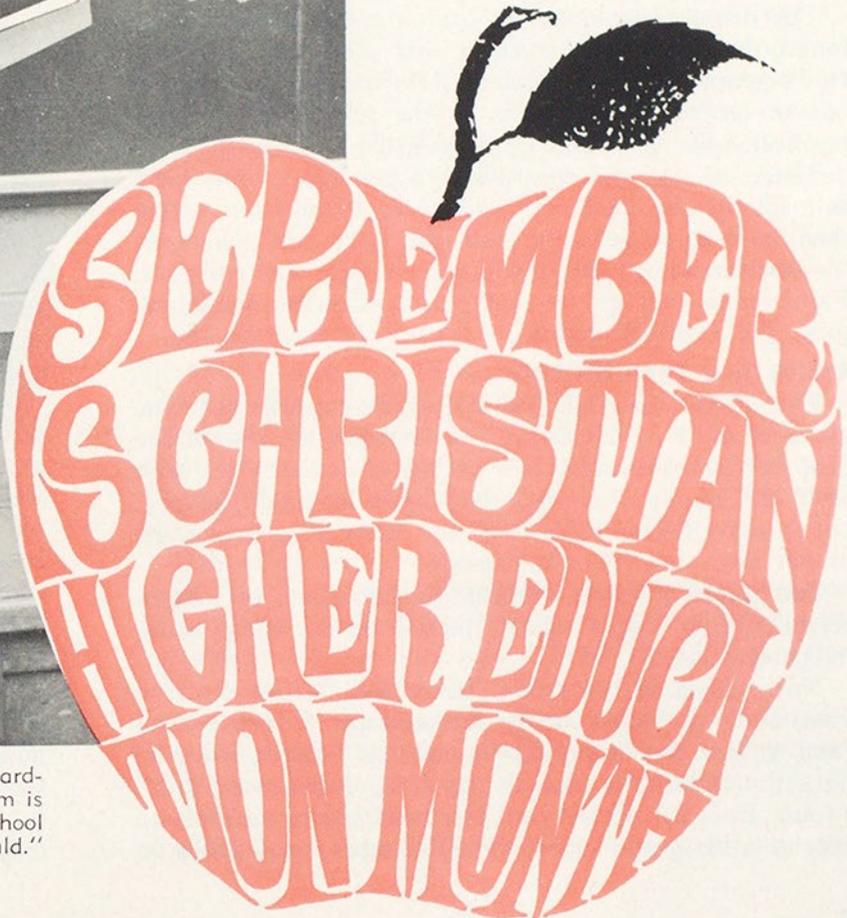


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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Graduates of Assemblies of God colleges are finding a rewarding ministry for Christ in public schools. Representing them is Shirley Shedd, teacher in a Springfield, Missouri, high school and wife of Glenroy Shedd, editor of the "C. A. Herald."

**I**N EVERY PERIOD OF RELIGIOUS DECLENSION, God has always had a faithful remnant. God's jewels, depicted in Malachi 3:14-18, were that steadfast minority who held fast in a time of apostasy that assumed landslide proportions.

The prevailing philosophy was, "It is vain to serve God," and, "What profit is there in serving God?" Thus Malachi closes the canon of Old Testament Scripture with the ominous warning: "Lest I [Jehovah] come and smite the earth with a curse."

In our time of deepening darkness and apostasy, Malachi's faithful remnant, "They that feared the Lord [and] spake often one to another," shine forth like radiant gems. The Lord, present at every one of their frequent meetings as Recording Secretary at each gathering, desired to pay them the highest of compliments, so He called them, "My jewels."

Precious stones are created under great pressure and terrific heat. Thus God's saints, "pressed beyond measure" and "tried with fiery trials," are made to be His jewels. They also stand up under pressure and endure the terrific heat of friction and adversity. They are like a diamond-tipped oil drill, which bores deep into the earth through hardpan, shale, and rock, able to withstand all the terrific pressure and frictional heat. God's diamonds are the products of the "fiery furnace" and the pressure of testings.

In describing the procedure in diamond working, a technical writer divided his description into four parts: the *separation* of the diamond from the blue clay diamond mines of South Africa; the *cutting* of the gem; the *polishing* of the diamond; the *setting*—placing the diamond in a ring, a brooch, or a queen's diadem.

Is not this fourfold treatment of the diamond typical of four great stages in the Christian life in us who are God's diamonds?

### 1. SEPARATING THE DIAMOND

The diamond is separated from the blue clay deposits found deep in South African soil. And we, who are God's jewels, sing with David, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock" (Psalm 40:2).

There is also the separating of ourselves unto God, as mentioned by Paul: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18).

### 2. CUTTING THE DIAMOND

The quartz material (dross) which conceals the true diamond must be cut away. This reduces the size of the gem but increases its value. So the Christian cries with John the Baptist, "He [Christ] must increase [in me], but I must decrease." All of the egotistic quartz must be cut away from God's diamond.

Too much of God's "wheat" is like some of today's cereals. It is *puffed* wheat, puffed up to many times its natural size!

Now, changing the simile, Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch [and ye are the branches] in me that beareth fruit, he purgeth [cutteth] it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:1, 2). Have you ever watched a vinedresser cut back his grape vines? So God takes away from us

# GOD'S DIAMONDS

By Evangelist HARRY J. STEIL

things that are very near and dear, but not carelessly or without purpose. His purpose is not to afflict us or to cause us needless suffering, but to make us more fruitful.

We humans worship size. We like to be identified with the biggest of everything. But a diamond is valued not alone by its size, but by its purity.

The old-time diamond worker, the lapidary, could determine the purity and thus the potential value of the raw, newly cut gem by a simple test. He would take the unpolished stone, draw a file lightly across its surface, and listen for the sound that was made. The diamond, being harder than the metal file, was not harmed, but the clarity of sound produced indicated to his practiced ear the purity of the gem.

God, the Heavenly Lapidary, once drew His file of testing across the lives of two of His servants. They had been arrested for preaching the gospel, flogged, thrown into an inner dungeon of a Roman prison, their hands and feet being made fast in the stocks. But "at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God" (Acts 16:25).

This so moved the heart of God that He left all the harmony and singing of the heavenly choirs, and He came down to that dark Philippian jail, turning the duet into a trio. And when God joined His bass voice to Paul's tenor and Silas' baritone, the whole prison vibrated and shook with a great earthquake, and every man's bands were loosed. Salvation came, for even the jailer and his family were saved.

When He "who melted the earth by the utterance of his voice" (Psalm 46:6) joined His two "nightingales" in song, things began to happen!

The old-time lapidary "cut" the dross from his diamonds by hand. He would select two gems, both needing cutting, and rub them against each other. He called this process *brutage*.

Christian experience has proved that when God brings our lives into contact with certain other lives and personalities, we cross one another. This is God's way of using diamond to cut diamond—but remember always that both gems are in His hands, and not another's.

Sometimes we leave an assembly of God's people because of one or two individuals with whom we cannot get along. And after getting relocated in another church, we soon discover that the twin brother of the character we couldn't abide in the former church is sitting right beside us in the new church! Let's face it; we can't run away from the Lord's discipline. "He will perfect that which concerneth us."

### 3. POLISHING THE DIAMOND

Diamonds, like all gems, have no light nor brilliance of their own. They are merely light-reflectors. So it is with Christians. We reflect the "light of the glory of God." In Song of Solomon 6:10 the bride is compared to the moon which has no light of its own but can only reflect the glory of the sun.

When writing to the Corinthian church, Paul reminded them how Moses spent 40 days in God's presence. As a result his face shone so brightly with the reflected glory of God that he was compelled to veil it before meeting the people. Let it not be so with New Testament Christians, cried Paul: "We all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image, from [one state of] glory to [a higher state of] glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18, ASV).

The Christian's life goes progressively from "glory to glory"; "from strength to strength"; "from grace to grace." The new convert does not become an apostle Paul overnight. God can make a rose in one summer, said one of old, but He takes a whole lifetime to make a Christian saint.

Hold steady then, fellow Christian, in the hands of the Heavenly Lapidary, while He uses heaven's diamond dust to put the polish of His holiness, His character, upon (and into) our lives.

"I saw George Muller on his way to work this morning," said one Christian to another, "and he had the 23rd Psalm written all over his face." God's peace, protection, provision, and providence—all of the blessings of the Shepherd Psalm—were reflected on the face of His jewel!

Too many of us wear the 22nd Psalm on our faces, instead of the 23rd. Remember how it begins? "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Only the Lord Jesus, as He became our sin offering, had the right to utter that cry! But so many Christians wear an expression that would seem to indicate they have just returned from God's funeral! "God isn't dead," a veteran missionary to India kindly reminded me many years ago when I was passing through deep waters.

After prolonged and repeated trying, a group of Christians succeeded in getting an avowed infidel to attend church. He went and was converted. Later he told his friends, "Nothing your pastor said convinced me."

"What was it, then?" they asked.

"It was the light on his face. His face shone with a radiance which I knew came from some inner source. I had a lengthy talk with him in his study, and your pastor convinced me that the inner source was Christ within, 'the hope of glory.' And he never desisted until he had me on my knees, and soon I too had Christ within me."

#### 4. SETTING THE JEWEL

What is the purpose of the preparation, the cutting, the polishing? God works in the lives of His diamonds to prepare them for their eternal setting, their eternal place in the heavenly economy. Christ said, "I go to prepare a place for you."

God has rank, position, and degrees of reward for each of us in the life to come. This brief earthly life is only preparatory, making us ready for our real careers in eternity.

Some shall be made kings; some shall be made priests (Revelation 5:9). Some shall be made judges over the realm of angelic hosts; still others judges over the world of mankind (1 Corinthians 6:2-4). Again, others shall be made "rulers over much." Some shall be given the rule over "five cities," or "ten cities." This will be our eternal setting. (See Matthew 25:21; Luke 19:17-19.)

Together with our Lord we shall be stewards of, and care for, all His creation, of which this earth is such an infinitesimal part!

In prophetic ecstasy Daniel envisioned the saints' reward—the installation, the setting of God's diamonds—in the end of this age (Daniel 12:1-3). The tribulation is over; Israel has been delivered; the rapture and resurrection have taken place; and the enraptured Seer declares: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness [shall shine] as the stars for ever and ever."

No two stars are alike in size, density, or brightness. But they are all heavenly bodies. No two Christians are alike, nor shall their eternal rewards be; but like the stars we shall be in heaven and shall have our "heavenly bodies." The degree of our individual rewards will differ, but we shall all shine!

We believe the apostle Paul had this in mind when, in writing of our resurrection bodies, he said: "One star differeth from another star in glory." They are all stars; all are in the heavenly constellation; all have glory; all shine; but each star "differs" from the others in its degree of glory. Paul continued: "So also is the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:40-42).

The separating, the cutting, the polishing, and the degree, the extent to which we permit the Heavenly Lapidary to work in and through us here and now, will determine whether you and I shall shine as the stars of the first magnitude or as lesser lights.

In His last words to His Church Jesus said: "Behold I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

Salvation is *free* indeed! It is the gift of God. But rewards must be *earned*. The prize must be deservedly won!



## Praying Away the Blessing

LONG PUBLIC PRAYERS have been the bane of church services from time immemorial, and still are. What a boon it would be if each one who leads a congregation in prayer would be content to pray down the blessing—and not keep on until he has prayed it away.

It is said that D. L. Moody would not tolerate long prayers in public. At one of his meetings he called on a brother to pray, and he became lost in a eulogy of the Almighty. As the man went on and on, Moody suddenly said, "While the brother is finishing his prayer let us sing number 75."

A medical student who happened to be in the meeting became bored with the long prayer, and had just picked up his hat to leave when Moody's sudden move arrested his attention. He put his hat down, remained in the service, and was converted. That student was William Grenfell, who became a famous missionary.

Dr. George W. Crane, in his newspaper column, recently had something to say on this subject. He spoke of clergymen who "string out their prayers unduly till the audience grows restless." He referred to "long, monotonous prayers" that would put God Himself to sleep "if He were listening to them."

"As an efficiency exponent, God probably wants short prayers that get to the point in less than 100 words," he continued. Many a reader could say "Amen" to this. In fact, one *Evangel* reader in Virginia did just that. He wrote "Amen" in the margin of the newspaper and sent us the clipping.

Incidentally, the public prayers of Jesus were never lengthy. The longest one on record (John 17) probably lasted less than three minutes. It is the prayer for His disciples; it contains 623 words in our Bibles, and it was more private than public. In most cases Jesus spoke just a sentence or two in His public prayers. In the prayer He taught His disciples to pray there are only 66 words (Matthew 6:9-13). In the Temple, following the triumphal entry, He prayed audibly and His prayer as recorded in our Bibles contained only 29 words—but God answered from heaven in an audible voice. There was power in His public prayers, brief though they were, because they were backed up with so much private prayer.

But protracted praying is not the only way to pray away the blessing. Contracted praying can do it, too. The congregation spends 10 minutes enumerating the requests for prayer; then the one who is asked to lead merely says, "Lord, we can't remember all these requests, but you can," or, "Lord, you know all these needs; please meet them!" He is praying away the blessing.

Then there is the habit we Pentecostal people have developed of drowning out the person who leads in prayer. There is a time to lift all our voices in a unison of prayer and praise; and there is a time to be silent while someone leads in prayer. What blessing there is in listening and uniting our faith with the one who leads.

