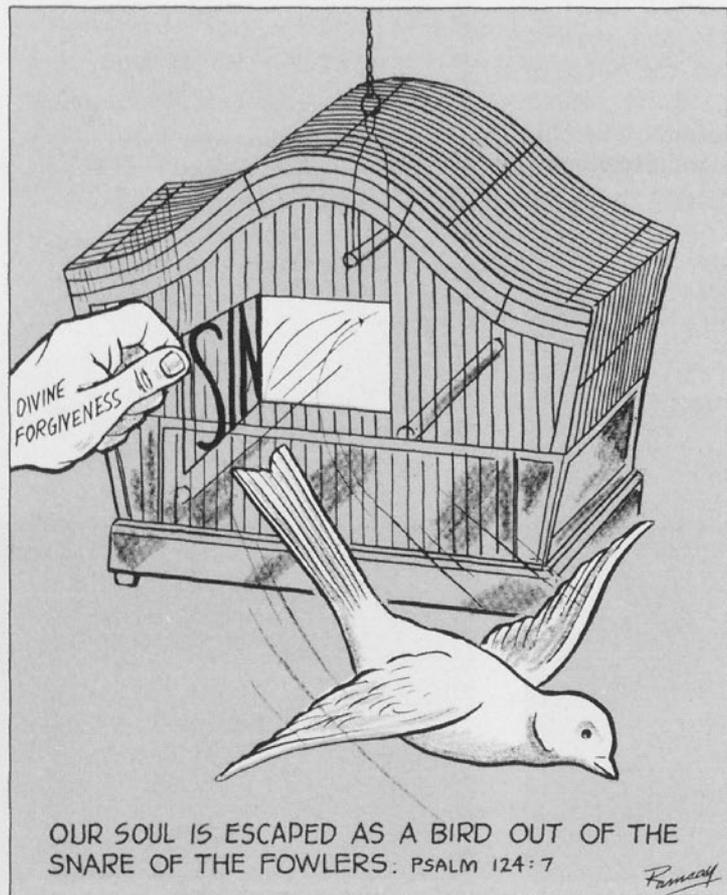
Onesimus, a slave, had robbed his master Philemon and fled to Rome. There he had hid among the thousands of degraded and depraved derelicts of humanity who existed in that city. In the grace and providence of God he came in contact with the imprisoned apostle Paul and was genuinely saved. Though the transformed convert had become a real asset to Paul, the latter felt obliged to send the fugitive back to his lawful master. This he did, and sent to Philemon the letter which is our text and interceded in behalf of Onesimus for forgiveness and leniency, and even hinted at freedom for him.

PAUL'S PLEA FOR ONESIMUS

Not enforced through mere authority (v. 8). Paul preferred to beseech rather than command. It is never wise to use force except as a last resort. Gentleness has a persuasive power which rarely fails, where a dictatorial spirit seldom succeeds.

Urged on the ground of personal affection. "For love's sake I rather beseech thee" (v. 9). Paul appealed

RELEASED



to two powerful motives—love and sympathy. He knew the appeal to the heart was stronger than the appeal to the head alone. To further strengthen his plea he reminded Philemon of his age and condition as a prisoner in a Roman dungeon. Philemon would have a hard time turning down such a plea!

Strengthened by the fact of genuine conversation (v. 10). Onesimus was no longer a runaway slave, but a saved man and the convert of Paul, "begotten in bonds." Paul was bound, limited by his circumstances, but the Word of God was not bound! And Paul was not so taken up with his own sufferings or restrictions that he had no time to rescue souls.

Accompanied by the restitution of Onesimus (vv. 11-14). Though Paul gladly would have kept Onesimus with him—for the converted slave had become profitable—he felt duty bound to return him to his master to whom he was still bound by law. Onesimus proved the reality of his conversion by his willingness to return to Philemon, knowing full well that he might justly be put to death for his theft and desertion.

Recognized as God's providence (v. 15). Onesimus' escapade and Philemon's loss of his services led to the slave's eventual conversion and to his return to his master with greater qualifications for service. Paul suggested that Philemon recognize all this as the gracious providence of God and as a happening which by bringing Onesimus to God, in turn, would bring profit to Philemon.

PAUL'S UNSELFISH LOVE

He recognized the brotherhood of Christianity (vv. 15-17). The love of Christ is a bond of brotherhood and unites all true believers in ties deeper and more enduring than the ties of flesh and blood. Paul asked Philemon to recognize this.

He undertook responsibility for the debts of Onesimus (v. 18). What a picture of the love of Christ! Our great debt to God for the broken law was put on Jesus' account. He paid the debt with His own blood. And Paul, true follower of Christ, manifested, in a measure, that same love toward Onesimus.

He pleaded for Onesimus by reminding Philemon of his own spiritual indebtedness (v. 19). Evidently Philemon owed his own conversion to the ministry of Paul. Therefore he was in greater debt to Paul than Onesimus was to him. Paul's point was that the knowledge of that indebtedness should make Philemon very willing to forgive Onesimus of the lesser debt. What a lesson here and what an incentive for us all! We owe our souls to Christ who has forgiven us, shall we not then forgive?

He expressed confidence in the obedience of Philemon (v. 21). Love is always eager to believe the best of everybody. And such love has great power! Paul's confidence in Philemon would be a powerful incentive to Philemon to live up to that confidence. And though we have no proof, we feel sure that this letter—one of the most gracious and loving ever written—accomplished its intended purpose!

