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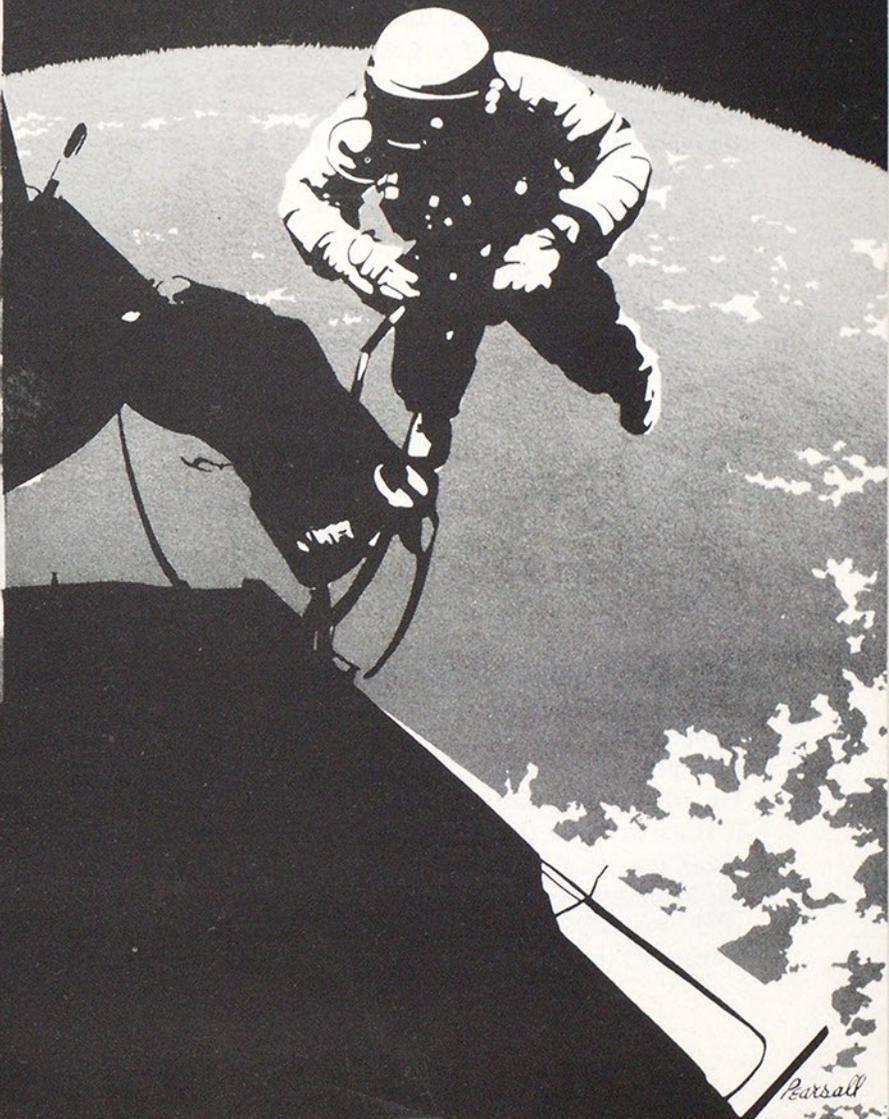
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a guide to PRAYING

By ARTHUR PETRIE

THE DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS said to Him on one occasion, "Lord, teach us to pray." They wanted to know how to pray intelligently and effectively, just as Christians want to know today.

Everything Jesus said in response to their request was in line with God's promises as revealed in His Word. Since "what comes from heaven in a promise should be sent back to heaven in a prayer," we can be sure we are praying in the will of God if we pray according to God's promises and will for us.

Some of the things for which we should pray are—

1. GOOD THINGS

Jesus said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11).

The Spirit of God will guide us as to what "good things" to ask of our Heavenly Father. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). If He withholds that for which we ask, we may be sure that in His wisdom it is not a good thing for us.

2. FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our sins." David went into detail as he cried, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." In the light of this searching we should pray for the forgiveness of any sin revealed.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

3. A DISCIPLINED TONGUE

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips," the psalmist prayed. The tongue can be a powerful instrument for blessing or cursing, good or evil. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).

Prayer for the control of the tongue is important, and there can be significant results. "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary" (Isaiah 50:4).

4. UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18). Seven times in that psalm the writer prays, "Teach me thy statutes." He was in a position to have his prayer answered, for it is as we pray that understanding is given. Origen said that "prayer is the most necessary qualification for understanding the divine things." Let us follow this method when reading and meditating on God's Word. "The entrance of thy words giveth light" (Psalm 119:130).

5. DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL

This is clearly taught in the Scriptures. In the "Lord's Prayer," Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Deliver us from the evil one" (A.S.V.). Satan goes about "seeking whom he may devour." The Lord Jesus made special mention of this in His intercessory prayer in John 17:15 "I pray . . . that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one" (A.S.V.).

We should also pray to be kept from evil practices. Paul prayed for the Corinthians that they "should do no evil."

6. SANCTIFICATION

The petition, "Hallowed be thy name," has in it the thought, "May thy name be *kept* holy." By our conduct and conversation we are to live so we show that our God is holy. Jesus gave the key to holy living in His high priestly prayer, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians was, "The Lord make you increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men . . . to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness."

7. FRESH ANOINTINGS OF THE SPIRIT

"I shall be anointed with fresh oil" (Psalm 92:10). Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Be filled with the Spirit." He expected fresh supplies of the Spirit even though he had the Spirit of God in his life. "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayers, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

Andrew Murray, in his book, *The Spirit of Christ*, says, "We wait on the Father and the Son for ever-increasing inflowings and outflowings and workings of the blessed Spirit."



Bowen describes the Spirit's coming to us "as the rain, that must still come and come again: as the wind, that must still blow and blow again."

Eleanor Ruth Stephens wrote:

*"He poured His oil upon my soul
And touched me yesterday,
Anointing, blessing, making whole
And gladdening all my way;
But, though it then was sweet to me,
Its perfume steals away;
I want that fragrance constantly,
I need fresh oil today!"*

8. PERSONAL GUIDANCE

"David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?" He got a divine answer, "The Lord said unto him, Go up." Then he prayed for more specific instructions and the Lord gave them also (2 Samuel 2:1).

We need guidance for our journey through life and it will be given if we pray for it. James said, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: . . . For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." God's guidance is sure and safe. Let us ask for it and expect it.

9. SUCCESS OF GOSPEL WORK

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you," was Paul's request to the Thessalonians. This has encouraged and inspired me many times when praying for the progress of God's truth on the earth.

Paul was doing missionary service at the time he made this prayer request; therefore, it especially applies to the Word of God as preached by His missionaries.

When Paul was not free to preach, he asked that the Colossians pray "that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."

Many doors of utterance of the Word of God are now closed to the servants of Christ. Yet this is the dispensation of the Spirit, of the Great Commission. Oh, for a chorus of prayer to God that He would again open the door to China, a country bearing so many millions of the human family, for whose sake He sent His Son.

10. THE RETURN OF CHRIST

"Thy kingdom come" really is a prayer for the coming back of the King to establish His rule on earth. The Bible ends with the prayer of John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Jesus had promised. "Behold I come quickly," and John turned the promise into a prayer.

When this prayer is answered, all our other prayers will be answered too, for this is the consummation of all holy prayers of all saints of all ages. 



Pearsall



Four Certainties

There are many things we do not know concerning the second coming of Christ, but there are some things of which we may be certain. The Bible leaves no doubt concerning at least four great facts.

1. *It is certain that Christ will return*, for He said, "I will come again" (John 14:3). He is the Bridegroom of our souls. He went away to prepare a home in heaven for His bride and He will come back to take us to that home where we will be with Him forever.

The second coming of Christ is mentioned in 318 verses in the New Testament. Only four of the 27 books of the New Testament do not mention it. Someone has said: "A broad approximation is that one-fifth of the Bible is prophecy, one-third of the prophecy relates to Christ's return, and one-twentieth of the New Testament deals with the subject. Another approximation is that it is mentioned twice as often as the atonement, and eight times as often as Christ's first coming."

2. *It is certain that Christ's second coming will be visible and personal*. Luke made this clear when he wrote, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

The apostle Paul told us that the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout (1 Thessalonians 4:16). It will not be just a vision; it will be the Lord Himself. He will come bodily and visibly for we read in Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him. . . ."

3. *It is certain that He will come suddenly and unexpectedly*. Jesus said, "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:27). What is more sudden than lightning? Often it lights up the entire sky without an instant's warning. The Saviour said, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

The people who lived in the days of Lot were not expecting fire and brimstone to fall upon their wicked cities; but suddenly it came, and they all perished.

Those who lived in Noah's day did not expect torrents of rain to fall and sweep them away; but the deluge came, and they all perished.

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

4. *It is very certain that only those who love Christ will be taken up to be with Him when He comes*. He is coming for a bride who is wholly devoted to Him. He is anxious to share His ivory palaces of glory with men and women who have given their entire beings to Him.

Out of the billions of people who have lived on the earth in past generations only two have escaped death—Enoch and Elijah. Their common characteristic was devotion to God. It was said of Enoch that he "walked with God." His heart burned with love for the Lord. His affections were set on things above. Elijah, too, was a man who loved God with all his heart. In the midst of "a wicked and perverse generation" he trod the path of righteousness. This is the kind of persons who shall escape death and be translated as Christ's bride.

It is written, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time" (Hebrews 9:28). The direction of our eyes usually reveals where our interest lies. Which way are you looking?

—R.C.C.

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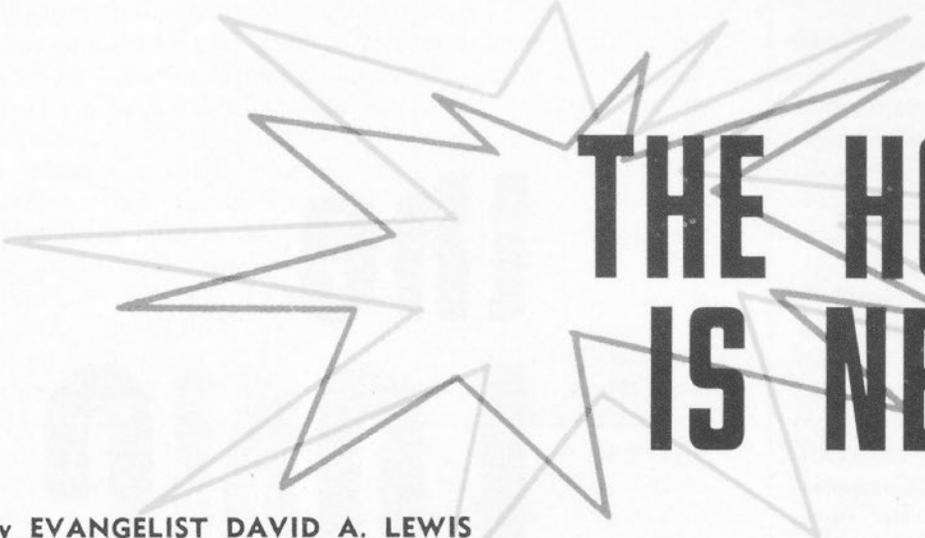
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JESUS SAID, "WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, THEN LOOK UP,
AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS; FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH."



THE HOUR IS NEAR

By **EVANGELIST DAVID A. LEWIS**

MEN OF PERCEPTION AGREE on one thing today: something big is about to happen.

Date-setting predictors heralded publicly that an earthquake would strike Los Angeles on February 4, 1965, and that disaster would fall elsewhere on March 16. The proclaimers of the earthquake left Los Angeles; proclaimers of the latter fled to an abandoned mine shaft. But there was no earthquake for Los Angeles and no disaster of the proportions expected by the March prophets.

Not all men go to extremes in declaring that the world is due for great events. Twisted prophets of doom are ignored. But thinking men in every realm are proclaiming the lateness of the hour. Their witness cannot be ignored.

The late Dag Hammarskjold, secretary general of the United Nations, seemed to wear a prophet's mantle when he wrote a last letter to his brother Sten in Sweden, warning of impending worldwide doom.

Former President Eisenhower stated, "Without a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us. We shall suddenly disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion."

Words of pessimism do not surprise us, for Jesus warned that in the last days we would witness "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26).

Three years ago a *Look* magazine article entitled, "I Predict," quoted 25 prominent persons who were asked the question, "What do you think the world will be like 25 years from now?" See the Scriptures fulfilled in their answers:

Erich Fromm: "The survivors of a thermonuclear war will have organized a world dictatorship."

Cyrus Eaton: "In the face of imminent self-destruction. . . ."

Marquis Childs: "I fear . . . nuclear holocaust."

Frank Ellis: "I wish I could say our nation would not be involved in war in the next 25 years."

Clare Booth Luce: "Men literally squashing one another . . . death in the fearsome scramble for land, shelter, food. . . . Mankind could perish in a nuclear war. . . ."

Perhaps the most pessimistic of all was the socialist leader, Norman Thomas, who said, "There will be no 1987."

One man held forth positive hope for the future. He said, "We will witness in the next 25 years the growing power of evil on one hand and startling indications of good on the other. . . . Neither communism nor American materialism will write the last chapter. God will put the final period on human history. Whether this will happen in the next 25 years is impossible to say, but world events are casting their shadow in that direction." These words were from Evangelist Billy Graham.

Jesus was not given to using terror tactics to strike fruitless fear in the hearts of His followers, for coupled with His predictions of ominous signs of the end times He said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Outstanding among prophetic portents foreshadowing the conclusion of this age are the words spoken to Daniel: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4).

Men shall run to and fro! Knowledge shall increase! If Daniel could have gazed across 24 centuries into America of the early 19th century, he would have found little to astound him. Beast-drawn conveyances provided transportation as in Daniel's day. Pioneers needed months to cross the nation in Conestoga wagons. Edison, of incandescent light fame, was not yet born.

Great buildings would not bewilder Daniel, for he had beheld the palace of Belshazzar with its dining room one mile long, above which were suspended the hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

But let Daniel step forward another 100 years and peer into America of the 20th century: he would marvel at the breakthrough of human inventiveness and knowledge. (Many reading these lines vividly remember their first amazed glimpse of a horseless vehicle!) Let Daniel look at our day and see passengers leaving New York to arrive four hours later in Los Angeles. Let him look

on the drawing boards of engineers who plan for sub-orbital rocket flights carrying 90 passengers, lifting off the launching pad in New York and landing in San Francisco 14 *minutes later!*

Astronauts orbit the earth at speeds exceeding 17,000 miles per hour. Scientists dream and hopefully plan for an ion drive to send a star ship hurtling through outer space at speeds approaching the speed of light. Knowledge shall increase! Ninety percent of all our scientific knowledge has come to us in the last decade; 75 percent of all manufactured articles have been invented in the last 40 years.