The benefits are many. The children who listen are being taught how to pray. The new converts are being shown how to voice their petitions. The lukewarm are being led into a spirit of prayer and worship. Best of all, the congregation is uniting its faith in a corporate prayer; the requests are being made to God in a definite, meaningful fashion; and when the answers come they are identifiable, so all will be able to praise the Lord for definite answers. —R.C.C.

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# A STRONG ARM IN AFRICA

## LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST TAKES THE GOSPEL TO KILIMANJARO

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**L**IGHT-FOR-THE-LOST literature evangelism campaigns were recently conducted in an area located on the slopes of famed Mt. Kilimanjaro, including Moshi town. In the language of Tanzania, Kilimanjaro means "Shining Mountain." Certainly it was shining in a spiritual sense as God's power to save and heal was demonstrated.

The primary objective was not merely to have a mass meeting, for crowds are not hard to collect in this part of the world. The main purpose was to bring people individually under the sound and influence of the gospel. With this goal in mind, pastors and laymen-evangelists converged on the area several days prior to the opening service, which had already been advertised by posters and over loudspeakers.

In teams of two they went forth with packets of high-quality literature especially prepared for Light-for-

the-Lost campaigns throughout Tanzania. The cover of each packet carried a brief history of the Assemblies of God in Tanzania and an outline of our major doctrines. Inside, there were several appropriate, attractive tracts, a decision card, and an application blank for a Bible correspondence course. The response to these literature packets has been very gratifying.

The evangelist for these meetings Moses Kulola, is a Tanzanian who knows and demonstrates the power of God. Before he was called to preach, Moses had an enviable position in the government, but now he is traveling throughout Tanzania bringing the message of the living Christ to his people.

Large crowds accompany Moses' ministry, and these meetings were no exception. Many hundreds thronged the services; but again, in keeping with the main objective, each service was designed to meet the need of the

individual. Before and after each service the evangelist and pastors dealt individually with those who had spiritual or physical problems. Special faith-building services were conducted each morning as well.

It is not possible yet to properly evaluate all the results, but we do know that many wonderful miracles of salvation and healing occurred. In one service in which special emphasis was placed upon the necessity of being filled with the Holy Spirit, God's power was especially manifested. As if by some signal from heaven, many simultaneously received their personal Pentecost in a most convincing manner.

The Tanzania Assemblies of God is particularly indebted to the Assemblies of God laymen of America who so fervently have brought Light-for-the-Lost to this country. Literature continues to be one of the strongest arms of the gospel in Africa today.

**Light-for-the-Lost provides Africans with literature for door-to-door evangelism. This literature witness helps to prepare the hearts of the people to receive Christ when they come to the tent meeting. Moses Kulola (right) is preaching the gospel to his people in Tanzania.**





WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE STAND TRUE TO CHRIST IN THESE LAST DAYS.

# Present-Day Youth and End-Time Prophecies

By T. E. GANNON • Executive Director, Department of Education, Assemblies of God

**T**HE PRESENT-DAY YOUTH in America finds himself in a dilemma. A college education is hardly optional—it has become almost imperative. The average youth no longer asks, “Shall I attend college?” He asks, “Which college shall I attend?”

Few decisions in his lifetime will be as crucial as this one. Few will cast as much influence over his life and the destiny of his soul.

Describing present educational trends, President Roger Andrus of Calvary Bible College stated, “It has now come to a time when the Bible is un-American, prayer is snobbish, intolerant and undemocratic.” The last-day conditions of which we have studied in Biblical prophecy for years are now upon us. We see a fulfillment of such scriptures as 2 Timothy 4:3, 4: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; . . . they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.”

The Scriptures describe the last days in the following manner: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron” (1 Timothy 4:1, 2).

Also in 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2, we read: “Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God. . . . For the mystery of iniquity doth already work. . . . whose coming is after the working of Satan. . . . with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. . . .”

In 2 Peter, chapter 2, describing false prophets that shall arise and those that walk after the flesh in the lusts of uncleanness, and despise government, the apostle wrote: “Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.”

Then he gave this admonition to the Christians: “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness” (2 Peter 3:17).

These scriptures concerning the time of seducing spirits, seared consciences, departure from truth, opposing God, despising government, and speaking evil of dignities certainly are descriptive of this present generation.

These evil forces do not confine their activities to the field of religion, but are active in homelife, in community life, in government, and in the field of education. How easily our youth, if placed in the care of ungodly educators, may be “led away with the error of the wicked,” and caused to “fall from their steadfastness.”

God has poured out His Spirit upon our young people and given them a great yearning to know Him. They have an insatiable hunger for God’s Word, and a deep desire to serve the Lord. Upon their graduation from high school shall we abandon them to the philosophies and influences of a worldly college where their faith in God shall be challenged, their personal convictions ridiculed, and their dedication eroded as has been the sad experience of many?

It would be unfair to imply that all of the educators in American colleges and universities are in sympathy with the current revolution that is taking place in the educational world; neither is it true that all our Assemblies of God young people who have enrolled in secular colleges have been injured spiritually by so doing. Thank God, many of our young people have withstood the

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temptations and come out the stronger for having endured the trials. At the same time, the spiritual tragedies and casualties among our Assemblies of God youth while enrolled in secular colleges are innumerable and heart-breaking to godly parents and concerned pastors.

The fact is that education by itself cannot answer or provide the solutions to the problems of our day. Moral refinement cannot deliver men from the powers of this sin-infested world. Unregenerate men may teach the mechanics of a job or profession, but they cannot meet the spiritual need of a human heart. Culture may teach young people how to behave, but cannot give them power to do so.

What a blessing it is that Pentecostal youth may obtain a college education in a spiritual atmosphere. Let us face it. Many secular colleges are totally isolated from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many frown upon any and all religious emphases. One religious leader has described the campuses of the universities as "sanctuaries of the devil."

If ever there was a time when the vision and practicality of those efforts that have given to the Assemblies of God its colleges might have been questioned,

these questions are now resolved. Time has proved the value of these institutions. Our colleges stand as an oasis in an academic and theological desert. Surely the same Holy Spirit who awakened our veteran Bible teachers to the signs of the times and the prophecies concerning the last days, also put it into the hearts of our brethren to establish these colleges.

One cannot read the statements of the original purposes and philosophies of our Assemblies of God colleges without feeling deep gratitude for the vision, dedication, and sacrifice that brought them into being. Credit is due not only to the founders but also to those whose labors have contributed to their growth and development.

We have nine colleges strategically located across the continental United States which have met the standards set forth by the Assemblies of God Department of Education for General Council endorsement.

It is our responsibility, as a Movement, to maintain colleges with a spiritual atmosphere and thus fulfill our mission in these, the closing days of time. The burden must be shared by all our people. Who else can provide the moral backing, sympathetic understanding, prayer, and financial assistance our colleges need? 

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# That Christ May Be All

By ANDREW MURRAY

WHY ARE SO MANY CHRISTIANS wasting their lives in terrible bondage to the world instead of living in the manifestation and privilege and glory of the child of God?

And another question comes to us: What can be the reason that when we see a thing is wrong and strive against it, we cannot conquer it? To those questions there is one answer: self is the root of the whole trouble. A new life from above, the life of Christ, must take the place of the self-life; only then can we be conquerors.

But it is only as we learn to know what self is that we really know what is at the root of all our failure and are prepared to go to Christ for deliverance. Self-will, pleasing self, is the great sin of man and is at the root of all that compromising with the world which is the ruin of so many.

We find Christians pleasing themselves in a thousand ways, and yet trying to be happy, good, and useful. They do not know that self-will is robbing them of the blessing.

Self-confidence or trusting in one's self brings failure. Peter was confident in his love for Christ even though Christ warned him, but his trusting in self led him to deny the One he loved. Self-exaltation, pride, jealousy,

sensitiveness to what men say of us, and the desire for human praise separate us from God.

Jesus answered the question of how to be free from the self-life: "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross, and follow me." We must deny ourselves and take Jesus Himself as our life.

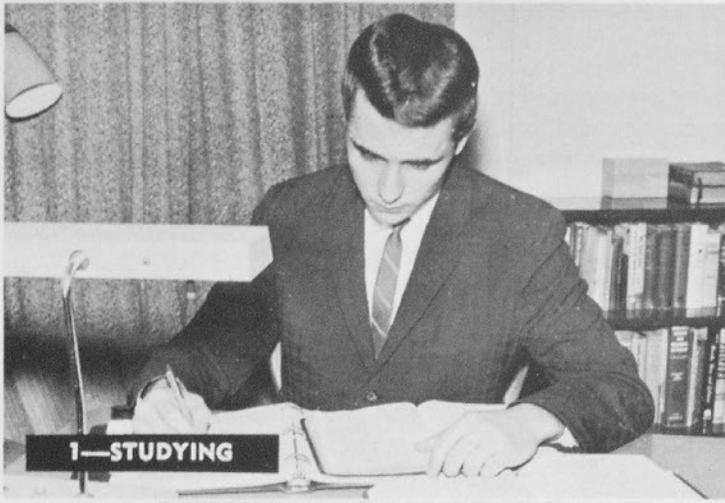
You know the parable: the strong man kept his house until one stronger than he came in and cast him out. Only Christ Himself coming in can cast out self and keep out self. Only He is able to prevent the power of self from gaining the upper hand. Jesus is willing to teach us to follow Him, that He shall ever and always be the Light of our souls.

Look at Peter. Christ led him even though he failed. He led him to Gethsemane, and there Peter failed for he slept when he ought to have been awake. He led him to Calvary, and Peter denied Him. The Holy Spirit had not yet come in His power; Peter was yet a carnal man. Christ led him on until he was broken down in utter self-abasement. And still Christ led him past the grave, through the resurrection, up to Pentecost, and the Holy Spirit's coming. Then it was, "Christ liveth in me."

What a contrast there was between that self-willed Peter and Jesus giving up His will to God! What a contrast between the self-exaltation of Peter and the deep humility of the Lamb of God. What a contrast between that self-confidence of Peter and that deep dependence of Jesus upon the Father when He said: "I can do nothing of myself."

It is not an easy thing to get rid of self. It is easy to make a vow and perform an act of surrender; but as solemn as the death of Christ on Calvary, just as solemn must it be between us and our God, giving up of self to death. The power of the death of Christ must come to work in us every day. We are called upon to live His life in us. But one thing must first take place; we must learn to hate this self and to deny it that Christ may be all in all to us. 

# Young People in Assemblies of



1—STUDYING



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4—TEACHING



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6—PREACHING

**D**URING THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR students in Assemblies of God colleges were instrumental in leading 1,986 people to a saving knowledge of Christ. They saw 294 filled with the Spirit, were responsible for starting three new churches and one branch Sunday school, and gave \$62,272.75 for missions. They gave, they worked, they ministered, and they prayed because they are young people with a burden for lost souls.

The pictures from nine colleges illustrate some of the weekly activities in efforts for the Kingdom of God.

1. Each week sermons and Sunday school lessons are carefully prepared by young people like this student at Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pennsylvania. Services are conducted in churches, missions, jails, and on the streets.

2. Earnest intercessory prayer is a part of the secret of the effective ministry of Assemblies of God students. Points of ministry and individual persons in need of salvation are remembered during the week. These Evangel College students in Springfield, Missouri, look to

# with a Burden God Colleges

By **HARDY W. STEINBERG**  
National Secretary, Department of Education

the Lord for His blessing and guidance before going to a meeting.

3. To conduct some services it is necessary for students to be gone for the entire Sunday. Central Bible College students in Springfield, Missouri, pack Bibles, Sunday school materials, musical instruments, lunch, and textbooks—in case they can find some time to study for an upcoming exam!

4. For some, like this student at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas, ministry means effectively teaching a Sunday school class. Lessons learned in Bible and Christian education courses become invaluable in sharing important truths from God's Word.

5. Music has always played an important part in evangelism. Sometimes it is a large group of students like the Northwest College choir of Kirkland, Washington. At other times it is a soloist or smaller group which provides the ministry of music.

6. Assemblies of God young people know there is saving power in the Word of the Lord. Every week many effective messages are given by ministerial students like this young man from North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

7. A concern for the lost cannot be confined to religious services. While some students participate in regular services, many students like the two from Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California, distribute tracts and witness to people on the streets and in other public places. Lives are being transformed continually through these informal contacts.

8. No evangelistic service is complete without an altar call. Assemblies of God young people like the student from Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California, know how to counsel and pray with those who want to find peace with God.

