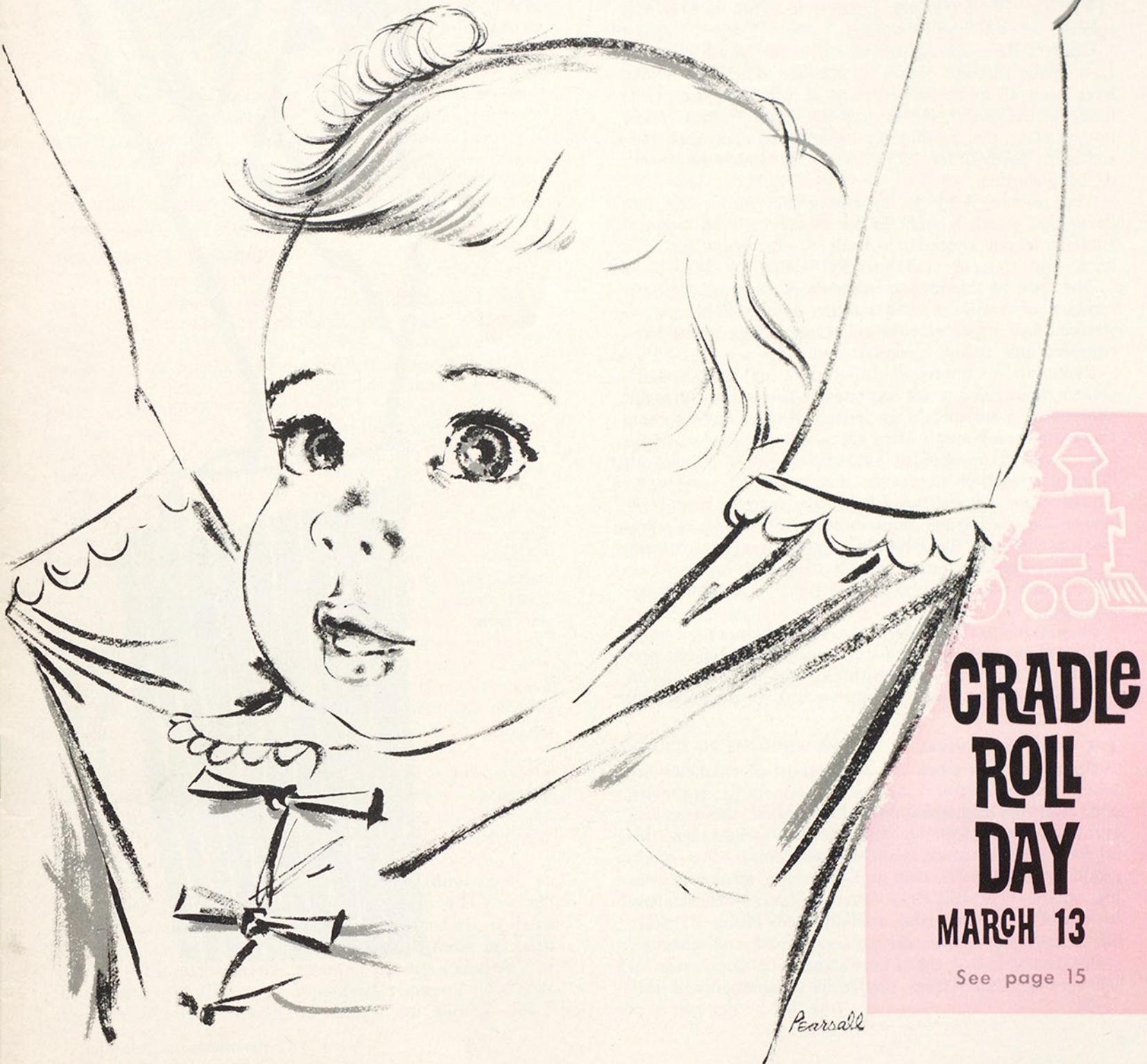


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AN OLD FAITH

MUCH CURRENT THOUGHT says we owe God nothing. If God exists, it says, let Him live in His sphere; we will live in ours.

Leaders have sprung up who tell our youth that the Law, given through Moses, is obsolete. They say it may have been all right for a group of wandering migrants living in the desert, but it does not fit our times. These leaders claim that in this day of enlightenment, each person must fashion for himself laws by which he wishes to be governed.

This teaching leads to moral anarchy, with every man doing that which is right in his own eyes. And if moral anarchy is not checked, it leads to disrespect for civil laws—and thus to civil anarchy.

The fruit of this civil breakdown is seen today in the conduct of many of our college youth. When unrestrained by respect for moral values, they resist civil restraint and flaunt human laws.

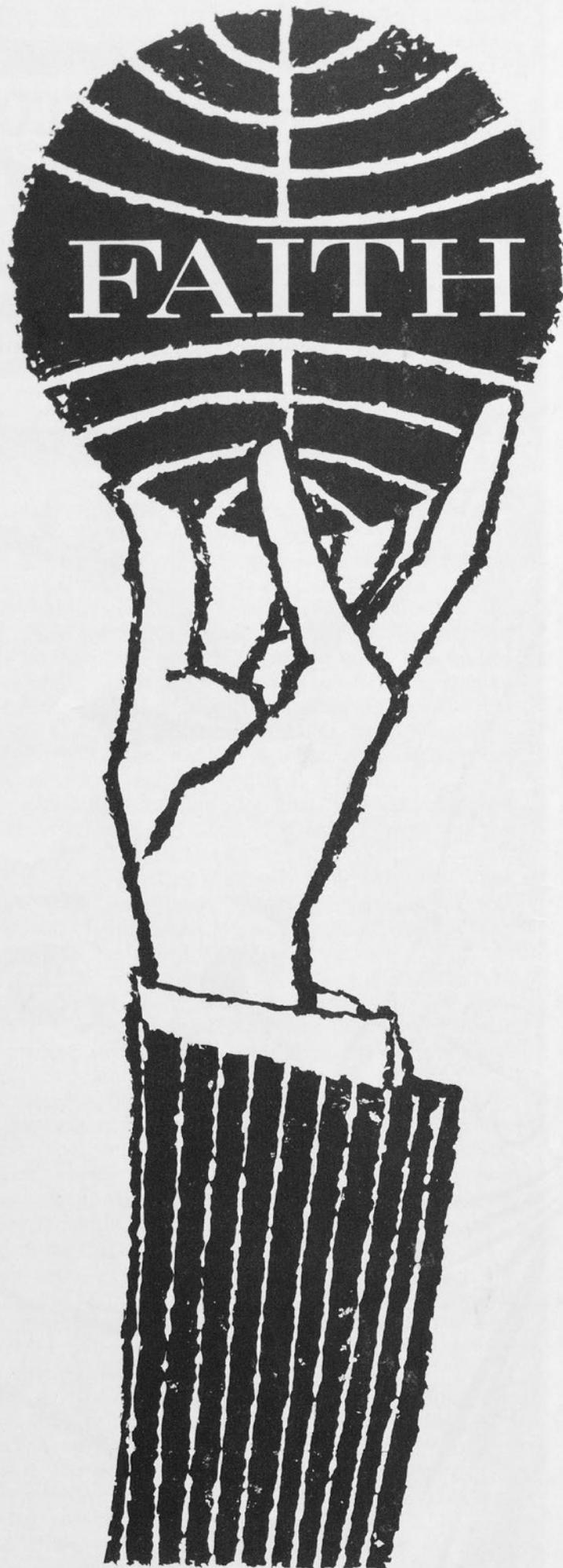
Evolution, an unproved theory, is a major god of the present. According to its theory man has evolved through millions of years and he is independent of any supreme Power that may exist. Then there is a companion teaching set forth by a false Christianity which denies an inherently corrupt nature in man—with no sin to be atoned for—"denies the Lord that bought them." It claims that bad traits only indicate a lack of development which man, by educational processes, can correct. It claims that by human means men will finally "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

Such teachings tend to make fallen man think he is master of his own destiny. If we judge by what we see, the theory is wrong. It only fulfills the prophecy, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

THE NEED FOR REVIVAL

These are days when the foundations of character are being undermined; and "if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Looking at the trend of events, we may feel the situation is hopeless; but this is not so. Over and over God has revived His work, sending revival to His own and converting and transforming others. God still lives—even if false teachers deny it. The Church must rise and advance, lifting its voice like a trumpet against the forces of evil and unbelief.

But the voice of the Church must be supported by believers separated from the spirit of this present evil



FOR A NEW DAY

By **ERNEST S. WILLIAMS**

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world. These are days of softness. Many will say, "Lord, send a revival," but they are only willing for others to sacrifice that revival might come and are not willing to deny soft living for themselves.

Unless resisted, the spirit of the world will swallow revival qualities, making the church little more than a center for social activities. Let us remember that "the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power"—power of devotion and willingness to suffer separation from that which the flesh might enjoy. Such separation brings power to live as well as power to speak.

THE NEED FOR A SAVIOUR

Sin has cursed humanity ever since man's fall. Cain rose up and slew his brother. Lamech introduced polygamy, then sought to justify himself in committing murder. These evidences of "sin in the flesh" took place in the early days of human history and are repeated over and over in the history of man. Man has sinned and needs redemption and correction of life.

The law of God, with its standard of righteousness for the good of man, could not save by itself. "For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law." The Law could point out and condemn evil, but it had no power to liberate men from evil. "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did." That hope is redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus came from God—the perfect Man, a union of deity and humanity. Would you know the meaning of this? "Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh." The virtue of our Saviour's deity, plus the purity of His humanity, gave our Redeemer power for all who will repent and believe. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

When a person by faith accepts Christ as his Saviour and Lord, the Holy Spirit of God enters the believing heart with redeeming power to overcome sin. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

As man receives human life through natural birth, he receives spiritual life through spiritual birth. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." This explains the meaning of the scripture, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

A Christian riding in a train was humming to himself the gospel song, "Since I Have Been Redeemed." One sitting nearby joined in the humming. The first hummer then turned to him and said, "When were you saved?"

The other replied, "Over 1,900 years ago!"

What an assuring thought! Redemption was made for "whosoever will" over 1,900 years ago!

But what of today? Are we saved *now*? Have we accepted the redemption made so long ago into our own lives? Has its power transformed us? We need to know that "*now* is the day of salvation."

THE BEAUTY OF REDEMPTION

To redeem is to buy back something that had been forfeited. Have you ever lost a home? To redeem it you must buy it back. If you are unable to buy it back, there may be someone who loves you and is able and willing to buy it back for you.

This is what Jesus has done for us spiritually. Because of His love for us and because of His ability to pay the redemption price, He gave Himself so we might be redeemed—set free from all debt to sin, and restored to the favor of God.

Man has no excuse for ignoring the righteousness of the Law, for, "The law of the Lord is perfect," and, "Sin is the transgression of the law." There is also this consequence: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

But a Saviour has come, and "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." A Saviour has come "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." Where can a sinner find words that express eternal hope more wonderfully? The Bible says, "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

For any who struggle against the evils of the flesh, may I urge you: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." The Deliverer is here; redemption has come. Let your life be fully given to God; then look to Jesus for "grace to help in time of need," remembering that "sin shall not have dominion over you."

May the Lord convict where conviction is needed, but may He also encourage. It is He who made us. It is He who can give strength and grace if we look, not to human strength and self-effort, but to the living God, the Redeemer of us all. 

Green For "Go"

WHY NOT WEAR a bit of green on Thursday, March 17? Not because you reverence an Irish saint but because you believe in "going with the gospel." Wear green for "go."

The popular idea is to wear green in memory of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is supposed that Patrick was a Roman Catholic bishop who converted the people of Ireland from pagan Druidism to Christ. The truth is that nearly all the stories about St. Patrick are based on legends. A person has to be green indeed to believe he drove the snakes out of Ireland, or that there was no night for 12 days after he died, or even that he was a Roman Catholic. (St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin is Protestant!)

They say it was Patrick's use of the shamrock as an illustration of the Trinity that led to its becoming a national Irish symbol. This may be true, for Patrick preached the gospel of Christ, all right, and the three-leaf plant is a good illustration of "One God in Three Persons." But all the talk of leprechauns and charms and superstitious nonsense was never sanctioned by this godly man.

So great is the mass of legend connected with him that it is very difficult to separate fact from fantasy. Actually the historical facts are few. Only three items accepted as genuine writings of St. Patrick are known to exist today. One is "The Confession," which is the work of a man looking back upon a long life, complaining bitterly of ingratitude, trying to defend himself from the reproach of having presumed to undertake a calling above his capabilities, and threatening to turn his back on Ireland because he felt his life's work there had been a failure. It makes not the slightest mention of Rome, or of a pope. Then there is "A Letter to Coroticus," written in poor Latin (the language of the Roman Empire, which then dominated Europe). His third writing is "The Hymn," written in ancient Irish.

Tradition has it that Patrick founded 360 churches, baptized 12,000 persons with his own hand, and ordained scores of priests. The truth, in all probability, is that he preached the gospel for 30 years in a hostile environment without great outward success; and yet the Protestants in Northern Ireland honor him as the faithful missionary who brought them the gospel in the fifth century.

He is buried in the churchyard of the Protestant Cathedral of Down, at Downpatrick. He was a Briton, the son of a magistrate. His father was also a minister in the British church, a church free from image worship and Mariolatry. When he was 16, a party of Irish raiders kidnapped the youth and kept him in slavery for six years. This turn of events set him to thinking about God. He decided his sufferings were punishments for his careless life, so he repented and turned to God with all his heart. "I would say as many as a hundred prayers a day while looking after swine," he wrote. "Before daybreak I used to be roused to prayer—in snow, in frost, in rain."

Finally he escaped from Ireland, but he could not forget the pitiful state of the people. He longed to return as a missionary. He wrote, "I have not read like others, who, being taught in the best way, drank in learning in a proper manner. But in the night I hear the voice of the Irish calling, 'We pray thee, holy youth, to come and walk again amongst us as before.'" So this young man, against the advice of his elders, became a missionary to northern Ireland.

If you wear green on March 17, let it be a reminder of the "go" that God put in the heart of a young missionary whom we call Patrick. And let the "go" of the gospel enter *your* heart too. —R.C.C.

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FOR SEVERAL YEARS the U. S. Post Office Department has issued a special stamp at Christmas. Most of these have had little religious significance, but the 1965 Christmas stamp bore an engraving of the angel Gabriel and his horn.

It seems unusual that the Post Office Department would issue a stamp with a definite religious connection when there is such a strong effort being made to separate church and state. According to *Newsweek* magazine, the Post Office Department felt such a stamp could be issued without causing much controversy because the angel Gabriel is mentioned in the sacred writings of the three major religions of the western world—Christianity, Judaism, and Muhammadanism.

That is the Post Office Department's explanation, but could it be that God was using a normal occurrence to speak to the spiritually minded?

The Bible records the ministry of Gabriel on four occasions. The first is found in Daniel 8:15-27. Daniel had had a vision, and the Lord sent Gabriel to reveal its meaning.

In Gabriel's unfolding of the vision, we have a picture of the Gentile world powers, beginning with Media and Persia, and culminating with him who "shall also stand up against the Prince of princes." It is generally believed that verses 24 and 25 refer to the man who will control the Gentile world powers in the days just prior to Jesus' return to the earth to establish His own kingdom. So in the first record of Gabriel's ministry, he is connected with events which will occur in the last days of this age.

The second Bible reference to Gabriel is found in Daniel 9:20-27. Once again Gabriel was sent by the Lord to reveal to Daniel matters related to the end of this age. Here the revelation pertains to "seventy weeks . . . determined upon thy people [the Jews] and upon thy holy city [Jerusalem]." According to Gabriel, this period began when the Jews were permitted to return to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. It ended 69 weeks later when the Messiah was "cut off"—the crucifixion of Jesus. At that time God stopped His dealings with the world through the nation of Israel and began reaching all men through the gospel of Christ. He will continue this until the time He once again will deal with the Jewish people as a nation.