How far will God allow man to go in his outreach beyond earth and into far domains of the stellar heavens? A 19th-century bishop once hotly rebuked an inventor for stating that men would one day fly by mechanical means. He cried, "If God intended man to fly, he would have given him wings like the birds. No, men will never fly, and I do not wish for my sons to be exposed to such blasphemy." So speaking he took his two boys, Orville and Wilbur, and left the inventor's home. You have already guessed that the bishop's name was Wright. Later he was as proud as a father could be when on December 17, 1903, his sons flew the first heavier-than-air craft at Kitty Hawk on the outer banks of North Carolina.

We do not wish to commit the error of Bishop Wright and say, "Man will never land on the moon." We simply do not know. If Jesus tarries, I imagine it will be accomplished, for the Book of Genesis records the word of the Lord, "Nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." But remember that God came down to Babel and confounded the work of rebels, and we reassert, as Billy Graham did, "God will put the final period on human history." Perhaps there is more than figurative speech in the prophecy against Edom (and Gentile nations), "Though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord" (Obadiah 4).

Some months ago I walked on the decks of a great aircraft carrier berthed in Norfolk, Virginia. I asked an officer, "Sir, in the event of atomic war, how long would you expect this ship to stay afloat?"

The officer replied, "If we could keep this tin bucket above water for two hours we would feel we had gotten our job done."

Turning to a Christian stationed on the ship I asked, "John, how does this uncertainty affect the men on board?"

He replied, "Well, most would say, 'Eat, drink, and be merry—live it up, for tomorrow we may die.' Morals are at a pretty low ebb."

Man has been unable to invent his way to happiness or true security in life. The words of a speaker on a broadcast sponsored by one of the historic denominations seem fitting: "We have made a god out of science. We thought science and social reform would evolve a better world, but our god has become a Frankenstein monster that threatens to rend and ruin us." The speaker concluded his remarks by saying, "Perhaps the best and true message, after all, is that men need a personal relationship with Christ as Saviour."

With this we would fully agree and add: "Christian, look up! Your redemption draweth nigh." 

the LONG WAR

By LON WOODRUM

MY FRIEND, BILL SMITH, is a philosopher without an academic background, a theologian who missed the seminaries. But he's an interesting fellow. He has a friendly foe named Burt Jones, and Burt is a cynic.

The other day Bill ran into Burt, and Burt gave him a rather tough time of it. "If your God is going to save the world," said the skeptic, "He had better put on more speed. He's slipping!"

And while Bill was trying to dig up an adequate reply, Burt added, "Christianity seems pretty slow to me! Take the East. Think how many centuries you folk had for getting it into the Christian fold—and failed. But see what the communists have done in the East in the last few decades! If your religion is such a fine thing, how come it doesn't make a new world?"

Bill gazed at Burt a moment and said, "You!"

Burt wagged his head. "I don't understand."

Said Bill, "You're my best explanation why Christianity has failed. Too many men are like you. God

wins through people. How can He win when so many men want Him to lose?"

Many wars are going on in this world—including wars between individuals as well as groups. But the biggest war is the one that goes on between man and God. The conflict between capitalism and communism is tiny compared with the one between the human creature and his Creator.

Most Christians probably have wondered why their religion has seldom taken the world by storm. The Kingdom, after a two-millennium march, seems bogged down in many quarters. Mission fields have been paralyzed or vacated. Righteousness does not reign in the earth. The Church does not keep half the world's children from going to bed hungry each night. With something like a million new individuals born every eight days, one wonders how many of them will ever become committed Christians! One writer, with an analytical mind and a bookful of statistics, has predicted that in one more generation, at our present rate, Protestants will make up only about five percent of the earth's population.

Communism, the remorseless enemy of the Church, appears to be gaining ground in every direction. We might even ask *why* the Red forces have swept over so many peoples in so brief a time, while the Cross has been so long on the road. Why should a godless philosophy have such a powerful dynamic, while the Christian faith seems to lack a mighty thrust?

We may be immediately charged with oversimplification when we answer the preceding question with a short word: *sin*. But that *is* the answer. Sin's roots lie deep in our human pride and selfishness. Man *wants* something—and he wants something that will make life better for *him*! He wants comfort; and if Christianity offered that, with no strings attached, Christianity would prosper mightily. It is not the God who promises peace and prosperity that has been rejected, but the God who demands truth, justice, repentance, righteousness, and integrity. We want a good world; but we don't want to be good in order to have it!

God's kingdom has a tough time. But if God appears tardy in His enterprises, the reason lies in the heart of man; he is a stubborn rebel against the heavenly order. Evil hates good; it wars against goodness with a bitterness that endures unto death. It is absurd to look askance at Christianity because it is slow in its conquests. It is like saying that a lie is right and truth is wrong because a lie runs faster than the truth; and often the lie *does* run faster. It gets more publicity; it stirs up more interest. Men like Hitler knew this; communists know it, and take advantage of it.

Dishonesty is not better than honesty; but honesty often slogs along because dishonesty claims countless followers. Lust moves on swift wings while purity drags her feet; does that make purity wrong? Vice makes the headlines, not virtue. Should virtue be discarded because its feet do not seem nimble?

Try getting some money together to help sick children; you go out and beg. But when we would destroy people, legions are *ordered* into action—money is *conscripted*. We are *asked* for an offering for God's kingdom; we are *commanded* to pay taxes to the state. Communism wins because it both asks and orders; it has a military as well as a missionary arm.

It is the wayward human heart that holds back the realm of heaven. How many hospitals could be built, schools established, missions projected, and hungry children fed with the billions we spend for armaments. Man's heart is full of war, not peace. The Cross seems so slender standing among all the bristling war shafts and angry warbirds. Science is impersonal; it can kill or make alive; it will do the will of men. And only when men join their wills to God can they will to do right.

Jesus went to Nazareth and could not do many mighty works there. Why? The fault lay in the people's shortage of faith, not in His lack of power. They hindered Him by their unbelief. They did it in a manner familiar to our generation: they made Him not God's Son, but a carpenter's. God was at their fingertips, but they never caught on.

The miracles of Cana and Capernaum were barred from Nazareth; the gospel was almost stopped because mankind would not cooperate with God. The old war raged in the hot gray dust of Nazareth. And God's victory was impeded. The tragedy of history is the tragedy of Nazareth. Far too glibly we say, "God can work, and no man can hinder." Man *can* hinder; he can give God a tough time!

I once heard the late Billy Sunday say he knew a power that would take guns from hijackers' pockets; booze from bootleggers' cellars; crooked politicians from high offices; false prophets from the pulpit and hypocrites from the pews; gamblers from poker games; and that power was the gospel and the grace of God. Mr. Sunday was right. But even God's grace cannot operate until man has opened his heart to it. The Voice that turned Paul from a killer to a love-slave of Christ cannot call us out of our condition until we will listen to it. The Spirit that inspired Luther and Wesley will not inspire those who teach themselves to reject Him!

But we would not be all negative! It is true that millions war against God, or by attempted neutrality hinder Him; yet God still has a valiant army. His legions still fight for Him, even against vast odds. "There is no discharge in this war." There are men who ask not for furloughs, but for fields of action in which to press the cause of Christ. Ultimately they shall know total victory.

God is not going to lose! Our Captain was stricken at Calvary, but He is back in the field leading His Church to total victory. Immortality and invincibility ride with Him. Finally He shall reign "from the river to the ends of the earth." They who have joined with Him in battle shall share with Him in victory. 



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 11-18

Sunday—Psalms 79, 80	Thursday—1 Corinthians 16
Monday—1 Corinthians 3	Friday—1 Corinthians 7
Tuesday—1 Corinthians 4	Saturday—Psalm 81
Wednesday—1 Corinthians 5	Sunday—Psalms 82, 83

REVERENCE for holy things

HOW DO YOU BEHAVE IN CHURCH? In many places today there is a sad lack of reverence in the house of God.

Formality and reverence are not the same. In groups which present salvation through the church, with no emphasis on individual experience, people will naturally have great respect for the building where saving ritual takes place. An extremely liturgical form of worship prepares people psychologically for solemnity in the sanctuary.

But the born-again believer has the Saviour with him at all times. When he comes to the house of God, he does not approach a waiting God. God came with him. Entering the building does not call for a change of attitude or the removal of the cloak of worldliness for the robe of piety. For this reason, we tend to lack restraint of conduct and conversation in God's house. There is no particular fear of the presence of God in the church building, for the believer has enjoyed communion with Him in the daily activities of secular life.

In Pentecostal worship, we encourage liberty and freedom of expression. *This must never be set aside.* The tendency is for a form to outlive the faith that gave it birth. True Christianity attaches a fundamental value to the inward experience over outward acts. Hence the worship service in a Pentecostal church is not based on form and ritual.

But freedom of worship must never breed familiarity and irreverence, for then it will no longer be worship. There are two extremes to avoid: pious formality and extreme informality.

The Psalmist said, "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him" (Psalm 89:7). God warned the Israelites through Moses to "reverence my sanctuary" (Leviticus 19:30; 26:2). The preacher said, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God. . . . Be . . . ready to hear. . . . Be not rash with thy mouth . . ." (Ecclesiastes 5:1, 2).

Do we reverence God by excessive laughing and talking before the service begins or immediately after the benediction? And what about whispering during the service? Or children running around during the altar service? Or the irreverent habit of walking about and whispering during prayer time, taking care of musical arrangements or the order of service? People who would never whisper during a conversation with guests think nothing of insulting God while direct communication is being held with Him during the time of prayer. These things ought not to be!



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Good breeding requires one to know some of the rules of etiquette that govern social life. It is important that we know and follow some general rules of church conduct also. The apostle Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, wrote, "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God" (1 Timothy 3:15).

The minister has the duty of training the congregation in this matter of reverence in God's house.

Preparation also begins in the home. Parents should instill in their children an attitude of reverence for the church. The young will be influenced by the attitude of the older toward the church and by their example in the church. People need to be conscious that the church is no ordinary place; there they worship God.

The Sunday school offers a golden opportunity for training in reverence. Teachers and officers can communicate respect by tactful, wise, and firm leadership. Church leaders have the responsibility, by word and example, to cause people to approach the house of God with an attitude of awe and expectancy.

Reverence in the sanctuary is important. There should be an absolute minimum of moving around during Scripture reading, prayer, presentation of musical numbers, and the sermon. Ushers should be trained to seat late-comers at proper times in the service.

We cannot be too careful about our attitude toward God and things that are holy. Let us do these things to improve reverence:

1. Teach others by example.
2. Remember that God "is in his holy temple."
3. Concentrate on the meaning of every song.
4. Respect the holiness of audience with God in prayer.
5. Avoid jesting about the Bible and God.

Note the pattern of reverent worship found in Isaiah's vision:

1. There was recognition of God's majesty and holiness. "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). The vision of God brought adoration and praise.

2. This was followed by recognition of personal unworthiness. "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 6:5). God's presence humbles us.

3. The confrontation with God brought dedication. "And he laid it [live coal] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:7, 8).

This is not an appeal for formalism or ritualism. We need to strengthen Pentecostal worship in our singing, praying, and praising. We need great altar services and times of mighty praising. We covet outpourings of the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit resulting in a great wave of witnessing to the lost. But is it not possible that an increase of reverence to God, His Word, and His house will contribute toward bringing these blessings?



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Can you tell me why 2 Kings 8:26 says Ahaziah was 22 years old when he began to reign, while he is said to have been 42 in 2 Chronicles 22:2?

He was evidently 22 years old when he began to reign. The error was made in copying in 2 Chronicles 22:2. (The Hebrew characters for 22 and 42 are much alike.) A commentary says, "Had he been 42 this would have made him older than his father." His father, Jehoram, died at the age of 40.

Since sin has contaminated all languages spoken by man, is not speaking in the unknown tongue speaking in the language of angels?

At Pentecost there were those who spoke in tongues unknown to them but were understood by hearers (Acts 2:6-8). They spoke in the languages of men. Because Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels," some have believed some speaking in tongues uses angelic languages. I do not know whether this is so. I believe Paul used the expression to emphasize that no matter how wonderfully a person might speak in tongues, if the speaking was not in a spirit of love and to the glory of God, it was as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

In 1 Corinthians 3:15, Paul says, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Does this mean that poor workmanship will require a person to pass through purgatory?

This entire passage, vv. 9-15, indicates that Christians who build unwisely will see the result of their labor destroyed; while they, because they have faithfully believed in Christ, will be saved. Their reward will be lost, but not their salvation.

I do not believe this passage has reference to purgatory. The doctrine of purgatory was not taught in the Early Church.

Does Matthew 8:11, 12 imply that those who least expect to go to heaven will be there, because of their faith? Who are the "children of the kingdom" who are to be cast into outer darkness?

These verses were a warning to the Jews. They were the natural heirs of the promises and covenants made to Abraham. Because of their unbelief, shown in their rejecting Jesus, they would be cast into outer darkness. But those Gentiles who accepted Jesus would enjoy the blessings of their promises.

We may also apply the warning to ourselves. Having enjoyed the blessing of the gospel, if we then reject Christ, outer darkness will be our portion. But others, who accept Him and walk by faith, may enjoy the promises and blessings from which we have turned away.

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

EVERY HUMAN BEING IS SUBJECT TO FAILURE. That includes you and me and the person we hold in highest esteem. It takes in those who have had a marvelous experience with God and the leader we put on a pedestal and assume to be almost perfect.

Spiritual babes stumble while learning to walk. Even the mature and adept can stumble and fall. To be realistic, we must face this fact.

This is not to assert that everyone *will* fail or sin. We must recognize, rather, that we are *subject* to failure. Human nature is frail at its best. The person who is aware of this proneness to stumble will be more likely to watch his step.

The apostle Paul recognized that all *could*, and that some *would*, stumble. Then he suggested a practical means for dealing with that situation. He wrote, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1, 2).

His admonition was needed in that church as it is in our congregations today. Although basically dealing with others who have tripped up, there is also help in directing the attitudes of the erring one himself.

There is significance in the use of the word *overtaken* in this description of one who has failed. It graphically depicts how some individuals fall into error and transgression. It says he is overtaken by sin and not that he overtook it. He is snared from behind, unknowingly. He is caught before he can escape. He is overwhelmed by a gust of evil impulse. It is not something calculated and planned but rather an action that surprises his brethren—and even himself.

God's plan is that he who stumbles be lifted up and

started on his way again. God is concerned for the restoration of that person. He calls upon us to assist.

The action of restoring is similar to that of the physician putting a dislocated or broken limb in place. It must be lifted gently. The purpose is to help rather than hinder, to forgive rather than censure, to offer a helping hand rather than a kick. God's objective is to restore the fallen, and He calls on those who are partakers of His Spirit to work with Him to that end. To do so we must exemplify three basic attitudes.