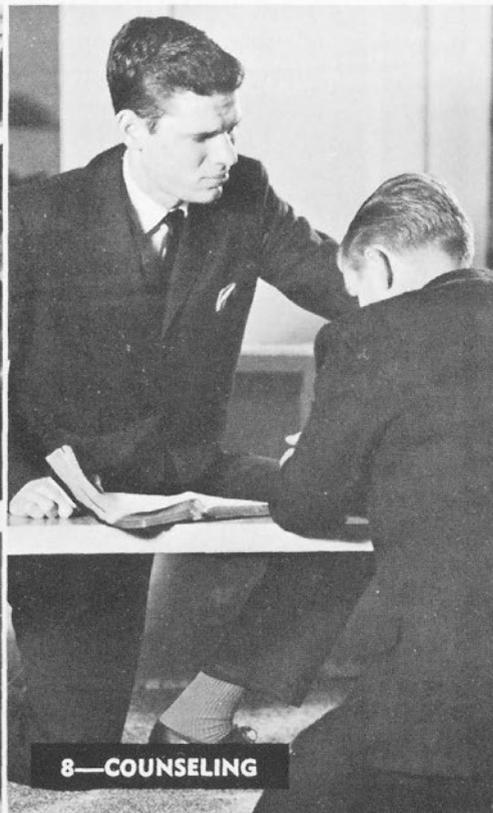
9. When the day's activities have been completed, a regular routine at South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida, is for students to meet with the director of Christian service. Victories are reported, perplexing problems are discussed, and prayers are offered for greater success in leading souls from the darkness of sinful night into the glorious light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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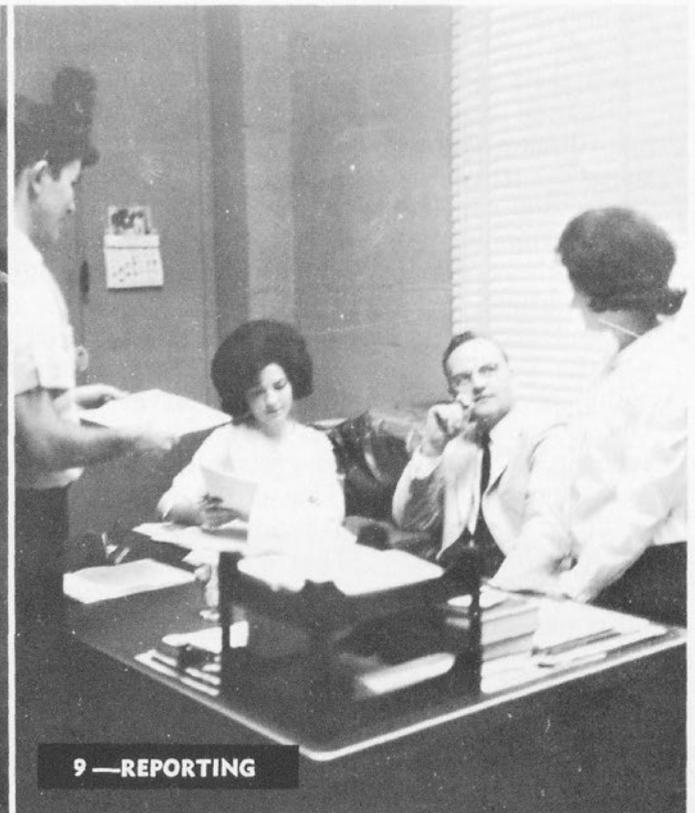
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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY ARLAND V. DWELLE,  
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# THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

*And there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord (Judges 2:10).*

**T**ONIGHT WE FACE the prospect of life in the ministry. It's time to try our wings. We've been coddled, taught, conditioned, warned, and encouraged for four years. We're not leaving here completely unaware of what lies ahead, for from time to time we've been purposely exposed. To those of you who stood near us on those trial flights, I trust we've given some promise of worth. But, regardless of what we've shown up to now, we can't help but sense a tinge of anxiety in the way you regard us tonight. "Will they make it? Have they got what it takes? Will they be faithful? Will they finish their course?"

So from two vantage points the Scripture in Judges 2:6-10 takes on a startling significance. It brings a quiet soberness to us who are the newest in the ranks of the Pentecostal ministry. It throws cold water in the face of our youthful self-sufficiency. And for you who look on, I believe it tears back the wrappings on some deep apprehensions.

"And there arose another generation... which knew not the Lord." Those words stir my soul. From deep within there is a cry, "This must never be said of us. Our elders knew the Lord. They saw the great work of Jehovah in the birth and growth of this Movement. I must know Him too." This is my major concern. Everything else fades into insignificance in the light of this one focal point: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings" (Philippians 3:10).

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW HIM?

It involves the principle of mutuality. It is a joint project. To know God is to be known by Him. To be known by God! Of Moses it was said there arose not a prophet in Israel like unto him "whom the Lord knew

face to face." This is what it means to be known by God. Isaiah records these beautiful words of the Lord: "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

Again, to know God is to share the heart of God—to comprehend His will—to desire His will—to feel what He feels. To know God is to experience that easy, immediate communication as do intimate friends—to feel at home with God. To know Him is to love Him, to trust Him, to fear Him, to obey Him, to serve Him.

Such characteristics of knowing we are able to analyze from our knowing of one another. But knowing God involves more than we can identify this way. Knowledge of the divine moves up to a plane not paralleled in human relationships. Paul's prayer was to know Christ *and* the power of His resurrection *and* the fellowship of His sufferings.

To know God is to know Omnipotence. And nowhere else is Omnipotence expressed with the majesty it shows in the Resurrection. That is the pivot of all creation and history. That was God's objective from the beginning of time. There was only one way to save man and God's wisdom found it; His love approved it; His power effected it. At the Resurrection He smashed the hopes of all who would oppose Him. He intends this as the supreme, final, once-for-all demonstration that He has intervened in the affairs of men. God's heart is bent on the redemption of mankind and the Resurrection marks the core of His plan to accomplish this purpose. It represents His highest work, the labor of His very soul, and the product of His greatest efforts. And unless I apprehend the significance and appropriate the power of the Resurrection, which is so much a part of His heart, I will never know God.

And then there is the fellowship of His sufferings. Here's where our quest to know Him often ends. To desire to know the all-powerful Creator, the Ruler of the universe, is one thing; to seek to know the lowly Nazarene, the Crucified One, is another. Who would not covet the intimate friendship of a king? And King He is; but One who has tasted to the last drop the cup of suffering, and that of His own choosing. He felt the heartbreak of rejected love; His were the agonies of the Cross. He is a King who endured the taunts, the slaps, the spittle of little men. Do I presume to think I may know Him apart from knowing a little of what He went through for me?

That I may know Him (that is, His fellowship, His will, His counsel), and the power of His resurrection

(divine dynamics and their appropriation), and the fellowship of His suffering (the stigma of being His disciple). That is what it means to know God!

#### WHY MUST I KNOW HIM?

When our Lord walked this earth it was said of Him, "Never man spake like this man," for "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." The people who heard Him were astonished at His doctrine. It was not like the feeble interpretations and traditions they had heard all their lives. Christ's teaching was different; it burned in their ears; it found a place in their hearts; and many believed on Him. The reason for this difference can be found in His words to the religious leaders who disputed with Him: "Ye say that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but *I know him...*"

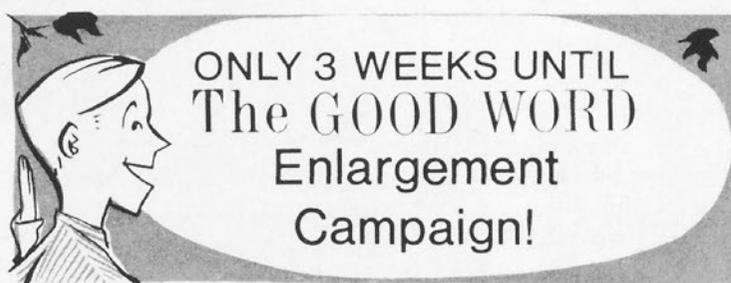
There's a spiritual principle here which we should never forget. It may be stated, "Such as I have give I unto thee." Such as I have! Lord, help us to have it! Paul put it this way: "I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you." He delivered what he had received. You can't give it if you don't have it. You can't speak it if you don't know it. I can only preach what I know.

It's in my generation our Pentecostal Movement will face the acid test. Should our Lord tarry, in the next 25 years battles will be won or lost over issues for which our fathers gave their all. Who can have heart in fighting for a foreign cause? Would our fathers have set themselves in a fight to the death for something that was not dear to their souls? No. What they knew, I must know. What was precious to them must become precious to me. I must see God save souls by the preaching of the Word. I must witness Him heal the sick through the prayer of faith. I must be absolutely convinced that the baptism in the Holy Ghost adds a vital dimension to the life of a believer. I must be assured of Christ's imminent coming. Such doctrines need more than academic assent. They must be burned on my heart. Then will I preach with authority.

#### HOW MAY I KNOW HIM?

The speaker at our Junior-Senior banquet a few weeks ago told us that decisions always involve death. You decide in favor of one thing and then you die to all other things. A young person who chooses to give his life to the legal profession cannot pursue a career in music too. He must die to one or the other. In the same way, to really know God one must forego the knowing of other things. Knowing the Lord is a full-time occupation.

God is found by those who seek Him diligently with the whole heart. I must find Him; I must know Him. Therefore I will set my heart to know Him. I will be careful to observe His ways. I will feast on His Word.



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I will commune with Him. I will gain access into His holy Presence on the merits of His Son. I will fellowship with Him and with His saints. I will give ear to the Spirit who has come to teach me all things. And I will guard myself against becoming satisfied with my knowledge of Him. Knowing God is a dynamic process and must continually grow. Paul warned that "if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."

David, in his charge to Solomon, said these words (and they speak so clearly to my generation): "My son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: *if thou seek him, he will be found of thee*; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build... Be strong, and do it."

#### THIS GENERATION MUST MAKE A CHOICE

In the first half of the 18th century a revival led by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield swept England. From this spiritual awakening there sprang a crop of fiery young Methodist preachers, some of whom immigrated to America. Here their experience in vital religion was soon communicated throughout the colonies. The 1800's saw a great advance for the cause of Christ in this country, and Methodists were leading the charge. Those were the days of old-time camp meetings. Multitudes flocked to hear the Word preached and stood quaking under Holy Ghost conviction. People called to God for mercy and were converted. Throughout the land, holiness was felt; vice was smothered.

Those early Methodist preachers knew the Lord and knew Him well. But another generation arose and they brought changes. They set out to wear off the rough edges in the Methodist movement. Societies were established, schools were built, hospitals were sponsored, and an ecumenical move was initiated. Soon they were sporting their own Methodist philosophers. Before long they were close to the top in respectability. Another generation followed; and some in this generation have ideas for changes too. Not long ago a professor in a Methodist university stated, "God is dead!" Not only has that man failed to know God; he has failed even to know *about* God!

The question that screams out at us tonight is this: will this Pentecostal Movement write a history like that, and will my generation hurry it toward that end?

"And there arose another generation... which knew not the Lord." Class of 1966, that verse may be one of two things to us. It may be a caution sign on the road of life, reminding us of peril, keeping us awake, directing us to God. Or it may serve as an epitaph. God grant that we may know Him. In the words of Ephesians 1, may we *know* what is the hope of our calling; may we *know* what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints; may we *know* what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead; may we *know* the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. *Oh, that we may know Him and make Him known to others!*



The new evangelistic center (left) was filled for the dedication service (center). Gene Martin spoke and Matthew Lee interpreted (right).

# A NEW CHURCH FOR TAIPEI

By JAMES ANDREWS • Missionary to Taiwan

IT WAS JUST ANOTHER SUNDAY in March, but there was plenty of excitement in the air. The photographers were on hand, the crowd had gathered, and the mayor of the city of Taipei arrived and cut the ribbon. Then there was a wave of applause as Global Conquest Evangelist Gene Martin opened the doors and handed the key of the new church to Pastor Matthew Lee.

Thus the new evangelistic center in the capital city of the Republic of China began its dedication service. It was the climax to many miracles which led to this new church building.

The Taipei City Center Assembly of God had a humble beginning on a narrow street facing a noisy Chinese market. The Mandarin-speaking church was begun by four lady missionaries who evacuated from the China mainland. God blessed their endeavors, and soon the group of believers was too large for the small chapel. At this time, Pastor Matthew Lee became the national pastor. (Sisters Ramsborg and Stewart are still

actively associated with the church and have had a large part in its progress.)

The people sacrificed over the years, and the building fund grew to a substantial amount, but never enough to purchase land and also put up a building. At the crucial time when the church was told it would have to move out of its building, Gene Martin came through Taipei and spoke at the church. Brother Martin presented the need to a foundation in the United States, who agreed to supply the funds to build a church to seat 400 people. Then came the miracle of the land.

For years the church had looked unsuccessfully for a suitable location. Now a choice lot on the main street was found. Through a change in circumstances the church was able to buy the property. There was just enough money in the building fund for the purchase.

At the completion of the new building, the congregation met in the old chapel for the last time and thanked God for His blessings. Then with a

shout of victory and praise the congregation marched the two blocks to where the new church was located. This was the beginning of a two-week dedication crusade with the Gene Martins.

There were first-time visitors in every service, and people were converted every day of the crusade. Two American servicemen stationed in Taiwan gave their lives to Christ.

A great dedication service was held the closing evening of the crusade. Over 425 adults attended this meeting, and a total of \$1,500 in offering and pledges was made for benches and other equipment.

We thank God for the wonderful way He worked in establishing this church.

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**E**VERY CHURCH should have a world missions convention! This was my sentiment after our annual missions convention, held from Wednesday through Sunday, featuring Assemblies of God missionaries as special speakers.

Because of the convention a vision of missions has influenced every phase of our church. Each department helped build interesting displays showing the needs of various fields. An award was presented to the Sunday school officers for their presentation of the need in the Far East.

Each night teen-age girls, serving as usherettes, dressed in costumes representing different foreign fields.

Even though our church is engaged in a \$150,000 expansion project, missions giving increased over last year's total. Paul Pipkin (Philippines) was the speaker on the closing day when

# WORLD MISSIONS-- from convention to revival

By **DON ARGUE**  
Pastor, Full Gospel Church, Morgan Hill, California

the faith promises of over \$7,500 in cash and pledges were received. Total missionary giving for last year was over \$9,000, and this year we expect it to be over \$10,000.