In verses 26 and 27 Gabriel spoke of the prince that shall come and confirm the covenant with the Jews for one week. This, no doubt, is a reference to Antichrist who will make a covenant with the Jews for seven years, ushering in that period commonly known as "the Tribulation."

The important thing for our consideration here is the connection of Gabriel with events which will mark the closing days of this age.

As God chose Gabriel to reveal to Daniel events which will come to pass in the last days, did He now choose Gabriel to reveal the nearness of the fulfillment of those events?

The next reference to Gabriel is found in Luke 1:5-20. Gabriel brought the good news to Zacharias of the



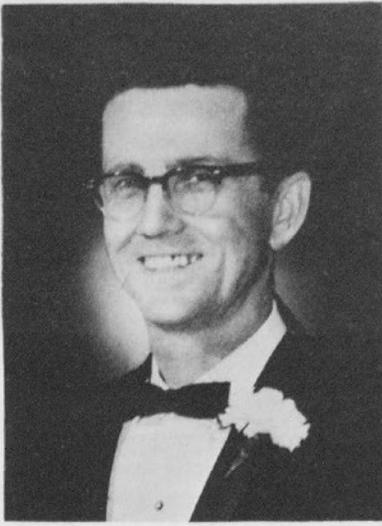
THE ANGEL ON THE POSTAGE STAMP

coming birth of John the Baptist whose mission would be to prepare the way for Jesus. A few months later, Gabriel was again the bearer of glad tidings as he was sent to Mary to announce the coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38).

Thus the Scriptures show Gabriel in relation to two of the most important times in all the Scriptures—the end of this age and the first advent of Jesus. In light of this and the many other signs which speak to us of the nearness of Jesus' second coming, the appearance of Gabriel on the 1965 Christmas stamp takes on special meaning. It seems reasonable to believe that since God chose Gabriel to reveal last-day events and the first coming of Jesus, He will also assign to Gabriel a prominent role in the fulfillment of those events and of the second coming of Jesus.

Consider the words of the apostle Paul: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven . . . with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Yes, the return of Jesus for His saints shall be accompanied by "the voice of the archangel." Which angel? Probably it will be Gabriel.

Why should the U. S. Post Office Department decide now to feature Gabriel? Whatever the reason, let it be a reminder to us of the soon coming of Jesus. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:4, 9).



Charles L. Wall

I LEARNED BETTER THAN TO QUESTION THE WAYS OF GOD

HIS WAY IS PERFECT

By CHARLES R. HEMBREE

I STILL GO TO THE CEMETERY to visit that serene grave under the ancient oak tree. While there my mind is always thrust back to that mournful day two years ago when the grave was new.

The widow had been helped to a car by a kindly friend. The four children had gone on home to meet their mother when she arrived and be of what comfort they could. Just a few minutes before this I, as their pastor, had said a few of what seemed to be very inadequate words, read a Scripture, then offered a short prayer. The brief graveside service was over.

The mourners had left and I was alone looking at the bronze coffin about to be lowered into the ground. The funeral tent flapped in the wind while those who had come to cover the remains waited in the background. I wept unashamed. Although my grief was not the same nor as deep as that of the family, the grief was real. I too had loved this man who until three short days ago had been our deacon and church treasurer.

Charles L. Wall had been an exceptional man and an exceptional Christian. The story of how God brought him from the lowest of sins to the highest peaks of spiritual maturity was well known in our community. As a church leader for many years he was highly respected and greatly admired. He spent many hours each week working in God's Kingdom among those in jail or on skid row. Many times I would find him watering the church lawn, building some facilities, or repairing some damage—without being asked to do it, and often without being thanked for it. But now he was dead.

It was a seemingly senseless accident. Those who witnessed it said Charlie had gone over to get a drink of water a few feet from his work area. Just at that moment a gas line exploded by the water fountain. Charlie was killed instantly. Very little damage was done to the property, and no one else was even burned.

What does a pastor tell a widow and four children when their beloved husband and father is suddenly taken from them? All of the philosophical answers seemed trite. It was little comfort to assure them that all things work together for good for those who love God. They nodded assent with their heads when I said God's ways

are higher than ours. But did it really sink into their hearts?

What about me? Did I really believe this? Inwardly I never doubted, but in the face of sorrow and death there seemed no answer. Why did God take this man? He had been the pillar of the church. He had given far more than he received. He never missed a service. He was a devoted husband and loving father. Did he deserve this fate? It is not ours to question why, but we often do.

God was with the family in a marvelous way. Their grief was the quiet and dignified grief that should accompany a Christian funeral. The family came through the funeral and graveside service with obvious strength from above. Because my affection for this stalwart man had been so strong, I had been afraid my voice might crack, betraying some sign of weakness. But God had helped, and now it was over.

Beside the open grave I wondered in my heart. Had I been guilty of questioning God? Had my words sounded empty—and because of this had I failed to communicate our great faith in the resurrection? These and other questions gnawed at my soul, as they must gnaw at any minister's soul when he looks into an open grave.

Today, when I go back to that lonely but lovely cemetery, it is not to shed tears of grief for Charlie, or to ask those questions I asked that day. Now it is to remind myself of the truth of the Bible and the faithfulness of a loving God. During these past two years God has helped me see clearly how Charlie's death was in the perfect plan of God and how all things *do* work together for good.

Perhaps one of the most dramatic results of Charlie's death has been the tremendous spiritual growth of his sons. Bill was only 19 and Chuck 18 when their Dad died. Bill had been interested in church and was working in our youth group, but Chuck was completely disinterested in anything religious. Today both are strong spiritual leaders in our assembly, and their growth began immediately after the fatal accident.

The Sunday before Charlie was killed, he had helped a lonely soul find a loving Saviour. As was his custom on Sunday afternoons, Charlie went to the local jail. He would give his testimony to those who were incarcerated, then open God's Word to show them the way to be saved. On this day there was a woman who had been

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arrested on a morals charge. Something Charlie said struck deep in her heart, and tears began flowing down her cheeks. Very reverently she knelt on the cold floor of the city jail and accepted Christ as her Saviour.

The following Sunday Charlie was dead, buried only the day before, but his son was now standing in the same cell talking to another woman arrested on similar charges. As Bill talked the woman listened, then bowed her head in shame. They knelt—and the jail again became a sanctuary as Bill Wall showed this poor woman the way to the Master who said, "Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more." The son had taken over where his father left off.

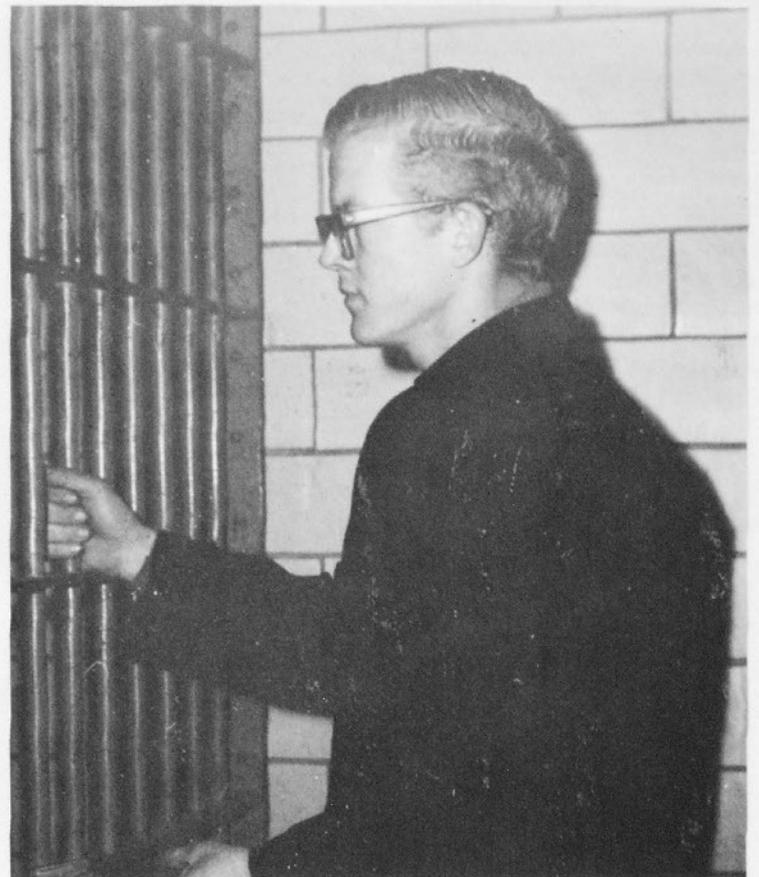
Today, both boys are engaged in this jail ministry, and they would not think of missing the opportunity of helping some lost soul find a loving God.

Besides this they have accepted other responsibilities their father once assumed. They work in the mission for transients in our city. They work faithfully around the church wherever they are needed. So, rather than just one Charlie Wall, we now have two: his sons, Bill and Chuck.

There have been other signs that God's will was done in Charlie's death. All of the children have developed in spiritual maturity and appreciation for their father's great faith. God has provided for them.

The widow has been cared for by a loving Heavenly Father. Her spiritual life has been deepened and enriched. Rather than yield to bitterness or withdrawal she has learned to exercise complete trust in Christ. She too has taken an active leadership position in the church and is doing very well. God has filled her loneliness with His love and the love of Christian friends.

It has been just two years since Charles Wall died, and already we see the truth in Christ's words, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John



Chuck Wall, following in his father's footsteps, tells of the saving power of Jesus Christ in jail services.

12:24). As time passes, no doubt we will see much more to indicate God's perfect will was done.

Standing before the small tombstone erected as a monument to the 43 years of Charles Wall's earthly life, I must say as David of old, "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried" (Psalm 18:30).

POWER THROUGH PRAYER

THE RELATIONSHIP OF PRAYER to power is as vital as the relationship of breath to the body. The Holy Spirit never abides in a prayerless spirit insofar as power for service is concerned. Seldom does preaching edify a prayerless soul. Why does some preaching offend some, but please others? Those offended by the truth are always prayerless professors.

We need only to look back through sacred history to see the vital relationship of prayer to power. Certainly if there was any man who could extend or advance the gospel by dint of personal force, it was the apostle Paul. In spite of his personal qualifications we find, in almost all of his epistles, an urgent request of the church to pray for him. He knew that many units of prayer, like drops of water, make an ocean which defies resistance. Today, the prayer life of the church is too often measured by the clock. The ability to wait, stay, and press,

belongs to the work of intercession. Calmness, grasp and strength are never the companions of hurry.

It is true the Bible record of praying men records only brief prayers, but its truth also reveals long hours of wrestling with God. Spiritual work is taxing work, and men are loath to do it. Real intercession costs an outlay of serious attention and time which flesh and blood do not relish. Ours is a streamlined, motorized age, which makes for speed. However, such a principle cannot be adopted in the spiritual world. Hurried devotions make weak faith and feeble convictions. It takes time in the secret place to receive the full revelation. Ability to stay with God in our closet, measures our ability to stay with God when we are out of the closet. Daniel, the prime minister of a great empire, stood straight and courageous before men, because he bowed low before God.

What is the relationship of prayer to power? They are inseparable. He who would have power must pray. He who prays will have the unction of the Holy Spirit. We may be filled with head truths regarding the facts of the gospel, but if that truth is to be set on fire so that it will meet the needs of men, it must be ignited by the fires of the Holy Spirit.

—H. J. NEWELL in *Religious Telescope*

By HAROLD R. CARPENTER
Missionary to Bolivia

Juan Vargas (right) was
107 years old when he accepted
Christ as his Saviour, and
his wife was 105



NEVER IN A CENTURY

A CURIOUS CROWD of children watched as I set up my chalk drawing easel on the front porch of the tailor's shop in Rio Claro, Costa Rica. In less than two hours everyone in town knew the *Gringo* was there to draw and preach.

Shortly before the service hour a tropical rain came in a deluge, and my spirits dropped. I knelt in prayer and asked the Lord why such a thing could happen on the very first night of the campaign. When I raised my eyes and looked around, I could hardly believe what I saw. The little porch was filled with people. As far as my eyes could see into the darkness outside there were people. Some were holding umbrellas, others covered themselves with sheets of plastic, and still others had nothing more than a newspaper for shelter.

The interest was keen and the conviction heavy in the service that night, but just one small boy came forward to accept the Lord as his Saviour.

As I sat on the back of Ramon Salazar's motor bike for the return trip over the muddy jungle road to Villa Neily, I wondered why more people had not responded. The cold rain dripping from my nose seemed to taunt my soul, saying, "What have you accomplished for all your efforts?"

The second night seemed to start even worse than the first. The rain began before we left Villa Neily: and by the time we reached Rio Claro, I was not only soaked with rain but my back was litterly plastered with mud from the rear wheel of the motor bike.

It has been said that the light always shines brightest when the night is darkest, and this proved to be the case that night. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to permeate every part of the service. When I gave the altar call, six people responded immediately.

One of the new converts was Juan

Vargas. Juan had pure white hair and a white beard, and looked for all the world like an ancient patriarch. As he stood in front of me, tears of joy rolled down his face. In a faltering voice he told me, "Sir, I have lived 107 years and have never before heard this wonderful news of salvation." The trembling voice seemed to ring like a bell as Juan followed me in a simple prayer of repentance.

After we concluded the prayer, Juan looked at me and said, "Sir, you also preached that Jesus can heal. Can he heal the right side of my body that has been paralyzed for two years?" After assuring him that the Lord could heal him, I lifted his useless right arm, and we prayed together for his healing. Even as we were praying I felt a surge of life go through the arm and felt the movement of the hand as it opened and closed.

From that moment on the victory of the revival was won. The blood of Christ had prevailed. Juan Vargas was a living testimony of the grace and power of God.

On the following night, just before service time, I saw Juan leading a feeble old lady through the rain to the porch which was serving as our church. When I gave the altar call that night, Juan stood to his feet, lifted the hand of the elderly lady, and led his 105-year-old wife to the Lord.

MISSIONARY WRITERS

HAROLD R. CARPENTER and his wife MYRNA first went to Costa Rica for language study. They are now in Bolivia, their appointed field of service.

GAIL WINTERS, along with LILLIAN HOGAN, is helping temporarily in Haiti while waiting for the reopening of the Paulis area of Congo.

JANNETTA FAIRBANKS and her husband RAY are appointed missionaries on their second term of service in Haiti.

THE HAITI BIBLE INSTITUTE has just completed a school term marked by the moving of the Holy Spirit and a promise of revival to Haiti. God gave the students a spirit of prayer. They have learned the value of waiting in His presence and of intercessory prayer. Several have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Student Simon Louis was meditating on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah one morning when the Spirit of the Lord revealed to him the suffering of our Lord on Calvary. Simon has known suffering, for he has tuberculosis of the glands in his neck. As he began to realize the suffering Christ endured, God baptized him in the Holy Spirit. Some time later as we were praying, Simon was inspired with a new song. He sang it for us during a special service for students one Friday night. It was in Creole and had a hauntingly beautiful melody.

At another prayer time, Simon suddenly got up and left the building. An hour later he returned to testify that he had been led by the Spirit to preach in the open marketplace and at the police station. He had been disturbed by a spirit of timidity but now felt he was victorious over it.

Another student, Paul Jean Louis, recently received a great blessing from God; but he resisted speaking in other tongues, fearing someone would understand what he said. After further teaching, however, he realized he need not fear and was able to yield to God. The Lord baptized him in the Holy Spirit and he spoke in another language. Paul now feels called to open a new work.

In a closing address, Paul gave this tribute to the missionary-teachers:

"Be assured, dear teachers, that we who comprise this class of the Bible school of the Assemblies of God in Haiti will remain thankful to you even if you leave Haiti. The fine knowledge we have acquired during these years of study will contribute to the moral and spiritual progress of others. Many souls through our intermediacy, and thanks to the understanding we have obtained, will be able to emerge from the darkness of witchcraft, superstition, and immorality in order to embrace Christianity, and thus gain heaven. We thank you sincerely, dear teachers."

Both Paul Jean and Simon were given holy boldness when they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and they have been witnessing for the

Lord. One afternoon a number of us held a street service. At the service a young man asked us to pray for his sister who was possessed by an evil spirit.