Faith makes all things possible; love makes all things easy.

—J. Robert Ashcroft

The Church Guest

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seemed as though everyone had the same desire—*revival!* There was confession, and there was praise. There were even sacrificial gifts, which encouraged the board to see the possibilities of an adequate building. Some asked prayer that they might be filled with the Spirit and others sought a renewal of spiritual life.

His face aglow, the pastor finally stood to minister, and I was there on the platform with him. Most of the people recognized me now, and in such an atmosphere I could and did so many things for them...

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"Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:9)

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30)

"Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18)

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This article was submitted to the Editors by Evangelist James Tucker, Medina, Ohio.

Worshiping in the Spirit

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with the spirit ['my spirit'], and I will sing with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit..." (1 Corinthians 14:14-16).

The converts in the house of Cornelius were employing their new tongues to worship the Lord, "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" (Acts 10:46). In like manner, on the Day of Pentecost the newly filled disciples were extolling the wonderful works of God in new tongues (Acts 2:11). When a man prays or sings or blesses in this supernatural way, apart from his understanding, he "speaks mysteries" to God, and he is "giving thanks well." But in the congregation, when he takes part in public worship, he should consider others, and he should pray and sing and give thanks intelligently. Others can then be edified and can unite in saying "Amen" at his giving of thanks.

We must not only worship "in spirit" but we must worship "in truth," or according to the truth. If we fail to worship in truth, we can be led into error and fanaticism. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. When He inspires our worship it will be according to the principles of Truth. That is why Paul wrote at such

length to the Corinthian church upon the subject of spiritual worship. And for this reason Jesus placed the necessity for worship in Spirit and in Truth above the place of worship. Where we worship is not as important as how we worship and with what attitude we came.

Buying up Every Opportunity

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always in the light of our heavenly calling and allowing Him to have His way with us.

We must "walk circumspectly." We will not be able to do God's work in the world if we are careless and indifferent about it. If we are to translate our faith into service for God we must live carefully day by day.

Another law of this commerce of God is found in Ephesians 5:17: "Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." We must form the habit of discovering the will of God. He will make it known if we are willing to obey.

We cannot be merchantmen for heaven unless we have heaven's capital, and we find it in verse 18: "Be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit." A man filled with the Spirit of God has the capital with which to do the work of God. He is spiritual and his influence will be spiritual.

Servants of God, redeem the time. We are rich according to the number of opportunities we buy up for Him. Every time we influence another for Christ, every time our dealings with God are reflected in our activities, every time we sacrifice for the cause of Christ, we are buying up an opportunity, we are investing in God's kingdom. The treasures we lay up on earth will fade away. They will vanish. They are of the earth, earthy. We can only keep the treasures we have laid at His gates, the influence we have purchased by sacrifice for Him. What a day it will be when God gives us back with interest the treasures we have laid up in heaven.

Will you buy up the opportunities that come your way? Ask God to give you the capital you need, the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Then all your service will be a delight and you will be able to transmute your time, activities, and the circumstances of life from the dross of earth to the gold of heaven. May God help each of us to be His merchantmen, truly devoted servants, buying up our opportunities. ◀◀

IN A LAND WHERE CHRISTMAS IS JUST ANOTHER DAY...

Thoughts turn to happy days gone by, when all the world seemed to pause in honor of the Saviour's birth. But not so here on the forefront of missions advance. How much it means when folks at home remember—a card, a gift, a check to make Christmas a happy time for the missionary children. There is still time to send your gift to make sure no one in our big family is missed. You can have the joy of sharing in . . .



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By MILDRED PITTS

Supervisor, Assemblies of God Children's Home, Valdez, Alaska

OUR LITTLE TOWN OF VALDEZ IS known as the "Switzerland of Alaska" and if you could see it you would agree. The mountains surround us and many glaciers lie within the huge crevices. The first snow has made its appearance; winter is just around the corner. It is beautiful when the snow falls and covers the ground.

Our Children's Home is located in the town and is a real testimony for the Lord. The sixteen children we now have know the warmth of a good home, tasty and well-balanced meals, and warm beds. These are all provided by our Women's Missionary Council groups over the nation. Never a day goes by that we do not thank God for the faithfulness of His servants in the south "48." God has used them greatly to supply our many needs.

Our Home is like any other home with a routine of work every day. Each child shares in such tasks as setting tables, washing dishes, scrub-

bing and ironing. Some of our boys have gone hunting to help get the winter supply of meat. The older boys went goat hunting and brought us two lovely goats from the mountain to the left of our Home. We also have several silver salmon in our freezer which were gifts to the Home. Recently, when a man called to give us more salmon, Harold, our 11-year-old, said, "The Lord is answering our prayer for meat as we got salmon to help us." He was right there to help wrap them to put in our freezer. How wonderful it is to prove this never-failing God.

We are thankful for all the material blessings we share in this Home, but are even more grateful for the spiritual blessings we share as a family. We have our daily devotions together and attend all the services regularly at the church. The staff is believing God for a real Holy Ghost revival in our Home soon.