During the closing service, it was thrilling to see some 200 people gather

at the altar dedicating their lives and their material blessings so that world missions might be extended.

We plan to have a world missions convention annually, and we expect it will always mean a world missions revival in our church.



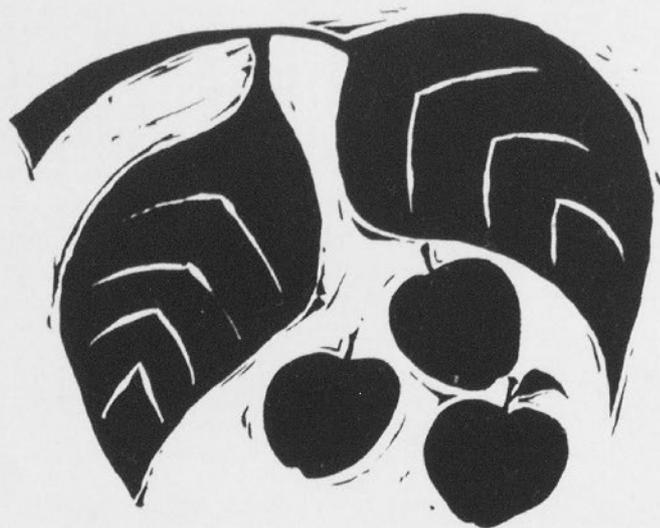
The Walter Ericksons discuss Peruvian needs with Pastor Don Argue (left). The WMC display (right) shows idol worship and a missionary family coming with the gospel.



The Full Gospel Church obtained missions tracts and other literature, including "Global Conquest"—the official missions magazine of the Foreign Missions Department—for distribution during the missionary convention.

By JOHN W. EVERETT

Pastor, Assembly of God, Worthington, Minnesota



# Does God Tempt Men?

ACCORDING TO JAMES, there are two kinds of temptation. There is a form into which one may fall and be a better person for the experience of resisting it. The Bible says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations: knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2, 3).

This is clearly a reference to providential trials of our faith and patience; things which come about unexpectedly. These are testings allowed by God which arouse us from earthly concerns and cause us to grow in Christian grace. For these we should thank God.

But there is another area of temptation which has its roots in lust; its fruition is sin; its culmination is eternal death. Scripture makes it clearer that no motivation toward sin comes from God, "for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."

God's nature is infinitely perfect—absolutely immutable. He cannot be tempted of evil. That was one of Christ's purposes in coming in the flesh, that He might be tempted in all points as we are. Whatever the source of sin, it is not God.

Someone has defined temptation as "the state of mind between the entrance of the sinful thought and the actual commission of it." It is the internal desire for sin which gives temptation its power over man. "Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust" (James 1:14).

We are not born sinners but we are born with sinful tendencies. Something within us responds to the call of

sin. James' words, "...of his own lust," seem to indicate that each person has a master passion, an evil tendency. It may be the love of sensual pleasure; it may be the love of power and prestige, or some filthiness of the flesh or spirit. Sin is as versatile as the human race and it takes a wide variety of forms. But there is a pattern to its progress.

First, a man is "drawn away." He may be busy about his duties when temptation comes. It touches a weak spot in his nature. The craving becomes a lust. He is drawn aside to take a closer look, and the enticement grows. The Greek word used here implies the use of pleasant bait. The object of man's desire becomes more attractive; he must have it at any cost!

"When lust hath conceived..." This is a figurative allusion. Desire is admitted to the mind. Rather than praying about it, resisting it, driving it out, the mind retains and fosters the lust. It grows in strength until the will consents to the wish. Desire turns into deeds and "it bringeth forth sin."

Sin is the child of lust. It does not begin with an act; it begins with a desire. Sin is an evil reality. It is not just a weakness, a maladjustment, a failure to totally integrate the personality. It is a positive evil.

"When it is finished..." This speaks of a maturing, a ripening. The man who does not resist games of chance matures into an inveterate gambler. He who cannot refuse a drink matures into an alcoholic. The covetous man matures into a swindler or a thief. Infidelity when it

is finished breaks up homes and spoils lives. Sin always grows up into something bigger and uglier than it appeared to be when it was only a temptation.

The end result is always the same: "It bringeth forth death." Sin kills. Physical sin kills the physical strength. Mental sin kills the mental strength. Sin of any kind dulls the conscience and destroys self-respect. It kills the soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Two principles relative to temptation and sin are important.

First, sin is not chargeable to God. God made man with desires and capacities necessary for life. Satan tempted man by perverting those desires. Sin is a contradiction of the will of God.

Secondly, there could be no judgment of sin if God were responsible. Man would not be responsible if he had no choice. Yet it is our nature to try to shift the blame to someone else. Adam tried: "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat," he said. Eve blamed the serpent: "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." But God caused each of them to bear his own guilt and punishment.

Sin is a product of a person's own evil desire. Every man's fault lies at his own door. You alone must bear the blame for your sin—unless you are willing to accept Christ as your substitute. Confess your sin to Him; then accept His forgiveness—"Go and sin no more." The same Saviour who forgives past sin empowers those who accept His grace to resist the temptation to continue in sin.

# I WAS THERE

ONE OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

A FEW MONTHS after attending the first General Council of the Assemblies of God in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in April 1914, I went from my home in Memphis, Tennessee, to Rochester, New York, to enter Rochester Bible Training School. This school, one of the earliest in Pentecost, was conducted by the Duncan Sisters of the Elim Faith Home. They printed *Trust*, one of the early periodicals in the movement. It was an advertisement of the school in that paper that induced me to "go north." I was the only man in town wearing a straw hat when I arrived there in early September.

I found Elim to be a spiritual citadel. Here Pentecost was preached, taught, and practiced. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone" (John 12:24)" was almost their theme song. This concept of death to self, "the death-life," was sound teaching and has influenced my whole life.

The meetings were heavenly. I remember one day when two students were singing: "Casting all your care upon Jesus, for He careth for you." As clearly as a bell, a third voice, an angelic voice, accompanied them. We all were instantly conscious of what was happening and we were thrilled. Just to think that as at the Saviour's birth angels praised God, so they had come again into a simple Pentecostal meeting and joined us in praising God.

At commencement these young men were asked to sing again, as a reminder of the glorious experience of a few weeks earlier. And, once more the miracle happened! Perhaps it was to emphasize the message of the song, "He careth for you." Jacob Mueller of the Foreign Missions Department staff at Springfield, Missouri, can corroborate this story for he was one of the singers.

There was an occasion when the "heavenly choir" broke forth. The entire Spirit-filled audience sang in the Spirit as it were a mighty oratorio. An unbelieving music

# ANGELS & LIONS

By RALPH M. RIGGS

professor was passing the church at the time. Attracted by the music, he went in. He marveled that there was no conductor or trained choir, but just a congregation of ordinary people singing under the anointing of the Spirit. He was converted to God and to Pentecost. His brother followed suit and later became the pastor of the well-known Stone Church in Chicago.

Six years later I was a missionary in Vendaleland, South Africa. Here also it was my privilege to see God work in a supernatural way.

My wife and I were traveling at night, to escape the heat of the equatorial sun, in a cart drawn by four mules. We were pulling up a hill when suddenly the driver, who was walking at my side, sprang into the seat beside me. Pointing to the bushes at the edge of the road he said in his native tongue, "There he is, pastor." I looked, and there was a tawny lion. A little farther back was another. I reached for my gun, but he warned me not to shoot. "They don't die easily," he said. So I resorted to a better plan. I simply watched while my wife prayed (need I say, very earnestly). She reminded the Lord how He had delivered Daniel, and asked for the same protection.

We joggled along slowly, for we dared not trot or run. By this time there were four of them. Just then the lantern at the rear of our wagon went out, and I had to climb out to relight it—proffered bait for the king of beasts! But God protected us. After two hours of patiently following us they lay down in the road and let us drive out of sight. Daniel's God still lives today.

And thus it has continued—angels and lions—for 45 years. Although the "lions" continue to threaten, the angels of the Lord still encamp around about them that fear Him to deliver them. And they still sing in my heart, thank the Lord! for I have learned to cast all my care upon Him, for He cares for me—and for you.

Ralph M. Riggs, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, now serves on the faculty of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California.

## Hear of the Bible



GREAT CHAPTERS DAILY READING PROGRAM

### GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-18

Sunday .....	Romans 1
Monday .....	Romans 3
Tuesday .....	Romans 4
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Thursday .....	Romans 6
Friday .....	Romans 7
Saturday .....	Romans 8
Sunday .....	Romans 10

### PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

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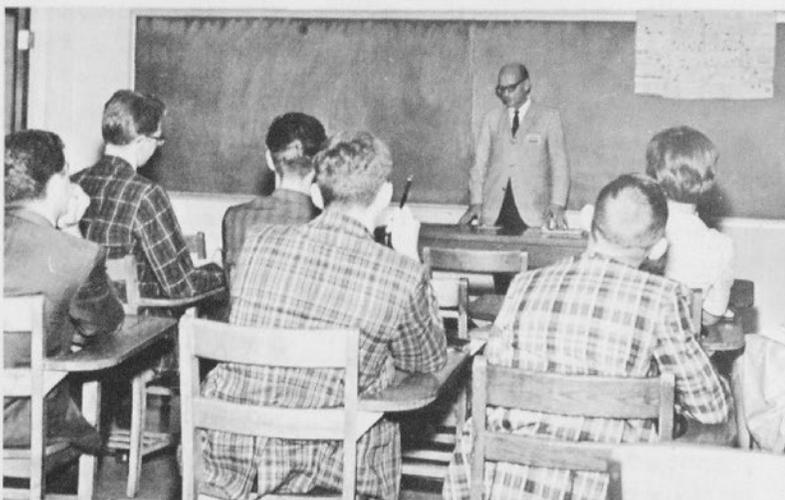
By E. S. CALDWELL



Clearing customs, the Jamaican team of the Caribbean Youth Witness enter an exciting missionary adventure. Pictured (left to right) are: Rodney Hair, San Bernardino, Calif.; DeWayne Picker, Ruston, La.; Mel Steward, project field director; Rhoda Johnson, Des Moines,

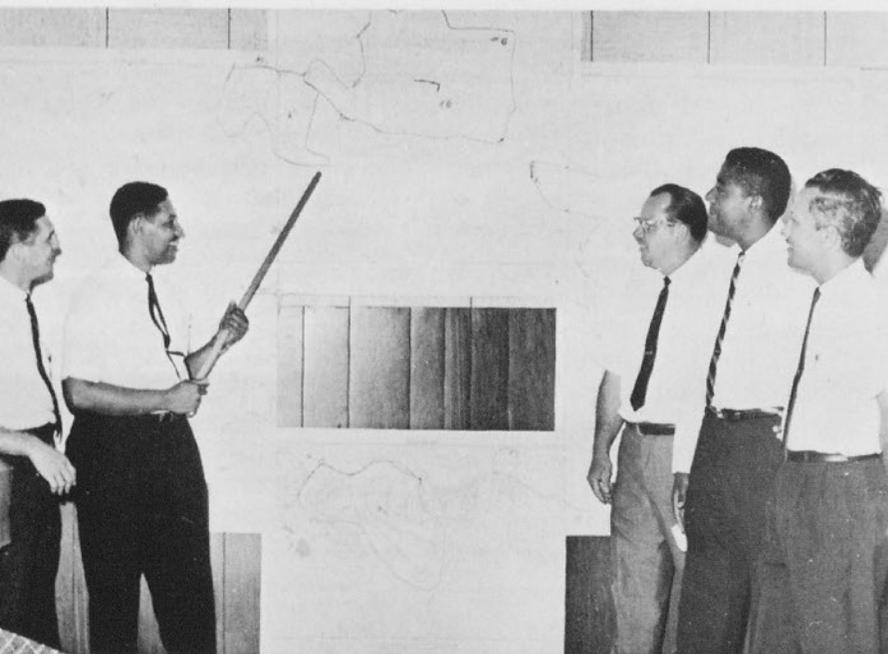
Iowa; Stephen Storms and Bonnie Bare, Fort Madison, Iowa; Bill Sunday, Kenosha, Wis.; Gary Loutzenhiser, Minatare, Nebr.; Customs Agent; Robert Sorenson, Davenport, Iowa; Trever Alexander, board member of Faith Temple; William Ilnisky, host missionary.

## 12 young people; 700 converts in a month's effort



Team members met at Central Bible College for intensive training from qualified instructors such as Missionary Melvin Hodges.

Prior to the arrival of the U. S. teen-agers, William Ilnisky planned a systematic gospel invasion of Montego Bay, Jamaica.



**T**WELVE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD YOUNG PEOPLE became foreign missionaries for 25 days this summer. They were a part of the 1966 Caribbean Youth Witness, a pilot project that may open the door to a new era of missionary evangelism for youth.

Ten teen-agers from five states and Dick Eastman, an Assemblies of God assistant pastor, and his wife were selected for the program. Eight went to Jamaica with project Field Director Mel Steward, and four traveled to British Honduras, working under the direction of Missionary Russell Schirman.

Contacting 950 homes, the Jamaica team registered 450 decisions for Christ, while the Honduras group contacted 450 homes and recorded 250 decisions.