As we entered the room of the sick girl, she became violent, and it was necessary for several people to hold her down. Then we prayed for her, and after a little while she became quiet and was able to converse with us. She said she had severe headaches

and felt as though she had been beaten. We prayed for her again and went on to the evening service. Afterward the evangelist and students went back and prayed for her once more.

Subsequent visits proved that the young lady was completely healed.

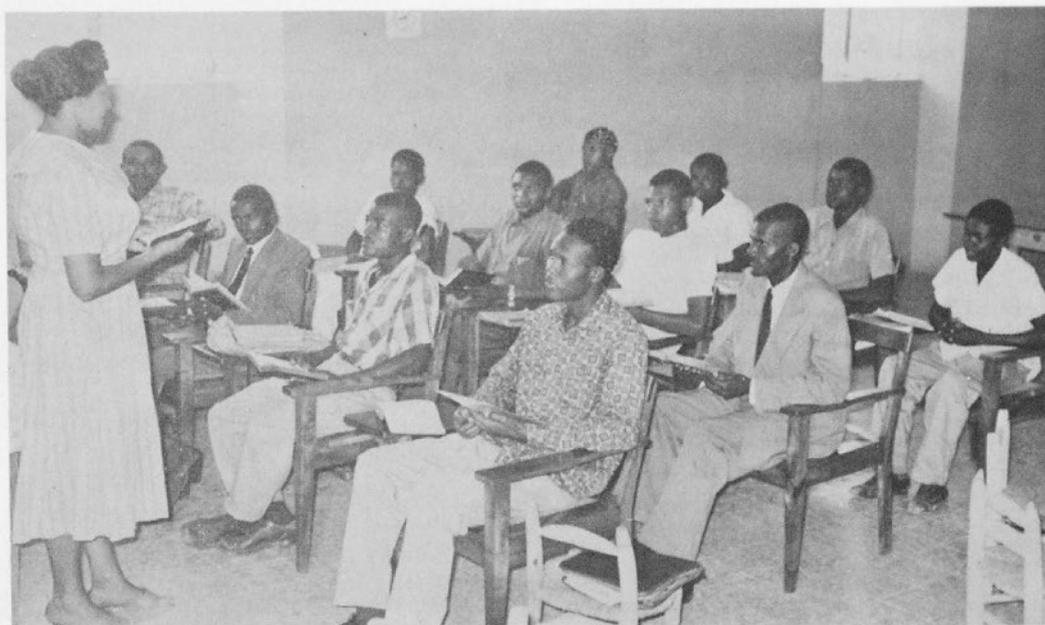
The students and teachers of Haiti Bible Institute have been asking God to spread this revival throughout Haiti. Will you join them in prayer for this needy land? 

From Information Submitted by
GAIL WINTERS and JANNETTA FAIRBANKS
on the Haiti Bible Institute.



A Spirit of Prayer

The Haiti Bible Institute (left) had a successful school term filled with the mighty blessings of God. Students prepared in classrooms (below) and in prayer rooms to take the gospel to their country.



SPEED-THE-LIGHT Hits New High in '65

By **VERNE B. MacKINNEY** Speed-the-Light Coordinator

HERE'S A NATIONWIDE youth demonstration that may never make the headlines but it may take your breath away!

If you can imagine a cavalcade of 102 cars and station wagons, 15 trucks, 4 trailers, 6 buses, 1 jeep, 29 bicycles, and 17 motorcycles you will have a partial picture of what the record 1965 Assemblies of God youth missions offering of \$603,974.02 will purchase to speed the light of the gospel.

Partial picture? Yes. You will understand when we tell you almost half of this amount reached the national office in December, 1965. Further Speed-the-Light expenditures will be duly reported, but only eternity will reveal the number of men and women who found Jesus Christ as a result of this splendid giving by Christ's Ambassadors.

Great strides were also made in communications equipment. Printing and radio needs consumed \$51,265.60 and \$12,674.48, respectively. During the year Speed-the-Light was asked to purchase a printing plant for South Africa at a cost of more than \$19,000. About two-thirds of this has already been raised. A \$14,000 press for the plant in Aba, Nigeria, has also been requested, and similar progress has been made in meeting that need. To meet the rising thirst for literature in foreign lands, missionaries lean heavily on Speed-the-Light to provide necessary equipment.

For the fourth year in a row, Speed-the-Light has shown a phenomenal increase. The final total for 1965 is an increase of \$87,000 over 1964, \$190,000 over 1963, \$230,000 over 1962, and \$271,000 over 1961. The 1965 total exceeded the projection of district C. A. presidents by \$29,000.

Two years ago, when we developed the new Speed-the-Light Goal-Setting

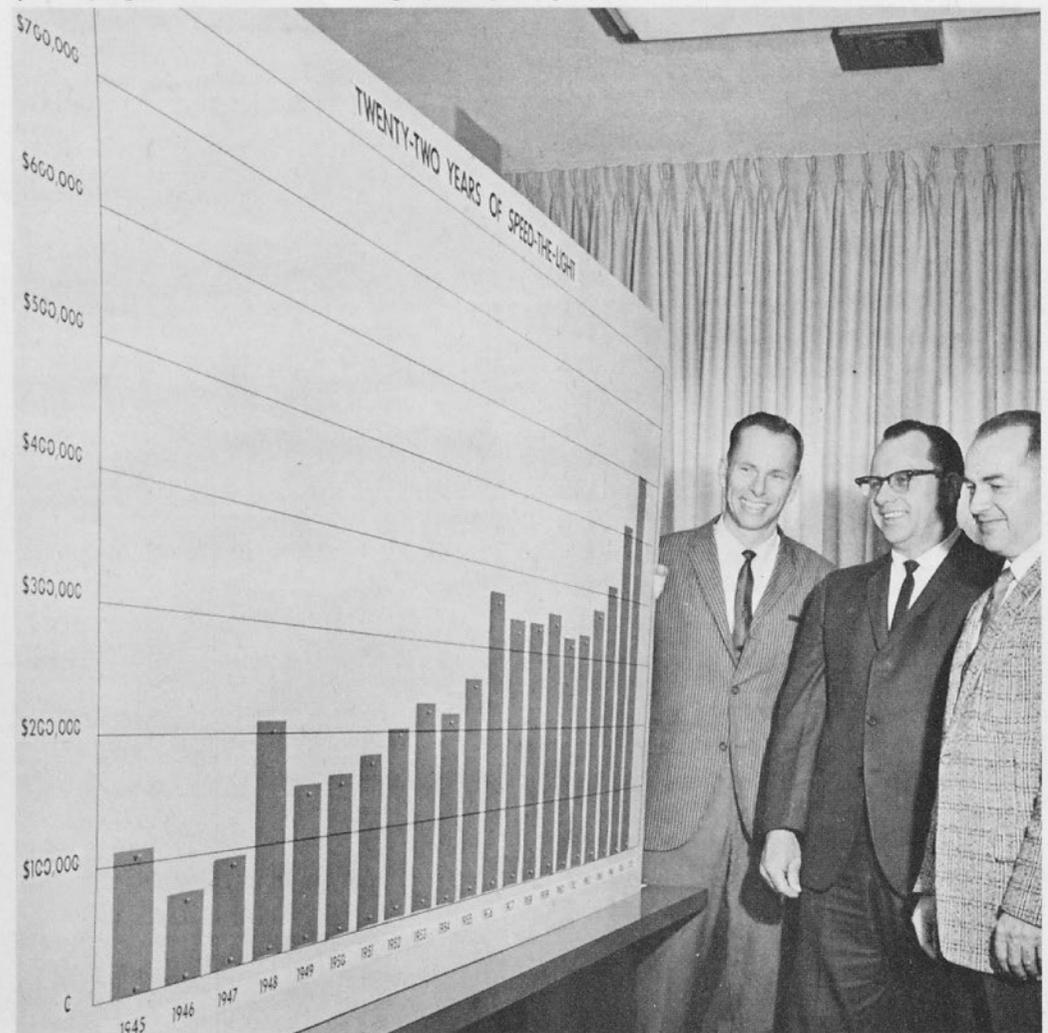
Guide, we thought such an amount was still a long way off. On the back of this slide-rule computer we added a little wishful thinking under the title, "Look what \$600,000 would do in one year through Speed-the-Light," and proceeded to outline what equipment could be purchased.

What prompted this projection of \$600,000? A look through the applications for Speed-the-Light assistance that had been approved by the com-

mittee within the space of one year. Funds totaling \$600,000 were needed to meet those needs. Speed-the-Light giving the year before had shown an unprecedented increase to \$413,000 after seven years of fluctuating around the \$350,000-mark. In this light, the \$600,000-figure hardly seemed realistic.

But here we are, 22 months later, reporting that the C.A.'s have done it! In 1965 giving by approximately

Three men vitally concerned with the future of Speed-the-Light (left to right: National C. A. Secretary Russell J. Cox, Speed-the-Light Field Representative Melvin Steward, and Speed-the-Light Coordinator Verne B. MacKinney) survey the growth of the missionary youth program as shown on the graph depicting Speed-the-Light giving since 1945.



5,000 C. A. groups represented almost 100 percent participation by local Christ's Ambassadors.

Here's a church-related look at the record-breaking total. There were 103 churches and one college missionary group whose giving reached or exceeded the \$1,000-mark. Leading the churches for the second year is First Assembly of God, Van Buren, Arkansas, where C.A.'s gave \$8,724.50—an increase of \$3,000 over 1964. First Assembly in San Diego, California, was second with \$6,019.20. Third was the Assembly of God, Garden City, Kansas, with \$5,750. Full Gospel Assembly in Bell Gardens, California, was fourth with \$4,560; and First Assembly in Springdale, Arkansas, was fifth with \$3,411. District leaders and other churches which gave \$1,000 or more are listed below.

Southern California again led the giving as a district with a generous \$91,615.80. Twenty other districts exceeded \$10,000 and a similar number reached their goals for the year. Those giving \$10,000 or more were: North Texas \$40,155.79; Northern California-Nevada \$39,951.91; Arkansas \$37,040.69; Kansas \$30,228.73; South Texas \$22,830.99; Georgia \$19,130.04; Oklahoma \$17,305.55; Michigan \$16,274.90; Peninsular Florida \$15,683.73; Oregon \$15,609.76; Eastern \$14,484.48; Alabama \$14,060.93; Ohio \$14,029.13; Arizona \$13,526.21; Northwest \$11,713.08; Indiana \$11,375.20; Montana \$11,244.53; West Florida \$10,676.69; Southern Missouri \$10,653; Potomac \$10,237.48.

Effects of this unparalleled giving will be felt for years to come as vehicles and equipment purchased continue to multiply the missionary's effectiveness at home and abroad. On the other hand, new urgencies are faced this year. As veteran missionaries return for furlough, we discover their need for new equipment. As new missionaries penetrate new fields, new equipment is needed to spread the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

We must never lose our perspective. Communistic ideologies move closer, but so does the coming of the Lord! We must never relax our efforts to spread the good news of salvation to all the world. Certainly there are no indications this is happening. The Christ's Ambassadors are showing every determination to spread this gospel in every nation through active support of Speed-the-Light.

The churches listed below either led their districts or gave \$1,000 or more to Speed-the-Light in 1965. The Speed-the-Light Honor Award plaque will be presented to them by their district C. A. president some time this spring.

ALA. Parkway A/G, Mobile	\$1,000.00
ALASKA, A/G, Fairbanks	77.36
APPALACHIAN, 1st A/G, Beckley, W. Va.	248.40
ARIZ. 1st A/G, Phoenix	3,199.32
1st A/G, Glendale	1,979.15
ARK. 1st A/G, Van Buren	8,724.50
1st A/G, Springdale	3,411.00
1st A/G, El Dorado	1,500.00
Central A/G, Little Rock	1,400.00
1st A/G, Russellville	1,033.78
EASTERN, Village Church, Bedford, Pa.	2,381.91
1st A/G, Wilmington, Del.	1,380.00
GA. Beallwood A/G, Columbus	2,649.00
Faith Memorial A/G, Atlanta	2,600.00
1st A/G, Griffin	2,500.00
Digby A/G, Brooks	1,245.55
A/G Tabernacle, Atlanta	1,085.00
North Highland A/G, Columbus	1,025.00
ILL. Stone Church, Chicago	1,522.11
Edward St. A/G, Alton	1,000.10
IND. 1st A/G, Terre Haute	1,000.00
IOWA, A/G, Newton	1,000.95
KANS. A/G, Garden City	5,750.00
Central A/G, Wichita	3,382.77
1st A/G, Hutchinson	3,185.50
1st A/G, Kansas City	3,001.50
1st A/G, Salina	1,132.21
Victoria Tab, Kansas City	1,062.47
KY. 1st A/G, Lexington	315.51
LA. 1st A/G, New Orleans	1,044.25
MICH. Bethany A/G, Adrian	1,448.96
Central A/G, Muskegon	1,434.61
MINN. A/G, Worthington	1,236.58
MISS. East End A/G, Meridian	1,000.00
MONT. A/G, Cut Bank	2,280.90
1st A/G, Missoula	2,218.45
A/G, Sidney	1,779.85
NEBR. A/G, Bayard	1,054.63
N. J. Bethel A/G, Newark	2,169.59
N. MEX. 1st A/G, Roswell	550.45
N. Y. Bethlehem Church, Richmond Hill	2,987.01
1st A/G, Binghamton	1,237.52
N. C. 1st A/G, Morganton	693.75
N. DAK. Evangel Temple, Bismarck	700.62
N. CALIF.-NEV. Neighborhood Church, Santa Clara, Calif.	3,058.35
Central A/G, El Sobrante	2,766.16
A/G, Salida	2,000.00
A/G, Live Oak	1,200.00
Bethel Temple A/G, Hayward	1,150.00
1st A/G, Sunnyvale	1,142.96
A/G, Seaside	1,102.50
Haven of Rest A/G, San Leandro	1,100.85
A/G, Escalon	1,002.93
N. MO. Wyatt Park A/G, St. Joseph	448.14
N. N. ENG. A/G, Concord, N. H.	284.60
N. TEX. Bethel A/G, Arlington	1,800.00
1st A/G, Dallas	1,386.60
Gold Mine A/G, Dallas	1,302.10
Central A/G, Austin	1,066.35
1st A/G, Longview	1,024.25
Northside A/G, Forth Worth	1,003.00
South Side A/G, McKinney	1,000.00
1st A/G, Whitehouse	1,000.00
Southwestern A/G College, Waxahachie	2,510.00
N.W. A/G, Olympia, Wash.	673.02
OHIO, Bethel Temple A/G, Dayton	1,076.65
OKLA. 1st A/G, Edmond	632.00
OREG. 1st A/G, Eugene	3,173.49
Pentecostal A/G, Albany	2,152.06
Bethel A/G, Springfield	1,047.52
P. FLA. Pleasant Grove A/G, Durant	1,367.28
1st A/G, Lakeland	1,191.38
POTOMAC, Trinity A/G, Baltimore, Md.	1,000.00
RKY. MT. 1st A/G, Greeley, Colo.	1,008.00
S. C. 1st A/G, Columbia	683.67
S. DAK. 1st A/G, Huron	255.40
S. CALIF. 1st A/G, San Diego	6,019.20
Full Gospel A/G, Bell Gardens	4,560.00
Full Gospel Tabernacle, Selma	3,200.00
A/G, Covina	2,604.00
A/G, Del Rosa	2,195.32
Full Gospel A/G, Caruthers	2,148.39

Northeast A/G, Fresno	2,139.23
Pentecostal A/G, Fillmore	1,903.00
Faith Chapel, La Mesa	1,760.00
1st A/G, Fontana	1,538.53
1st A/G, San Bernardino	1,436.92
A/G, Whittier	1,415.00
A/G, Van Nuys	1,301.00
1st A/G, Visalia	1,267.20
1st A/G, Santa Maria	1,250.39
1st A/G, San Luis Obispo	1,203.20
1st A/G, Long Beach	1,200.00
A/G, Lancaster	1,102.50
A/G, Rialto	1,100.00
Western Ave. A/G, Los Angeles	1,050.00
1st A/G, Taft	1,033.00
Bethel Temple, Los Angeles	1,028.50
Calvary Full Gospel A/G, Inglewood	1,010.00
A/G, Delano	1,002.00
1st A/G, Garden Grove	1,001.00
1st A/G, Wilmington	1,000.00
S. IDAHO, A/G, Riggins	1,012.60
S. MO. Central A/G, Springfield	1,006.23
S. N. ENG. 1st A/G, Worcester, Mass.	2,071.47
Parkway A/G, Revere, Mass.	1,507.14
S. TEX. Trinity Tab. A/G, Baytown	2,238.97
1st A/G, Freeport	1,840.00
Burbank A/G, Houston	1,700.00
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Southside A/G, Houston	1,191.42
1st A/G, Pasadena	1,050.00
TENN. 1st A/G, Madison	1,043.50
W. FLA. 1st A/G, Panama City	1,389.26
Dirego Park A/G, Panama City	1,174.12
W. TEX. 1st A/G, Levelland	700.00
WIS.-N. MICH. A/G, Kenosha, Wis.	1,311.00
WYO. A/G, Newcastle	484.24

Would you like to know where Speed-the-Light equipment was sent? The Latin American fields received by far the largest share of this new equipment last year with South America getting 29 new vehicles, Central America 23, and the West Indies 4. Africa received 34, the Far East 31, Southern Asia 17, Europe 16, the Pacific Islands 7, and the Middle East 1.