Trudy Bishop and Julia Ford are



B. P. Wilson (back row, left), supervisor of the Alaska Assemblies of God work, is pictured with several of the boys who live in the Valdez Children's Home.

on the staff and share the work. We find that working and praying together make for a wonderful fellowship. It is gratifying to be a part of this Home and to help in molding and guiding these precious young lives for the "home" above.

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Note: Each year, the Home Missions Department plans to provide a gift for each of the two Alaska orphanages which will add to the comfort of the staff and the children. This year the Valdez Home urgently needs several items such as: shades and curtains for all the windows of the boys' and girls' rooms, four new chests of drawers, a new lamp for the living room, and an electric knife sharpener. The Juneau Home is much in need of some new furniture and some appliances. What could reflect the spirit of true Christmas giving more than to provide for these little ones for whom nothing would otherwise be provided? Your offering can help to make another Christmas a merry one for the children and the staff of each Home. Send it today to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, for *Children of Alaska Christmas Fund*.



Boys of the Valdez home enjoy playing basketball and other games. A "little" snow doesn't bother them!



These small members of the Valdez Children's Home happily play with their toys on Christmas Day.

Here is the story of a businessman who is thankful for the church extension program of the Assemblies of God because through it he found the peace of God at last.

Pioneer Church Produces Soul Winner

BY J. A. BABER

Pastor of the Bethany Chapel Assembly of God, Woodstown, New Jersey

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CHRIST makes a new person out of the worst sinner. It is just as real and powerful in the lives of responsible citizens and community leaders. A. L. Roberts is a living testimony of that fact. He is known as "Robbie" to hundreds in his community and is eager to share what Christ has done for him.

Although he was brought up in a fundamental church, Robbie never experienced any closeness or personal relationship with God. He recalls the one moment he consciously felt the hand of God on his life. He was a radioman during World War II on the submarine Bream. They had been surprised by a Japanese destroyer in the South Pacific and in a desperate crash dive had become stuck in the mud on the ocean floor.

There they waited for what seemed certain death as depth charges sent them reeling from side to side under their impact. In the pitch blackness of that horrible hour Robbie experienced what he described as a conscious feeling that God was protecting them. Hours later the submarine surfaced under cover of darkness and Robbie stood on the deck looking at the stars that he had thought he would never see again and breathed a prayer of thanks to God for sparing his life.

After the war, Robbie returned to New Jersey and went to work for The American Stores Co., a large eastern states food chain. After four years he was made manager of a store. He has since then managed several large supermarkets in the South Jersey-Delaware area. He is presently manager of the Acme supermarket in Woodstown, N. J. Robbie is a talented personnel man and one of the best-known men in our community. He, his wife and two children, are active, respected residents of Woodstown.

The winter of 1962 saw a new neighbor in the community. The pio-



A. L. Roberts was saved at the Bethany Chapel in Woodstown, N. J. (Pastor James A. Baber, left, and Evangelist Oren Paris, right.)

neer church effort of the Assemblies of God was reaching Woodstown. The house next door to Robbie was purchased and converted to an attractive chapel-parsonage called Bethany Chapel. I pioneered the work and this purchase marked our first established property. Robbie and his family began to attend the services occasionally. He became especially interested in the midweek Bible study where informal discussions brought about an intense hunger in his heart to experience real salvation. He began seeking the Lord.

The hunger and longing of his heart was met in the spring of 1963 during an evangelistic campaign with Oren Paris. Suddenly, the search was over. The joy and peace that every

human being needs became his. The change was noticeable at once. Old frustrations and sins were replaced with peace and wonderful joy. Relatives, friends, and employees have all noticed this great transformation.

When asked what this experience has done to his life, Robbie says, "With Christ, I have an entirely different outlook on life. Looking back I realize how self-centered my life was. My job and my whole life were centered around getting all the things and pleasures possible to try to make my life happy. Now with the peace and joy that Christ has given me, I find that my greatest pleasure is to share this great discovery with others and do all I can to spread the gospel. I didn't really begin to live till I found Christ. I am seeking the Holy Spirit that I might be all that Christ wants me to be."

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This story is an example of the fine results of our pioneer efforts as a movement. It also brings into sharp focus the value of cooperative effort in church extension. The Woodstown Assembly has a mother church arrangement with the Pennsville Assembly. The Salem Assembly also has helped the new church by providing funds for an evangelistic campaign.

It's Up to You Now . . .

. . . to keep the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami open. Pledged support for operational expenses is urgently needed immediately. We appreciate the excellent cooperation of our many WMC groups and churches in supplying clothing for the needy Cuban refugees. Thousands of these people have passed through the Center's doors and found new hope. In their distress, hundreds of them have turned to the Lord for salvation. Many participate in the chapel services at the Center.

This outreach must continue, for we are contacting many Cuban refugees who evidently have not had the gospel. Your generous offering or pledge will help to determine the future of this worthy work. Missionary credit will be given. Send your offering or pledge today.

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100,000 copies of the "Miniature Bible" in Portuguese (shown at left) were distributed in the Brazil crusades. At left Walter Hanson, a Sacramento, Calif., businessman who accompanied C. M. Ward, gives literature to the ushers for distribution. At right is a portion of the crowd attending the Belem meeting.