THE SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN

Sin is heinous and black. Under no circumstances should we deny its existence or minimize its wickedness. Don't feign ignorance of sin; don't overlook it; don't whitewash it. Sin is the fundamental root of every problem of mankind. Neither the problem nor its cause can be dismissed lightly.

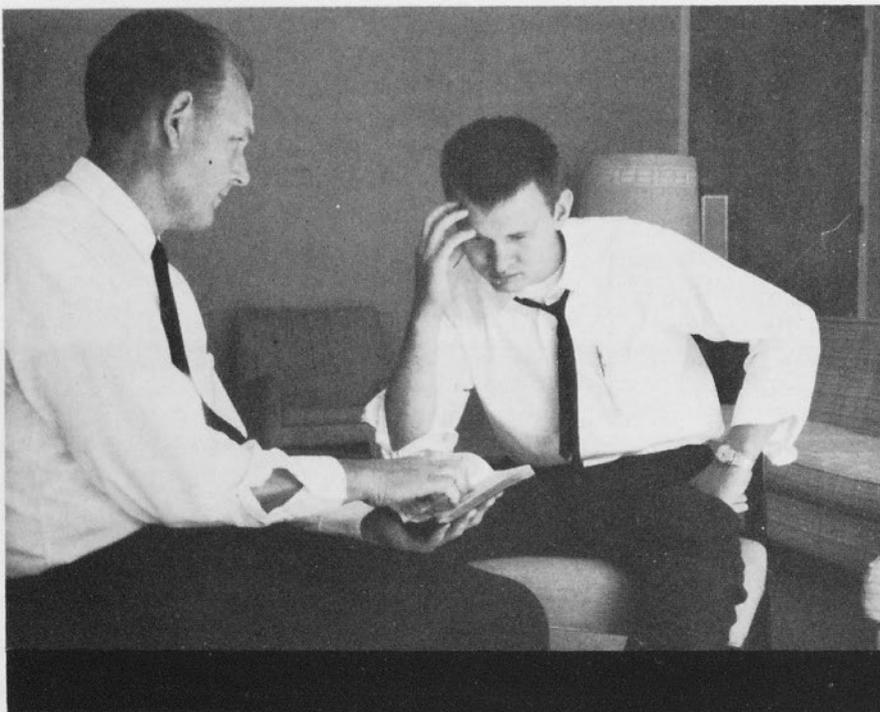
The basic, positive attitude toward sin must be that God can forgive it. If that is not true, then the church should go out of business. If there is no hope for the erring one and no cleansing held forth to him, then we can do nothing but consign him to eternal punishment. In such a case we could only draw our garments about us and avoid the guilty party lest we be contaminated. Like the leper of old, we would make him a social outcast.

But one who is spiritual, and one who is a brother, realizes and proclaims that sins *can* be forgiven.

THE SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SINNER

Like Christ, we must differentiate between the sinner and his sin. Our Lord loves the sinner but hates his sin. Can we do less? Some do not make that distinction and become horribly confused. They vent their hatred and abhorrence upon the one who is guilty of sinning. The

when someone **STUMBLES**



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result is an austere condemnation with no opportunity of redemption.

Don't add to the woes of the one who has failed. He is conscious of his error and doesn't need to be reminded of it. Don't malign him; don't ostracize him; don't tramp on him when he is down.

He who has the spiritual touch seeks to restore such a one. He demonstrates his own forgiveness while proclaiming God's willingness to forgive. His tool is not the harsh rebuke to see the offender squirm, but the gentle hand to restore the fallen, trusting God's grace for full forgiveness and separation from sin. If we can convey to the one who has stumbled that we love *him*, but not his sin, then perhaps he can comprehend that God feels the same way. This attitude makes us partners with God in the great work of restoring souls.

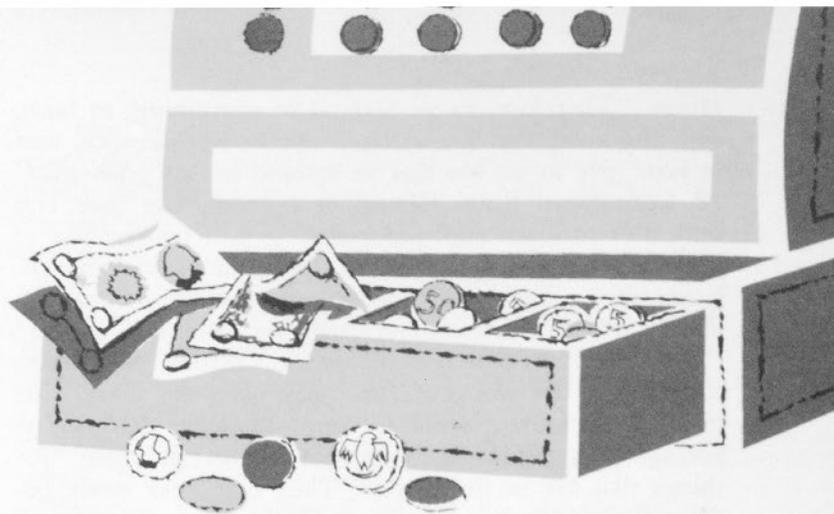
THE SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE OF THE RESTORER

The success of restoring the fallen depends much upon the attitude of the servant of the Lord who does that work. The admonition of Paul in the inspired Scriptures stresses this importance: "In the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." This is the key to the whole effort. Lifting the fallen is to be done without censure, pride, or acrimony. There must be no air of condescension. Meekness should prevail to a singular degree. He that is spiritual extends a helping hand in the spirit of self-examination and humility. He is aware of the common peril of man. But for the grace of God he could be the person in need of such help.

With hatred for sin, a love for the sinner, and an awareness of his own potential for stumbling, he becomes a useful co-laborer with the Lord in restoring the fallen.

Heaven contains a sad chronicle that testifies to our folly. It is a list of those who stumbled and eventually gave up because Christian people chose to repudiate rather than restore them. The hatred intended for sin was vented upon the sinner. A sincere new convert falls short of a standard which is high for even mature Christians—and we banish him forever. In our misguided zeal and pretended spirituality, we blacklist the erring individual and assume that the more we condemn him the better we serve God! We thus lose sight of the basic fact that God's purpose is to restore the sinner. Christ said He did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. If we are truly spiritual, we will work toward that same end.

The apostle Paul used the analogy of the Church being the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22, 23). We of the Church can learn an important lesson from the physical body of man. When bacteria or foreign materials enter the body tissues, white corpuscles speed to the site of the disturbance and fight an all-out war against it. In such a manner, all members of His body should be as alert to assist the one who has stumbled or is in need. Our prime objective must be to restore that one. In another place Paul said, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (1 Corinthians 12:26, 27). In sympathy, forgiveness, and meekness we aid the wounded member and follow the admonition, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."



DOLLARS MAKE SENSE

By CURTIS W. RINGNESS

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KING MIDAS, according to the old Greek legend, was cursed with an overwhelming love of money. The god Dionysus gave him power to change everything he touched into gold. At first Midas went about touching all his possessions—his chair, his bed, his clothing—watching with joy as they turned to pure gold. When he grew hungry, however, his food turned to gold also. His beloved daughter came running to him, and his touch turned her into a golden statue.

This legend illustrates the curse of the love of money. The man who loves money so much that he spends all his time, his thought, and his strength in a mad scramble for more of it finds that his Midas touch has become a curse.

Money in itself has no moral value. It is neither good nor evil. But the use to which it is placed is quite a different matter. When money is spent it takes on character. If money is used for wicked purposes, it is sin. If it is used for the necessary comforts of life and as a God-given trust, it is a power for good.

Jesus cared not for money for Himself—but He taught much about it in relation to character and spiritual life. He knew money could be a peril when it controlled the purpose and decisions of life (as in the parable of the rich fool, and the accounts of the rich young ruler and of the rich man and Lazarus).

Some men own their money; some are owned by it. Money is the "almighty dollar" in business. It is "blood money" in the hands of hoodlums, "hot money" when counterfeit, "slush funds" in corrupt politics, and "bribery" in crooked deals.

Dollars make sense only as servants, not masters. Doctors exploiting sickness, lawyers conniving with crooked clients, landlords exacting exorbitant rentals, merchants taking unfair advantage—all these witness to the fact that money as master demolishes character. This is as true among poor men as among rich. The whole world can be shut out with one eye closed and one small penny held close enough to the other eye.

Money used for noble purposes enriches character. Like mercy, "it blesses him that gives and him that takes." Paul in one of his great sermons on stewardship included the grace of giving when enumerating Christian

graces. "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7). Giving is a grace, like love and faith and patience and gentleness. It is a matter, not of purse and dollar signs, but of spirit and heart and relationship to God. The poorest man in dollars may be liberal. The six-figure givers may be close and stingy.

John said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). The average person today is very much concerned with "the things that are in the world." They may very easily become the consuming passion of life—living only to earn, and earning only to live better. The secular measure of success is based on money. This has led to unreasonable extremes such as giving up marriage, family, home, friendships, even health and life in the pursuit of the almighty dollar.

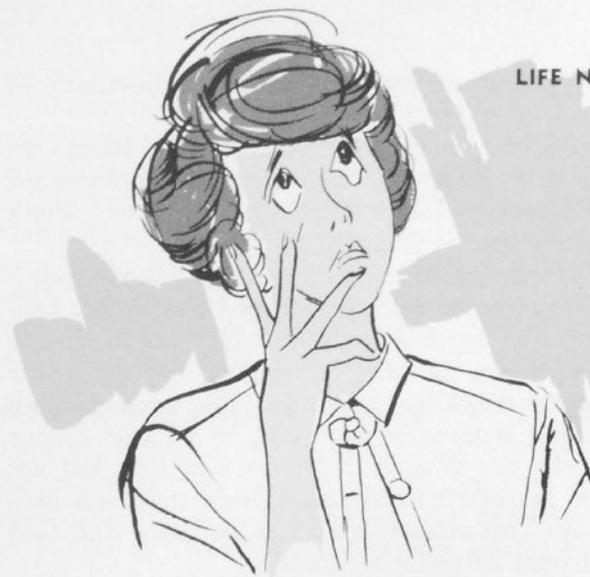
"No man can serve two masters . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). You can serve God *with* money; you can serve God *or* money; but you cannot serve God *and* money!

A very solemn warning is recorded in Deuteronomy 8:11-17: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God . . . lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein, and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God . . . and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth."

The power to earn is a God-given ability. To neglect a talent for making money is to neglect our stewardship. God has chosen to do His work through our gifts. "It is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). Paul asks, "And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7). This makes every person responsible to use his abilities according to God's purpose—and not simply for selfish purposes.

God cannot trust many of His children with wealth because they will not invest it for Him. This Jesus clearly illustrated in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). God knows the temptation to misuse His gifts and forget Him. It is so convenient to take advantage of God's wealth for ourselves. When prosperity comes, we acquire better homes, enjoy more luxuries—and so often God's work gets little or nothing. We should solemnly contemplate these questions: Why am I in business? For whom am I making money? Am I thinking only of my personal interest or do I also have God's interests at heart?

Christian philosophy contradicts the secular ideals of our day. Instead of acquiring dollars for wealth alone or for personal comforts only, we seek to acquire money for unselfish purposes. We become interested in our fellowman, in the evangelization of the world. We turn money into a spiritual force by faithful stewardship in financing the work of the Lord. Dollars make sense in the hands of dedicated men and honorable organizations. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). 



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BY THE TIME I WAS 40 (and still single), I had come in for my share of teasing, questions, and half-serious promises to pray that I would find a husband.

I had been erroneously catalogued by some well-meaning friends as "a career woman, not the marrying kind." My application to serve as a foreign missionary had been gently rejected, mainly because I was single, I gathered. One line of the rejection letter read, "The Lord can supply you with a husband as He has supplied other essential equipment."

But any single woman over 30 in our society can relate her own personal amusements and embarrassments along this line. Now that I am happily married, perhaps I can speak more freely to and about the single Christian woman.

Although many times two or more single women find it possible to live together harmoniously, there usually comes a time when the older single woman must live by herself. When it was my privilege to live with another Christian girl, I often said glibly, "I could never live alone." And I thought I meant it.

But God had other plans for me. My girl friend married, and I was left at last to face that dreaded bugaboo of "living alone." Years before, God had made real to me the verse, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety." Night after night I went to sleep with that verse in my heart. In the mornings, I often remembered David's saying, "When I awake, I am still with thee." And so it was. Morning, noon, and night, whenever I was alone in my home, I found communion with the Lord. He was there, a friend "closer than a brother."

My home became a haven where I was sure of His presence. In turn, I opened it to others with the hope that they too could sense His presence there and be enriched.

Living alone gave me an excellent opportunity to take stock of my spiritual needs and resources. I determined to know myself better, to face my faults squarely, and to work toward becoming a better person by the grace of God. I could evaluate my relationships with others with ruthless honesty when I was alone there with God, and seek His anointing for greater usefulness.

I consider learning to live alone a valuable asset in itself. I know now that I *can* live alone, that it is not impossible. It is as reassuring for me to have learned

SINGLE WOMAN

By ELVA J. HOOVER

this as it is for a child to learn that the dark in itself is nothing to fear.

Very early in life I accepted the fact that God plans for all of us individually and that whatever He plans is the best because He loves us. I confess I actually got on my knees and prayed for a husband a few times but I always added earnestly, "Only if it be Thy plan for me." I did not want what God did not want for me. I knew it was better to be *happily unmarried* than to be *unhappily married*.

I knew that marriage is not the key to automatic bliss. Even if I had never seen an unhappily married couple, the newspapers would have enlightened me concerning this. But I also knew that marriage is a God-ordained way of life, and that with the right person it could be rich and satisfying. So I determined not to be cynical about what had not yet come my way. It might be in God's plan for me later, I reasoned, and if it was, then I wanted to be emotionally prepared for it.

One of the temptations of the single woman is to feel that because she is not married her life is not complete; and that what she is doing now is temporary; that she is only marking time until she gets married. Sometimes this is an unconscious thing, encouraged by the general attitude of our society. This is the sure road to frustration and unhappiness for some, for not all will marry. And those who marry find they are essentially the same persons they were before. If they have not cultivated the habit of *living life to the full* day by day, they will likely find themselves still waiting for something new and exciting after they have "arrived."

Single women are sometimes called "unclaimed blessings." I believe that God wants us to be a blessing to others whatever our marital state, and that He can make anyone a blessing who is God-centered and not self-centered. The single woman often has time to devote to special ministries which give her an opportunity to serve and also to be with other people, which is important. This applies to the widow, as well as to the woman who never has married.

Socially, she has much in common with other single women, and they can get together for various activities. But she should not limit herself to the company of other single women. She needs balance. She undoubtedly has married friends with whom she can have fellowship, and she should join in group activities where both men and women participate.