North America (Mexico, Alaska, and American Indian ministries) received 18 vehicles. Equipment for home missions workers was provided through the World Speed-the-Light percentage plan that channels 4½ cents of each Speed-the-Light dollar to meet these specific areas of need.

The World Speed-the-Light plan also channels money to the districts for buildings for pioneer churches. During 1965 this amounted to \$94,678.29. An outstanding example of how this pays off is Bethel Assembly, Arlington, Texas. This church received assistance from Speed-the-Light a few years ago in getting started. The past three years it has led the North Texas District in Speed-the-Light giving—in 1965 it gave \$1,800.

Additional requests for Speed-the-Light assistance have come from all parts of the world—a world in deep trouble. Our responsibility is to equip missionaries to speed the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to groping, lost humanity. And with the continued support of the Christ's Ambassadors, we will.

Perils of Spiritual Maturity

By GEORGE B. DUNCAN



AGE HAS ITS PREROGATIVES. It has some things youth can never have. I think, for instance, of the wealth of experience that age alone can enjoy.

Most of us know what it is to meet older Christians rich in experience, veterans of many battlefields and conquests, men and women who have walked a long way with God. They have a maturity of judgment, a knowledge of life and of the Bible, and a communion with God that seem to make the problems that baffle and perplex us quite simple and enable them to avoid the mistakes that the younger so easily make.

But while age and experience have their prerogatives, they also have their perils.

Let us look into the mirror of God's Word and see ourselves there. I want to remind you that age is a relative term, and God's Word may come to those who are not so very old, but older than others. Let us consider some aspects of failure in Christian living which are peculiarly the peril of those who have grown older in Christian experience, and to do so against the background of the story in 1 Kings 13. "Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel..." (verse 11).

First, I want you to note what I call

THE LETHARGY THAT MARRED HIS SERVICE.

Here was a man who had very nearly come to a standstill spiritually. Bethel, where he lived, was the scene of Jeroboam's sin—the setting up of false religion served

by false priests. The details are found in the closing verses of the previous chapter. The action of the king was to become proverbial and legendary in the history of Israel, for Jeroboam was the king who "made Israel to sin."

The motive of Jeroboam's sin was political expediency; the action, one of spiritual apostasy. And in the face of this peril the old prophet was silent. He had nothing to say, and said nothing.

Why had this lethargy settled down across his service for God? Whatever the reason, the silence remained unbroken, the message unspoken, and the servant of God sat idly at home. Lethargy marred his service.

I want to ask, Is this true of you? Is your pace slowing down? Spiritually, vitally, have you very nearly come to a halt?

In your consecration you were once fastidiously careful—your standards were high in your separation to Christ from the world. But it cost so much to maintain that standard, and you grew so weary and so wise that slowly and almost imperceptibly the world has encroached. And as far as consecration is concerned, you have almost forgotten the meaning of the word.

If so, your usefulness has practically gone. You are holding on to a position; you have a rank to which you have ceased to have the spiritual right. Such was the inaction into which this old prophet had settled.

And then I want you to notice

THE INTRUSION BY WHICH HE WAS STARTLED.

The lethargy of this old prophet was suddenly, rudely shaken; the silence which he had been careful to maintain was suddenly, sharply broken. His sons rushed in to tell him of the dramatic event—that the king himself had been officiating at the high place that very day, and the man of God, a young man of Judah, had dramatically interrupted the service. The curse of God had been pronounced against the altar. The king, violently angry, had caused the instant arrest of the man of God—and he had been struck immediately by the hand of God in judgment.

Then a cowed and frightened king had pleaded for mercy before a rent altar, amidst the smoke of the scattered ashes. A cringing, conciliatory monarch had offered hospitality and rewards—to find his offer treated with contempt.

What had the man of God from Judah said to the king? "If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: for so was it charged me by the word of the Lord."

The long silence had been broken, and like a sudden peal of thunder out of a leaden and sullen sky, the voice of God had spoken. With glowing faces the sons of the

old prophet ended their breathless story, while the old man watched and listened.

What was it that turned their glowing faces into puzzled wonderment? Was it the sudden, stabbing realization that what had just happened should have happened long ago? And that the man who should have done it was not the man of God from Judah, but the old prophet, their father, to whom they now told their story—across whose face consternation and anger now chased each other? Finally in burning, sullen anger the man who had been inactive so long was stung into action, demanding, "Where did that man of God go?"

Worse followed, for the lethargy that marked the service of the old prophet was replaced by what I call **THE ANIMOSITY THAT SEARED HIS SPIRIT.**

Here we face the tragic fact that the man who took no action at all against the deeds of Jeroboam became passionately and angrily active against the man of God. One of the things that appalls me, that shames me, is just this—the ceaseless animosity of Christian against Christian. You find it wherever you find Christians, and the tragedy is that those involved are very seldom youngsters in the faith. You do not find it in the Sunday school, or among the young people. You find it at a higher level—among the older Christians, in your deacon board, among your elders, in the "old prophet."

Then you find that those who have ceased to be active in the vital things of God against the enemy of souls are tirelessly active against the "men of God." Why was this old prophet roused into action—not against the false worship of Jeroboam, but against the faithful servant of Jehovah? I think, first of all, it was because of a pride that would not be humbled. The man who remained unmoved when God's name was dishonored was stung to the quick when his own actions were condemned.

And as his own sons told him the story of it all, they told the story of his own condemnation; and his pride hated it. A man in his position, a man of his age, a man of his experience being condemned, being judged! He had been weighed in the balances and found wanting; condemned—and he hated it!

His wounded, resentful pride writhed and twisted with the pain of it, until the focus of all the hate and all the hurt was found in a purpose that would not be halted—to find the man, somehow bring him down to his own level. He would make him swallow those words of contempt: "Neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place," for by these words he inferred he was better than the old prophet—for *he* had been eating bread and drinking water there for these years and months past. So the purpose was formulated and pursued until he found the man of God. Such was the animosity that seared his spirit.

Tell me: Are you more active against the people of God than against the enemies of God? Do you write more, talk more, think more, plan more against the servants of God than against His enemies? If so, I'll tell you why. Because the life of somebody has condemned you. Not verbally, but implicitly.

Note finally

THE TRAGEDY THAT CROWNED HIS SUCCESS.

The old prophet succeeded. Do you know what weapon he used? It was his tongue. With a blend of friendliness,
(Continued on page twenty-seven)

I'LL BRING MY WHOLE STAFF NEXT TIME
FOR ALL
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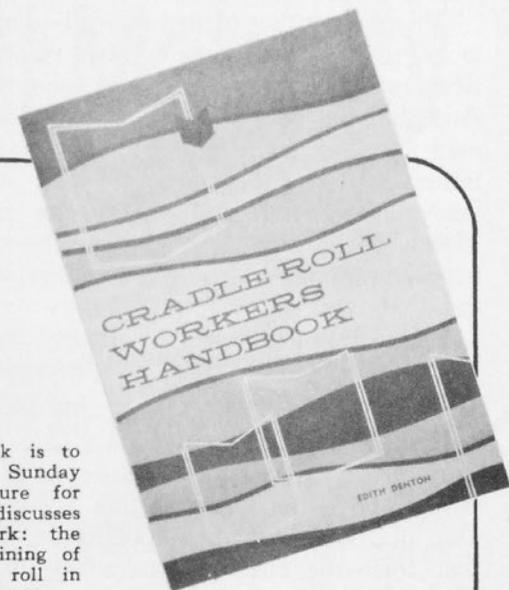
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Dear Parents of Our Cradle Roll Baby:

The wise man said in the Bible: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Many parents shrug off this promise, saying it has been "disproved" many times. They point to children who have been taught by their parents about Christ all of their lives and yet turn from Him into the pathway of sin and Satan.

But notice especially this first word. It does not say "Teach." The word is "Train." The two words differ greatly. To "teach" is to impart facts, to educate. To "train" is descriptive of the sum total of influences brought to bear in the life of a child.

You, as a parent, may *teach* your child from his earliest days but the forces that determine his *training* are all of the influences surrounding your home. The language of your home, the spirit of the parents, the type of people about, the music; in short, everything that touches your home is a part of your baby's training.

If profanity comes into the atmosphere of your home, either from the parents or those who drop by, your baby is receiving training in profanity. You may *teach* your baby it is wrong to take the name of God in vain, but the teaching will count for little when he is *trained* from infancy in that type of language.

If you attend church irregularly, only when it is convenient or it is a "special" day, your baby is being trained in the unimportance of church attendance. You may *teach* him consistently to be a regular attendant, but your actions *train* him that you do not consider the house of God important enough to demand your presence there regularly. If you do not, then why should he? You may *teach* him to go to church, but if you do not live that way you will *train* him it is unimportant.

But, on the other hand, if you sing while you work and speak to your child of the love of God, he will absorb the joyousness and serenity of your spirit. He will bask in it and grow in it, believing that God is love, for he can see that love in his parents.

A famous author stated that for years she believed the "everlasting arms" referred to in the Bible were those of her father. And when she later discovered it was referring to the loving arms of God, she was able to bow and worship because she could understand the divine personality of God; she had seen His Spirit depicted in the loving, tender strength of her father.

When a tree is a sapling, with a flick of the wrist you may twist it around a trellis. But after several years have passed, if you want to make it into a straight tree, you will find it impossible, for it will have grown and set in the mold.

In babyhood and childhood, a child may be trained

This is one of 18 messages to parents in the new Cradle Roll Packet ("Baby's Album") now available from the Gospel Publishing House. (See advertisement across the page.)

Be Tender, O Gardener

easily. You can do now with the touch of a feather what cannot be undone in the years ahead regardless of how hard you try.

An unknown author has penned these words:

*The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the garden of God.
It climbs from weakness to knowledge and power,
To the sky from the clay and the clod.*

*To beauty and sweetness it grows under care;
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.
'Tis a plant that is tender but wondrously rare,
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.*

*Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light;
And let it not lack for painstaking care,
To protect it from frost and from blight.*

*A glad day will come when its blooms shall unfold;
It will seem that an angel has smiled,
Reflecting a beauty more precious than gold
In the sensitive soul of a child.*

IN A HOSPITAL that bears the name of a church, a student nurse stood over the mangled form of an elderly patient. "I can't remove those bandages," she whispered hoarsely. "I just can't do it!"

The ward supervisor stepped closer to her and with an informal air said softly, "Marty, let me tell you my secret. Try to imagine it is the broken body of Jesus lying there. Do what you would do for Him under the circumstance."

That principle is embodied in the motto of the Women's Missionary Council of the Assemblies of God: "We Minister as unto Christ." Members of the organization constantly seek to aid those in need of spiritual or physical help.

March 30, National Shut-in Day, will find WMC's everywhere making special efforts to give added attention to persons confined to their homes or care institutions. Some groups will remember their unfortunate friends with greeting cards. Some will prepare personalized gifts—a dainty handkerchief or small item of pretty clothing for the ladies; socks, bed socks, and similar things for the men; toilet articles, games, or a potted flower for both.

On Shut-in Day WMC visitors will carry with them fancy little packages of goodies from their own cupboards (for those whose diets permit). Some will play armchair games with the shut-ins. Ladies will "do" their friend's hair. Some will take ambulatory patients to their home for lunch, or for a drive in the country. Or perhaps they will bring a potluck lunch to persons confined to their own homes. WMC members will escort those who are able to attend a church service planned with them in mind.

Many WMC groups will be participating in a project, "The Word for the Shut-in." They will present their friends with one of the Scripture portions printed in large type. These are available at a nominal price from the American Bible Society.

WMC care for the shut-ins will not end on the special day. The thoughtful attention is a matter of the heart that continues throughout the year. Regular visits to family residences, hospital rooms, state institutions, and rest homes are part of the WMC program.

REST HOMES

Rest homes—there is a myriad of them today—present a needy field for WMC ministry. Of the aged and infirm people who live there, some are physically unable to leave the institution; others are even more closely confined to a single room. If these folk are not privileged to attend a church, someone must take the gospel to them.

Many convalescent homes have no formal worship or church visitation periods—not because religious services are prohibited, but because no one volunteers to conduct them.

Rest home ministry is important. Christian residents recuperating from a trying illness or spending their last days in such a home need the comfort and reassurance of a spiritual leader. Some have never heard the plan of salvation. They need the opportunity to become acquainted with the Saviour before they step into eternity.

Marcus Doty was one who had watched his daughters grow up and marry ministers. He had taken pride in the work of his sons-in-law but had neglected to commit his

WMC'S MINISTER AS UNTO CHRIST

own life to God. Finally he had buried his Christian wife and moved to a rest home because of his own failing health. At each worship service an attendant pushed his wheelchair into the reception room that served as a chapel. One day he joined in the singing as usual, listened to the Scripture reading, but began to sob as the leader finished the meeting.

"Do you think the Good Shepherd would take a wandering old sheep?" he asked. That afternoon this man spending his last days in a rest home found the doorway to life eternal. What if there had been no worship service?

It is best for the pastor to make the first contact with the management of the institution to arrange a schedule of visitation and formal meetings. Once a schedule is set up, WMC's should follow it faithfully to avoid disappointing the residents and to fit into the work routine.

With a plan to follow, the women form teams according to the demands of their task—one team of from two to six for a small home; multiples of the same for an establishment with two or three floors. Members of the visiting group carry Bibles, Sunday school literature (in large print where possible), and songbooks.

Singing is enjoyed by patients of all faiths. Songs about the eternal nature of God and of His love toward men give reassurance. Each person likes to hold a hymnal. Whether he can see the words or not, he follows the melody, supplying the lyrics from memory. Being invited



NATIONAL SHUT-IN DAY

MARCH 30

By ANN AHLF

to select a song for the group to sing gives added pleasure.

Children's singing is always welcomed by the residents of a home. In fancy, they see themselves or their own children standing there lisping out the words, "Jesus loves me." Some of the patients never see a child unless the WMC's bring a junior choir to visit occasionally.

Bible reading—loud and clear, with simple comments—is drunk in like water by the thirsty. Many have hands too crippled to hold the Book, or eyes too dim to read it anymore.

Room-to-room visitation for the bedfast follows the 30-minute service. A personal call, though brief, is cherished by the resident who has no family or is so far away from relatives that he has no callers. There is therapeutic benefit in pouring little confidences into listening ears, revealing secret pains and disappointments. A good listener is an ideal kind of visitor.

Picture cards from children's Sunday school literature make good "calling cards" for this kind of ministry. Small wrapped pieces of hard candy or sticks of chewing gum (given with permission of the management) please the receivers.