Light-for-the-Lost and Revivaltime Cooperate in Brazil Crusades

WHEN PLANS WERE MADE FOR C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, to go to Brazil for a series of crusades, Light-for-the-Lost agreed to provide \$1,000 for printing 100,000 copies of the little "Miniature Bible" in Portuguese and 10,000 Gospel portions. These pieces of literature were to be distributed in each of the services at which Brother Ward was to speak.

Accompanying Brother Ward on the trip to Brazil was Walter Hanson, a Sacramento businessman, who assisted in the services by singing, leading the choir and distributing the literature. Upon his return to the States Brother Hanson reported his impressions of the great meetings that were held in Brazil. He said:

"What a sight it was to see several thousand persons packed into an Assemblies of God church—and with several hundred standing outside. We were fortunate to be in Belem on Tuesday, June 18, which was exactly fifty-two years from the time that Pentecost first came to Brazil. There was such hunger for God's Word. Pentecost was in full bloom. People stood for two and one-half hours listening to the Word. It seemed simply unbelievable.

"The people responded to the altar calls, and during the time that we were in Brazil more than 400 per-

sons gave their hearts to Christ. This truly was revival. At the conclusion of each service the brethren gathered, together with C. M. Ward and me, and took the boxes containing several thousand of the little Miniature Bibles and tracts and placed their hands upon them and prayed that the Lord would use each one as it was handed out. At the conclusion of the prayer over the literature, the ushers and pastors started to distribute the pieces

to the congregation. The people could not wait, however, but came running to the platform with hands outstretched, their eyes pleading, 'Give me one, please.' The people did not stop coming until the last copy was given out.

"This same beautiful sight greeted us wherever the tracts were handed out, with one exception, and that was in the great stadium in Rio de Janeiro where some 18,000 persons were gathered for a crusade. Here the pieces were given to each person that came into the stadium to avoid the confusion at the close of the meeting.

"Only God knows the results of this tract distribution. I have never witnessed such hunger for the Word. Pray that the Lord will use this message which we distributed to thousands in Brazil, that many will find Him soon." ◀

Canadian Version of Revivaltime Now on the Air

BY D. V. HURST

REVIVALTIME IS NOW THE NATIONAL radio voice of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. This action became official at the September General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Following many conferences between representatives of the Assemblies of God Radio Department and the officers of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the plans for an efficient operation were completed. Details were agreed upon as to bank-

ing, mail processing and promotional procedures.

There will be a distinctive Canadian version of *Revivaltime* released in Canada. In the providence of God, C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, and Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director, are both Canadians.

C. H. Stiller has been designated by the officers of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to serve as the *Revivaltime* Executive Director for Canada. He will work in close cooperation with *Revivaltime* leaders, and serve as a liaison between the Canadian general officers and the Radio Committee of the Assemblies of God.

All Canadian *Revivaltime* mail sent to the Canadian address of *Revival-*

time, Box 59, Station J, Toronto, Canada, will be processed first in the Canadian office at Toronto, Ontario, and will then be forwarded to Springfield, Missouri. Personal contributions from Canada will be invested in the purchase of air time in Canada. Valid Canadian receipts will be issued for all donations made by Canadians.

T. Johnstone, general superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, said of the new release, "This Canadian version of *Revivaltime* is regarded by us as an integral part of our national evangelism program."

People in Canada have discovered that *Revivaltime* is a soul-winning arm of the local church. It goes beyond closed doors to reach those in the community who are never contacted by the church.

Persons who have never considered entering the door of a full-gospel church listen to the broadcast service and become hungry for the message of salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This yearning eventually draws many to evangelistic services where their spiritual needs are met.

In addition *Revivaltime* reaches shut-ins, prisoners, hospital patients, servicemen and many others who cannot attend church. They can hear the good news of Christ's power to meet all their needs. The radio voice enters dormitory rooms, automobiles, and business places to enlighten another section of humanity that rarely hears the gospel message.

Revivaltime has now been released

NEW STATIONS

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

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WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI (KWPM)

1450 kc.—1000/250 watts
Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

MARSHALL, TEXAS (KADO)

1410 kc.—500 watts
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (WOR)

710 kc.—50,000 watts
Sunday, 11:30 p.m.

TIME CHANGES

BILLINGS, MONTANA (KURL)

730 kc.—500 watts
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

BUTTE, MONTANA (KOPR)

550 kc.—1000 watts
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

CALL LETTER CHANGE

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over the ABC radio network for ten years. Currently carried on more than 425 stations, ten of which are in Canada, the broadcast service reaches some 12 million persons in the continental United States and many millions more abroad. This represents only a small portion of the potential audience. Much territory remains to be covered by the broadcast ministry. With the combined faith and support of all our *Revivaltime* friends and churches we can go far beyond present limitations and reach a lost world for Christ. ◀◀

Better Late GIVING



... than not
at all

The heading refers to your offering for Aged Ministers' Assistance. Although Thanksgiving Sunday was the day set aside for a special offering, perhaps you did not have an opportunity to give on that day. It most certainly is not too late—any time—to give for the support of aged ministers, missionaries, and ministerial widows.

If you do not like to think of your contribution as payment of a debt which each of us owe to these senior members, think of it as a gift motivated by love. After all, you derive very little real happiness and satisfaction from paying a debt, but making a gift is a tonic for the heart—true?

Any amount, any time is that much more security for over two hundred aged ministers. Funds of Aged Ministers' Assistance are used to give monthly income and emergency assistance to ministers and widows who must rely on us—you and all of us—for living expenses.