The pattern in both countries was the same. Each U. S. youth was teamed with a national for house-to-house visitation. They carried gospel literature, specially prepared invitations to the local church, and crusade issues of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

However, this was much more than a literature distribution campaign. These C.A.'s were eager for person-to-person witnessing opportunities. Months of prayer and special instruction were invested to make this a time of spiritual harvest; and God gave results beyond anyone's expectation.

Shortly after their arrival the young people became keenly aware that the Holy Spirit had prepared the way before them. For example, when Bill Sunday, Kenosha, Wis., approached a middle-class home, he heard a murmur of voices. The door opened to his knock. After introducing himself and his companion, Bill asked his customary question, "Do you have a few minutes that we could talk to you about Jesus Christ?"

The young mother looked at her guest in amazement and said, "Oh, you must be here because you heard me talking to my daughter. I just told her that we needed to seek God and find a church and get right with God."

Bill, who had been filled with the Holy Ghost his first Sunday night in Jamaica, was delighted to introduce this hungry-hearted mother and her daughter to Jesus.

Rhoda Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa, together with

# CARIBBEAN YOUTH WITNESS

two Jamaican C.A.'s, walked to the back entrance of a ramshackle tenement. The young woman who opened the door listened intently to the Christian witness, and said she wanted to accept Christ.

The girls asked if there was a place where they might pray together. Going to another room, they were met by two more women. They too were open to the gospel. The three personal workers knelt beside each of the penitent women and led them to a forgiving Saviour.

After praying, the women summoned three of their friends who also accepted Christ. As the team members left the tenement they met two more people, a man and a woman. In a few minutes this couple also responded to the invitation to become Christians. The young people were "walking on air" when they returned to Faith Temple.

In addition to the daytime door-to-door witnessing project, special services were conducted many evenings in Faith Temple, located in the heart of Montego Bay, Jamaica, where Missionary William Inisky serves as pastor. Team members took an active role in these evangelistic services.

The British Honduras team testified that they found opened doors by identifying themselves with *Revivaltime* which is broadcast every Sunday morning from that nation's only radio station. They found transistor radios in even the humblest dwellings.

The Caribbean Youth Witness was a cooperative effort coordinated by the newly developed Assemblies of God Mobilization and Placement Service, called *MAPS*. The project marks the first time young people have participated in an overseas witness under the National Christ Ambassador's Department.

Under the plan that proved so successful this summer, each young person was responsible to finance his own transportation to and from Springfield, and to provide an additional \$330 to cover travel and personal expenses for the one-month missionary trip.

The Women's Missionary Council assisted with food allowances, and Light-for-the-Lost provided 40,000 pieces of literature for distribution.

Since this was essentially a missionary project, planning was guided by the Foreign Missions Department, and the young people worked under the direction of the missionaries on the field. Recruiting and training was the responsibility of the Christ's Ambassadors Department.

Applications are now being prepared for the proposed 1967 International Youth Witness. Twelve countries are under consideration, with a needed youth force estimated at 100. For further information write the National C. A. Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Team members at the altar of Faith Temple in Montego Bay dedicating themselves and the literature they will distribute during their 25-day mission.



When torrential rains forced the team to remain indoors, they utilized the time by preparing literature packets.

Scenes like this occurred hundreds of times in Jamaica and British Honduras, with a total of 1,400 homes receiving a gospel witness.





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## AT HOME

### Christians: Consider the Peace Corps

"Give the Peace Corps a chance," declared longtime Peace Corps official Cleo Shook, in a special interview by *Moody Monthly*. "Evangelicals are missing a key opportunity" when they do not send their potential leaders into the Peace Corps, he said.

Opportunities for witnessing in the Corps are unlimited because the corpsman comes in contact with fellow workers and nationals "on a personal basis." Said Shook: "Abroad, the Peace Corps personnel work with leaders in the countries. So your influence is with key people. Why should we leave this influence to the godless?"

In the Peace Corps, "less than one percent of the volunteers appear to be motivated because of religious reasons," he said. Think of the thousands of Christian young people who are not planning to be missionaries, but who could be witnesses for Christ in the Peace Corps.

Christians should not shun the Peace Corps because of its statement against proselytizing and politicking. This restriction, he said, "does not dictate to a volunteer how he shall live or what his moral values are. It does not mean the Christian will be less of a witness."

### Walgreen Stores Win Acclaim

Kiwanis International recently honored the Walgreen Company for the drugstore chain's long-standing ban against indecent literature on its magazine racks.

Thomas J. Barton (right), secretary of the Walgreen Company, Chicago, Ill., receives a plaque from Edward C. Keefe, Oklahoma City, Okla., president of Kiwanis International, at the service club's 51st annual convention in Portland, Oreg.



Kiwanis President Edward C. Keefe of Oklahoma City, Okla., said, "Elimination of pornography and filth can have but one result: a strengthening of our moral fiber, the firm basis upon which our society rests. It is our privilege to acknowledge the efforts of one the nation's top 10 sellers of books and magazines, the Walgreen Company, to achieve exactly this result . . . voluntarily, without the influence of law or regulation."

### IBC Plans "Bibleland" in California

A \$200 million re-creation of Biblical scenes called "Bibleland U.S.A." will be built somewhere in Southern California, according to the International Bible Congress.

The project will require about 10 years to complete on a 6,000-acre site, said R. D. Collins, executive director of the organization located in Van Nuys, Calif. The exact location has not been named.

"Bibleland" will feature replicas of Solomon's Temple, the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, and the manger where Christ was born, Collins said. It will be financed through subscriptions and grants.

### WMBI Now 40 Years Old

Radio station WMBI, Chicago, owned and operated by Moody Bible Institute, marked 40 years of broadcasting July 28. Begun in 1926, the station was one of the world's first religious broadcasters.

WMBI provides its listeners with a variety of programs including sacred and classical music, public service and educational programs, dramatic series, and special programs for children and teen-agers.

### Religion Favored by Philanthropists

Religion received 49 percent of the \$11,300,000,000 given to philanthropic causes in 1965, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, Inc. This is an increase of \$700 million over 1964.

Next to religion, education received the second highest at 17 percent. Other causes were welfare, 13 percent; health, 11 percent; foundations, 4 percent; civic and cultural, 4 percent; and "other," 2 percent.

The figures included contributions by individuals, business corporations, and foundations.

## ABROAD

### Communists Now Print "Bibles"

An article by Leo Heiman in *The Missionary Crusader* (July 1966) reports that "Moscow has gone into the Bible publishing business." However, the so-called Bibles have commentaries which turn them into propaganda tools for the Communists.

The report continues: "Milton Obenge, a young Af-

rican from Kenya, disclosed that Communist-front book-sellers and magazine dealers in East and West Africa are now peddling three rewritten and 'updated' editions of the Holy Book."

(1) "The True Bible" purposes to expose the lies and falsehoods of the Christian Bible widely spread throughout Africa by European missionaries over the past 150 years. It copies the format and printing method of standard missionary Bibles. It declares that Christianity was forged as an instrument of reactionary and feudal classes who stole the ideology of Jesus and corrupted it for their own wicked uses. Christian missionaries are viewed as those who spearheaded the colonization of Africa and Asia by European imperialist powers.

(2) "The Illustrated Bible" is directed toward illiterates and primitive semi-literates. It contains illustrations implying similar accusations against Christians.

(3) "Stories from the Bible" also depends heavily on cartoons to attack the West. Cain, for example, is depicted as an American soldier who kills a Vietnamese "Abel."

Someone said, "You do not need to defend the Bible against its foes. The Bible is a lion. It can defend itself. Just turn it loose." This we are doing, but are we distributing it widely enough?

### "Why Wear Crosses?" Reds Ask

Soviet Russia's top Communist youth organ took sharp exception to a "new fashion" among Moscow girls—wearing a cross and a chain around the neck.

*Komsomolskaya Pravda* said it had conducted an investigation and discovered the new fashion was started by two 20-year-old girl clerks in a government-run store in Moscow. "Both girls," it said, "found that when customers saw them wearing crosses and chains, they wanted to imitate them. Many customers inquired where they could buy the crosses. The girls found a supply and sold them to thousands of customers."

The newspaper noted that neither girl was a religious believer and, in fact, both were members of the Young Communist League. "No one has to be told that the Red Star is the symbol of freedom and the cross the symbol of slavery," it stated.

### Thousands of Conversions from Scripture Distribution

The Pocket Testament League says its recent South American campaign was its "most spectacular and successful." Workers distributed more than one million Gospels in Argentina. Over 1,000 outdoor meetings were held, and some 500 indoor meetings. Several thousand conversions resulted and more than 30,000 enrolled in the correspondence course on the Gospel of John.

An original goal of two million Scriptures for Brazil has since been doubled.

### Christian Church in Afghanistan Possible

Reports from Afghanistan say the government soon may grant permission to build a Christian church, after 10 years of efforts by Christians. The approval from the foreign minister needs only the formality of a cabinet decision.

The Holy Spirit is continuing to work throughout the country. Many Afghans have been converted to Christ. Some of these are in prominent positions in the government and have been urging greater freedom of religion.



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*In 1 Corinthians 7:15 we read: "But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases." Does this mean the believer is then free to remarry?*

Paul taught Christians with unsaved companions to continue in their marital state, which God will honor (v. 14). But if the unbeliever does not wish to continue living with a Christian companion, the Christian should not give up his faith in Christ to keep the unsaved companion. Paul said the Christian is not bound to give up his faith in Christ to please the unbelieving companion.

I do not see anything in this passage that bears upon divorce. See Matthew 5:32; 19:9; Mark 10:11; Luke 16:18 for teaching on divorce.

*When did John write his Gospel and the other books credited to him?*

While the chronology of the Bible is not inspired, it is the work of good scholars who sought as far as possible to provide a timetable of Biblical events and writings. They suggest 90 A.D. as the time John's epistles were written, and 96 A.D. for the Book of Revelation. The Gospel of John may have been written between 85 and 90 A.D.

*My husband was very sick recently. We called the pastor to come and pray for him, but he said, "I will pray for him over the telephone with you." What kind of pastor do you think would do that?*

There are always questions that a letter leaves unanswered. You have not told me the time of night when you made your call. The pastor may not have known how ill your husband was. As a pastor, I have been called from the opposite side of a large city only to find that the one who called had a toothache.

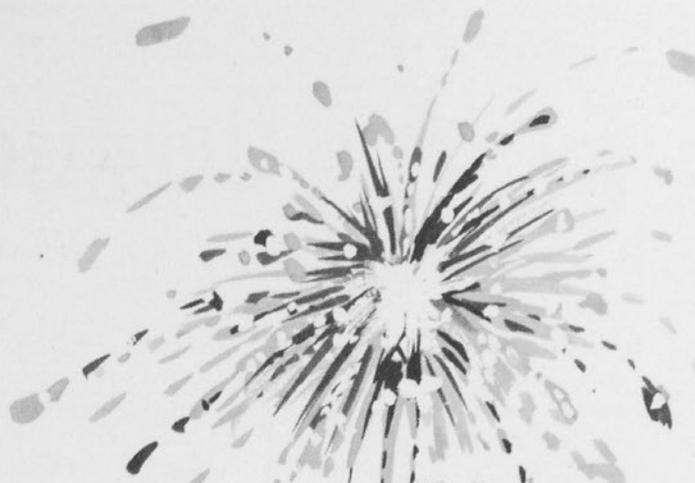
If your pastor did not comprehend the seriousness of the situation, he can be forgiven. If a pastor is really indifferent to the needs of the flock, he needs his soul revived.

*A faithful member of our church has been promised rapid advancement in his job if he joins a lodge. Would you encourage him to accept this offer?*

I am sure the promotion is a temptation, but there come times when we must choose the will of God at the sacrifice of personal ambitions. The Bible says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (See 2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1.) Jesus was tempted to better His position when the devil "showed him all the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of them," if He would fall down and worship him. We must remember "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). I could not advise a Christian to bind himself with unbelievers by oaths in a secret brotherhood.

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*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.*



# For Want of a Hyphen

By **CHARLES R. HEMBREE**  
Pastor, Hessville Assembly, Hammond, Indiana

A TEXAS MINISTER was scheduled to speak at an all-day conference and he was running late. The alarm clock had failed to ring. In his haste to make up lost time he cut himself while shaving. Then he found his shirt wasn't ironed. To make matters worse, running to his car he noticed a tire was flat.

Disgusted, and by this time thoroughly distraught, the minister finally got underway with a sudden burst of speed. Racing through town he failed to notice a stop sign and rushed through it. As fate would have it, there was a policeman, and in just moments he heard the scream of a siren.

Jumping out of his car, the agitated minister said sharply, "Well, go ahead and give me a ticket. Everything else has gone wrong today!" The policeman walked up and said quietly, "Sir, I used to have days like that before I became a Christian."

Needless to say the embarrassed minister was shamed by the stranger's rebuke and went on his way asking forgiveness and praying for strength to correct his attitude.

We all have days when things just don't seem to go right. Even Christians aren't free from the tensions of life that tear at the nerves and cause us sometimes to act out of character with our convictions. Christ never promised freedom *from* tensions but inner peace *in* tension.

A good step in accepting life is to realize that tension is a part of life. It should be remembered that it takes tension to run a watch. However, Christ did say, "Come unto me all

ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Isaiah said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 26:3). There is a peace in the time of tension.

A certain depth of the ocean remains calm although the summer storms of the sea churn the surface waters and springs of the ocean floor gush forth with fury. Similarly there is a place in God where there is a calmness of spirit although everything about us is tense and trying. The question is, "How can I attain that state?"