I liked to cook at home and have friends in, as well as to go out with others to eat. Once when I had a family of five in my home for a meal, the lady remarked that this was the first time in two years that they had been invited as a family to another home for a meal. To eat a meal cooked by someone else was a special treat to her, and I was richly rewarded for my efforts with the fellowship of a family for an afternoon. Talking with other people, even if not directly about a problem, often gives new perspective on problems and situations the single girl cannot always discuss with others.

Use your single years to become the best person you possibly can—in relationship to God, on your job, with the girl who shares your apartment, in your parents' home, wherever you live.

Practice generosity. This is essential in marriage. Practice patience. Marriage requires it. Be understanding. Happiness in marriage is increased by this. Be flexible. Marriage can change your way of life in many respects. Don't be afraid of new experiences. Welcome them and learn from them.

But what if you never get married? It has been said that even if there were no heaven, the Christian life is still the best life to live. And if you never get married, you will still find that the cultivation of generosity, patience, understanding, and flexibility will contribute to a fuller, happier life for as long as you live. 

Remove Not the Ancient Landmark

THIS IS 1965, and a long-continued prosperity has bred moral laxity and spiritual lethargy.

But sin is still sin, and its consequences are as real and as eternal as ever. The Holy Spirit is still the faithful Monitor bidding us take heed.

Robert Southey, in his poem, "The Inchcape Rock," illustrates the folly of playing fast and loose with stern verities.

The "holy abbot of Aberbrothock" had placed a bell over the Inchcape Rock in such a way that it was rung by the motion of the waves.

"When the rock was hid by the tempest's swell,
The mariners heard the warning bell."

One day Ralph the Rover in sport "cut the warning bell from its float," and "sailed away and scoured the seas for many a day." Returning, richly laden, he finds himself near the Scottish shore in a fog and the swell of a gale.

"Canst hear, says one, the breakers' roar?"

Ralph the Rover hesitates a moment. A flitting look of concern passes over his face.

"Canst hear, says one, the breakers' roar?"

For yonder, methinks, should be the shore.

Now, where we are I cannot tell,

But I wish we could hear the Inchcape Bell."

But they hear no bell. Soon they are wrecked upon the very rock from which they had destroyed the warning bell.

The Spirit "speaketh expressly." Keep sensitive to His whispered guidance. Someday He will warn you away from the perils of your soul's Inchcape Rock.

— CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)

TOUCHED BY THE MASTER

I AM 79 YEARS OLD, and I still love to tell what Jesus can and does do. He healed me when I was very sick with throat trouble. I couldn't swallow as much as a drop of water, or speak a word, for three days. Then my son called our pastor, and he anointed and prayed for me. While we were praying, a hand was placed on my throat. It was so real I looked to see whose hand it was. It was invisible; but when the hand was lifted, the swelling and the fever were gone—and I could speak plainly.

From that day till this I have not had anymore trouble with my throat, praise God! May this testimony help someone else believe in His loving touch. It's real!—Mrs. S. R. Reed, Franklin, N. C.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lawrence L. Lee, Jr., Cullasaja Assembly of God, Franklin, N. C. He writes: "Sister Reed has trusted God to heal her body for 30 years. She has seen many wonderful healings in her own body and also in others for whom she has prayed.... As a pioneer of Pentecost in this area she is respected as a saint of God by hundreds, including myself.")

HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

GOD KNEW MY NEED and graciously healed me of a serious condition which was keeping me from being the wife and mother I needed to be.

While shopping at Lubbock, Tex., in June, 1964, I noticed a pain in the left side of my chest and I lost the feeling in my left arm and hand. I thought little about this, guessing it was probably arthritis.

Our family moved to Childress, Tex., in November. The pain continued, so I decided to get a checkup. The doctor suggested I be given an electrocardiogram. This was done, and the diagnosis was a valvular block with enlargement of the left side of the heart. My doctor suggested going to a heart specialist in Amarillo for further treatment.

On a Sunday night at the Assembly of God at Childress, my pastors and the church prayed for my healing.

The following week I went to Amarillo for the examination. The pressure around my heart had already started to leave, and I knew that God had healed me! Tests were run, but they could find nothing wrong.

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

The doctor wrote my doctor in Childress instructing him to stop the heart medicine and to take another chest X ray.

After I returned home, this was done. When the X ray proved negative, my doctor was amazed.

Since that day I have had no pain or shortness of breath. I also threw away my medicine.

Before this healing I was having my ironing done and had to have help with the housework. How I thank God for His healing touch!—Mrs. Betty Reeves, Childress, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Moody Hicks, Childress, Tex.)

"YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!"

THE FACT THAT I AM ALIVE and able to work at my job in the operating room of Turberville Memorial Hospital is a miracle even doctors admit.

I had been on duty in the operating room on August 3, 1964, but by 11 that morning was put to bed with wet packs on my legs because of severe pain from phlebitis. That was on Monday. By Wednesday evening I vomited blood and became unconscious. A blood clot had passed through my heart.

The doctor told my family I would not live long enough for them to get me to the operating room. My pastor from Century Assembly of God was there with my family, and they all began praying for me. The members of our church were praying too, along with pastors and members of other churches.

A specialist was called, and at 3 in the morning I was taken to the operating room where three doctors operated. They did a transverse thoracotomy with pulmonary arteriotomy. This involved cutting all the way around the ribs on both sides to the spine. They had to cut through the breastbone to get to the clot.

After the clot was removed, they sewed the inside incision and wired the breastbone together, but only tacked the outside incision because they did not expect me to recover. When the heart specialist told my youngest daughter I would not live, she testified in faith that I would recover. He also told my husband that if I did get well, my mind would never be good again.

As far as these doctors know, I am the second patient to survive this type of operation.

The doctors who performed the operation recognize that only God could have brought me through. When various doctors would come to the hospital and see me, they would say, "You're supposed to be dead!" I replied, "Praise the Lord, I am very much alive!"

I thank God because my husband was saved during my serious illness. After a period of convalescence, on March 1, 1965, I resumed duties in the operating room—with a good body and a good mind.

God is so real to me. I never want to fail Him. He has never failed me or left me alone.—Mrs. Christine Kelley, Century, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Herman R. Boren, Assembly of God, Century, Fla.)

64-YEAR-OLD MAN HEALED OF HEART DISEASE

TWELVE YEARS AGO, when I was 52, I suffered a severe heart attack, but God spared my life. The doctor said that very few ever survive a case like this.

The verses of Scripture which helped me were Acts 12:5, "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God." Also Isaiah 41:6, "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage."

Just recently our church had prayer for the sick. I received a touch from God that thrilled body and soul.

A recent checkup of my heart reveals it is normal. (The doctor's records are at McCook, Nebr.) I am so thankful for Jesus—Naaman Hunter, Alma, Nebr.

(Endorsed by Pastors Dee Lynn and Beverly Peak, Assembly of God, Alma, Nebr.)

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER MIRACULOUSLY HEALED



Mrs. Ann Haas and daughter

THERE ARE DAILY REMINDERS in our home of the reality of God's healing power. He has healed our family on various occasions.

As a victim of multiple sclerosis, I had suffered from paralysis and also loss of feeling, sense of balance, and memory. This was verified by a leading neurologist.

During my illness I received continual help and assurance from my pastor and from the Lord that I would be healed.

In August, 1964, after I had been ill about a year, Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., came to First Assembly of God in Rome, N. Y. At the first service of the revival, Brother Caldwell prayed for me.

Immediately my equilibrium was restored, my mind became clear, and I felt stronger than at any time in my life. Since that time I no longer need any help in walking. In fact, I can actually run up and down stairs.

At the same time God healed me of multiple sclerosis. He worked another miracle for me. At the age of three I was injured in a gasoline explosion and my left eardrum was destroyed. A few months before I was prayed for,

I was examined by an ear specialist who told me there was no help for my ear. I was totally deaf and would never hear from that ear.

When the evangelist prayed for me, he encouraged me to raise my hands and praise the Lord. As I did so I noticed I was hearing something with my left ear. It was the ticking of my watch! Now I can hear perfectly. How I praise God for His goodness to me.—Mrs. Ann Haas, 508 Mary St., Rome, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest Darling, First Assembly of God, Rome, N. Y., who wrote: "Mrs. Haas is just fine now. Her five-year-old daughter was also prayed for in the meeting because of her allergies—22 in all. She was miraculously healed too. There were so many foods she could not eat. Now she eats everything. She had taken numerous vitamins and shots for this condition but now takes nothing. She could not sleep on ordinary mattresses or pillows or play with stuffed toys; now she has no trouble. Praise the Lord!")

TREE TRIMMER HEALED AFTER FALL

I AM A TREE TRIMMER by trade, a born-again Christian filled with the Holy Ghost.

On September 1, 1964, I was seriously injured when I apparently cut my safety rope and fell 35 feet to the sidewalk below, head first.

Besides a severe concussion, I had many broken bones, including my right leg, pelvis, all ribs on the left side, and my left arm. My left hip was dislocated, one rib went through my diaphragm, and my left lung collapsed.

I lay in a coma for most of two months and 10 days. Meanwhile, my pastor and friends at the Assembly of God prayed for me.

In November, when I regained consciousness, I had no pain and have not had any since. God took it all away. Praise His name! However, doctors told me I would be fortunate to be on my feet within a year, to say nothing of being able to walk.

I was in a wheelchair for six weeks, then used crutches for a time. Now that I am home I can walk without assistance. I attend all the services at the church here. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!—Clifford Wilson, Glendive, Mont.

(Endorsed by Henry A. Larsen, pastor, Assembly of God, Glendive, Mont.)

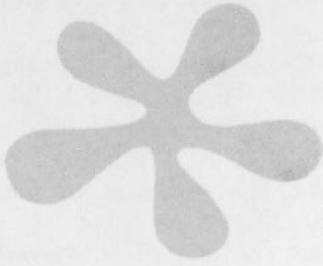
HEALED WHILE PRAYING FOR OTHERS

ONE EVENING DURING A REVIVAL in our church, Evangelist Arthur Berg called for the sick to come forward for prayer. As the elders prayed for those who came, I felt an urge to join with them in prayer.

So I laid my hand on Sister Berg's shoulder and began to pray. All at once I felt something like an electric shock go up my arm and into my ear.

I had not been able to hear out of the ear for years. That night, without my asking, God opened it! I can hear with both ears now, and I praise the Lord for this wonderful miracle.—Mrs. Mable Richardson, 1116 Moore St., Blytheville, Ark.

(Endorsed by A. J. Frank, Jr., pastor of First Assembly of God, Blytheville, Ark.)

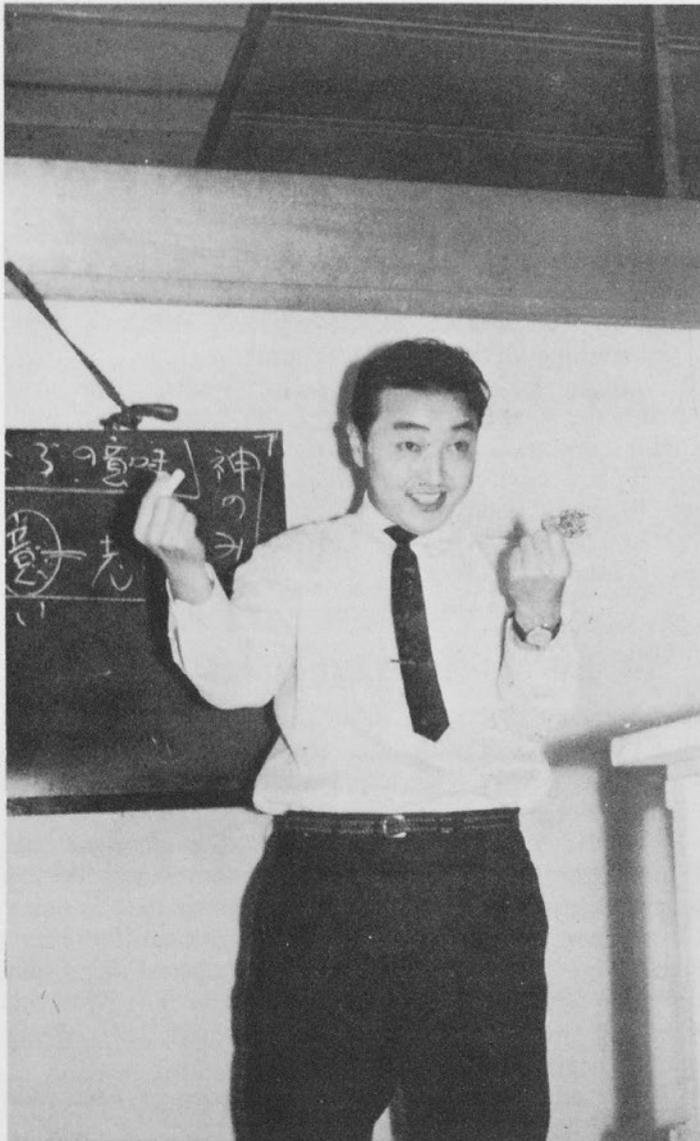


He Learned Their Language

"THERE IS NOTHING and no one in the world as wonderful as my Jesus!" is the joyous testimony of a young Japanese lady, deaf from birth, who only recently learned that God loves and cares about her. Behind hers and other marvelous testimonies of God's grace is the miraculous story of the indigenous development of Assemblies of God deaf work in Japan.

It began one summer evening in 1962 when a young man slipped into the back of the small assembly in Hiroshima, Japan, during a Sunday night meeting. After

Pastor Mitsuya Horikawa teaches the gospel to deaf Japanese by use of chalkboard and sign language.



the service Pastor Horikawa went to talk with the guest—but the young man only smiled, then wrote on a piece of paper that he was deaf. The young people of the church gathered around, answering his notes and inviting him to return.

He did come back, again and again, and brought other deaf with him. The Christians of the church took responsibility for sitting with the deaf persons, writing notes as fast as they could to explain the sermon!

Word spread that the deaf were welcome at Hiroshima Assembly of God, and one day a group of deaf Christians came to talk with Pastor Horikawa. They had gone from one church to another but had never before found people who would take an interest in their need. They were thrilled to feel the friendliness and love of the Christians in the assembly and pleaded with Brother Horikawa to learn the sign language so he could minister directly to them.

Learning the sign language loomed before him as an impossible task. Yet he felt a burden growing in his heart for these people. He could not turn them away. For three months the group of deaf Christians came to every service, and they persistently asked him to learn the sign language. And by now there were almost as many deaf as hearing people in each service.

After praying about it, he felt definitely that the Lord would have him take time to learn to communicate with the deaf. So some of the deaf Christians began to teach him the sign language. He learned quickly and was able to begin separate services for the deaf in just a few weeks. How glad they were to have a pastor who could speak their language. They began to tell others about his amazing ability in the sign language.