Please don't fail Aged Ministers' Assistance. Address your contribution to:

Department of Benevolences
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Revivaltime became a home missions partner with section five of the Appalachian District. Lee Robbins (right), *Revivaltime* soloist, and T. M. Waldron (left), assistant district superintendent and pastor of the First Assembly in Beckley, W. Va., teamed up for a week's crusade in Beaver, W. Va., a town of 3,000. Johnny Gunter (center) is pastor of this pioneer church. *Revivaltime* is popular in this area, so the auditorium was filled each evening. Many people in the community were reached with the full gospel for the first time.



When God Knocks at Your Door

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

JESUS SAID, "BEHOLD, I STAND AT the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3: 20). He knocks in many ways and speaks in many tones in His efforts to draw men to Himself.

Some hear quickly and respond; others seem to be deaf to His call until He speaks with the voice of tragedy. In a funeral home, a family of nine men and women gathered with their father to mourn the passing of their Christian mother. As they sat in silent grief the father stood and faced them. "We all know Mama went to be with the Lord," he began slowly. "I know I'll see her again in heaven, well and happy. But how about some of you? You have gone your own ways and forgotten God."

A tall man standing near the door sobbed quietly. Others began to weep.

"Where will you spend eternity?" the father asked. "Will our family circle be unbroken over there?"

One of the girls knelt by her chair and began to pray. One by one the others followed her example. The voice of seeming tragedy brought the entire family to God. Bent on their own ways, these men and women had not previously heeded God's call, but when God spoke through the voice of tragedy they listened, and regretted that they had not heard before. Most of them are still living for God as a

result of His call through the death of their mother.

Often a wayward young person, spared after being involved in a serious accident, is awakened to the real meaning of life. He hears God's call above the call of the world for the first time, and answers with acceptance.

A desperate mother may pray for her wandering child or unsaved husband, "God save him at any cost!" Such prayers are costly, but they often achieve much. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). If such prayers are being prayed for you, it would be best to accept Christ now before He must speak in tragic tones to reach you.

A few years ago in Leadville, Colorado, a woman whose husband and two teen-age daughters were seemingly deaf to God's call prayed desperately for God to save them.

One Sunday morning after church she lingered at the altar in prayer for them. That afternoon she told her pastor, "I want God to save them at any cost!"

The next week this mother took her two small children and started for Denver. Usually, the older girls also accompanied her, but this time they stayed home. On the outskirts of Denver the car the mother was driving collided head-on with an oncoming truck. The three lives (the

only ones in the family ready to meet God) were wiped out. God had sent tragedy to another family who refused to listen any other way.

Why do some people wait until tragedy comes to their lives before they will turn to God? It is because they have allowed Satan to blind them to the realities of life. They have forgotten—or never realized—that life is short and that it is eternity with which they should be concerned.

But even tragedy does not always turn men to God. We are made with the power of choice. Even when a Christian prays diligently for someone, God does not force that person to serve Him. God will never violate our wills. He just tries different methods of gaining our attention, of "knocking on our door."

Are you among the indifferent, the careless, or even the rebellious? Then you are in a precarious position spiritually, no matter what other successes you may have attained. A man who thought he had everything and was ready to retire and enjoy the fruits of his labors found himself suddenly facing eternity. He finally listened to God's last statement to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Don't wait for tragedy to call you to God, or to cut you off forever from Him. Hear His voice and open the door today: He will come in.

AILING CHILD RESTORED

MY SON DARRELL, WHO IS NOW EIGHT years old, was born with a defective digestive system and his ribs were affected with rickets. He has never been well, and has been under the care of doctors most of his life. He had no appetite, was tired and cross, and could not keep up with other children his age in school.

More recently his temperature began fluctuating, and a few months ago the doctor discovered he did not have enough red blood cells. He advised a complete hospital check-up.

We wanted to wait until school was out, and meanwhile our pastor anointed him and the people of our church joined with us in prayer that God would heal him.

After the hospital tests were finished the doctor said Darrell was completely normal—and there was no shortage of red blood cells.

I praise the Lord for giving me a normal boy after these years of sickness.—Mrs. Marie Tewell, Patricksburg, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor William W. Bedwell, Assembly of God, Patricksburg, Ind.)

MISSIONARY RECEIVES MIRACULOUS HEALING

LITTLE DID I KNOW AS I WAS PREPARING to return to Alaska in November 1962 that my neck had been injured as severely as it later proved to be. However, I was suffering intensely as we started by car from Los Angeles up the 4,000-mile trail including the rugged Alcan Highway.

By the time I arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska, our new post of duty, the pain was almost unbearable. I was prayed for several times with little result. Finally I decided to have X rays made of my neck and shoulders to see just what the difficulty was.

The X rays revealed not a slipped disc, as I had expected, but a disintegrated one. The doctor recommended that I see a bone specialist either for an operation or for a neck and shoulder brace. He said the brace would need to be worn for several months until new cartilage could grow. If that failed, the vertebra would have to be grafted and fused. It would take months, perhaps years, to repair the

damage to the extent that I could hold up my head without extra support.