## AFFECT RATHER THAN REFLECT

Many reflect their environment. When it is tense, so are they. When the environment is relaxed, they feel this relaxation. Christ spoke about Christians as salt of the earth, lights in dark places, and cities on hills that cannot be hid. In other words, Christ desires His followers to *affect* the environment rather than *reflect* it.

Joseph was a master of affecting his environment. Although sold into slavery he became a high ruler in a far away country. Even in a depressing dark prison he did not wince but so adjusted to his environment and made it better until he was lifted to the loft of leadership.

When Joseph's father was about to die, he blessed all of his sons and said of him, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall" (Genesis 49:22). He affected his environment instead of reflecting it.

This has been true of all who have contributed to the world. Florence Nightingale refused to reflect the despair of her environment; because she did, we have the Red Cross. Madame Curie did not fold her arms and quit because experiments failed and her husband died. She went on to give the world radium, one of the great blessings.

Napoleon struck at the heart of the matter when he said, "Circumstances? I make circumstances." This was not the raving of a maniac but the philosophy of a man who knew he could affect his environment. So can we!

When this truth dawns on us that we are thermostats rather than thermometers, life takes on a new challenge. Tensions take their proper place, and we have the power to resolve our frustrations. Paul said it so very forcefully, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). We can too, because Christ lives in us.

## THE HYPHEN OF PRAYER

You say, "All this sounds good. But how do we do it?"

One day someone left out a hyphen and it cost the government over \$18,000,000. *Reader's Digest* reported the incident of the hyphen being omitted when instructions were fed to a computer which was to guide a rocket to Venus.

A mass of coded information, fed to the machine, guided the rocket successfully during the first phase of the flight. For an instant the computer and the rocket lost touch. Although the rocket got slightly off course, a hyphen—they call it a bar—in the instructions was to tell the rocket not to worry. There was no bar, and the rocket worried. The computer began sending other course directions it should not have sent, and the rocket had to be destroyed.

Commenting on the incident the reporter said, "A touching and, in an odd way, a human story. The rocket was primed for a 180,000,000-mile trip, and stumbled over something this - long."

I like to think of prayer as the hyphen of our lives. It really need not involve a lot of time. The time of prayer may be minutes rather than hours; it may consist of odd moments throughout the day. However, this small hyphen in our lives is that which tells us not to worry. If it is not there, we do worry and our lives

are sometimes wrecked with worry and frustration.

#### INSTANT ACCESS

The best time to pray about a matter is the very moment it bothers you. If the Texas minister would have taken time when he first got up to put the hyphen of prayer in his day, he probably would have had a far different attitude. As it was, aggravation piled on aggravation until he exploded.

Tensions have a way of piling on each other until they become a crushing load. Often people come into my office to talk about something bothering them. Sometimes they do not even know what it is. But after prayer and talking we uncover problems that have become buried under other problems. A problem or frustration unsolved is not forgotten even though it might be pushed into the subconscious by a more weighty problem. But one day the load becomes too much and the person breaks. Perhaps this is why the psychologists insist on talking about one's childhood and other things that may seem insignificant.

How much better we would feel if we could learn the secret of instant access to God. At the point of frustration we take it to Him and let Him give us the wisdom to cope with that which bothers us.

Two hundred years ago a monk who washed pots and pans in a monastery gave us a priceless key to living. Brother Lawrence, who became well known not because of his brilliant theology but because he lived so abundantly like his Christ, wrote a booklet, *The Practice of the Presence of God*. He said, "The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great a tranquility as if I were on my knees in blessed sacrament."

So here is a great key; *instant access*. Knowing Christ is with us every moment and at that point of frustration merely turning to Him for wisdom for the answer, strength for the trial, and grace for the frustration. Then we can affect our environment. The hyphen of prayer is so small yet so big. How right the hymn writer was when he penned:

*"O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer."*



ALBERTA GOVERNMENT PHOTO

Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Canada, will be the site of an origination broadcast of "Revivaltime" on September 18.

## EDMONTON INDOOR CAMP MEETING TO HOST REVIVALTIME

RETURNING ONCE AGAIN to the area in which his circuit-riding father ministered in the early 1900's, Evangelist C. M. Ward will be speaker for the Greater Edmonton, Alberta, Indoor Camp Meeting, September 14-22.

The series of meetings, sponsored by churches throughout the Edmonton area, will be conducted at the lovely Central Pentecostal Tabernacle where R. W. Taitinger is pastor. Services will be held twice daily, beginning each morning at 10 a.m., and each evening at 7:30 p.m.

This particular section of Canada holds many memories for Evangelist Ward. His father, the late Elder A. G. Ward, broke trail for the Methodist church as a circuit-rider along the Calgary-Edmonton route.

Through the miracle of modern communication, Brother C. M. Ward reaches more persons each week than his father did in a lifetime! But though the method has changed, the message remains the same—around the world Brother Ward is known for his dynamic, hard-hitting preaching of God's Word.

Highlighting the week-long Indoor Camp Meeting will be a special "live" *Revivaltime* origination broadcast, Sunday, September 18. The 7 p.m. broadcast, held at the spacious Jubilee Auditorium, will be prefaced by a regular evening evangelistic service.

Official radio voice of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the Assemblies of God in the U.S., *Revivaltime* has visited Edmonton twice before.

Jubilee Auditorium is one of two identical structures—the other auditorium being in Calgary. Site of the two previous Edmonton *Revivaltime* originations, it seats more than 1,200

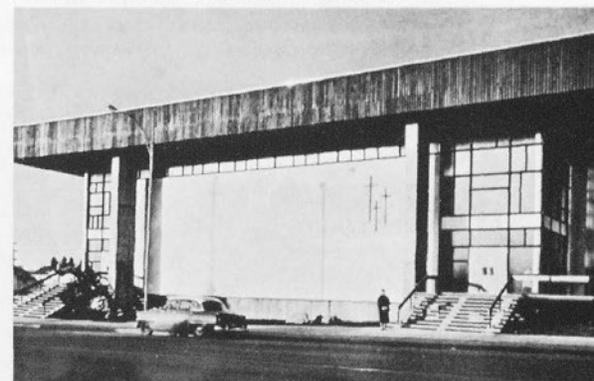
persons. In times past, Canadian friends have filled it to capacity.

Working with Brother Ward will be Lee Shultz, national secretary of Radio; Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director; and C. T. Beem, program director. The *Revivaltime* team will arrive a few days prior to the origination service. Several rehearsals are necessary for the volunteer choir and orchestra which performed so wonderfully during *Revivaltime's* previous visits.

Pastor Taitinger expressed his delight in having *Revivaltime* originate from Edmonton for the third time: "We felt the two crusades and originations were most successful. And it is a real thrill to share in the presentation of one of the truly great religious broadcasts. We believe many souls will be won to Christ through this coming evangelistic crusade."

*Revivaltime* looks forward to visiting once again the beautiful city of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and to proclaiming the gospel from there across the nation and around the world.

The Greater Edmonton Indoor Camp Meeting will be held at the Central Pentecostal Tabernacle. C. M. Ward, the "Revivaltime" evangelist, will be the guest speaker.





## BUSY HANDS REWARDED

"WHATSOEVER THY HAND FINDETH . . .  
DO IT WITH THY MIGHT"

By ANN AHLF

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD members of the Women's Missionary Council are learning to work for God. Here are two stories—one from South America, the other from Africa—which show how this ministry is spreading.

### WMC'S IN PARAGUAY

In 1965 *The Pentecostal Evangel* carried an account of devastating winds and water that flattened the Assemblies of God church in Isla de Francia, Asunción, Paraguay.

Ruth Martin, missionary to Paraguay, sends the news that now there stands in Isla de Francia a new Assemblies of God church building serving a large, growing congregation, a people who have learned the reward of busy hands. WMC's have shared in the labor and sacrifice.

A short time before the devastating storm, Bertha Stawinski, national WMC director of Paraguay, started weekly meetings with six women in the Isla de Francia church. From the beginning their hands were busy ripping used clothing and remaking the good parts into garments that would enable children of the countryside to attend Sunday school. A wrecked building did not halt their activities. By Christmas the children came to church neatly dressed in their remodeled clothing.

The small group of six ladies began to reach out into the community with their good deeds and testimonies. Average attendance rose to 14. Women were being saved through their witnessing. By the time their organization was one year old, the women had made many articles of clothing, purchased a lantern for their new church, and had prepared Christmas and birthday gifts for their pastor. They knew well the meaning of the WMC theme verse, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

The national WMC organization in Paraguay had its beginning in 1960 under the direction of Bertha Stawinski. Feeling a deep concern for the women of all the land, Mrs. Stawinski formulated a plan of study, wit-

nessing, and Christian service for them. This she presented to the churches at their annual conference in 1961. Presently nearly all the churches in Asunción have active WMC groups. Pastors in the outlying areas are asking that groups be organized in their churches.

Besides making clothing for children, the Paraguayan Christian women have prepared food baskets for special needs and have given shirts to the national pastors. Above all they are active soul winners. They revel in the challenge they find for busy hands.

### WMC'S IN PRETORIA, TRANSVAAL

"I didn't know I could please God with my hands until Mother Coleman showed me. Now I will work for Jesus till He comes," testified Mrs. Malele, WMC member of South Africa.

Another member joined in her sentiment by saying, "This is the first time I have ever seen the work of women. God saw we wanted something to do and sent Mother Coleman to show us what our hands can do. There is a saying among the Africans, 'A small person can teach a big person.' Just so, it is true that a white mother can teach a black mother."

Mrs. Juanita Coleman, about whom they spoke, says:

"Rewards for service on the mission field come in various ways. One of the most humbling and most precious is to hear these wonderful people mention the missionary's name in their sincere testimony. They often speak with great emotion.

"Never have I been more blessed than during the special WMC service at the Mamelodi Assembly of God of Pretoria.

"It was our day for special WMC services throughout the district. Each group of ladies made colorful WMC rally tags. Parts of the service were assigned to each one, and a special handwork display was arranged. Each local group planned carefully and earnestly prayed they would be a blessing to their congregation.

"Pastors throughout the district were amazed at the results of the meetings. One said the WMC service brought revival to the church that Sunday morning. From one bush church the pastor reported that ladies walked for miles to see a service planned and presented by women. Some churches reported visiting women being saved. Every pastor had requests for membership in the WMC.

"Husbands looked on with a new appreciation of the women and their work in the church. The South African Christian women agree that there is much work for us all to do in the many fields around the world.

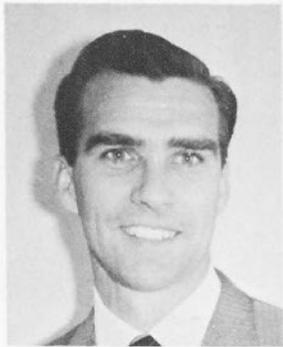
"Thank God for the WMC program which is meeting a very real need in South Africa."

WMC's who attended the first anniversary service at Bethel Assembly, Isla de Francia, Asuncion, Paraguay.



Mrs. Juanita Coleman and the WMC officers of Mamelodi, South Africa, display some of the handiwork of the WMC's.





# HEARTILY RECOMMENDS MISSIONETTES

By **RAYMOND ALCORN**  
Pastor, First Assembly, Cottage Grove, Oregon

JUST FOUR YEARS AGO the Cottage Grove Assembly began its Missionettes group with emphasis on the Stairway to the Stars Achievement Program.

From the start the idea was met with enthusiasm. Nearly every girl in the church wanted to join and work toward Honor Star recognition. It seemed that overnight the young ladies of our church began dedicating their lives to God.

One of the girls told us that although she had never surrendered her life to Jesus, she wanted to do so and join the Missionettes. The sponsors wept as they prayed with her. Two years later she was the second girl from the church to achieve Honor Star recognition. If it had not been for Missionettes, this one might not have given her life to God.

After passing Missionettes age, the girls have continued to show a missionary vision and interest.

A further indication of the lasting effects of Missionettes is seen in the young woman who was our first Honor Star. She is now the sponsor of our new Junior Missionettes Club.

As a pastor I wholeheartedly recommend Missionettes as an effective means of reaching young ladies for Christ.

**Missionettes from First Assembly, Cottage Grove, Oreg., with their sponsor, Mrs. Raymond Alcorn (at the end of the table, at right), who presented a skit at a Missionettes rally during the district council.**



Because a Missionettes Club in Hampton, Va., completed "Project 40," boys and girls in Lomé, Togo, West Africa, are wearing robes when participating in their children's choir and rhythm band. Mrs. Sharon Werner, sponsor, is at the left.



Missionettes of Ipoh, Malaysia, present a quilt to Jameson Yeo, a recent Bible school graduate and now a full-time pastor.

Charter members of the Missionettes Club in Ipoh are shown with Mrs. Ruby McMurray, left, and their sponsor, Mrs. Ronney Kon, right.





Congregation worships the Lord during the Alaska District Council at Bethel Assembly in Juneau, Alaska.

**MISSIONARIES FAR REMOVED FROM THE COMFORTS AND CONVENIENCES OF MODERN LIVING ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WARMHEARTED FELLOWSHIP.**

# JUNEAU

## SCENE OF ALASKA'S FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNEAU, ALASKA, CALLED America's most scenic capital city, recently hosted the first biennial Alaska District Council of the Assemblies of God.