WMC groups make scrapbooks that help shut-ins pass weary hours. Ten sheets of multicolored construction paper are punched and tied with ribbon for the

WMC ladies (left) visit an elderly lady in her home. Ladies' choir (right photos) minister to residents of a rest home.



pages. On them, in an attractive manner according to subject, are pasted pictures from greeting cards, suitable poems, and perhaps a page from a songbook. Colorful pictures of nature, family life, animals, sports, means of transportation and scenery are clipped from magazines. A story from a Sunday school paper, Christian cartoons, and short items from *The Pentecostal Evangel* are included. Sometimes a kit for making the book is prepared and given to residents who are able to make their own books.

Errand day can be a blessing to the rest home shut-in. Choosing a time apart from the regular service day, WMC members stop by a shopping center for a desired item. They may drop in to write letters, read to the patient, or just chat for a few minutes. Holidays and special occasions are marked by suitable favors and gifts.

Not all residents of rest homes are congenial. Some will not want to hear the singing about certain salvation themes. A few may ask for their doors to be closed during worship. The wise WMC will not argue the question, but through some small favor will find a way to be a blessing and perhaps eventually win the person for Christ.

Not all shut-ins are aged. Disabilities often fall to the young adult or child. Here the ministry of the WMC group must be suited to the situation.

HOSPITALS

In an expensive hospital room a WMC member found a woman who had taken to her bed in grief following the death of her husband. She has "lived" there for seven years. She associated only with her nurse. Her greatest ailment was loneliness. Visitors only hesitated at the door, then passed on, until a WMC member proved that even the self-sufficient rich respond to a ministry of love.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

Many residents of state institutions are required to furnish their own supplies. WMC's in one area, aware of this, solicited good used purses, equipped them with small toilet articles and hose, and distributed them among the women as holiday gifts. Comparable packages were prepared for the men.

PRIVATE HOMES

Personal visitation to shut-ins in private homes is rewarding. Those who, after a busy life, suddenly are forced into inactivity, rejoice at the sound of footsteps on their sidewalk. Some groups find a way to take a regular meeting to the home of a shut-in member occasionally. Others plan projects in which the shut-ins may participate.

Minnie Pratt found it physically impossible to attend more than the Sunday morning worship service, but sitting in her wheelchair she rolled bandages for a leper clinic and hemmed dresses for children of a motherless family.

Scientists say that by the end of the century it will not be uncommon for people to reach the age of 120. There will be a steadily increasing number of aged shut-ins in every community. More rest homes and other care institutions will appear.

Never has there been such a need for committed, challenged WMC's. Let all women in our churches enlist and, under the guidance of their pastor, let them minister to the shut-ins "as unto Christ."



By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

THE KEY TO SUCCESS in any venture is usually good leadership. This is true in Missionettes Clubs. A sponsor who shows little enthusiasm, is bored, or does not know how to work with girls will soon find attendance dropping. Before long the club will dissolve and girls who wanted to work for the Lord will be disheartened and disappointed.

The opposite is true when a sponsor has a real desire to help girls and teach them to be better witnesses, church and Sunday school workers, homemakers, and, in some cases, missionaries. The attitude of the sponsor is so important. When a Missionettes Club grows and the girls show a genuine interest by attending meetings and participating in projects, there usually is a sponsor who plans, prays, and works with them.

Many sponsors feel inadequate when they consent to lead a Missionettes Club. This was true of Mrs. Mildred Bennett, Seattle, Wash.

"I felt apprehensive and inadequate about this venture," she said, "but I believed our girls needed such a program as the Stairway to the Stars achievement program. With God's help these girls are being guided and encouraged to grow. This way they feel they are an indispensable part of the church and learn to develop their talents for God's work.

"If I had had a program such as this when I was a girl, I believe I would have been on the mission field now. Instead I drifted away from the Lord, married an unsaved man, had a family, and traveled around the United States. When I did come back to the Lord, I knew it was for good.

"When my husband became aware of the need for Christ in his life and accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour, I felt perhaps we would work for God together. But four months later he was suddenly taken from us by a traffic accident. I started my long-delayed growth process. My security was taken away, and I had to lean on the Lord for everything.

"I then felt led to work with Missionettes. I want to help girls find a definite place in the Lord. I desire that these girls be drawn closer to the Lord so the things of the world will not look important. I feel so close to these girls and know that Missionettes is a way to help them."

After Mrs. Bennett's club was organized, an installation service was arranged. A light blue cloth was placed on a table in front of the pulpit. The Missionettes emblem was placed on this cloth and a tall white candle stood in a holder there. Beside this candle were colored candles.

When the service started, the organ played the *Missionettes Melody*. The girls moved down the aisle two by two, parted at the front of the auditorium, and turned to face the congregation. The white candle was lighted and held by Mrs. Nancy Craig, cosponsor. In turn she lighted the colored candles held by the officers.

With only the candlelight in the auditorium the girls accepted their offices and were challenged by Mrs. Craig. The Spirit of the Lord was so present that some of the girls and others in the congregation wept. There was also a message in tongues.

Mrs. James E. Lunde, the pastor's wife, led in prayer after the Missionettes moved to form a deep V, turned to face the altar, and knelt in prayer. The pastor and others commented on the presence of the Lord which was felt strongly at this installation service. The girls who participated will long remember the occasion.

We salute Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Craig, and all Missionettes sponsors around the world for their faithfulness in leading our 45,000 girls who belong to Missionettes Clubs. These sponsors are living examples of the Missionettes motto: "We Care." 



Here are Queen Mary Bateman and Princess Pamela Arko of the Northern California-Nevada District. These Missionettes collected the most points from specified work qualifications covering nine months. Both girls are from the Redwood City Assembly. The girls were crowned at the fifth annual Missionettes convention where 658 registered. Every endeavor was made at this convention to help girls learn to love the Lord more and create a greater interest in the Missionettes program. Ten girls gave their hearts to the Lord at the conclusion of the Junior Missionettes banquet reports Willa Vae Bowles, district Missionettes director. Mrs. Goldia Anderson is the district WMC president.

CHRIST, THE GLORIOUS MASTER

Sunday School Lesson for March 20, 1966

MATTHEW 17:1-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE PREPARATION FOR THE GLORY (Matthew 17:1)

The Time. The writers of the first three Gospels were careful to connect the Transfiguration with Christ's first clear announcement concerning His coming death. (See Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 9:22, 23.) The prediction of His crucifixion filled the disciples with gloom, but witnessing the Transfiguration would fill them with the strength and assurance they needed to face the trying days ahead.

The Place. "A high mountain apart" (Matthew 17:1). For prayer, Christ often resorted to the privacy of the mountains. Notice:

(1) To maintain vital fellowship with Christ, we need privacy for prayer.

(2) We must retire regularly from the hustle and bustle of everyday life—to ascend spiritually; to "mount up with wings as eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)—rising above low standards, low ambitions, and the lowlands of sin and materialism.

The Witnesses. Why did Jesus take only three of His disciples with Him? It may be they were more spiritually advanced than the others, the only ones conditioned for such a revelation. It is certain that Christ had no favorites! There are degrees of intimacy in following Christ, but this intimacy depends upon one's personal desire, obedience, and faith—not on Christ's arbitrary selection.

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GLORY (Matthew 17:2)

The Nature of the Glory. In the Gospels, very little is said concerning the outward majesty of Christ, thus suggesting His beauty and power were inward and spiritual. But on this occasion the divine glory shone through the veil of the flesh. Matthew says, "His face did shine as the sun" (17:2). Luke says, "His raiment was white and glistening" (9:29). Centuries earlier the face of Moses had shone with God's glory, but a veil could hide it. Not so with the Son of God. So pure, so holy, so full of the divine glory was He that it penetrated even His clothes!

The Prayer Which Produced the Glory. "As he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29). It is also true that prayer changes *us*. Fellowship with Christ through prayer transforms our characters so that we reflect the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18).

THE VISITORS FROM THE GLORY (Matthew 17:3-21)

Who They Were. Moses and Elijah appeared, representing respectively the Law and the Prophets. Both had pointed to Christ's coming (Luke 24:27, 44).

Why They Appeared. (1) They came to comfort and strengthen Christ for the ordeal ahead of Him. (2) Since the topic of conversation was "his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31), this assured Christ the mystery of Calvary was understood by those already in glory. (3) To the disciples, the

whole event was proof their Lord was really the Messiah of whom the Law and the Prophets had spoken. It also showed them Calvary was part of God's purpose.

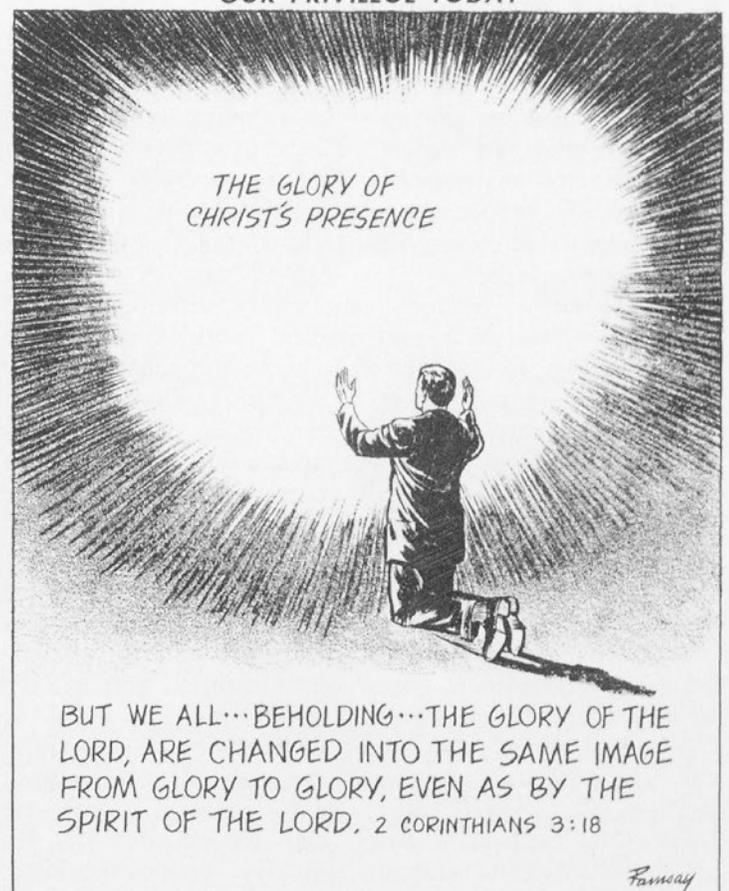
How They Appeared. What the disciples saw was *real*—Moses and Elijah had not lost their identity. This suggests two lessons: (1) God's people are conscious and happy after death. (2) We shall recognize our loved ones in heaven!

Peter's Comment. Peter appreciated the intimacy of the relationship they were enjoying with Christ. He said, "It is good for us to be here" (Luke 9:33). It is indeed good to commune with Christ and enjoy the consciousness of His presence, but Peter forgot his responsibility to his fellowman down in the valley.

The Father's Word. The voice of His Father assured Christ that His Father's approval which had been upon His life and ministry was also upon His journey to the Cross. (See Luke 9:35.) But God spoke for the benefit of the disciples as well. It reminded them their Master was indeed the Son of God, and they were to accept as authoritative all that He said.

The Glory's Departure. "And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone" (Luke 9:36). The outward glory was gone, but Jesus was still there. Now these disciples were to go down to the demon-possessed boy in the valley to minister in the inspiration and strength they had received on the Mount.

OUR PRIVILEGE TODAY





The new brick Faith Assembly in Salem, Va., with sanctuary seating 250, was dedicated last September. The congregation continues to grow since moving into the new building.

SITES FOR SOULS CHURCH DEDICATED IN SALEM, VIRGINIA

By **GLENN E. STRICKLAND, Pastor**

FAITH ASSEMBLY IN SALEM, VA., was started in December, 1959, after God gave us a burden for this town that we could not escape. Salem (population 16,000) joins the city of Roanoke. This metropolitan area has over 100,000 population, and both Roanoke and Salem are constantly attracting new industries. Other industries here are expanding.

We felt such a splendid community, offering the best in industry, education, and medical facilities, must have an Assemblies of God church to serve the spiritual needs of the growing population.

We had 33 attending our first service. This grew to a record of 103 in the little chapel we had rented. This chapel was only one small room and inadequate for Sunday school classes.

From the first service God blessed Faith Assembly with a group of people who shared the same burden and desire to see an established assembly in Salem. All of them made numerous sacrifices. Without their faithfulness in attendance, prayer, and financial support, the work would not have been possible.

We had raised about \$2,500 for our building fund and had seen our attendance rise and fall due to poor facilities. Our church had reached a point of desperation because of inadequate space and accommodations, yet we could not find suitable property we could afford.

Then our church was chosen as a *Sites for Souls*

project. As a result it is fast becoming a stronghold for God in this growing community.

We were able to purchase property almost in the heart of Salem, on Highway 460, for \$8,000. Later we obtained additional lots for parking and for a future parsonage.

Our new church, dedicated September 26, 1965, seats about 250. The main sanctuary is 35- by 64-feet, featuring brick interior walls, exposed laminated beams, walnut paneling around the platform, and walnut pews and furniture. There is also a baptistry. A wing and full-sized basement add eight Sunday school rooms, two offices, C. A. (youth) hall, nursery, and rest rooms.

The brick and masonry building is practically fire-proof. Appraised value of the project is \$60,000.

Since we moved into our new building, not a single week has passed without new people visiting our services. God has blessed us with a spiritual growth as well, and we are believing Him for great things.

We cannot fully express all it means to us to have had *Sites for Souls* assistance in establishing Faith Assembly in Salem. Now we, in turn, are cooperating with the *Sites for Souls* program by giving at least a dollar per member per year so other churches may receive this strategic help when they need it. We trust we shall continue to grow so we can help strengthen the home missions program and thus reach more souls for God.

Offerings for Home Missions (including Indian, Alaska, Deaf, Blind, Foreign-Language, Prison, Teen Challenge, and Jewish ministries) should be mailed to

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802

NEW CHURCH TO BE ERECTED IN STATEN ISLAND

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1965, the new congregation of Calvary Assembly in Staten Island, N. Y., gathered for a combined groundbreaking and mortgage-burning ceremony at the site of the new edifice they are planning to build at Eltingville. The occasion marked the beginning of a three-stage building program.

The church liquidated its \$36,000 mortgage on the land in only 21 months, so liberal and sacrificial was the giving of God's people.

Calvary Assembly is a branch of El Bethel Assembly of God, Staten Island, where James Tate is pastor. The "mother" church has faithfully supported the work since its inception. Prayer meetings for this new endeavor were conducted as early as January, 1963, and the first official meeting of the Calvary congregation was held on May 14, 1963.

Brother and Sister Charles Scrimale were installed as pastors of the new church on April 18, 1965. They resigned the pastorate of the Mount Holly (N. J.) Assembly (where they had pioneered a new work and remained as pastors for 10 years) to accept the new challenge.

Reports reveal the blessing of God on the new church, for the Lord is confirming His Word with signs following. New souls have been saved and believers filled or refilled with the Spirit. The church anticipates a great outreach for God's Kingdom in the area.



James Tate, pastor of El Bethel Assembly, burns the \$36,000 mortgage on the land purchased as the site for the new Calvary Assembly in Eltingville, Staten Island, N. Y. Others taking part in the combined groundbreaking and mortgage-burning ceremony are: Carl Ericksen (second from left), chairman of church board of El Bethel Assembly; Christopher Olsen, deacon of Calvary Assembly; and Charles Scrimale, pastor of Calvary Assembly.

STILL SUPPORTING ALASKA

FOR 21 YEARS ALASKA has been listed as one of the Special Ministry fields of the Home Missions Department.

For the past three years, B. P. Wilson has been supervisor of the Assemblies' ministry there. He was pastor of the Fairbanks church for approximately nine years, resigning the church when he became supervisor in 1962. He was elected superintendent of the newly created Alaska District in July, effective September 1, 1965. The district received official recognition at the General Council in Des Moines, Iowa, in August 1965.