I went home to think this over and to pray for the guidance of the Lord. I reasoned with myself, agonized with God, and searched the Bible for an answer. I came to this conclusion:

"In the beginning of my Christian life, at the age of twenty-two, God raised me up after I had been pronounced dead by a physician. (A group from the church came to the house and prayed for me.) God miraculously healed and saved me. Later He filled me with the Holy Spirit and called me to preach the gospel. This I have faithfully done since 1931. Many times God has healed me and my family in answer to prayer. He has always met our need.

"Since I have trusted God all these years, I cannot now stand in the pulpit with a brace on my neck for several months and declare that God heals. If God does not heal me I will have to go back in defeat to California."

So I went to see B. P. Wilson, our Alaskan supervisor. We talked it over. He asked, "Brother Butterfield, do you know of anything that would

hinder God from healing you?" I answered, "No, Brother Wilson, I don't." He said, "Then God will heal you."

The next Sunday morning, March 10, 1963, at prayer time in the service, I told the congregation of my need for healing and explained the decision I had made. I called the official board to come forward with Brother Wilson. They anointed me with oil and prayed according to James 5:14. The whole church took the burden. A message in tongues was given and the interpretation confirmed my healing.

The pain ceased immediately, and I told the people that I was going to accept my healing in the name of the Lord.

A few days later I went back to the doctor who had taken the X rays and I told him this story. My wife asked him if more X rays should be taken to see if I was healed. He said, "There is no need of that expense. The very fact that he is not suffering is proof to me that he is healed."

Praise the Lord, I am completely healed of my neck injuries.—Pastor Oscar D. Butterfield, Fairbanks, Alaska. ◀◀

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OLNEY, TEX.—The Lord blessed the First Assembly of God here through the recent ministry of Pastor Bracy I. Greer of Evangel Temple, Dallas, Tex. His teaching on the cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God strengthened the church. Two came to the altar for the first time, and several others made rededications.

—W. C. Harding, Pastor

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.—From the very first night the presence of the Holy Spirit was sensed in the meetings conducted here at Central Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. Some 28 knelt at the altar for salvation and 10 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Vaudie Lambert, Pastor

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EAST CHICAGO, IND.—The First Assembly of God reports a recent revival with Pastor Floyd Petrucci, Miller Assembly of God, Gary, Ind., as evangelist. In the ten services souls were reclaimed, saved, and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance reached 140, breaking all records, and has since remained over 100. The Spirit of revival continues.

—E. E. Marrone, Pastor

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DAYTON, OHIO—The Sunshine Party recently held a successful campaign at Bethel Temple here. Record crowds attended the services and the Sunday school reached 850. A great response to the altar call came night after night. Many new friends were won for the Lord and Bethel Temple.

—Cyril E. Homer, Pastor

ST. JAMES, MO.—The untiring work at the altar and old-fashioned gospel preaching by Evangelist Glenna Byard and her husband, of the Southern Missouri District, was a blessing in a revival at the Assembly of God here. Four were saved, six reclaimed, seven baptized in the Holy Spirit, and five refilled. The meetings ran five nights longer than scheduled.

—T. Bluford Conway, Pastor

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RUSH SPRINGS, OKLA.—A revival at the First Assembly of God with Evangelist E. L. Surrat continued for three weeks. Nightly the church was blessed by the anointed preaching. Some were saved, others filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit, and many made new consecrations.

—Andrew Young, Pastor

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PITTSBURG, CALIF.—A good revival was conducted at the First Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Ferguson. The teaching on Bible prophecy was much appreciated. About 75 visitors attended the services. The morning prayer meetings also were a great blessing, with the result that the people were stirred to a deeper consecration.

—Herbert C. Dodson, Pastor

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WYCKOFF, N. J.—Evangelist and Mrs. John Stallings of Orlando, Fla., recently conducted a revival at the Wyckoff Assembly of God. Each night their ministry in song and the Word blessed the congregation. Numerous visitors attended, and souls were saved.

—R. E. Piedmonte, Pastor

ICKESBURG, PA.—In August the Assembly of God here enjoyed a move of God's Spirit in a Children's Crusade with Evangelist Gordon White. The average attendance was 87, with 110 on the last night. Four new members and numerous prospective members were gained.

—Herman C. Riffey, Pastor

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LAS ANIMAS, COLO.—A profitable three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Baker from Oklahoma closed September 22 at the Assembly of God here. Outside interest and crowds were good. Eight were saved, five baptized in water, one refilled, and 12 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Among those who received the Baptism were several who had gone to church here for years. Also three from other denominations received, and two ladies past 70 years of age. The revival spirit continues.

—N. L. Bascom, Pastor

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KINSTON, N. C.—August 18 marked the close of a two-week revival with Evangelist Linfield Crowder at Glad Tidings Assembly—the best to be held in this "Breakthrough" church. Eight persons were saved and six reclaimed. It was gratifying to note the deepening of spiritual lives which is so important in establishing a new church. Sunday school attendance, which was 20 at the beginning less than a year ago, increased to 97. There was an excellent attendance throughout the meetings, with many visitors.

—Daniel R. Duncan, Pastor



PORTSMOUTH, VA.—More than 50 were saved in a revival at the Assembly of God with Evangelists Jim and Tammy Bakker. Ten were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and others were healed. Attendance at the meetings was above average. Photo shows Tammy Bakker praising the Lord in song. Homer Peterson, Jr., is pastor.