Two years earlier, a young lady had been saved in the church and she had grown much in the Lord. However, it was only now the pastor learned that the girl's parents were deaf, and that she knew the sign language. She was able to help him tremendously, both by interpreting some of the services and assisting with his sign language study. This was a real confirmation to Brother Horikawa that the Holy Spirit had led him into this ministry.

There have been several outstanding conversions among the deaf. The Hiroshima assembly now has two congregations, with the deaf group numbering well over 30. They hope to start a Sunday school for deaf children as soon as they have the facilities.

Word of the ministry to the deaf reached Okayama City, about 100 miles east of Hiroshima, which has many deaf. As a result, Sister Aizawa, pastor of the



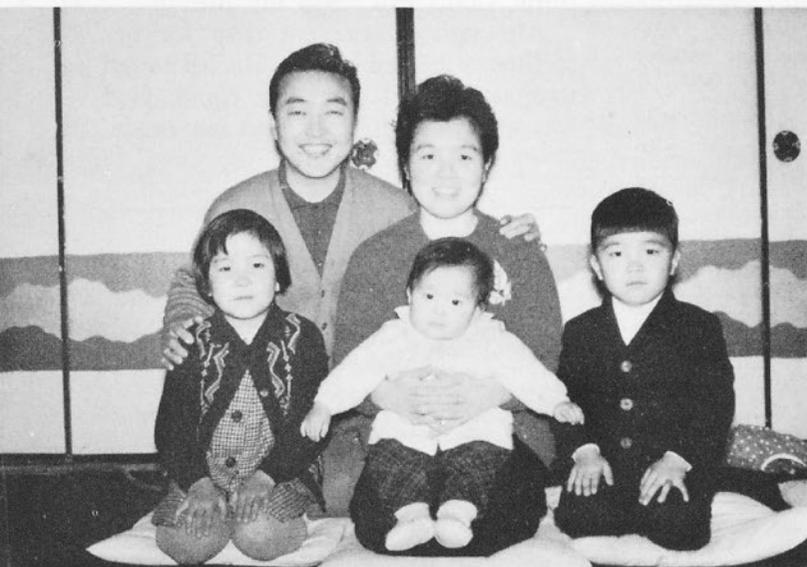
Deaf believers of Hiroshima have a regular schedule of services and are now opening outstations in other cities.

assembly there, came to Hiroshima to learn more about it. Then she too studied the sign language and began services for the deaf in her area.

Many deaf people in Japan work as barbers, and Monday is the day of rest for barber and beauty shops, as it is for most department stores here also. (One day is the same as another in a non-Christian country.) Pastor Aizawa announced meetings for the deaf barbers and others in Okayama to be held on Mondays. Deaf people in Hiroshima helped advertise the meetings by writing to deaf friends in Okayama: "Look for the Assembly of God; they will take in the deaf." One letter said, "They teach that there is no difference between deaf souls and hearing souls!" Perhaps because of their Buddhist background this was a new concept to them.

One problem in the work is that there is no standard sign language in Japan, so communication even between groups is sometimes difficult at first. Then there is the continual problem of making signs for Christian terms and expressions. Even when speaking one encounters some difficulty expressing Christian thought, since the Japanese language is based so much on Buddhist philosophy. For example, there is no appropriate sign for

The Horikawa family sits in traditional Japanese style.



God, since the sign for "god" has heathen associations, so a separate symbol for the living God had to be made.

During the weekly sign language class at the church in Hiroshima, some of the hearing young people are being trained as lay ministers to the deaf. Besides learning the sign language, they discuss the meaning of various Christian terms and decide upon signs to express them.

When new persons come in, many of the signs must be explained to them before they can understand the message. But the fact that these Pentecostal Christians are concerned about them and are making an effort to communicate with them has brought hope to many a lonely and hopeless deaf person.

Last fall Pastor Horikawa was invited to minister to a group of deaf on Shikoku Island. He took some deaf Christians with him, and they ministered in two cities. Two of the young men in the group came back with a great desire to serve God as evangelists to the deaf. They are praying that a way will be opened for them to go to Bible school.

In April, 1965, we opened a pioneer work in Tokuyama City, 60 miles south of Hiroshima. This will be the first full-gospel church in all of Yamaguchi Ken, the southernmost prefecture on Honshu Island. Already two deaf persons have come to the church, and a team of deaf Christians from the Hiroshima church has been assigned to begin meetings in Tokuyama. They are thrilled with this new opportunity to witness for Christ.

We feel there is a bright future for the Assemblies of God deaf work in Japan. The work is completely indigenous. It was not started by missionaries, but grew out of the response of Japanese Christians at Hiroshima to the need which presented itself. As friends around the world pray for the deaf of Japan, we know that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead and enlarge this ministry for His glory. 

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 1 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
 2 By Sil-vā nūs, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

The things which pertain to life and godliness

13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.
 14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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PETER

CHAPTER 1
 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, lest ye shall sometime be brought into temptation, and have escaped the world through lust.
 And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
 And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness;
 And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.
 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 But he that lacketh these things, is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath fallen away from his faith: he shall have his portion with the ungodly.
 Wherewithal ye have saved yourselves, ye shall save them that are among you, who have the rather, because ye have loved the

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Kindness and charity are not second-mile, "above-and-beyond" attitudes and actions. For the Christian they are commanded—and are stationed next to godliness. Each becomes a natural part of the life which attempts to pattern after Christ.

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No. 8 in the series, "God's Grace in the Lives of College Students"

WITH FAITH AND DETERMINATION

RACHEL CAMPBELL, who graduated this year from South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida, received a definite call from God while a teenager.

She was 15 when she attended an Assemblies of God youth camp. Realizing how empty her life was without God, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

Two months later, as she earnestly sought God's will, Rachel received a burden for those who had never heard the gospel. The Lord dealt with her about her willingness to carry His message to foreign fields. At first she said no. When she finally said yes to God and committed her life to Him, deep peace flooded her heart. The Lord graciously filled her with the Holy Spirit, empowering her to serve Him more effectively.

From the time of this call, Rachel had hoped to attend South-Eastern to prepare for missionary service. But while she was still in high school, her father died. Her mother now had the responsibilities of supporting a large family, and the prospect of Rachel attending college appeared hopeless and discouraging. She and her mother were able to save only \$100. But with faith, prayer, and determination, Rachel enrolled at the college in 1961.

"My mother and I didn't know how the balance would be paid," she said. "But as the bills came due, the money came in."

After three days on campus, she got a job in the school cafeteria. She worked there until the final semester of her schooling when she was asked to assist the dean of women, Miss Helen Simeneta.

Rachel's employment, the sacrifices of her dedicated mother, and other manifestations of God's faithfulness made it possible for Rachel to complete her four-year college program.

With the mission field as her ultimate goal, Rachel planned her program at South-Eastern so she could qualify both for missionary appoint-

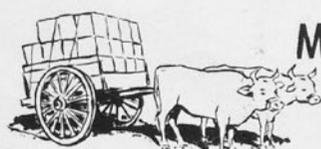


Rachel Campbell (left) reviews application for a teacher's certificate with Miss Helen Simeneta, SEBC dean of women.

ment and public school teaching. She has passed the national teacher's examination and presently is considering several offers to teach in public schools. She feels she can render a definite Christian service in teaching and can also use her teaching career as a stepping-stone to the mission field.

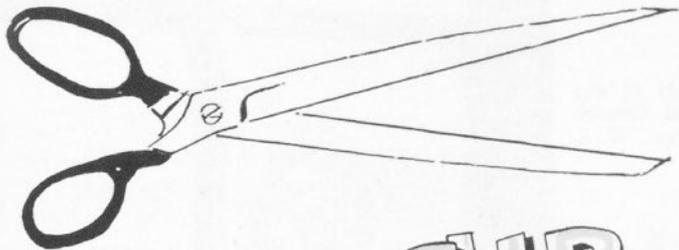
"I have appreciated the personal interest and counseling from the teachers and staff at South-Eastern," Rachel said. "Their guidance and instruction contributed greatly to help fulfill God's call upon my life."

Although it was not easy for her to finance her education, Rachel found that as she did what she could, God was always faithful to meet her needs.



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Mrs. Mabele Snyder stands at the pulpit of the Community Memorial Church in Fairton, N. J.

'What Next, Lord?'

WHEN A MINISTER'S WIFE loses her husband in death, she is suddenly faced with perplexing questions. "What do I do now?" "Is there any future ministry for me?" "Will my life just be 'on the shelf' as far as service for the Lord is concerned?" The following shows how two women went on to fruitful ministries after their husbands died.

When Pastor Charles W. Snyder went to be with the Lord in 1952, his work as a pioneer was over, but his influence lived on. Churches in Millville and Rosedale, N. J., had been started under the ministry of the Snyders.

As Mrs. (Mabele) Snyder looked to the Lord for guidance, she saw the need of a church in a growing new community known as Fairton, near Bridgeton, N. J. Farmlands were being split up into smaller lots, and many new homes were being planned. Mrs. Snyder, knowing that her husband's heart had been in this type of ministry, started a church in his memory.

At first the meetings were held in a rented store building. Then friends, relatives, and business acquaintances of her husband began contributing toward the new church and its furnishings.

Community Memorial Church (Assemblies of God) was dedicated December 8, 1964, with District Superintendent Frederick Eide and other officials participating. The building is of contemporary design and has a basement with six Sunday school rooms and a large C. A. (youth) room.

God is blessing the Fairton church under the ministry of Mrs. Snyder.

The story of Esther Treece, widow of one of our faithful home missionaries, is similar. Mrs. Treece and her husband Oliver had served the Lord together for many years as missionaries to the American Indians. They were ministering at San Carlos, Ariz., at the time of Brother Treece's death. Mrs. Treece relates how the Lord has led her:

"We take so much for granted as we go through life, until suddenly our



circumstances change. We find ourselves entering a period of readjustment, and being human, we are afraid.

"It is at these junctures that we must have divine guidance. During our 24 years of service together, my husband and I had knelt in prayer many times seeking God for guidance. *What next, Lord?* we would ask, and He would point the way. We rejoiced in our opportunities for ministry among the Indian people. Then the Lord took Oliver home on April 13, 1964. I had lost a faithful companion. I was not a missionary's wife and copastor any more and I was uncertain as to what God would have me do.

"This time I knelt alone to pray,



Congregation stands outside the new Community Memorial Church which was dedicated in December, 1964. The church has six Sunday school rooms and a large C. A. room in the basement.



'What next, Lord?' Yet I was not really alone, for the Lord had promised, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'

"While I sought God's guidance, He directed me to consider the spiritual needs of those in the Indian hospitals in Phoenix, Ariz. Here people came for help from many reservations in the entire area. What a mission field these hospitals are!

"I offered to devote myself to this work and the National Home Missions Department appointed me to be a hospital missionary. The peace of God flooded my soul as I accepted this ministry—a ministry of compassion and witnessing in these hospitals—as from the Lord.

"The need is great, and I am grateful for the privilege of giving a word of encouragement, a witness, sometimes a Scripture text, and a prayer as I go among these who are sick.

"In this way I am able to help our missionaries also, for often when they have someone in the hospital there may be many miles and hours involved before they can make a pastoral call.

"In this period of change from one



Esther B. Treece

ministry to another, God has both challenged me and encouraged me with Ecclesiastes 9:10: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

These stories of two courageous and dedicated women can be repeated in the lives of others who have been struggling with the same problem they faced. If you will ask, "What next, Lord?" and trust God to guide you, He will not turn down a willing worker who seeks a new place of ministry in the ripened harvest field. 

HOME MISSIONS FILMS AVAILABLE

THREE HOME MISSIONS FILMS INCLUDING two on church extension and one on ministries to American Indians, are listed in the new Assemblies of God Audio Visual Service catalog.

Cincinnati Breakthrough (color, 30 minutes, order number HM 3) is a dramatic story of a church which searched its soul and reached a new community. Rental fee is \$12.50, or \$10 each for two or more showings.

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The Unknown Indian (color, 30 minutes, order number HM 2) features one of eight Home Missions Department special ministries. Willard Cantelon cartoons famous Indian personalities of today and yesterday, portraying contemporary living conditions in the Southwest and the work of Assemblies of God missionaries. Rental fee is \$14.50.

To rent a film or obtain a new catalog, write: Assemblies of God Audio Visual Service, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Don Ramsey Named Director of All Tribes Indian Bible School

DON RAMSEY, assistant department head at the Guidance Navaho Indian Boarding School, Tuba City, Ariz., has been appointed director of the All Tribes Indian Bible School. In this position he will also serve as pastor of the All Tribes Indian Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz. The appointment was made by the administrators of the school.



Don Ramsey

He succeeds Mrs. Alta Washburn who resigned because of ill health.

The school, formerly a project of the Arizona District of the Assemblies of God, is now being sponsored and promoted by the National Home Missions Department. Administration is under the Arizona District and a regional board of directors made up of representatives of the Arizona, and Southern California districts.

Brother Ramsey comes to the school with a fine background in gospel ministry and in education. He

pastored two Oklahoma churches and had already had over three years of teaching experience when he received appointment as a home missionary in 1959. He was teaching in the Greasewood (Indian) Boarding School, Ganado, Ariz., at that time. He later accepted a position at the Guidance Navaho Indian Boarding School. He established an Indian work at Cameron, Ariz., and has assisted the Tuba City missionaries with religious education classes in the Indian school.

Brother Ramsey is ordained and affiliated with the Arizona District of the Assemblies of God. He is married and has two children.

Although Mrs. Alta Washburn's health made it necessary for her to resign from her heavy schedule at the All Tribes Indian School, she will be continuing in missionary work. God has touched her body, and she is regaining strength.

Sister Washburn plans to continue her missionary work with the Government School religious education class of 42 children. Working with the Ted Johnsons, she will help establish the northwest outstation in Phoenix, the nucleus of another Indian church for the Assemblies of God.

With the regionalization of the All Tribes Indian Bible School, churches who contribute to the school will receive missionary credit. Offerings may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802, or to the Arizona District of the Assemblies of God, % J. K. Gressett, 2009 N. Seventh St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85006.

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Now, in the choir's latest album, "HAPPY JUBILEE," that extra "something" is captured again for your encouragement and listening pleasure.

Under the direction of Cyril McLellan, the *Revivaltime* choir presents in this new record many of the old melodies of the Church, intermingled with some of the more recently written songs of praise. You will find it a lasting source of inspiration.

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The eighth *Revivaltime* album to be released, "HAPPY JUBILEE" is highlighted by an excitingly different rec-

ord jacket, vividly illustrating the bright, joyful music it contains.

Produced by Word Records, Inc., it is available in both hi-fi and stereo.