Brother Wilson, holder of a commercial pilot's license, finds flying ability "absolutely necessary" in performing his administrative duties. The state is two-and-a-half times the size of Texas.

With the creation of the Alaska District, only missionary-pastors of native churches will retain Home Missions appointment, with the exception of the C. C. Personneuses, missionaries in Alaska since 1917. They will have a permanent honorary status, having been the first Assemblies of God missionaries in the territory.

World Ministries credit will be allowed for the next two years for offerings sent to the Home Missions Department designated for any of our churches in Alaska. These churches urgently need this continued support while the district is in its infancy.

Following is a list of the native churches of Alaska and their missionary-pastors:

Churches

Aniak (American Indian)
Angoon (Indian)
Barrow (Eskimo)
Beaver (Indian and Eskimo)*
Chalkyitsik (Indian)*
Cordova (Indian and Eskimo)
Eklutna (Indian)
Fort Yukon (Indian)
Kaktovik (Eskimo)
Klukwan (Indian)
McGrath (Indian)
Minto (Indian)
Nenana (Indian)
Nome (Eskimo)
Pelican (Indian and Eskimo)
Point Hope (Eskimo)
Stebbins (Eskimo)
Stevens Village (Indian)
St. Michael (Eskimo)
Tyonek (Indian)
Venetie (Indian)*
Wainwright (Eskimo)
Wrangell (Indian and Eskimo)
Yakutat (Indian)

Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy R. Price
Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Peretti
Mr. and Mrs. Dwain McKenzie

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Huling

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn P. Craig
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Donadio
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Cooley
Roy Randall
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Andrus
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Olson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Rutledge
Paul Bills
Mrs. Fred Neubauer

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Capener
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lantz

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Covlasky

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn P. Craig

Eric Pahl (not appointed)
Mr. and Mrs. George Downs

Donald H. Von Wald

Outstations

Birch Creek Village (Indian) Telida (Indian)
Medfra (Indian) Kotlik (Eskimo)
Nikolai (Indian)

*Presently served by a pastor of a nearby Assemblies of God church.

REVIVALTIME

GOES SOUTH OF THE BORDER



By RON ROWDEN

CARRIED BY SIX POWERFUL transmitting stations, *Revivaltime* reaches millions of Central and South American listeners each week, presenting the full gospel and breaking new trails for Assemblies of God missionaries.

Mike Wright, missionary to British Honduras, Central America, wrote: "I wish our *Revivaltime* offering could be multiplied many times. You will never know what a blessing your broadcast is, not only to our field of Belize but to our family as well."

And a missionary in British Guiana, South America, testified: "I requested prayer for my missionary venture. God has answered your prayers, and the work has grown. My school now receives government recognition. God must be praised for all of this."

But the real effectiveness of *Revivaltime's* radio ministry to Central and South America can be understood only by reading the scores of testimonies which reach the Radio Department each week from appreciative listeners.

For instance, this warmhearted letter came from a father in East Bank Berbice, British Guiana: "*Revivaltime* is a tremendous blessing to my whole family. When the broadcast comes on over Radio BGSB, all three of our children leave their playing or whatever they are doing

and sit with my wife and me to hear the Word of God."

And from a police captain in Stann Creek Town, British Honduras, came this note of encouragement: "I enjoy and appreciate your message to the world in a time when everyone else thinks only of fun and enjoyment. Your sermons are very inspirational, and they urge one to do what is right and keep to the straight path even when all else seems to be moving the other way. I start every Sunday by listening to your radio broadcast."

In Venezuela, South America, a young man was so impressed by *Revivaltime's* ministry that he wrote: "Being born a Catholic, I was never encouraged to read and study the Holy Bible—I don't even own one. But I have been listening to *Revivaltime* for the past two Sundays and have been deeply touched by your great and inspiring sermons. They have indeed helped me understand things about the Scripture which I had never heard before."

A noticeable and admirable trait of *Revivaltime's* neighbors to the south is their complete, unwavering faith in God for answered prayer. And seldom do they neglect to thank God for meeting their needs!

A young man in British Guiana asked the *Revivaltime* staff to pray for his financial problems. Later he wrote: "I am happy to say I have obtained a job as a carpenter, making more money than ever in my entire life. Thank you for your faithful prayers. I am convinced God gave me this position to help me support His work. I am now giving one-fifth to local missionary work."

In Essequibo, British Guiana, a grateful daughter thanked God for a miracle of healing in her mother's body: "My mother always listens to *Revivaltime*. She wrote a few months ago, requesting prayer for her health. She had diabetes and was losing her sight. Now she can see clearly, and is feeling wonderful. Thank you for your prayers."

But while testimonies of healing and answered prayer are greatly appreciated, letters such as the following from a young woman in British Guiana stir our hearts and challenge us anew: "I am a Christian about seven months now. I am living in a village where there is no church. My parents are Muslims, as well as my grandparents and all my other relatives. Living in a place like this, with opposition all around me, I do not receive very much help. *It is your broadcast that helps me live a better Christian life.*"

This young Christian, and hundreds of others like her, must have regular guidance and assurance from God's Word if they are to remain true to Christ. Someday they will be effective workers for Christ, telling the gospel story to neighbors and loved ones. *But right now they need help.*

Pray earnestly for *Revivaltime's* Central and South American outreach and support this full-gospel radio ministry with your gifts. Only through your support can we continue to reach the lost with the truth, strengthen the young in Christ, and encourage the downhearted. Kindly address your offering to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.



An announcer at Station PJD-2, St. Maarten, Netherlands West Indies, holds tape of *Revivaltime* service which reaches the majority of the eastern Caribbean radio audience. PJD-2 program director Robert A. Mayer writes, "*Revivaltime* is our finest religious broadcast service."

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE RECEIVES WASC ACCREDITATION

ON JANUARY 21, 1966, word was received from Dr. Francis H. Herrick, executive secretary of the Western Regional Accrediting Association, that Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California, has been accepted for accreditation as a private professional college.

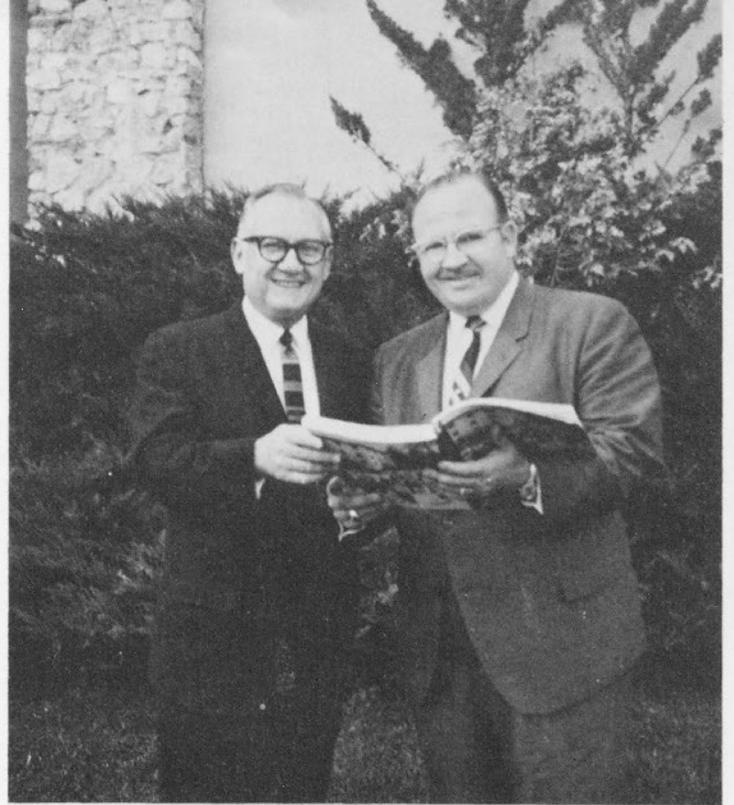
The letter from Dr. Herrick said, "You will be pleased to know that initial accreditation of Bethany Bible College has been granted . . . by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities." Bethany's president, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, on the receipt of this notification, immediately announced it to jubilant students.

Application for accreditation was submitted to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in October, 1964. After an extensive self-evaluation by the college, a further examination by a team of five educators took place in November, 1965. This team reported to the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges when it met in Oakland on January 17, 18. Bethany's president met with the commission on that date and was notified of the association's decision on January 21.

Bethany Bible College, located in Santa Cruz for the past 16 years, is now in its 47th continuous year of operation. The college was begun in San Francisco in 1919 as a training institute for Christian workers, and was known as Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Since that time, the college has continued to expand and to improve its academic program.

In 1959, Bethany was granted accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, the professional accrediting association for such schools. The college continues to enjoy this status.

Since its inception, Bethany has graduated some 1,900 persons. The four-year degree program was introduced



C. C. Burnett (right), president of Bethany Bible College and Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern-California Nevada District.

in 1955 and thus far 214 bachelor degrees have been awarded.

Cordas C. Burnett became Bethany's president in 1959, coming from Springfield, Missouri, where he had served the educational program of the Assemblies of God as national secretary of education.

Besides his tasks as president of the college, Dr. Burnett holds a number of executive positions in other organizations. For 12 years he has served as secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, an interdenominational church organization representing some 10 million persons. Locally, he is active in civic affairs and serves as president of the Scotts Valley County Water District.

Bethany is coeducational. The fall (1965) semester's enrollment totaled 406 students from 22 states and 14 foreign countries.

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

WHAT IF YOUR BOY grows up to be just like you? He may! You owe it to him to be the kind of man whose example is safe to follow in everything.

What if all men were your kind of Christian, with your kind of dedication? What would happen to the church if all men supported it as you do, attended it as you do? If all men honored the Lord as you do? Suppose everyone had the same concern for the lost as you do? Showed the same interest in bringing men to God?

You see, we all tend to "pass the buck." We are easy on ourselves. But responsible people face up to life.

As you know, we do not live by the clock nor do we live by the calendar—we live by values, and we have the privilege and duty to appraise these values. In this highly commercialized age in which we live, it seems

easy for us to grasp and hold material things, and to drop those richer spiritual values which would last through all eternity.

But surely it should not be difficult to be fair to our business or job and at the same time be fair to our spiritual life. There need be no conflict between the two. The right way to do it is to put God first—put the spiritual first.

Did you ever watch youngsters learning to button up their coats? If they do not get the first button in the right buttonhole the rest do not go right. Life is like that. If you do not start with God, life never adds up—never makes sense.

Give God a chance—a real chance to do something for you. There is more to life than just making a living. Life is happy if lived in the will of God. Build it around the Bible. Help your church up the hill and you will get close to the top yourself.

—MICHAEL F. HORBAN



DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELISM

BY D. V. HURST

Coordinator, Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission

ACROSS THE NATION people have been "going on purpose," seeking to win friends to Christ as a part of the training course, *So Send I You*. The report of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiblin, one team in a course I taught in Bethel Temple, Canton, Ohio, where Robert Graber is pastor, is a good example of what has occurred. I decided to interview these friends to get the details and then share the story with readers of this column.



Bill and Zelma Wiblin teach the Wedding Ring Class in Bethel Temple.

In thinking back on their visitation experience, Zelma recollected making a call and finding the man scrubbing floors. He stayed on his knees as they entered. They started to laugh and said, "You'll never guess why we're here but you're in the right position!" The man guessed immediately, "You're church workers." A warm and friendly church contact followed.

So Bill and Zelma know how to make calls and how to get into homes. They have visited for the Sunday school regularly. But according to their own testimony, it was quite different to go to a home with the purpose of winning people to Christ right there!

We gave Bill and Zelma Wiblin an assignment to visit the Carl Tucker family, prospects for Bethel. Upon finding what they believed was the residence (they could not see the house number), they approached the back door since a light was burning there. It was 5° with 10 inches of fresh snow on the ground. As they knocked, a man came to the door. Mr. Wiblin said, "We're looking for the Carl Tucker residence."

The gentleman replied, "I'm Carl Tucker."

At this Mrs. Wiblin said, "Good. But I don't like to go into people's houses with my boots on."

Mr. Tucker replied, "Aw, come on in. It's cold out here."

Inside the house the Wiblins got acquainted with the children of the family, asked about Mrs. Tucker and found she was out for the evening, and talked of trivialities. Bill Wiblin mentioned something concerning the nice house. To this Mr. Tucker replied, "I'm going to sell it! You see we've had a rather unpleasant experience." He then related this story:

"My wife was out in the yard the other day and two young men were in the driveway playing with a 38 revolver. One of them called to my wife, 'Do you believe in God?' My wife replied, 'Why, of course!'"

Carl Tucker continued, "The young man then said, 'I don't. I don't think God could do a thing to me!' Twenty minutes later he shoved the clip into the gun. The cartridge in the chamber fired and struck him in the forehead. . . . He never knew what hit him." Tucker mused, "Within 20 minutes of his assertion of unbelief he was dead!"

After relating the story, Carl Tucker indicated his wife had seen the accident and was quite shaken by it. He also stated there were other problems.

Bill then turned the conversation by asking, "Carl, do you believe you can find peace and joy in all of this?"

"Yes," Carl replied.

"Can the world give it to you?" asked Bill.

"No," said Carl, "but the Lord can!"

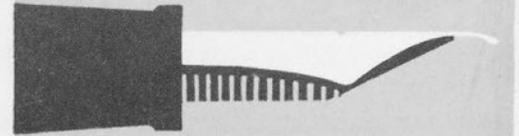
Seizing the opportunity, Bill took his Testament out of his pocket and showed Carl salvation scriptures such as John 1:12; Romans 10:9, 10, 13; 1 John 1:9; and Revelation 3:20. At this Carl Tucker genuinely turned to God and invited Christ into his heart.

Bill Wiblin recalled afterwards, "When I got outside, I felt like kissing my Testament. I had told my wife, 'Mr. Hurst has been telling us to do it this way. If we get a chance in this house, let's try it and see if it works!' It did! I used the system. I've fallen in love with this Testament. I'll never be without it."

He continued: "The transition came just right. When we knelt to pray, Carl Tucker knelt first. We told him, 'We aren't here to promote church or urge you to attend Bethel Temple. But if you accept Christ, we want you to go to the church you desire to attend.'"

"Mr. Tucker said, 'I'll be in Bethel Sunday.'"

QUOTES



EVANGEL READERS WRITE

"Eliminate 'Pentecostal'?"

I cannot understand why the pastor in Arizona suggested the word "Pentecostal" be eliminated from the name of the *Evangel*, nor why his letter was printed. By now you must have heard from hundreds of Spirit-filled Christians like myself who would shout "Never!"

Pentecost is God's message for this dark hour. Many thanks for the wonderful *PENTECOSTAL Evangel*.

MRS. I. BATES

House Springs, Missouri

Ed. Note: Yes, many have written concerning this suggestion, and every one of them shouts "Never!" Sorry there is not space to print all the letters but we will quote excerpts from a few.

We can be proud of the label "Pentecostal." I have passed out many *Evangels* to individuals, and time after time someone has said, "Oh, this is the *Pentecostal Evangel*. My aunt is Pentecostal," or, "my grandmother is Pentecostal," or, "one of my uncles is a Pentecostal preacher." Most people have some connection with Pentecost, and if an individual is hungry for more of God he is glad for a gospel paper that has this label. Let us hold to our heritage.

MRS. PANSY DISKIN

Hood River, Oregon

Please don't take the name "Pentecostal" off the front cover. The *Evangel* is Pentecostal all the way through and that is why people like it.

MR. AND MRS. A. C. FREEMAN
Dutch Mills, Arkansas

If you eliminated "Pentecostal" from the title, I'm afraid you would just be giving the signal for someone to start a new paper that would not be ashamed of the name or of the experience.

JOHN BEDZYK

Pastor, Pentecostal Tabernacle
Elmira, New York

Deletion of the word "Pentecostal" would be a compromise of our Pentecostal heritage. I was raised in a nominal church. There was no life in it. It was in a Pentecostal church that I heard the gospel in its fulness and simplicity.