SWEET HOME, OREG.—A "back-to-school youth crusade" conducted by Evangelist Irene Abrahamson of Florence, Oreg., was especially fruitful. Young people were saved, some filled with the Holy Spirit, and others miraculously healed. In a Saturday night candlelight service many dedicated their lives to God—accepting the challenge of living and witnessing for Christ—while others answered the call for special service.

—W. P. Rutledge, Pastor

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TACOMA, WASH.—The presence of God was very real throughout a two-week campaign held at the Milton Avenue Assembly of God. Through the inspiring ministry of Evangelists Marvin Moe and Ernest and Bernice Welk, the entire church was edified. A goodly number were baptized in the Holy Spirit, others were reclaimed, many were healed, and a number were saved. The blessing of God continues!

—Everette D. Greeley, Pastor

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JENNINGS, LA.—A spirit of revival continues at the Assembly of God here following a very profitable revival with Evangelist Quentin Edwards of Dallas, Tex. Crowds were outstanding each night with many first-time visitors.



EAST HARTFORD, CONN.—The all-time Sunday school attendance record was broken during the meeting with the Spencer Weddle Evangelistic Team at First Assembly. Pastor Arthur E. Kolenda reported one saved, two reclaimed, and the church as a whole brought together in closer fellowship and unity.

The anointed music and messages were indeed a blessing, lifting the church to new spiritual heights. Several found Christ as Saviour, some were reclaimed, a number filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled. A great number received divine healing.

—B. L. Cornwell, Pastor

DALLAS, TEX. — In August Christian Temple celebrated its third anniversary with the Alcorn Singers as guests. This excellent youth team proved a great blessing. Their vibrant gospel singing and inspirational messages drew many to the services, and on the closing Sunday evening the lower sanctuary was practically filled. Several young people came forward to accept Christ, and many rededicated their lives to God. The Sunday school hour featured a giant birthday cake which was shared by some 150 persons following the night service.

—Bill Sharp, Pastor

M. E. COLLINS RESIGNS

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.—M. E. Collins resigned in September from his position as associate pastor at East Side Assembly in Grand Prairie.

The church is only four years old, having been started in a duplex apartment up the street from its present location. There was no congregation but M. E. Collins, with the help of Bob Skipper, who moved to Grand Prairie, began holding services.

Last year the average Sunday school attendance was 90. The congregation has a \$75,000 plant in which to worship and serve God.

On the last Sunday of Brother Collins' ministry the people showed their appreciation for him and Sister Collins by pinning a love offering to their clothing. A dinner was given in their honor also.

The church is continuing to grow and go forward under the leadership of Pastor Bob Skipper.



Brother and Sister M. E. Collins with love offering pinned to clothing.

MT. UNION, PA.—A new venture for First Assembly and the area here was a successful five-day kids' crusade held by Evangelist and Mrs. Samuel Clutter of East Liverpool, Ohio. Some 236 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 15 were enrolled, including some from other churches. A number of children accepted Christ as Saviour.

—Richard Owens, Pastor

EL CAJON, CALIF.—Central Assembly has been enjoying a period of unusual revival. A recent campaign with Evangelist Wm. Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., was greatly blessed of God. During three weeks of special meetings the Lord was constantly bestowing salvation, healing, the baptism

in the Holy Spirit, and other blessings upon the people. Prior to the special meetings a number of ministers and members of various denominations had received the Baptism. During the revival campaign it was inspiring to see ministers and members from the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Christian churches praying with our own Assemblies of God people to receive the baptism. God honored the prayer of one of these newly baptized pastors by giving hearing to one of his deaf members. On another occasion there was a message in tongues and the pastor of a non-Pentecostal church gave the interpretation. Some sailors from a nearby naval base (San Diego) brought a young Jew to the revival. He had studied to become a rabbi and spoke Hebrew fluently.

After the service this young Jewish man inquired about the pastor's brief but perfect use of the Hebrew language while speaking supernaturally in a language he had never learned. These recent events are further evidence that Jesus Christ is still "the same, yesterday and today and for ever."