The beautiful contralto voice of Denise Power, *Revivaltime* soloist, is featured in three of the album selections. Miss Power was a member of the choir for four years before being named soloist. She is heard in "I Cannot Fail the Lord," "Wonderful Peace," and "Prayer Is a Privilege."

Other songs included in the album are: "Happy Jubilee," "In the Twinkling of an Eye," "That's What He Did," "Bringing in the Sheaves," "Heaven Came Down," and "Help Someone Walk."

Also featured are: "A Shelter in the Time of Storm," "Behold a Greater," "'Tis Burning in My Soul," "Deeper, Deeper," and "I Took My Troubles to Calvary."

Hundreds of persons have been encouraged and influenced for Christ through the ministry of the radio choir and its record albums.

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A faithful *Revivaltime* listener in Monument, Colo., testified: "I must tell you how much we enjoyed the choir when they appeared at the Assembly in Colorado Springs. I'm a grandmom, but my heart responds to the language of music. Your choir spoke beautifully, tenderly, clearly, to all I'm sure."

With your prayerful support, *Revivaltime* is reaching millions of persons with God's message of truth. The anointed singing of the choir, coupled with the dynamic, straightforward preaching of Evangelist C. M. Ward, form a powerful witness for the cause of Christ.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR RADIO RELEASE IN EL SALVADOR

REVIVALTIME RECENTLY RECEIVED A REQUEST from El Salvador, Central America, asking for a release in that country. A new 10,000-watt transmitter has been inaugurated which covers most of Central America.

"*Revivaltime* is the greatest way we can cover this country," wrote Missionary Sterling Stewart. "Thousands of persons here are studying English and will listen to the broadcast just to hear good English. What a great opportunity to reach them with the good news!"

Thus far, due to a lack of funds, *Revivaltime* has been unable to provide El Salvador with a taped release. We trust you will include this need in your daily prayers and determine whether this is a ministry in which God would have you participate. Write for further information.

THE WAY A MAN REACTS BOTH IN ADVERSITY AND IN PROSPERITY IS A GOOD INDICATION OF THE DEPTH OF HIS COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.



By JAMES E. ADAMS

EARLY ONE OCTOBER MORNING Walter O'Neal sipped the last of his coffee and relaxed. The driver for the car pool would not be due for several minutes. Walter reflected on his many blessings. There was Mary, his wife; and their fine children, Timmie and Debbie. He had just added two rooms to their home and made it more comfortable. God was good—

Mary's scream brought him to his feet. Running into the living room he found the oil heater ablaze. Together Mary and Walter rushed to get the sleeping children. As they came out the kitchen door with the children, his fellow employee drove up. "House's on fire!" Walter shouted. "Get the firemen!" The car sped away, and Walter settled his family at a safe distance from the burning home. Fastened to the side of the house was a 50-gallon drum of oil which fed the heater. With superhuman strength the brawny Irishman tore it loose and flung it away from the house.

Running into the burning house he carried out some furniture, but the fire was out of control. Several hours later it was only a gutted, smoking shell. Scattered over the yard were a few pieces of kitchen furniture.

Walter sent his family to his brother's home nearby. "I'll be along later," he said. He wanted to be alone. Now that the excitement was over, he began to think about the finances. He had no insurance on his furniture and had not increased his coverage since enlarging the house, so he had suffered considerable loss.

Searching through the debris he came upon the remains of his guitar and amplifier. "Guess that's the end of the vocal and string quartet the folk at the church wanted me to start," he said to himself.

Fellow employees took up a collection, but there was so much to buy—clothing, utensils, furniture, almost everything needed to set up housekeeping.

Not wanting to burden his brother, Walter bought a secondhand trailer, but they never quite adjusted to living in it. They hoped to build again, but it seemed it would be years before they could start.

Several requests came to him to get the quartet together and sing for services, but he always said, "I'm sorry. My guitar and amplifier were burned, and I just can't afford another outfit." But Walter could not dis-

miss their requests from his mind. The quartet had not only been a blessing in his home church each Sunday, but they had also sung in several small country churches up and down the valley. He prayed about the matter.

A few days later Walter and Mary saw a guitar and amplifier in a secondhand store. It was in excellent condition and reasonably priced. Mary encouraged him to get it, and he did. So Walter was back in his musical ministry, and a bit further in debt.

Two years went by. Walter was almost out of debt when a supervisory position was advertised on our bulletin board. Walter applied for the job with the idea that the pay increase could be earmarked for a new home. He was one of seven who were interviewed for the position, and he got it! But for the big gentle Irishman there were more testings ahead.

One day shortly afterward a fellow-employee said, "If I came to work in patched clothes, I could be a supervisor."

No one responded, so he continued loudly, "If I got myself a guitar and went around singing in all the churches, I'd get ahead."

This worker had no reason to slam Walter. He had not even passed the written test and consequently was not one of the final seven interviewed. Glancing toward the new supervisor I noticed the patch on his shirt and then looked at his face. He was calm.

"Maybe if I was buddy-buddy to a bunch of preachers, I'd be a supervisor today," the loud one continued. "No, I dress too neatly. What I really need are some patched clothes. Then I'd get ahead."

Walter didn't say a word. After ringing out, I looked back. Walter approached the scowling, envious man as if nothing had happened, smiled, patted his shoulder, said a few words, and walked toward the door.

Walter was busy the next morning when I made my rounds. But I walked up to him and said, "What I have to say will take only a few seconds. Congratulations! You passed your first test as a supervisor with flying colors last night. You'll be a good one!"

Walter will have his new home—but all along he has had something infinitely more precious—the abiding presence of Christ. He has been faithful under trial. 



PROPHECY PROVES THE BIBLE

Sunday School Lesson for July 18, 1965

1 KINGS 13:1, 2; 2 KINGS 23:15-20

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

DUE TO THE FOOLISH ARROGANCE of Rehoboam, son of Solomon, the nation of Israel was split into two kingdoms. Rehoboam, an officer in the army, became king of the 10 northern tribes. To widen the division, he instituted an idolatrous system of worship with headquarters at Dan in the north and Bethel in the south. In connection with a feast at Bethel the prediction was made which begins our lesson.

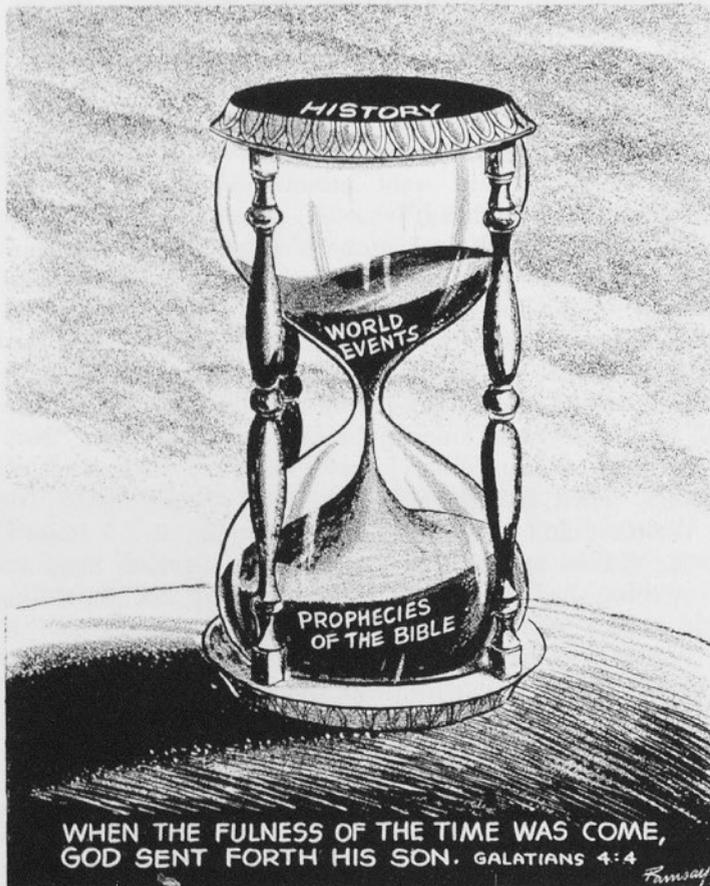
JOSIAH'S REIGN FORETOLD

(1 Kings 13:1, 2)

This prediction made by an unnamed prophet is one of the most remarkable in the entire Old Testament! The prophet denounces Jeroboam and his idolatrous altar and names the very king—Josiah—who will destroy this altar some 300 years later! This prophecy reminds us of one made by Isaiah who named Cyrus, nearly 200 years before Cyrus issued the proclamation which permitted the exiled Jews to return to their land (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1).

Scoffers have attempted, weakly and unsuccessfully,

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to discredit these predictions which can only be accounted for by divine revelation. The fact remains that the many fulfilled predictions of the Bible, of which this is only a sample, prove—for those who may need proof!—that the Bible is indeed the inspired and infallible Word of God.

JOSIAH'S REIGN BEGINS

(2 Kings 22:1, 2)

Josiah became king of Judah about the year 640 B.C. He came to the throne in an age of terrible apostasy and spent his life doing all he could to remedy the situation. He "turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses." Perhaps we who live in a similar age would do well to ask ourselves if we are exerting our Christian influence as we ought!

JOSIAH'S EARLY DEVOTION

(2 Chronicles 34:3-8)

When Josiah was only 16, he began to seek God. When he was 20, he began his all-out effort to rid Judah of its idolatry and wickedness. Yet how easily he might have excused himself from the obligation of living a godly life! (1) He was the son of a dreadfully wicked father. (2) He was the grandson of Judah's most wicked king. (3) He was brought up in a court full of corruption—and childish innocence is often lost very quickly in such an atmosphere. (4) There is no record he had any spiritual adviser to encourage him. Even so, Josiah rose above all disadvantages and walked unswervingly with God. Who says it can't be done?

JOSIAH HONORS GOD'S WORD

(2 Kings 22:3 to 23:5)

When he was 26, Josiah began to repair the temple which had been neglected and abused for so long. While this work was being done, Hilkiah the priest found the Sacred Book of the Law among the rubbish! When Josiah heard God's Word and realized how far Judah had departed from it, he tore his clothes—an outward symbol of his inward condition of heart-broken sorrow and repentance.

If America is to experience any real revival, it will come along the lines indicated in our lesson. (1) Josiah, as leader of the people, led the way in repenting for having neglected God's Word. (2) Josiah called the people to repentance and read God's Word in their hearing. The nation must know how far short it had come of pleasing God. (3) Josiah led the people to renew their covenant relationship to God. (4) Josiah demonstrated that hearing the Word must be followed by resolute action. The extent and depth of the nation's idolatry becomes apparent as we observe Josiah's reform measures. All idolatrous sites and rites were abandoned. Sun worship, star worship, images representing the gods of surrounding nations—all were done away. The depth of any revival will be determined by the thoroughness of the repentance and the completeness of the consecration.

"Moreover the altar that was at Bethel and the high place where Jeroboam . . . had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down." Thus was fulfilled the prediction of the unnamed prophet made nearly 300 years before. And thus Josiah for 2,600 years has been setting an example of reverence for God's Word and zeal in enabling others to be blessed by its precepts!

THE PREACHER'S MESSAGE—AND ME

By EVERETT STENHOUSE

Southern California District Christ's Ambassadors President

STOOP-SHOULDERED AND IN POOR HEALTH after 50 years of service in China, his soul still ablaze with heavenly flame, the late W. W. Simpson preached a stirring message that challenged young people to missionary service.

I approached him with awe and respect after the service and said very sincerely, "I enjoyed your message, Brother Simpson."

I'll never forget the look I received from those aging yet animated eyes as he responded, "That's fine, young man; but what are you going to do about it?"

That experience taught me that the Word is not simply an outward adornment. Nor can it be disposed of by an outward expression of appreciation.

Are sermons simply to be *enjoyed*?

When I enter God's sanctuary from a world that is unfriendly toward the things of God, I desperately need spiritual strength. When I gather with God's people after several not-too-successful attempts to do the will of my Father, I must invariably look for both spiritual strength and instruction in the preacher's message. And with this strength and instruction I must also accept the accompanying challenge.

Only the heavenly records will show how many times a pastor has heard gracious words of commendation from well-meaning people only to return to his study filled with disappointment. He had been made aware that as long as the congregation merely *enjoyed* his message it did not fully accomplish its purpose. Surely there is a greater purpose than enjoyment for a God-given message.

But there are other times. Times when the congregation has almost silently departed the sanctuary. The pastor returns to the study with a heavenly glow in his soul knowing that his message, although not especially enjoyed, accomplished the purpose for which it was given.

Whenever I am tempted to approach my pastor with the light and sometimes meaningless expression, "I enjoyed your message," I first examine my heart to see what the impact of the message has been. If it has been a word from God's heart to mine, then surely I have been *strengthened, instructed, and challenged* besides enjoying the message.

And, by God's grace, I have accepted that challenge.

PARABLE OF A VACATIONIST

NOW IT CAME TO PASS AS SUMMER DREW NIGH that Mr. Church Member lifted his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot days come and even now are at hand. Come, let us go into the heights, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member. "Yet three or four things must be done before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for our flowers to be cared for, our chickens to be fed, and the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig into thy purse and pay the church tithe, that the good name of the church shall be preserved and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, Thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his tithe for the vacation period, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work."

And so it was.

—Selected

REFLECTIONS

By JEAN S. HORNER

THE OTHER DAY WHILE WALKING down a corridor in a public building, I saw what appeared to be someone walking toward me. On coming closer I found it was my own reflection in a huge mirror. For a moment it frightened me. Somehow a full-length reflection of one's self is a startling thing—and seldom flattering. On leaving for work that morning I had had a much better impression of my appearance than I received from that mirror!

For several days this incident kept coming to my mind. I began to wonder what would happen if our spiritual lives were to be shown in some special mirror as they really are—all the inner thoughts, feelings, and motives. Would the way we look to God be a shock to us?

But the Lord has actually given us mirrors which reflect our inner selves—if we have the courage to look . . .

A place where Spirit-filled believers are gathered is an excellent climate in which to come face to face with our real selves. A person who has neglected his spiritual life is not comfortable around those who are truly filled with God's Spirit.

Another way the Lord lets us see ourselves is through the constructive criticism of those who love us. Are we able to bear this?

Still another way is to examine our communication with the Lord. Do we share all our plans and problems freely with Him, or do we hold back some things—those personal plans we cherish, for instance, and would not want Him to change?

Do we avoid the sacred solitude of His divine presence, or do we enjoy the hour of prayer?

Finally, God's Word is a faithful mirror of the spirit. Can we read and truly apply it to our lives?

Oh, to be like Him! Every Christian wants this more than anything. What blessings the Lord has in store for us who are willing to see ourselves as God sees us and to pattern our lives after His. Not only will our outward appearance show our consecration, but our words and deeds will be His—nor our own. Our faces will shine with His presence; our eyes will see with His eyes; His compassion will replace our own quick and unfeeling criticism. His divine love will radiate from our lives and the precious fruit of the Spirit will be ours.