I went to that Pentecostal church in spite of the fact that I thought they were people ready for the insane asylum for their fanatical beliefs. I shall be eternally grateful for those who stood true to their Pentecostal heritage.

Let us have the name "Pentecostal" ever

brought before us, as were the stones before the people of Israel on the banks of the Jordan, reminding us of our testimony which the Lord our God has given us.

SIDNEY FLESER, JR.
Delta Junction, Alaska

I'm glad that our *Evangel* carries the full name. Many people read our magazine because it is Pentecostal. There are many who know of the Pentecostal doctrine, but are too proud (I was one of them) to come into a service to learn why we believe as we do. However, they will quickly accept a Pentecostal magazine.

There are hungry people all about us, hungry for more of God; and where is there a better place to be fed than the Word? The *Evangel* is full of it. It tells you where to find it in the Bible, and explains it so well.

MRS. CHARLIE TURNER
Larned, Kansas

We feel our *Evangel*, by maintaining the caption "Pentecostal," creates an interest among our friends of other churches who hungrily seek the Pentecostal experience.

Our church here in New Castle was chartered early in the 1900's as The First Pentecostal Church, and has maintained that name through the years in spite of suggestions to change it.

In recent years denominational pastors in our city and surrounding area, many holding degrees, have visited our church because they are interested in the Pentecostal experience, and many have received the experience, as well as many of their parishioners, in their own churches.

Recently our pastor (Brother Richard Mohrman) was asked to teach a class in the "School of Religion" in a Presbyterian church on the doctrine of speaking in tongues. The class was well attended and interest great.

MRS. WILSON H. FRAYER and
MRS. JESSIE M. GARLOCK
New Castle, Pennsylvania

The Life of Charles Lamb

The article entitled, "How He Takes It," which appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel* (December 26, 1965) is in conflict with information given by *Encyclopedia Britannica* concerning Charles Lamb.

His sister Mary was born several years before he was. She killed their mother, not both parents. Also, he died before his sister, so the quotation attributed to him could not have been made after her death.

I have been reading *The Pentecostal Evangel* for about two years now, and have clipped many of the articles to keep because they were so excellent.

I have been so enthusiastic in using your publication in witnessing that I felt it necessary to call this matter to your attention.

MRS. C. D. HARRIS
San Diego, California

Ed. Note: The facts cited in this article concerning the English essayist, Charles Lamb (1775-1834) were taken from a source we considered reliable. Unfortunately they were not checked against the *Britannica*, which undoubtedly is correct. Five other encyclopedias were found to omit these particular facts about Lamb's family. We are grateful for the correction.

Old Man "Sees Visions"

Have just finished reading the articles about the outpouring of the Spirit at Azusa Street, Los Angeles, 60 years ago. All the hunger and thirst I used to have, before I received the Baptism, have come over me again.

I've been passing through dry places. My soul longs for the old ways and the old days when the presence of God was so real and it was so easy to pray.

I know God has not changed. The Bible says the old people "dream dreams"—but what is to prevent an old man from "seeing visions"? Right now, by faith, I am "seeing visions" of another outpouring of the blessed Comforter.

A READER IN NEW JERSEY
(Name Withheld by Request)

"Just Sent from God"

Some months ago I was very depressed and felt so unsure of so many things; I almost had a nervous breakdown. But I am so very thankful for *The Pentecostal Evangel* and its many articles and testimonies.

Although I had the help of friends and my wonderful pastors, the *Evangel* I read that Sunday seemed to be just sent from God. I read and reread it with tears of joy.

I read the *Evangel* faithfully now, and have been encouraged and strengthened, as are many of my friends who read it.

JULI HUFFMAN
Riddle, Oregon

MR. AND MISS CA-USA SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST IN NINTH YEAR

For the ninth consecutive year the National Christ's Ambassadors and Education Departments are offering financial assistance to certain high school seniors desiring to attend an Assemblies of God college. This assistance is given through the annual Mr. and Miss CA-USA Scholarship Contest.

Each year two outstanding C.A.'s are recognized as Mr. and Miss CA-USA and awarded scholarships worth \$300 each. Besides these, several others worth \$50 to \$150 each are awarded contestants through the kindness of districts, schools, and interested individuals. Last year 45 young people received financial help through this plan. Each is now studying under academically and spiritually qualified teachers in the Assemblies of God college of his choice.

(To enroll in the Mr. and Miss CA-USA contest, write to the Department of Education, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. You will receive an application which must be returned by March 31. Other information about the 1966 scholarship contest and a coupon for enrolling will be found in the January, February, and March issues of the *C. A. Herald*.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of Christian character, youth and church activities, academic achievement, and financial need. All winners will be featured in the August *C. A. Herald*.

PHOTO BY STANLEY WAGNER



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Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

A person told a lie which did not hurt anyone. He now feels he can have no peace without confessing. Since the lie did not hurt anyone, is it not enough that he confess it to God?

The lie may not have harmed anyone, yet it was told either to cover something or to mislead. Let him confess it to the one to whom he told the lie and thus clear his conscience that peace may return.

A good rule to follow is that if we have sinned against God, we should confess it to God; if against our fellowman, confess to the one wronged; if against many, or to many, make a public confession. Surely if we have injured a person in the eyes of the public, the confession should be made publicly.

What can be done to help those who always testify concerning their many trials? I believe Christ's yoke is easy, His burden is light, although I have had my share of sorrow and trouble.

Some by nature look on the dark side of life. Others actually have a very hard life. It is as they see comfort and victory in Jesus that they are able to draw from Him what they need. Even David was sometimes discouraged, but he overcame by turning to the Lord in the trying hour. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" he asked. "Hope thou in God." Although the hour was dark, he found victory by looking beyond the shadows. "I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance," he exclaimed.

The atmosphere for a testimony meeting is sometimes set by the first speaker. If this person dwells on his trials, his attitude is contagious, and others may follow his lead. Let the leader of the service kindly urge the people at the beginning to praise the Lord for all His benefits.

I have been reading some Bible lessons which teach that while Jesus may have had His beginning in eternity, there was a time when He was not, and therefore He is a created Being. Is this correct?

Man gets beyond his depth when he tries to explain the unexplainable. According to John 1:1, 2, the Word was with God in eternity, before the world was, and the Word was God, of the same elements or substance as God. (Here we have to use human terms to try to explain a divine mystery.) This indicates eternal substance and association, eternal Godhood. I do not know how it could be expressed more clearly.

In His prayer in John 17 Jesus said, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5). "Before the world was" means eternity. Christ is therefore the eternal Son of God.

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.

WITH GOD

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN stayed home from church one Sunday evening with her little son who was not feeling well. The child lay in his bed for a while, then came to her room. "Mother," he said, "since we are not going to church, don't you think we ought to have our own service here at home?" He explained simply that he did not think he had been "with God" enough during the past week. The thought troubled him.

We know God is with us, for He is everywhere; but we delight His heart and strengthen our own lives when we turn aside from other things to be with Him.

To be in the presence of others and in communication with them is often stimulating, but it cannot meet the need which even the child recognized—the need of being with God, our Father and our Friend, through prayer and meditation on His Word.

With God we find forgiveness. With God we find healing and wholeness of mind and spirit. In His presence we receive direction. From Him comes strength for fruitful life and service. In His presence is fullness of joy, and there we see the beginning of "pleasures for evermore."

—ELVA J. HOOVER

COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM

TITANIUM IS A METAL as strong as the finest steel; it does not rust and can withstand the ravages of salt water almost as well as platinum. Few acids or strong chemicals can damage it, and it can stand great heat. It has been known to man for over 150 years, yet its use remains limited because it is never found free.

The process of extracting titanium from its ores is very costly, so man usually settles for compounds or alloys containing the valuable metal.

Titanium has no choice as to whether it will be separated completely from the elements around it, and thus be used to its fullest potential, but the Christian does! God gives us the initiative when He says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith

Hear of the Bible



GREAT CHAPTERS DAILY READING PROGRAM

GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13-20

Sunday	2 Chronicles 7
Monday	Nehemiah 1
Tuesday	Esther 4
Wednesday	Job 1
Thursday	Job 2
Friday	Job 19
Saturday	Job 42
Sunday	Psalms 1

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

While separation makes us more useful, it is a costly process. A man once said to an evangelist, "I'd give the world to be used of the Lord as you are."

"That's exactly what it cost me," the evangelist replied.

We may have more talents than someone else, yet he is being used in the Lord's service more than we. Could it be that like the precious metal titanium we have not become separated from the beggarly elements about us?

The secret of the useful, separated life is not isolation, but nonconformity. Maintain your Christian identity in the midst of the world, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed..."

—SYLVA DOOLIN

PERILS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

(Continued from page thirteen)

a touch of authority, a suggestion of divine guidance, the old prophet lied. The old prophet knew he lied.

You, too, can succeed, as the old prophet did. Parent, you can take the love of your child for Christ, that burden for souls, and kill it. Sunday school teacher, you can temper all the burning zeal of that young fellow, and quench it. Christian worker, you can lower the standards of that young person, you can silence that fresh and artless testimony. You can. The old prophet did.

And what a wreckage he caused for he brought the young man to the path of disobedience. He brought him to the path of danger, to the place of death. For suddenly, a leap from the lion, a moment of agony, and the life of usefulness was over. What tragedy crowned his success!

Come, stand by the old prophet. I wonder if you have one more thing in common with him. Listen. There was the lethargy that marred his service, the animosity that seared his spirit, the tragedy that crowned his success. And there was this—

THE AGONY THAT BROKE HIS HEART.

"And the old prophet came to the city, to mourn." Thank God for his tears that flowed! Do you know anything of tears like these?

If we share the agony that broke the heart of the old prophet and know something of the tears that flowed, then possibly we too may share one other thing in the agony that he knew—for we read in the story not only of the tears that flowed, but also of the testimony that fell from his lips. For at last the old prophet would seem to have been brought back to God, and the lips that had been sealed and silent for so long without any real testimony bore this testimony: "The saying which he cried by the word of the Lord... shall surely come to pass."

If you know that in your heart your experience of the past months, or even years, has been that of the old prophet who dwelt at Bethel, then may God grant that your lips too may be unsealed, and that once again a testimony to the word of the Lord may fall from your lips, bringing grace and salvation to others.

—Condensed from a pamphlet published by Keswick Fellowship, England.



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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ATTENDANCE INCREASES FOLLOWING CHURCH DEDICATION

TERRELL, TEX.—Faith Temple Assembly here dedicated a new church building early last year to house its growing congregation. The five-year-old church has grown from 11 at its first service to a record attendance of 71. Since the dedication, about 10 more people have begun attending services. The pink brick structure has

over 2,700 square feet of floor space accommodating four Sunday school rooms, a nursery, two lounges, a pastor's office, and a secretary's office.

The 125-seat auditorium is furnished with fruitwood-finish oak pews, altars, pulpit, and communion table. The floor is covered with red carpeting.

The church, valued at about \$30,000, has an indebtedness of less than \$10,000.

Aaron A. Ferris is pastor of Faith Temple.



OHIO CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATED

PIQUA, OHIO—In late November, 1965, members of the Assembly of God here dedicated their new church building to the Lord. It provides about 4,000 square feet of space. Members completed most of the interior work. Although facilities are valued at \$50,000, indebtedness is only \$16,000.

The convenient L-shaped building includes a 220-seat sanctuary (highlighted with red and black-flecked tweed carpeting), nursery pastor's study, and an educational wing. The structure is made of

cement blocks and brick veneer with laminated arches and 3- by 6-inch decking. Focal point of the sanctuary is a lighted cross made of glass blocks.

Ohio District Secretary-Treasurer Howard Davidson officiated at the dedication. Former pastors, Howard Spriggs and Irvin Shank, were present and participated in the services, as did other neighboring pastors.

Pastor Charles M. Jarvis led the congregation in the building program.



GRAND JUNCTION CONGREGATION DEDICATES 1,600-SEAT SANCTUARY

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—A new addition to the church facilities of First Assembly here was dedicated recently. The \$300,000 addition includes a 1,600-seat auditorium.

A congregational procession from the old building to the new, a ribbon-cutting, and the laying of the cornerstone highlighted the first service in the new air-conditioned sanctuary some weeks previously.

First Assembly has enjoyed remarkable growth since 1952 when Kenneth R. Schmidt became pastor. The Sunday school attendance averaged 1,176 last year.

Closed-circuit television enables children to view services from their classrooms in the wings of the building. The toddlers' and crib rooms are serviced by attendant nurses. There is a large fellowship hall in the basement of the new building.

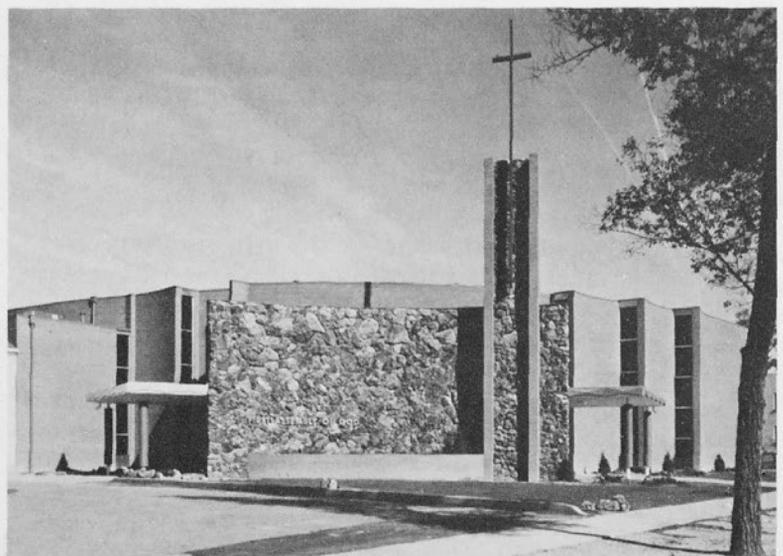
A large foyer (with a winding terrazzo staircase to the mezzanine), a concealed baptistry, and an exterior of native stone are other features of the structure.

Outer windows are of leaded cathedral glass.

Guests participating in the dedication service were T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; R. G. Fulford, Rocky Mountain district superintendent; and the Bethanaires of Santa Cruz, Calif.

Pastor Schmidt is assisted by David Schmidt and Phil Young.

Outside view of First Assembly's new edifice. Lower photo shows platform scene during the dedication. The auditorium seats 1,600.





ATTENDANCE INCREASES SINCE OHIO CHURCH IS DEDICATED

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO—A steady increase in attendance has been noted since First Assembly moved into its new church facilities. After two years of building and renovating, the edifice (valued at \$80,000) was dedicated last June.

The old building was moved and covered with brick matching the new adjoining 500-seat sanctuary. New facilities also include a large

hall and nursery. The older part of the plant is used for a youth chapel and Sunday school classrooms.

Almost all the work on the church (except heating, plumbing, and bricklaying) was done by the congregation, which kept the cost down to about \$36,000. Kenneth Shaffer, pastor for nearly 10 years, designed the building.



GROUND BROKEN FOR UTAH CHURCH

OGDEN, UTAH—First Assembly of God has a new church building under construction. The congregation hopes to move into the new edifice in the summer of 1966. The Lord enabled the church to buy a choice site just one-half block from a new highway. The men of the congregation are doing most of the work on the structure.

The present pastor, Kenneth Brethouwer, has been in Ogden

for 13 years. The work has seen a slow but steady growth, and now there is a congregation of believers who feel the challenge of this particular area and desire to see God's work go forward.

The old church building was purchased by the local Spanish Assembly of God. The First Assembly congregation is presently worshipping in a school building until the new church is completed.

Pastor Kenneth Brethouwer (left) and Presbyter Peter Pilot (with board members) break ground for the new First Assembly in Ogden, Utah. Sign shows proposed church.

MISSOURI CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY IN NEW BUILDING

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.—First Assembly here celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding by worshipping in a new church building. All the former pastors were present for the dedication: Freda Richmond (founder), M. J. Boulware, and Harmond Furr.