—R. L. Davis, Pastor

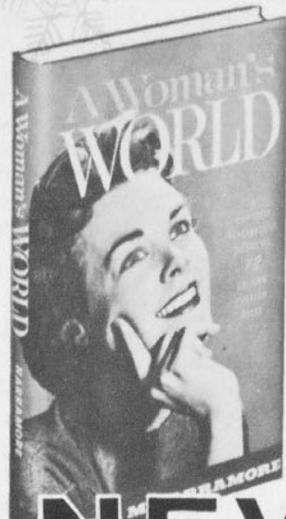
ANNOUNCEMENT

27TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING—Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Assembly of God, Lone Wolf, Okla. Services Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. Lunch served at noon Sunday in American Legion Hall. Everyone cordially invited.—by Cecil Van Hoose, pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Orchard	Dec. 3-15	Don Carroll	John Williams
	Sylacauga	Trinity	Dec. 3-8	Michael & Peggy Lord	Maxwell Cloud
Ariz.	Laveen	Laveen Indian	Nov. 17—	Richard E. Jeffery	Harold D. Hanson
	Phoenix	First	Dec. 4-8	Richard E. Jeffery	V. Ernest Shores
Ark.	England	First	Nov. 24	Carl L. Tillery	Harold Walls
	Little Rock	Rosedale	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Miriam Hooks	Bryan Hopper
Calif.	Blythe	First	Dec. 1-15	Fisher-Cheek Team	E. R. Douglas
	Santa Monica	Central	Dec. 3-8	Wesley F. Morton	Philip Hawtin
	Huntington Beach	Community	Dec. 3-8	Doug Payne	A. Edward Drake
Fla.	Eaton Park	A/G	Dec. 1-15	L. M. Addison	A. Jack Hensley
	Jacksonville	Southside	Dec. 1-8	Ray & Elaine Leonard	J. B. Davis
	Monticello	A/G	Dec. 1-10	David Grant	Gene Thompson
Ga.	Dublin	First	Dec. 1-15	Russell Peavy	Cecil Gray
Hawaii	Honolulu	First	Dec. 3-15	Tommy Barnett	Eldon Vincent
Ill.	East Alton	Forrest Mission	Dec. 3-15	Cox-Brown Team	Louie Estes
	Harrisburg	A/G	Dec. 3-15	Bob & Paughnee Bornert	David Knight
	Maryville	A/G	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Joseph DeGrado	George O. Ankarlo
	Mascoutah	Full Gospel	Dec. 1-15	Tommy R. Carpenter	Floyd Porter
Ind.	Terre Haute	Chamberlain's Ch.	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	I. E. Ade	Wilson W. Shabaz
Kans.	Ulysses	First	Dec. 3-22	E. L. & Mrs. Surratt	Jeremiah Hanley
Md.	Baltimore	Trinity	Dec. 4-16	Ernie Eskelin	A. H. Clattenburg
Mich.	Adrian	Bethany	Dec. 3-15	William H. Kautz	Arthur G. Clay
	Ontonagon	A/G	Dec. 2-15	David & Mrs. Lewis	Frank Sarbo
Minn.	Rosemount	A/G	Dec. 1—	Daena Cargnel	Ken Haddaway
Mo.	East Prairie	A/G	Dec. 3-15	Musical Ellers	Lynn Drumwright
	Fulton	First	Dec. 2-15	Robert V. Holland	Clyde Parsons
	Kansas City	Calvary	Dec. 1-8	Samuel Calk	Leonard Carpenter
	N. Kansas City	Minneville	Dec. 1-15	Donald L. Payne	Virgil LaFollette
	St. Louis	St. Johns	Dec. 2-15	Dick & Nancy Messner	I. R. Hibdon
Mont.	Polson	A/G	Dec. 3-8	Paul Hild	John Weaver
Nebr.	Lexington	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Jerry & Joy Spain	Dale K. Eden
N. Y.	Franklin Sq.	Bethel	Dec. 3-15	Jack Peters	Albert Andreasen
Ohio	Bellevue	A/G	Dec. 3-8	Tommy Wilson	L. A. Ford
	Chillicothe	First	Dec. 3-8	Ralph A. Creider	Paul L. Dear
	Dunkirk	First	Dec. 4-15	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Otto Z. Tinkey
	Salem	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	Tommy Wilson	Paul Taylor
	S. Lebanon	Calvary	Dec. 3-15	Paul D. VanWinkle	Wayne Amburgy
	Toledo	Calvary	Nov. 26-Dec. 1	William H. Kautz	J. Donald McManness
	Urbana	A/G	Dec. 4-15	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Paul Gray
Okla.	Oklahoma City	South West	Dec. 1-15	Don Brankel	H. H. Palmer
Pa.	Uniontown	A/G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	T. L. Stewart	Paul Jacobs
	Warfordsburg	Buck Valley	Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Stan Morris	J. Arthur Lemmert
Tex.	Levelland	First	Dec. 1-6	Victor Etienne	Haskell Rogers
	Pearland	Bethany	Dec. 2-15	John McDuff	William Theiler
Utah	Kearns	A/G	Dec. 8—	John French	Donald R. Anderson
	Salt Lake City	A/G Tab.	Dec. 6—	John French	Peter Pilot
Va.	Arlington	A/G	Dec. 1-15	Don Rippey	Claude R. Qualls
Wash.	Davenport	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 24-Dec. 8	Linfield Crowder	James Terry
	Grandview	A/G	Dec. 3-15	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Marvin F. Clark
Canada	Toronto, Ont.	Shepherd Gospel	Dec. 3-15	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	W. B. Davidson
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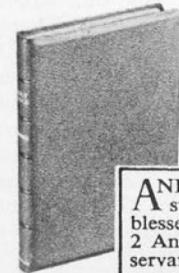
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the wisdom accumulated in the school of hard knocks for the flash and drive of the enthusiasm that goes with inexperience and lack of knowledge.

"Physical and mental enthusiasm is not faith, nor a guarantee of success, especially in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ."

An aged pilgrim and brother in the faith thus expresses himself with reference to his work: "Friends sometimes tell me, 'You are too old to do this or that'; but the Spirit within me tells me, 'So long as I give you health and mind, don't quit working for My Kingdom.'"

That brother speaks in the right tone. From the time that we are born into the Kingdom until we hear the final summons to come Home, we should be working for the eternal Kingdom. No one is too young, no one too old. Let all labor, united in hand and heart, soul and spirit, having an eye single to the glory of God. Thank God for young workers, just coming on the field. Thank God for aged pilgrims, wide awake, pressing onward, giving us the benefit of their experience and ripened judgment.

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