We beautify ourselves in many ways, but physical loveliness must fade at last. The truly beautiful are those who look into the mirrors of the Spirit and pray earnestly, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."

A CARTOON IN A RECENT ISSUE OF *Christianity Today*, entitled, "What If—" portrays Martin Luther saying uncertainly, "Here I stand, *I think*." The absurdity of it makes it amusing, but the implication that today's Christians are not as positive in their stand is disquieting.

No one had to wonder what was the most important thing in life to Abraham. The story of his life is telescoped into a few descriptive verses in Hebrews 11. "When he was called to go out... he went out, not knowing whither... He sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob... and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth... For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country... a better country."

Abraham was not a poor man, but his wealth did not dim his vision of a better country and "a city which hath foundations." He declared plainly by his actions that he believed God.

It did not seem to shock anyone that at the end of his walk with God, Enoch simply went on home with Him. He "was not, for God took him." He had declared plainly what was important to him; no one had to guess where he stood while he lived, nor where he had gone when he disappeared.

Noah, working with his hammer day in and day out, year in and year out, bore faithful testimony to his faith in God. He declared plainly that he accepted God's Word at face value. Warned of God of things not seen

as yet, he "prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Scoffers deterred him not at all. Not one of them would he succeed in saving, but they could not say they had not been warned—for Noah declared plainly what God had shown him.

Moses, in forsaking the riches of Egypt and "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" declared plainly, unmistakably, his rejection of the material glitter around him in favor of more enduring riches.

Christ, living among men with no place to lay His head, bore testimony. Paul and Silas, singing in the inner prison at Philippi, their feet in stocks and backs bleeding, bore such effective testimony that their jailer and all his household were converted. They declared plainly by their prayers and praises at midnight that eternal things were more important to them than the things of time.

Those noble saints who "through faith subdued kingdoms, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire," as well as those who "had cruel mockings and scourgings... were sawn asunder, slain with the sword... destitute, afflicted, tormented... wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" declared plainly their faith in God.

The recent martyrs in the Congo bore testimony that was heard around the world. They declared plainly that what they had was worth dying for.

I grew up in a period when many dedicated people declared plainly their contempt for materialism. Some wore the Quaker gray. Others were known as the "plain-clothes" people. Some wore white. We all are familiar with the blue and red of the Salvation Army, their colors depicting purity, blood, and fire. These all declared plainly a testimony that was recognized, acknowledged, honored.

Homes? Our homes either declare plainly, or leave a question as to where our loyalties lie. The house of every devout Jewish family is traditionally marked by some unfinished feature. With the Rothschilds in England, the wealthy banking family, one pillar in front was left unfinished, or broken. It bore testimony that this earthly home was but a temporary stopping place.

To approach a dedicated Christian home in the not-so-distant past was to be confronted by a testimony, a clear witness. Inside many of them, plainly seen by all who came to the door, hung a motto:

*"Christ is the head of this home,
The unseen guest at every meal,
The silent listener to every conversation."*

"Here we stand as a family," it declared plainly, as Joshua did of old when he announced, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

How carefully are we guarding our outward testimony today, both in our homes and by our personal appearance and attitudes? May it ever "declare plainly" our confession that we seek a better country, a city to come, whose builder and maker is God.

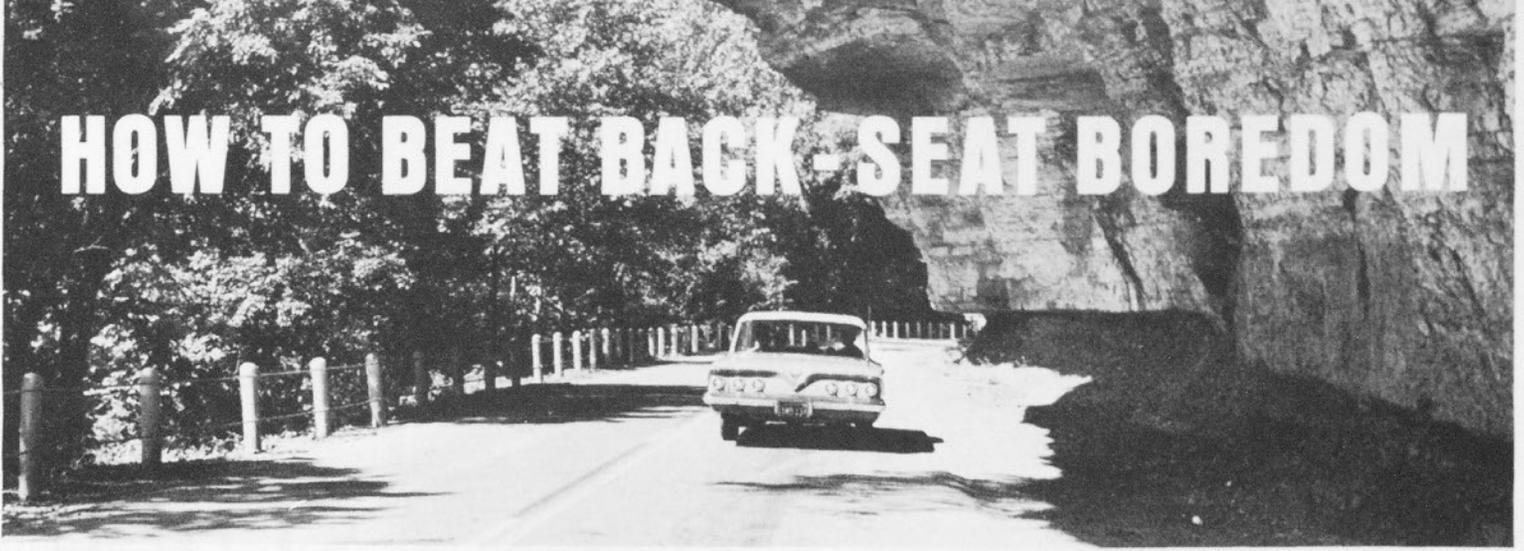
This age is winding up with startling swiftness. Judgments recorded in the Book of Revelation are ready to break. May our daily lives witness for Christ, declaring that we are aware of the time; and calling to others, fervently, that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.



Martin Luther in the presence of Duke George of Saxony—The Disputation of Leipzig in 1519

They Declare Plainly...

HOW TO BEAT BACK-SEAT BOREDOM



TRIP TIPS FOR THE VACATIONING FAMILY

By DONALD MAINPRIZE

"OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE—" if the kids have something to do!

Thousands of Christian families are leaving home for vacationland. Traveling to vacation spots is enjoyable, but it can produce wear and tear on everyone's nervous system. In fact, back seats can be boring! Some children even scrap! Those houses, signs, cars, trucks, fields, and streams get tiresome after the first 200 miles of being cooped up.

Cheer up! There are better miles ahead, and your family can be on the road to a Bible-honoring, "fun-usual" trip. But like anything else worthwhile, planning ahead is essential.

If you want a trip without a whip, be equipped to beat back-seat boredom. Here's a helpful list of items for the back seat:

1. Boxed games such as Bible Authors.
2. Bibles for everyone.
3. A selection of inexpensive prizes.

After you're on the highway and you sense a build-up of boredom (or hear sounds of battle) pull out your gallery of games. To get started, try *Alphabet Building*, every man for himself. Here, each person tries to build the alphabet from letters on signs, mailboxes, license plates, and buildings. Once a letter is spotted and called out, it is "frozen" and no one else can use it. The first one finished wins a prize. If there are a lot of signs, let the prize be for the first winner of several games.

After this, divide into teams and let each team search for letters on one side of the road.

Or you might consider *Bible Alphabet*. Here you dig into your mental Bible treasury. It's played like the above game until you spot the letter, then for each letter found, you must name a person or place in the Bible which starts with that letter. Adam for A, Bethel for B, and Cain for C. A tougher variation requires naming a Bible plant, animal, or object for each letter.

Another alphabet game for Bible lovers is *Versalphabet*. In this game you quote a verse or part of one for each letter. For example, "All have sinned..."; "But God commendeth his love..."; "Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus..." The person advancing farthest in the alphabet wins.

If you're crossing a desert with fewer signs, try *Sword Drills*, *Bible Authors*, or *Twenty Questions*. In the latter, the leader mentally chooses a Bible person,

place, or thing. The group must identify the choice with no more than 20 questions. The person who asks the revealing question is then the leader.

To add interest and insure participation, offer awards to winners. Or have the winner choose and lead the next game. You might prepare cookies, fudge, or popcorn balls for awards, or perhaps your children own something their brother or sister has wanted for some time, and each would be willing to donate secretly something worthwhile to a prize package.

If you care to spend a little money, visit your local Christian bookstore and buy inexpensive yet spiritually helpful awards. Pencils, rings, bracelets, bookmarks, fiction books, and games, all related to God's Word, are inexpensive and will add happy moments to a happy vacation.

If you buy prizes, be sure to have a special gift for MCR. This prize will go to someone at the end of the trip.

Each family member will vote secretly for MCR, and the winner gets the main prize.

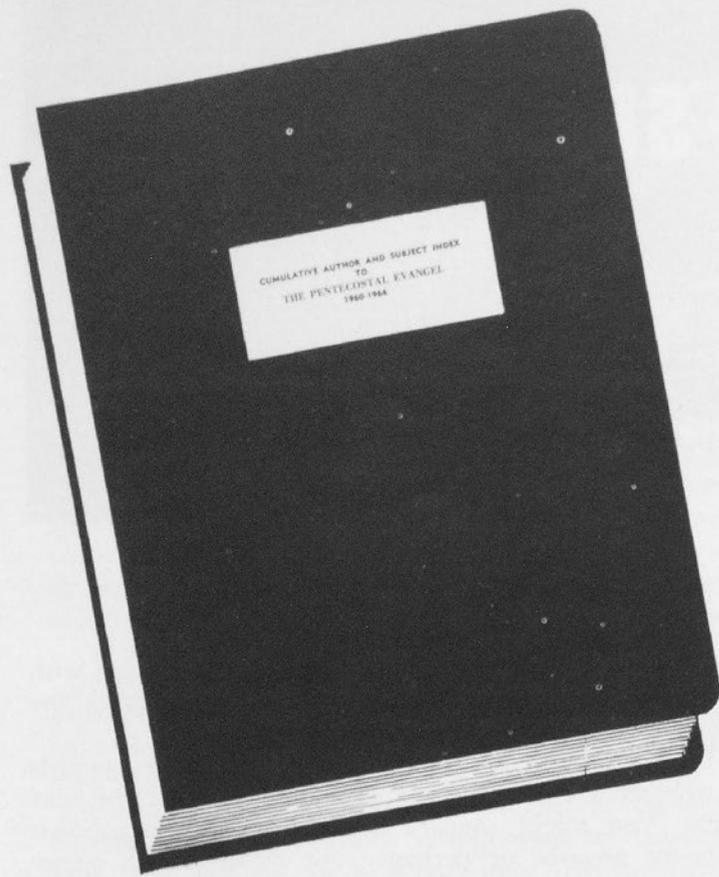
What's an MCR? He's the *Most Cheerful Rider*. Happy highways!

HOW TO AVOID TEMPTATION

A man given to drink was converted during a revival and lived victoriously for a few weeks. One day he passed the open door of a tavern. The aroma drifting out aroused old appetites, and he felt as if he would be drawn inside even against his will. But God has promised that He will, "with the temptation, also make a way of escape."

Just then the new Christian saw a sign on the cafe next door: "All the buttermilk you can drink, 25c." Dashing inside he ordered one glass, then another, and another. After finishing five glasses of buttermilk, he walked on past the tavern door saying, "Now, Devil, tempt me if you can!"

The best way to escape temptation is to be so occupied with the Lord, His Word, and His work, that there is no room for temptation. "Be filled with the Spirit," Paul wrote. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness," Jesus said, "for they shall be filled."
—JAMES M. BRYAN



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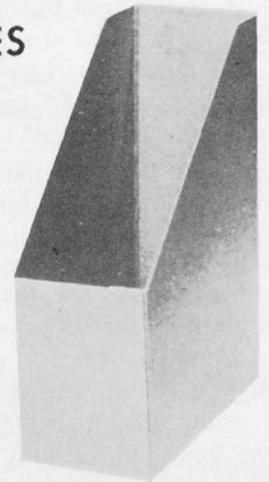
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

PASTORS' ASSOCIATION CHOOSES OFFICERS

DALLAS, TEX.—The Assemblies of God Pastors' Association of Greater Dallas, at its regular quarterly meeting, elected the following officers for 1965: Hulon Hood, First Assembly, Mesquite, president; Maurice Cadwalder, Maplewood Assembly, Dallas, vice-president; George Flattery, Calvary Chapel, Richardson, secretary; and Leonard Wood, First Assembly, Garland, treasurer. The association sponsors "Word of Life," a weekly television series, Sundays at 7:15 a.m.

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WYANDOTTE, OKLA.—There were six saved, 11 filled with the Holy Spirit, and others refilled during a two-week revival with Evangelist Tom F. Ogdon of Muldrow, Okla., at Wayside Assembly here.

—W. R. Reddout, Pastor

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MECHANICSBURG, PA.—The Assembly of God here has experienced a real move of God the last few months. During January two were saved and healed—one was healed of a useless arm and the other of back trouble. Another lady was healed of warts on her hand and one was delivered from cigarettes.

Shortly after this Evangelist



Officers of the Assemblies of God Pastors' Association of Greater Dallas are (left to right): Hulon Hood, Maurice Cadwalder, George Flattery, and Leonard Wood.

Charles Morris held special meetings in which four young people were saved.

In April Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio, conducted a two-week revival and five were saved and five filled with the Holy Spirit. One young man was saved and delivered from cigarettes. A Brethren in Christ lady received the Baptism during this revival. —D. Ezzo, pastor

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ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—After several weeks of special prayer meetings, Glad Tidings Assembly here experienced a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit during a campaign with Evangelist Paul Graban of Vineland, N. J. The

scheduled two-week meeting lasted for seven weeks.

At one of the morning services Christians stood one by one to confess their lack of love and asked for prayer. This resulted in a spontaneous outpouring of the Spirit. Many young people who had never witnessed an outpouring such as this received their personal Pentecost. Christians of other denominations as well as visitors from other cities received the Baptism also.

Evangelist Graban organized calling teams. The young people especially were thrilled with this visitation program and called upon needy folk as they were led of the Lord.

The pastor was called away during these meetings due to serious illness in his family. He returned two weeks later to find the revival still in progress.