From all sections of the state, 169 ministers, missionaries, delegates, and visitors came and were welcomed by Host Pastor Roy Davidson and the congregation of Bethel Assembly of God to their beautiful new church. Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent and executive director of the National Home Missions Department, was convention speaker. Mrs. Scott was the guest speaker for the Women's Missionary Council.

Business sessions were conducted daily from June 14 through 19, much of the time being devoted to implementing the program decided upon at the organizational convention two years ago.

The convention chose district officers for the next biennium and discussed the dual nature of Alaska's min-

istry as it relates to district churches and the missionary program of the National Home Missions Department.

District officers reelected by the convention were B. P. Wilson of Fairbanks, superintendent; Robert E. Cousart of Valdez, secretary-treasurer; Paul Bills of Nome, Ralph M. Miller of North Pole, Harold Bither of Anchorage, and John E. Phillips Jr., of Sitka, sectional presbyters. Alvin E. Capener was elected to serve as a general presbyter.

Other elections resulted in the selection of A. E. Lofdahl of Ketchikan as district director of Men's Fellowship and Mrs. Lofdahl as president of the Women's Missionary Council. The convention chose Wesley D. Hanson of Kenai as the district Sunday school director, and Edgar E. McElhannon of Chugiak as state Christ's Ambassadors (youth) president. Arvin W. Glandon was named head of the education work in the district.



Left: Children's choir of Juneau Bethel Assembly.  
Below: Council delegates enjoying the hospitality of the WMC's of Bethel Assembly.



Left: Northwest District C. A. choir ministers at Alaska convention. Above: Alaska's Board of Presbyters (left to right): John E. Phillips Jr., Sitka; Paul E. Bills, Nome; Robert E. Cousart, Valdez, secretary-treasurer; B. P. Wilson, Fairbanks, superintendent; Harold C. Bither, Anchorage; Ralph M. Miller, North Pole; A. E. Capener, St. Paul Island, general presbyter.



Ordination group receives charge from Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of National Home Missions Department and convention speaker. Left to right are: Eric H. Pahl, Donald H. Von Wald, Miss Agnes Rodli, Mrs. Corinne Neubauer, Mrs. Betty S. Glick.



# RUTH'S GODLY CHOICE

Sunday School Lesson for September 18, 1966

RUTH 1:6-19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE BEAUTIFUL STORY OF RUTH—a story of fidelity, purity, and devotion—took place “in the days when the judges ruled”; that is, in times of universal lawlessness, unspeakable immorality, and ruthless violence. Ruth forever reminds us that God’s grace and power are sufficient to keep one godly in the worst times.

### NAOMI’S SORROWS (Ruth 1:1-5)

The names of the characters in this story are significant. Elimelech, whose name meant “my God is king,” belied his name in that he failed to trust God in a time of need and went to dwell in a heathen land. To his sons he gave names which mean *sick* and *pinning*. These names reflect the spiritual loss and emptiness which resulted from their leaving Bethlehem-judah, *the house of bread and praise*, to live in worldly Moab.

Although Naomi’s name meant *pleasant*, she experienced nothing which her name implied. Her husband died. Both of her sons violated God’s revealed will and married Moabitish girls; soon they too died, leaving Naomi destitute and their wives widows.

### THE RIGHT ANSWER



"THY SISTER IN LAW IS GONE BACK UNTO HER PEOPLE, AND UNTO HER GODS: RETURN THOU AFTER THY SISTER IN LAW." RUTH 1:15

"INTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE...WHITHER THOU GOEST, I WILL GO." RUTH 1:16

### NAOMI’S EXHORTATION (Ruth 1:6-9, 11-13)

Hearing prosperity had returned to Judah and having no ties to hold her in Moab, Naomi prepared to return to her own land. She urged her daughters-in-law to remain in Moab, and pointed out the difficulties which would confront them in Judah: (1) they belonged to an accursed race, hated by the people of Judah; (2) they were Gentiles so their chances of marrying were small.

### ORPAH’S CHOICE

“And they lifted up their voice and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law” (v. 14). Twice the three women wept together. Though Orpah wept, nevertheless she kissed her mother-in-law good-bye and returned to Moab. Here we have a lesson on the place of emotion. Orpah’s emotions were stirred, but not sufficiently to move her to noble action. By contrast, Ruth’s emotions were deep enough to affect her life and will.

There is a religion which is practically without emotion. It is worth very little. How can one love God with all his heart without being emotionally stirred?

Then there is a religion which is practically all emotion and lacks depth and endurance.

The best religion is a combination of emotion and purpose, a religion in which the emotions serve to move the Christian to godly action.

### RUTH’S DECISION (Ruth 1:16, 17)

Ruth’s words are among the most beautiful found in the Bible or in the entire realm of literature.

1. The *motives* of her decision were the purest and highest. Her decision was without reservation, completely unselfish, and showed her devotion both to Naomi and to Naomi’s God.

2. The *tests* of her decision were as follows:

(a) She was tested by her mother-in-law’s poverty and sorrow which she too would have to bear. If our decision to follow Christ is made with the willingness to bear a cross for Christ and share the afflictions of God’s people, then the decision is true and real.

(b) She was tested by a plain admonition to count the cost. (Compare Luke 14:25-33.)

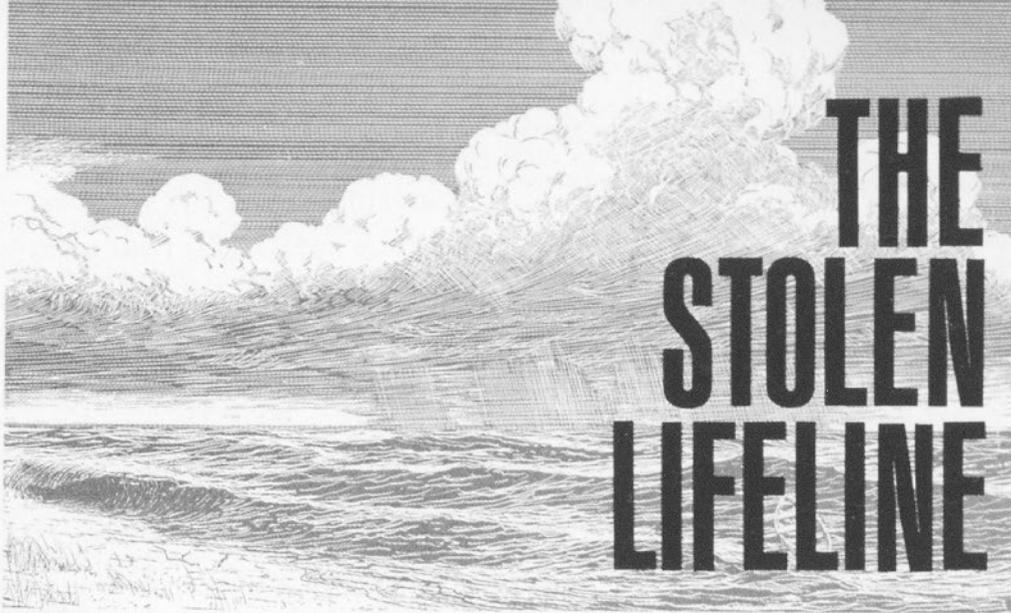
(c) She was tested by apparent coldness on the part of one she loved. It seemed Naomi was not anxious to have her company. It is a real trial to young people when they are discouraged in their decision for God by Christian people whom they love and respect. Yet, as it was with Ruth, such apparent discouragements may add fuel to their zeal.

(d) Ruth was tested by the drawing back of her sister-in-law. We ought to make our decisions as individuals, yet we are greatly influenced by what others do. The Lord’s order is, “Follow thou me.” (See John 21:22.)

(e) Ruth was tested by the imperfections of God’s people. “Thy people shall be my people.” The Israelites had their faults, but this did not deter Ruth from casting her lot with them.

### OUR CHOICES

Ruth made *five* choices which must be made by all who wish to make heaven their home: (1) They must choose the Christian’s God. (2) They must choose the Christian’s path. (3) They must choose the Christian’s habitation. (4) They must choose Christian associates. (5) They must choose to die like a Christian.



By WILLIAM F. P. BURTON



AROUND THE COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA is some of the finest fishing in the world. But it is risky sport, and many lives are lost.

Often there is such a struggle between the fisherman and the fish that instead of the fish being pulled out, the fisherman is pulled in.

Then there are freak waves. For a long time waves of a moderate size will roll on to the beach. Then, without warning, a monster wave comes dashing in, carrying the luckless fisherman into deep water. Once a fisherman is out of his depth, he may be sucked under, carried along the coast, or out into the deep sea.

As a warning and an indication of dangerous spots, a concrete cross is put up wherever a man has drowned. It is shocking to see how many of these crosses there are.

Some seaside resorts employ teams of expert lifesavers. On lonelier stretches of beach, every few hundred yards there is a brightly painted box marked "LIFELINE" where a stout rope is available for anyone in difficulty.

Hearing a shout for help, a young man once ran to the rescue, but found some scoundrel had stolen the rope! Before he could get another, the floundering man had drowned.

Can you imagine someone being callous enough to steal the rope that might save drowning men?

Once I was talking to an atheist who raised criticisms against the Bible. I said, "Sir, come with me to any mission in this town, and I will introduce you to those who were once drunkards, hopelessly enslaved, their wives and children neglected, their homes a little hell. They heard the gospel, trusted in the Lord Jesus, and

now they are completely changed—saved, sober, happy, their homes and families a little paradise.

"Let me introduce you to young men who were habitual moral perverts, unable to free themselves from their most unnatural sexual vice; their lives a cesspool; their minds depraved. They hardly seemed to be human beings. Now, by the power of the gospel, they are free, happy husbands and parents of healthy children.

"Tell me, sir, can your unbelief and sarcasm produce such miraculous changes?

"Here is a man who was a liar and a thief. He has spent much of his life in jail and never held down a job for more than a few weeks. Now, thank God, he is honest and reliable. His employers trust him and praise his integrity. He is saved.

"I could go on to tell of the miraculous change in harlots, drug addicts, some on the verge of suicide, slaves whose vile temper was such they were shunned by all; in others whose mind and talk were saturated with filth. Now they are new creatures. Their outlook is wholesome; their language pure; their characters reliable. Selfishness has given way to love for others.

"What made the change? Why, it was Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ! They were *born again* in the way described in that Bible you are trying to discredit and destroy.

"Man! Don't you see it? You are removing the gospel lifeline which alone can save poor unfortunates, drowning in sin and unable to save themselves. It is heartless; it is cruel; it is wicked."

The atheist had no answer.

—Gospel Nuggets

## *At what age should I make a will?*

*At your present age, if you are over 21. No person has the assurance of becoming a day older. Therefore, it is important that you do not wait to make your will.*

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# QUOTES

## EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Your card or letter will be most welcome. We cannot give space to all correspondence but will publish excerpts from our mail from time to time. Address: "Evangel Editor," 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

### "Just What I Needed"

I would like to thank the friend, whoever it was, who sent an offering to pay for my subscription. I am 79 years old and could not afford to renew my subscription, but some kind friend paid for it. The *Evangel* has been such a blessing to me. Many times when I would feel weak spiritually, there has been something in the *Evangel* that lifted me. It just seemed to be what I needed. Thanks so much.

MRS. LEE BARCROFT  
Ripley, Tennessee

### Likes Spiritual Life Edition

Enclosed is a check for \$3. I would like 100 copies of the Spiritual Life Edition (No. 2712) if you still have them. It is a won-

derful presentation of the message of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I have many opportunities to testify to neighbors and other friends and I like to have literature to back up my beliefs. It was mainly through the *Evangels*, given me by my sister-in-law, that I grew curious concerning the Holy Spirit, and now the Lord has filled me. No wonder I love the *Evangels*. I read them from cover to cover, and then pass them on to a friend.

A READER IN OHIO

(Editor's Note: Yes, we still have a limited supply of the Spiritual Life Edition, Number 2712, as well as the Good Word Edition, Number 2730. Price \$3.00 per hundred copies, postpaid, for either edition.)

### Admires Home Missionaries

I follow your articles on missionary work among the American Indians with great interest. My husband and I visited in Arizona with one of these missionaries and we were greatly inspired by what is being accomplished.

We saw that it takes time and patience on the part of the missionaries. We also saw that there is great joy when a soul is won for Christ. But that is just the beginning, for much work, prayer, and patience are needed to help these people live for Christ. The

white man's way is not their way. Some do not even speak English. We greatly admire these missionaries who are laboring so sacrificially to bring the Indians to Christ.

May God bless the WMC groups that send packages to make life more pleasant for these people. But missionaries cannot eat used clothing. They need financial support, too. Above all, they need our prayers.

HELEN LORETTE  
Wichita, Kansas

### Letter to E. S. Williams

Brother Williams, I am not Pentecostal—I am a lay pastor of a small Baptist church—but I take the *Evangel* and I like to read your column of questions and answers. I thoroughly enjoy it. I think you give the most impartial answers I ever read.

May the Lord's richest blessing be upon you. I'll probably never see you in this life but I'm sure going to look you up in heaven and make your acquaintance.

JOHN PESTRUE  
Standish, Michigan

### Pleads for Reverence in Church

I appreciate the freedom and informality of Pentecostal churches where we can worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, but I think we need to teach the people to be reverent in the house of God. There is too much laughing and talking before and after the services. Even during the preaching there is whispering and moving about. Pastors should not tolerate this. Good people are offended and turned away from our churches by this irreverence.