Plans for the building began over three years ago, even though no funds were available. God responded to the faith of the congregation; and by the time the work was completed, half of the cost was paid.

The 38- by 74-foot, pink brick building has nine Sunday school rooms with new furniture, C. A. chapel, kitchen, and dining area. The sanctuary (pecan paneling and fruitwood pews) seats 260. There is a full basement. The parking lot will accommodate 50 cars. W. O. Middleton is pastor.



GOD'S BLESSINGS REST ON TEXAS CHURCH DEDICATION

CORSICANA, TEX.—A visitation of God's Spirit climaxed a day of church dedication services at First Assembly here on November 7, 1965. Many knelt at the altar seeking a closer walk with God, and prayer was offered for the sick.

Valued at \$97,000 and providing 9,700 square feet of floor space, the new structure houses 12 Sunday school rooms, nursery, offices, pastor's study, three lounges, and electric kitchen. Atop the edifice is a 28-foot spire. The 350-seat cathedral-type sanctuary features

harmonizing blue and green in stained glass windows, carpeting, and other decor. Sanctuary furniture is walnut.

About 400 members and friends gathered for the dedication services in which North Texas District officials presided. E. R. Anderson, superintendent, delivered the dedicatory message; J. T. Davis, assistant superintendent, led in the response; and Joe W. Adams, secretary-treasurer, directed the program. Pastor T. F. Donald preached in the evening.



New home of First Assembly in Corsicana, Tex. (Pastor and Mrs. T. F. Donald, inset.)



Inside view of Kezar Falls (Maine) Assembly. (Pastors Dagmar Lindberg and Virginia Avery, inset.)

MAINE CHURCH OBSERVES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

KEZAR FALLS, ME.—The Assembly here recently observed its 30th anniversary with a two-day convention. The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. David Crabtree

of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, greatly blessed the congregation. Carl Lindberg, Northern New England district superintendent, ministered at a memorial ser-

vice for deceased members.

The present pastors, Dagmar Lindberg and Virginia Avery, founded the church in 1935. First services were held in an upstairs hall and later tent meetings resulted in a fruitful revival. The converts became the nucleus of the church formed the following year. A building was erected in 1938.

Each summer tent revival campaigns were conducted in the outlying areas, and the steady addition of converts to the main church necessitated an enlargement program. During World War II the faithful members completed an addition to the main auditorium and added five Sunday school rooms.

Another building (seating 250 in the main auditorium) was completed for the growing congregation in 1954.

The church has a half-hour radio ministry each Sunday. The congregation and pastors are thankful to God for what He has done and continue to trust Him for future blessing.

EAST BRUNSWICK, N. J.—The Assembly here recently witnessed a marvelous demonstration of the power of God. The sick were healed, sinners were saved, and believers received the Holy Spirit during a four-week campaign with the Paul Graban Evangelistic Team.

The Sunday school attendance record was broken on three consecutive Sundays. On the final Sunday, about 15 knelt at the altar for salvation.

A miracle occurred when Sister Gudel, who had been severely injured and warned she might never walk again, left the church one evening without any assistance. This was a direct answer to prayer.

—John Hamercheck, Jr., pastor

ELLENSBURG, WASH. — A two-week revival campaign with Evangelist John Tappero of Seattle blessed and edified First Assembly here. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The worshipers greatly appreciated the teaching on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

—Gene T. Neeley, pastor

MARION, ALA.—Six were saved, one reclaimed, and one baptized in the Holy Spirit during a 10-day revival campaign at the Pineview Assembly here. Robert Rogers was the evangelist. God's Spirit was present in every meeting, and attendance was much above average.

—Lyman Broadhead, pastor

MONTICELLO, ARK. — Numbers were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit during revival services at Lacey Assembly here with Evangelist Johnny Cuthbertson of Crosby, Tex. Several families were added to the church. The evangelist's daily radio ministry was a great asset to the revival as well as an inspiration to many listeners in southern Arkansas.

—Mickey Roachell, pastor

VERMONT CHURCH ON NEW SITE

BURLINGTON, VT.—The Assembly here has noted much progress in the last three years. Formerly the church was having financial difficulties, but with God's help and wise leadership it emerged safely.

The church has been relocated and strengthened by the reception of new members. An attractive modified A-frame structure (see photo) has been erected in a developing area of the city. A renovated seven-room dwelling next to the church is now the parsonage.

The pastor during this period, Oliver W. Johnson, resigned last October to become assistant pastor of Evangel Pentecostal Church in Montreal, Canada. The new pastor is Ronald S. Getchell, formerly pastor at Knoxford, New Brunswick, Canada.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Goodway	First	Mar. 6-20	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	James McHaffie
	Grand Bay	A/G	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	S. P. & Mrs. Bostic, Jr.	Leon Mayfield
Ariz.	Phoenix	Northwest	Mar. 14-20	Carl E. Reynolds, Sr.	Marvin Elliott
Ark.	Arkadelphia	First	Mar. 6-20	Ronnie Faulkner	Temon Jenkins
	Eureka Springs	A/G	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	E. R. Winter	John Grappe
	Walnut Ridge	First	Mar. 15-27	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Lehman Korex
Calif.	Bell	Full Gospel	Mar. 15—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Douglas Brown
	Concord	Calvary Temple	Mar. 13-27	S. B. Douglass	Raymond P. Murray
	Costa Mesa	First	Mar. 20-25	J. G. Hall	M. C. Cronin
	Salida	A/G	Mar. 15-27	Garfield J. Unruh	Hugo Williams
	South Gate	Bible	Mar. 13-18	J. G. Hall	Ernest Friend
	Visalia	First	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	Ernie Rogers	C. C. Crace
Colo.	Denver	Glad Tidings Tab.	Mar. 15-27	I. D. Rayborn	R. C. Schachterle
	Stoneham	First	Mar. 15-27	Doyle H. Thompson	John A. Booher
Fla.	Auburndale	Westside	Mar. 15-20	Freddy Clark	Harold O. White
	Jacksonville	Faith	Mar. 13-20	Colen & Carol Lassiter	James A. Cain
	Orlando	Pine Hills	Mar. 15—	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	J. E. Winstead
	Plant City	Mt. Zion	Mar. 22-27	Dave & Jan Olshevski	James Kimbrel
	St. Augustine	First	Mar. 13-27	L. K. Dodge	Charles Inman
	Southport	A/G	Mar. 13-27	Bob Swaim	James Raley
	Winter Haven	Wahneta	Mar. 14-27	Harvey D. Ferrell	B. L. Oswalt
Ill.	Chicago	Southside	Mar. 15-27	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Morris Ivey
	Elmhurst	Bethel	Mar. 13-27	Don Barron	Wesley E. Butler
	Woodriver	First	Mar. 16-27	Dave Tonn	E. R. Bucher
Ind.	Elwood	First	Mar. 6-20	Jerry Stegall	Basil Stephens
	Mishawaka	First	Mar. 16-27	The Singing Lunsfords	James Shivers
	New Castle	First	Mar. 15-27	Duane M. Wessman	Paul Davidson
	Rochester	First	Mar. 15-27	J. E. Friend	Glenn Mitchell
Kans.	Wichita	Trinity	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	Knott-Olson Team	John L. Standridge
La.	Leesville	A/G	Mar. 13-18	A. G. Calaway & wife	Glen L. Oden
Md.	Beltsville	Good Tidings	Mar. 13-27	Roberta Lashley	G. L. Slye, Sr.
Miss.	Pascagoula	First	Mar. 15-20	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Chas. R. Hurst
	Stonewall	A/G	Mar. 20—	Nettie Parham	Benny Jackson
Mo.	Independence	Susquehanna	Mar. 7-20	Maxine Willis-L. Morrison	James Odem
	Kansas City	Evangel Temple	Mar. 13-27	Louis & Mari Neely	G. W. Hardcastle, Jr.
	Nevada	First	Mar. 13-27	Samuel Calk	A. A. Watkins
	St. James	A/G	Mar. 13—	Ridley Thomas	T. Bluford Conway
	Sikeston	First	Mar. 21-Apr. 3	Al Davis	T. A. McDonough
	Valley Park	First	Mar. 15-27	Robert Holland	John Eller
Nebr.	Broken Bow	A/G	Mar. 8-20	F. D. McClellan	L. S. Nichols
	Lyons	First	Mar. 15-27	Loyd Middleton	Nathan Lutes
	Omaha	*Glad Tidings	Mar. 13-18	Christian Hild	L. E. King
	Scottsbluff	First	Mar. 16-27	Roland & Leanna Hastie	Ernest Illum
N. J.	Neptune	Full Gospel Ch.	Mar. 15-27	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Irving H. Meier
	Toms River	A/G	Mar. 16-27	George Butrin	Donald Richardson
	Vineland	*Chestnut	Mar. 20-25	David & Patricia Johnson	Harry Snook
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Highland	Mar. 13-20	Tommy Barnett	Robert P. Northrop
N. Y.	Elmira Hgts.	Glad Tidings Tab.	Mar. 15-20	W. Clifford Nelson	Eddie Lowmaster
	Glen Falls	Calvary	Mar. 15-27	Russell D. Goodwin, Sr.	Harry J. Tripp
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem Church	Mar. 8-13	George Butrin	William Behr
	Rochester	Glad Tidings	Mar. 20-27	J. Don George	Ernest A. Steffensen
N. Dak.	Hettinger	A/G	Mar. 13-27	D. L. Nultemeier	D. E. Wileman
	Jamestown	First	Mar. 15-27	Lee-Bonnie Jean Krupnick	Leo Miller
Ohio	Oberlin	A/G	Mar. 15-27	Dave & Mona Lewis	Roy Reedy
	Willoughby	A/G	Mar. 1-13	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Lloyd Luithle
Okla.	Arkoma	First	Mar. 9—	Tom F. Ogdon	Ed Williamson
	Carmen	A/G	Mar. 13—	Hazel Burns	Dwayne Bobbitt
	Chelsea	A/G	Mar. 7-20	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	Clifford F. Cates
	Eufaula	First	Mar. 21-27	Bob Wilson	Paul Spinden
	Fletcher	First	Mar. 21-Apr. 3	Mathers-Pharr Team	E. L. Rolland
	Guymon	First	Mar. 22-Apr. 3	Leonard Negrin	Grady V. Adcock
	Velma	First	Mar. 16-27	Winferd Mack	Harold Baker
Pa.	Brookville	First	Mar. 15-20	William Caldwell	Vernon Boyer
	Carlisle	Bethel Tab.	Mar. 15-27	Charles Morris	Malius Davidson
	Dickson City	A/G	Mar. 15-27	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Peter Bedzyk
Tenn.	Milan	First	Mar. 15-27	Ed Eaton	Billy McCarty
	Morristown	First	Mar. 16—	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Shelton Polk
Tex.	Beaumont	First	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	Stanley P. McPherson	Owen C. Carr
	Bryan	A/G	Mar. 21-Apr. 3	James & LaVerne Sartor	R. L. Rhodes
	Dayton	First	Mar. 13-27	Charles McKnight	O. E. Gower
	Hereford	A/G	Mar. 6-20	J. O. Savell	V. W. Marcontell
	Port Arthur	Central	Mar. 17-20	C. Andrew Radke	C. L. Musgrove
	Rockdale	First	Mar. 6-20	James & LaVerne Sartor	R. H. Zercher
	Seminole	First	Mar. 20—	Melvin McKnight	Logan Harper
Va.	Roanoke	First	Mar. 15-27	Ralph E. Leslie	Claude McKeel
Wash.	Centralia	First	Mar. 15-27	Lee Paino	R. R. Wiley
	Kelso	A/G	Mar. 16-27	H. Syvelle Phillips	Thomas M. Ming, Jr.
	Port Orchard	Orchard Hgts.	Mar. 8-20	Larry Franks Party	Frank Schoonover
W. Va.	Huntington	Bethel	Mar. 15-27	Frank J. DePolo	Gene Wilson
	Morgantown	A/G	Mar. 16-27	Don & Sharon Parker	J. B. Goggin
Wis.	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 17—	Bob Ludwig	Ernest Moen
	Waupaca	First	Mar. 15-27	Paul Clark Family	Don Upton
Canada	Essex, Ont.	Gos. Tab.	Mar. 14-27	David E. Dean	Hugh Munro
	Oakville, Ont.	Pentecostal Church	Mar. 20—	Joseph Perrello	G. R. Stewart
	Vineland, Ont.	Pentecostal Church	Mar. 13—	Joseph Perrello	C. A. Cook

*Children's Crusade

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ANNOUNCEMENT

11TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES—Mar. 25-27, at Assembly of God, Mount Holly, N. J. A ladies trio from Northeast Bible Institute will minister in all services.—by James Occhipinti, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

JOE S. WEBB, 78, of Trinity, Texas, was called to his eternal reward January 16, 1966, following a heart attack. Brother Webb (North Texas District) was ordained in 1922. He served as evangelist and pastor. He held pastorates in Frankston, Palestine, Jacksonville, and Trinity, Tex.

Brother Webb is survived by his wife Pearl and 10 children. Three of Brother Webb's children are in the ministry: Robert, a missionary to Africa; Jack, a licensed minister; and Jerry, presently preparing for the chaplaincy.

LYDIA C. SMITH, 65, of Livermore, Calif., went to her eternal reward January 1, 1966. A graduate of Bethany Bible College, Sister Smith served as an evangelist, and as an assistant to her husband when he was a pastor at Porterville and Compton, Calif. She was ordained by the Southern California District in 1942. She was with her husband while he served as an Air Force Chaplain in Germany (1949-52). During that time Sister Smith worked with the German Youth Authority, German Youth for Christ, and a German woman's organization. She is survived by her husband, Chaplain Frank W. Smith (Maj.) USAF, Res, Rtd.

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last; and as I held those big shoes that had been my problem, I made a dedication. I asked Jesus to heal the one who wore them and promised I would not complain again.

The tears washed away the bad feelings I had harbored all those months. My heart felt light, and I believed my husband would walk again. When my visit to the farm was over, I returned to the hospital. My husband was feeling fine and wanted to walk. He was healed, and he walked—to the doctor's amazement! Today he has no ill effects from the accident, and I have no hard feelings toward plow shoes.

Years have passed since then, and his shoes still land in the living room. But they are different shoes. For while my husband was in the hospital, he too made a dedication. "Lord," he said, "if you will let me walk again, I will tend your vineyard. My feet will go to the home of the underprivileged, the unknown, the unloved." The call had been pending, waiting to be obeyed. And he obeyed.

Often when I pick up my minister-husband's shoes, I smile as I remember the scripture, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15). And I remember when the one who wears them could not walk at all.

I also remember what a slave I was to little things, and how unimportant they became when it seemed those dear big shoes might be empty forever.

THOSE BIG SHOES!

AS A YOUNG BRIDE I was a meticulous housekeeper. Everything had a place, and I was determined that nothing should evolve from its place in my solar household.

My husband was methodically inclined too, except for one thing—his shoes. We lived on a farm and his work called for big shoes—size 10½ and heavy. Coming in tired, he would take those plow shoes off in the living room—and leave them by the new arm chair, squarely on my beautiful coral rug. Provoked but silent, I would pick them up and rush them to their place in the bedroom closet. Why *couldn't* he put those big shoes out of sight in their proper place, I wondered.

My patience did not increase with the passing of time. Picking up those shoes was a daily task I did not possess grace over. Outwardly I remained silent, but inwardly I complained as much as ever.

Then one day when I arrived home I found my husband had been injured in a tractor accident. He suffered a broken leg (kneecap injury) and a broken arm.

Recovery was slow. Flu and a severe weakness set in, and the doctor did not give much encouragement about his walking again because of the kneecap injury. I taught school days and stayed nights in the hospital with my husband so I was not at home for about two weeks.

A neighbor looked after our stock, but one evening I decided to go out to the farm after school to check on things. When I walked into the living room, there in their usual spot were those big shoes. I ran and clasped them to me, mud and all. My pent-up tears flowed at

By EVELYN C. GUNTER
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