The last night of the meeting a member of the church, Samuel C. Ashbrook, father of Lowell C. Ashbrook, superintendent of the Louisiana District of the Assemblies of God, was called to be with the Lord during the service. Evangelist Graban had asked him to lead in prayer just preceding the message. He concluded his prayer with, "Lord, we believe something wonderful is going to happen here tonight. Thank you." Brother Ashbrook spoke a few words in other tongues, rested his head on Sister Ashbrook's shoulder, and was gone.

Though everyone mourned the loss of this dear saint of God, his glorious homegoing made heaven more real to those who witnessed it. Brother Ashbrook had fasted and prayed for the youth of the church to come into vital touch with Christ through Pentecostal fullness. He saw his prayers answered before he was called Home.

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RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.—The Bethlehem Church here recently conducted a profitable youth revival with Evangelist Bobby Black. A number accepted Christ as Saviour and four were baptized in the Holy Ghost.

—William J. Behr, pastor

RICHLAND HILLS ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Richland Hills Assembly of God, organized eight years ago, recently dedicated its new sanctuary at 3900 Scruggs Dr. North, in North Richland Hills. M. B. Netzel, general treasurer of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker for the dedication services.

On the last Sunday of July, 1957, Pastor James L. Barnes and his wife met with 22 Pentecostal residents in the northeast area of Fort Worth. This group was the beginning of Richland Hills Assembly of God.

They first held services in the chapel of a funeral home. Within three months the church secured property and on January 1, 1958, started its first building program.

Nine weeks later, the congregation held its first service in the new building. Within two years the Sunday school averaged 60.

By early 1964 the Sunday school had grown to over 100 and extra chairs were needed to seat people in the worship services. It was obvious that additional facilities were needed.

On July 12, 1964, groundbreaking was held for the second unit—the sanctuary—designed by a member of the church. After the completion of the new building, the older unit was remodeled to accommodate the growing Sunday school. Today, according to Pastor Barnes, the property (five lots and two buildings) is valued at more than \$100,000.

The new sanctuary of the Richland Hills Assembly in Fort Worth, Tex., was dedicated recently. The sanctuary was designed by a member of the church.





The beautiful new sanctuary of the First Assembly in Cleveland will seat 1,000 and the Sunday school facilities will accommodate over 1,000.

FIRST ASSEMBLY, CLEVELAND, DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Dedication services of First Assembly of God were held May 8-10 with former pastors Thomas F. Zimmerman (now General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God) and M. M. Brewer as speakers.

First Assembly was born in the midst of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1906. A group of Christians hungry for a deeper experience with the Lord heard reports of the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles and began to

search the Scriptures to see if this Pentecostal experience was for them. The Lord blessed, and souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Building after building was outgrown until the congregation purchased a Lutheran church building. Membership increased to over 600, with a great missionary outreach. Over \$40,000 was given to missions in one year. Under the ministry of the late D. P. Holloway the church carried full sup-

port of 40 missionaries and half support of three others in home missions work.

In April, 1962, the present pastor, Theodore Ness, felt a challenge from God to come to Cleveland and erect a building in Lyndhurst. Under his leadership the congregation broke ground for a new building on June 16, 1963. The first service in the new building was held on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1964.

The sanctuary will seat 1,000 and the educational facilities will accommodate well over 1,000. The building is valued at over \$400,000.

Pastor Ness is assisted by Donald E. Anderson, minister of youth and education.

PASTOR RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

KEITH L. BELKNAP (right), pastor of First Assembly, Cushing, Okla., receives the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award from Glen Hilyard, president of the Jaycees.



This award is given annually to outstanding young men between 21 and 35 who have brought special recognition, or who have contributed special services, to their community.

While Brother Belknap has been pastor of First Assembly, membership has doubled, a youth bus has been acquired for special activities, and a day nursery for working mothers has been provided.

He has made two missionary trips abroad preaching in France, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Greece, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Philippine Islands, India, Hong Kong, and Japan. He has recorded five albums of sacred music, including many songs he has written or arranged.

Brother Belknap is a member of the Cushing Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has worked with the Cushing police in several cases involving broken homes or juveniles in trouble.

BEAUTIFUL MAURER PARK DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.—The Northern Missouri District has purchased Maurer Park, 109 acres including a large lake, taber-

naele, cabins, recreation grounds, and paved roads, to be used as their campgrounds. The park is located at the south edge of Excelsior Springs.

Dedication services were held Friday, May 21, using the theme "Possessing Our Possessions." Glenn Renick, district superin-

tendent, gave the call to worship and Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward brought the dedication address.

Charles Parker, assistant district superintendent, dedicated the campgrounds as a place where "all who enter . . . may worship the true and living God, a place where men may be made more conscious of God and heaven, and for the nurture of children and young people in the instruction of the Lord."

This campgrounds was rented by the Assemblies of God for many years, and now it has been purchased by faith. The building program for this year includes remodeling the kitchen, and dining room. Boys' and girls' dormitories will be built next year. A full schedule of camp services is planned for this summer.

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DENVER, COLO.—Full Gospel Chapel here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist William Caldwell in a recent revival. Approximately 25 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and about 30 were saved. Many outstanding healings occurred. Sunday school attendance records were broken twice during the revival. Attendance is now close to 300.

—Wallace Hickey, pastor



Maurer Park, situated on a beautiful lake near Excelsior Springs, Mo., was purchased by the Northern Missouri district to be used as district campgrounds.

IRON MOUNTAIN, MO.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a three-week revival with Evangelist Billy Don Heady. There were five reclaimed, one filled with the Spirit and several refilled.

—E. Gerald Hayes, Pastor

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AMARILLO, TEX.—Evangelists Tommy and Esther Lance ministered in a three-week revival at the San Jacinto Assembly here. There were 10 saved and 14 filled with the Holy Spirit. An estimated 250 visitors attended the church for the first time.

Sister Lance spoke in the morning prayer services in which a woman was reclaimed and a Baptist lady received the Holy Spirit.

Since the morning prayer meetings were started three months ago, a large number have been saved and at least 35 filled with the Holy Spirit.

—J. E. Burkhalter, Pastor

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ROY, UTAH—Calvary Assembly here recently concluded an evangelistic campaign with Jerry Russell of Phoenix, Ariz. Attendance was consistently good. The climax of the meeting came on the last night when the evangelist testified how God delivered him from a life of crime.

The Sunday school record attendance was broken during the revival. The congregation has just completed a lovely new church building.

—James A. Eastin, pastor

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DOVER, ARK.—Evangelist and Mrs. Cecil L. Brown of Guthrie, Okla., held a six-day revival at the Assembly of God here recently. Crowds were good and there was a sweet spirit of cooperation among the people. Decisions were made for Christ and one was filled with the Holy Ghost.

—Audrey C. Booher, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

18TH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING—Aug. 3-12 at Poteau, Okla. Don Branke, speaker. Facilities available for trailer parking. For information write Walter Swaim, sectional presbyter, Box 534, Heavener, Okla.

OUTDOOR MEETING at Eltingville, Staten Island, N. Y., with Evangelist Bob Watters, July 12-18, sponsored by Calvary Assembly of God (Charles Scrimale, pastor); preceded by special meetings July 11 in the "mother church," El-Bethel Assembly of God, 910 Jewett Ave., Staten Island (James Tate, pastor).

SUMMER WITNESS CRUSADE—July 14-Aug. 8 at Calvary Tabernacle, 6324 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 100 young peo-

ple from various parts of the U. S. taking part in personal witnessing and distribution of tracts to 150,000 homes. —by Benjamin Crandall, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ELMER E. SUTTON, 72, of Rochester, Ind., passed away February 10. Brother Sutton was ordained in 1927 in Creston, Iowa, and served as a pastor and evangelist. He pastored in Bucklin and Elmer, Mo. He is survived by his wife Rosa, eight children, 30 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

RALPH P. HUGHEY, 73, of Clearwater, Fla., went to be with the Lord on April 18. Brother Hughey was licensed by the Eastern District and served as pastor of Calvary Assembly of God in Wilmington, Del., for 20 years. He was superannuated in 1954. After retiring he did some evangelistic work and taught the Bible class at

First Assembly of God in Clearwater. He is survived by his wife Minnie.

JOHN A. LONG, 36, of Buena, Wash., went to be with the Lord April 14. Brother Long was ordained by the Northwest District in 1954. He had pastored the Assembly of God in Buena since 1951. Survivors include his wife Inez and four children.

CLARENCE H. JENSON, 65, of Alexandria, Minn., went to be forever with the Lord April 28. Ordained in 1920 and a member of the Minnesota District, Brother Jenson was widely known as an evangelist as well as a pastor. Pastorates included Albert Lea, Alexandria and Annandale, Minn. and Crosby, N. Dak. Surviving are his wife and two children.

ELLIS L. WARD, 59, of Sumner, Wash., went to be forever with Jesus April 4, after an extended illness. Brother Ward, ordained in 1959, was a member of the Northwest District. He served as an

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evangelist and pastored the Cherry Street Mission in Seattle, Wash., until 1960 when he retired. Surviving are a stepdaughter and a stepson.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	July 11-25	Don & Dixie Cox	H. P. Trawick
	Fairhope	A/G	July 11-25	David L. Campbell	G. L. McKinney
Ark.	Ashdown	A/G	July 11-25	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Sequoyah Teehee
	Higginson	A/G	July 11-23	Billy & Nila McLean	John C. Finley
	Monticello	Oak Grove	July 12-18	Robert Bowden	L. W. Hoppers
	Pine Bluff	First	July 14-25	Jerry Knibbe	Morris Fostrey
Calif.	Delano	*A/G	July 11-16	Christian Hild	Donald Trimmer
	Dinuba	A/G	July 12	H. Youngman-M. Howard	John Scaggs
	El Rio	Bethany Chapel	July 11-25	Paul R. Keeth	J. C. McIntosh
Del.	Dover	Calvary	July 6-18	Victor Etienne	David Vespa
Fla.	Brandon	A/G	July 13-25	Ralph & Faith Leslie	William Wynn
	Pensacola	Brentwood	July 11-25	Wilburn & Mrs. Fisher	Maxwell Cloud
Ga.	Americus	First	July 11—	E. J. Stufflebeem	LeRoy Sanders, Jr.
Idaho	Rupert	First	July 12-16	Orville Phillips	Donald Enders
	Twin Falls	Faith	July 11-25	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Blane Russell
Ill.	Dow	**Newbern	July 11-25	Jerry Stegall	James Haserodt
	Loves Park	Glad Tidings	July 11-25	Musical Vanderploegs	Marvin Carlson
Ind.	Cambridge City	First	July 13-25	Duane M. Wessman	Coleman Barlowe
	Fort Wayne	*First	July 12-18	Bettie Jane Wessman	Fred Leader
	Lawrenceburg	A/G	July 6-18	John Friend	William Bedwell
	Monticello	*A/G	July 12-16	Delow-Friederici	Marshall Stull
Kans.	Wichita	Trinity	July 7-18	Bob McCutchen	John Standridge
Ky.	Corbin	First	July 11-25	Hale-Turner Team	M. A. Mangold
La.	Gretna	***A/G	July 11-18	Carl E. Gammel	Paul V. Hunt
	Leesville	*A/G	July 11-16	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Glenn L. Oden
	West Monroe	Southside	July 14—	Albert Calaway	James White
Mass.	S. Dennis	Faith	July 13-18	E. T. Quanabush	R. D. Bellows
Mich.	Detroit	Brightmoor Tab.	July 4-Aug. 22	Sunshine Party	Bond P. Bowman
	Muskegon	*Central	July 13-25	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Bernard Ridings
Minn.	Anoka	A/G	July 11	Bob Ludwig	L. G. Tandberg
Mo.	Carthage	A/G	July 13-25	I. D. Rayborn	Dean Reid
	Piedmont	A/G	July 4-18	Glenna Byard	E. R. Johnson
Mont.	Billings	First	July	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	W. A. Buck
N. J.	Camden	*First Italian	July 12-18	D. Brosey-G. Buchwalter	Aldo G. Masselli
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	Central	July 11-25	Winferd Mack	R. L. Franks
N. Y.	Glen Falls	Calvary Tab.	July 11-25	H. B. Kelchner	Harry Tripp
	Schenectady	Calvary Tab.	July 12-18	Mrs. R. S. Beisel	Mary Corvene
Ohio	Martins Ferry	A/G	July 13	John Higginbotham	Alfred Jensen
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	July 14-25	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Boyd McClellan
Pa.	Bethlehem	*A/G	July 11-16	David & Patricia Johnson	A. Alan Alaimo
	Landisburg	A/G	July 12-18	Alta Shiner	Gerald Olsheski
	Milton	*A/G	July 12-18	Mrs. D. J. Paglia	Anthony G. Planes
	Three Springs	A/G	July 11-25	George Butrin	Raymond Herbert
Tenn.	Knoxville	Calvary	July 4-16	Knott-Olson Team	L. T. Drumright
Tex.	Big Spring	First	July 13-25	Stephens Bros.	Homer Rich
	Denison	Faith	July 11-18	Donald & Deanna Calvin	Lester Ames
	Houston	Calvary Temple	July 11-25	Burnie Davis	C. N. Rice
	Odessa	*Bethel	July 11-16	Elizabeth Keyes	Wesley J. Lange
Wash.	Metaline Falls	A/G	July 6-16	Ernest Welk	Ray C. Keck
W. Va.	Eleanor	**Areawide	July 3-Aug. 1	Stan & Marilyn Morris	

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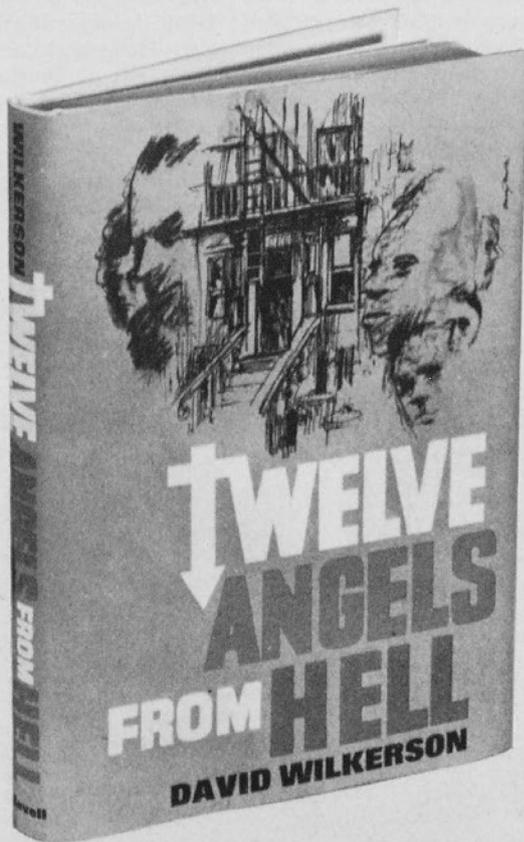
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