Often there are children running about during the altar service, and some people carry on conversations while others are trying to pray. A prayer room where people can wait on God without these distractions is a great blessing but is seldom found among our Assemblies.

READER IN FLORIDA

### Help for Busy Mothers

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed the article by Elva Johnson Hoover entitled, "Can You Hear Me?" Please give us more articles of this type for busy mothers with small children. This kind of help is needed in these days of hurry and worry.

MRS. G. W. TUCKER  
Houston, Texas

### Blessed by the Evangel

What a blessing the healing testimonies are to me. I read them first of all.

Recently I had strep throat and wasn't able to taste anything for three days. My ears felt as though they had giant plugs put in them from inside. As I was reading the testimonies, I became so blessed

I started speaking in tongues, and the interpretation was that the Lord would heal me also. Soon afterward my little girl asked for some crackers, so I took a bite of one and found I was tasting it. Then I noticed my ears felt normal again. How I thank Him.

The Sunday school page is a great blessing to me, too. I'm a Sunday school teacher in the toddlers' department so I do not have the privilege of sitting in an adult Bible class and enjoying the lesson; but I read Brother Bishop's comments on the lesson each week and it helps me so much.

I also enjoy Brother Ramsay's drawings. In fact, the whole paper is so good. I used to attend a church which had a *monthly* magazine. When I started attending Bethel Temple I was delighted to find the *Evangel* comes *every week!* My copy never gets thrown away. It goes to my mother-in-law, who enjoys it so much; and my little boy faithfully places an *Evangel* in the mailboxes of three of our neighbors each week.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this magazine.

MRS. T. L. GARRETT  
Canton, Ohio

### A Letter from Japan

We've just received our first issues of the *Evangel* since arriving in Japan. You have no idea how much of a blessing it is to Joyce and me. The *Evangel* is our only Pentecostal minister, since there is no English-speaking Assembly missionary on this particular island at the present time.

Thanks to all who help to produce this magazine which has such a far-flung ministry.

LT. JIM WEAD, U. S. ARMY

### Healing Testimonies Appreciated

I hope you will continue to carry personal testimonies of Divine Healing in each issue of the *Evangel*. They are unique and convincing, in that they are endorsed by local pastors. Each testimony is new and stimulating.

R. WRIGHT  
Tyler, Texas

### Not Ashamed of Evangel

As a pastor I have visited many homes of other denominations. A few weeks ago I visited the home of some dear Methodist friends. They love the Lord very much, and there was sickness in their home, so I took an *Evangel* to them.

They told me the next visit I made that they believe this was the best church paper they ever read. I can say Amen to this. The *Evangel* is a paper none of our ministers or members need to be ashamed of. Wherever it goes it is a blessing to its readers.

A. C. BOOHER  
Pastor, Assembly of God  
Dover, Arkansas



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### Enjoys "I Was There" Series

I've been with the Assemblies of God for more than 40 years. I love the *Evangel*, and I want to tell you how much I'm enjoying the "I Was There" series. I hope it will continue.

Mrs. W. Lewis  
Lovelock, Nevada

### Ten Strikes Against Gambling

I was glad to see the articles against gambling in recent issues of the *Evangel*. We live in a day when many people are compromising on lines like this. My opinion is that people who gamble are not Pentecostal and are not needed as members of our churches.

Gambling has at least 10 strikes against it:

1. Gambling is selfish. One cannot love his neighbor as himself while scheming to get his money (Matthew 22:39).
2. Gambling is based on covetousness. It is wrong to covet anything that belongs to another (Exodus 20:17).
3. Gambling is an effort to get something that belongs to another. Any winnings from gambling are the "wages of unrighteousness" (2 Peter 2:15).
4. Gambling is a waste of money. Christians are stewards and must answer to God for the way they use their finances (1 Corinthians 4:2). Gamblers lose more than they gain.
5. Gambling makes enemies and

may lead to violence. The servant of the Lord shall avoid strife (Romans 13:13).

6. Gambling is a bad example to non-Christians. We are told to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

7. Gambling may become a habit that is hard to break. If we pray, "Lead us not into temptation" (Matthew 6:13), we will not gamble even for fun.

8. Gambling is definitely worldly by its very nature and the Bible says, "Love not the world" (1 John 2:15).

9. Gambling is the sport of unsaved Gentiles and God's Word says, "Walk not as other Gentiles" (Ephesians 4:17).

10. Gambling is a work of the flesh and we are bidden to abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11).

On the basis of these and other considerations it is well to take a stand against all forms of gambling, saying, "I will set no wicked thing before me" (Psalm 101:3).

TED STEPHENS  
Pastor, Kaufman Street Assembly  
Waxahachie, Texas

### Saved Through the Evangel

We appreciate *The Pentecostal Evangel*. It has been a blessing to us and to our relatives who have been saved through it.

OLIVE M. KELLNER  
Batavia, New York

## WAY DOWN UPON THE SUWANNEE RIVER

A QUIET FLORIDA RIVER was chosen as the title for a song by one of America's best-loved songwriters, Stephen Foster. This song became one of America's favorites, and the gentle stream, with its canopy of live oak and Spanish moss, became famous.

The Suwannee River area has become a symbol of the South and a beautiful memorial has been erected in Foster's honor. Thousands visit the Stephen Foster Memorial every year and stand on the river beneath moss-draped trees, attempting to capture the mood that inspired him.

In June 1966 visitors of a different type came down this river. They came not just for inspiration, but for fun and adventure. The Royal Rangers from Eagle Lake Outpost No. 6 headed the bows of their canoes down the Suwannee River on a 100-mile float trip. The launching point was a large spring on the Santa Fe River, a tributary to the Suwannee. Director for the trip was Trailblazer Commander Ralph Palmerton, assisted by Sea Ranger Commander Robert Murray. Seven canoes accommodated 12 boys and two leaders.

After the exertive task of unloading, packing, and launching the canoes, the boys dived into the crystal-clear waters of the spring for a brisk swim. Then it was time to head down the river. Commander Palmerton stated, "It was quite a sight to see the canoes, with 'Royal Rangers' painted on each side, heading down the stream."

Every turn of the river brought new adventure. The quiet canoes made it possible for the group to approach very close to large num-

bers of birds and other wildlife. A moment of intense excitement occurred when they startled a herd of wild hogs in the jungle-like growth on the shore. "It was a real adventure in nature study," commented Commander Palmerton.

Several crystal-clear streams feed the river. These were used for lunch stops and "swimming breaks," providing refreshing interludes in the trip.

At overnight stops the Rangers put camp-craft training—such as fire building, cooking, and tent pitching—into practice. They camped at such places as Rock Bluff and Piney Point. Cooking food on a blazing fire brought a happy climax to each exciting day. It took little encouragement for the boys to "hit the sack." Bodies tired from paddling all day, combined with a lullaby from the murmuring stream and a wildlife chorus, soon lulled the boys to sleep.

After getting underway in the morning, the commanders devised a unique way of conducting morning devotions. The canoes were pulled side by side and held together while the commander led the entire group in devotions. The boys were inspired and impressed by the reading of God's Word and praying together as they floated downstream.

After four active, stimulating days the Rangers terminated their trip at Manatee Springs State Park. Reflecting on this event all the boys agreed, "It was one of the most exciting trips we ever made."

The Royal Rangers of Outpost No. 6 belong to First Assembly, Eagle Lake, Florida, and Simon Lynn is their pastor.

Twelve Royal Rangers and two leaders from First Assembly in Eagle Lake, Fla., took a 100-mile canoe trip on the Suwannee River.



### ROYAL RANGERS

is a Christ-centered program for boys, ages 9-17. It is designed to develop them in four areas—physical, spiritual, mental, and social.

1. Physical development is encouraged through participation in active games, vigorous hikes, body-building exercise, plus a general emphasis on physical fitness.

2. A strong emphasis on evangelism, Bible study, prayer, and Christian service creates a climate which encourages boys to accept Christ and grow spiritually.

3. Diligent study is required to advance in rank and to master various skills. The Advanced Award section not only stipulates required study, but in many cases challenges boys to probe for deeper knowledge of the subject.

4. Participation in exciting outpost meetings, camp-out activities, nature study, robust games, and interpatrol projects and competition gives boys the opportunity for social development in its highest form.

The Royal Ranger program, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of the Assemblies of God, is an exciting, consistent method of assisting in the total growth of our boys. Every church is encouraged to use this Christ-centered boys program.

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SELMA, ALA.—A revival spirit continues in Calvary Assembly's regular services here after special meetings with John and Robert Stephens of Waxahachie, Tex. The church was blessed by the preaching and musical ministry of the evangelists. A number of people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Attendance each night was above average in spite of unusually hot weather.

—Kenneth Byrd, pastor

TYLER, TEX.—Glad Tidings Assembly here was blessed by a week of special services with Evangelist Carl Reynolds, Sr.

Church members enjoyed the meetings and learned many new and refreshing things from God's Word through Brother Reynolds' prophetic teaching ministry.

—L. H. Hubbard, pastor

EAST PRAIRIE, MO.—Fourteen were saved and three reclaimed at First Assembly here during special meetings with Evangelist Glenna Byard. These services were a real inspiration to the church.

—Dale Pollard, pastor

ABERDEEN, WASH.—A good number of people were saved, reclaimed, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit at First Assembly here during meetings with the Larry Franks Evangelistic Party of Tacoma, Wash. The church rejoices for the goodness of God in these services.

—Ralph M. Philips, pastor

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Brent Assembly here was uplifted as a result of special services with Evangelists Grover and Carolyn Dunn of Petal, Miss. Their ministry in music was very effective.

—Auburn E. Hall, pastor

OPP, ALA.—In 10 nights of meetings at Opine Assembly here, 75 persons accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

More than 150 visitors attended the services with Evangelists Grover and Carolyn Dunn of Petal, Miss. Several people testified of healing, and many lives were rededicated around the altar.

—Sadie L. Johnson, pastor

BRANCH, MO.—The Assembly of God here recently experienced a real uplift in two weeks of spe-

cial services with Evangelist Sherman Cox of Fresno, Calif.

A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Seven followed the Lord in water baptism, and a number were added to the church.

—William Evans, pastor

REIDSVILLE, N. C.—Christ's Ambassadors from the Lindsey St. Assembly here have recently begun to sing and testify in the business district of town on Saturday afternoons. There has been a noticeable spiritual growth in those participating.

Presently meeting in a former Methodist church building, the Assembly is planning to build a church of its own next spring. The new church will be named First Assembly.

—Lawrence L. Lee, pastor



C.A.'s from the Lindsey Street Assembly, Reidsville, N. C., conduct street services on Saturday afternoons and distribute tracts.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	Grandview	Sept. 19-30	Colen & Carol Lassiter	W. T. Meadows
Ariz.	Scottsdale	A/G	Sept. 18-25	L. T. Bates	Wayne Haun
Ark.	Fayetteville	Central	Sept. 13-25	Ed Eaton	James Cheshier
	Heber Springs	A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Leon Morrow	Jack D. Kinard
	N. Little Rock	Lakehill	Sept. 11-18	Bob McCutchen	Ronald Hastie
	Russellville	South New Hope	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Bob McCutchen	Jesse B. Rye
Calif.	Artesia	A/G	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	John Moore	Raymond De Vito
	Azusa	First	Sept. 18-25	Charles H. Cass	Charles Bailey
	Bakersfield	Planz	Sept. 18-24	Dwight Edwards	E. L. Shaffer
	Bell	*Full Gospel	Sept. 12-16	Knouse-Stovall Team	Douglas Brown
	Chula Vista	Friendship	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	Hale-Turner Gospel Tm.	J. B. Myers
	Colton	First	Sept. 11-25	Neale Sheneman	Marc Conley
	Santa Rosa	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 2	Watson Argue	Watson Argue Jr.
	Whittier	*So. Whittier	Sept. 18-23	Knouse-Stovall Team	Merlin Fortner
Colo.	Pueblo	Park Hill	Sept. 11-18	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	Kenneth Crouse
Conn.	Stamford	Calvary	Sept. 6-18	Bob Lundstrom	Paul Kinney
Fla.	Miami	Central	Sept. 18-23	Musical Wellards	Rex Anspaugh
	Orlando	Calvary	Sept. 14-26	Ernie Eskelin	Dale Zink
	Tampa	*Sulphur Springs	Sept. 6-11	Musical Wellards	Joseph R. Hardt
Ga.	Americus	First	Sept. 7-18	Nettie Parham	Leroy Sanders
	Decatur	East Lake	Sept. 13-28	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	Jimmy Mayo Jr.
	Griffin	First	Sept. 7-18	H. Syvelle Phillips	Ernest Pruett
	Moultrie	Northside	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Nettie Parham	Joe White
Ill.	Chicago	Southside	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	F. R. & Mrs. McAdams Tm.	Morris Ivey
	Paris	*First	Sept. 13-25	Carl E. Gammel	Roy B. Warner
	Virginia	*A/G	Sept. 11-18	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Cox & Brown
	Virginia	A/G	Sept. 18-25	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Cox & Brown
Ind.	Covington	First	Sept. 20—	The Singing Lunsfords	Edgar Allen
	Lyons	A/G	Sept. 13-25	W. W. Martin	Gerald DeVore
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Doug Ramsey Family	Fred Gottwald
	Truesdale	A/G	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	Milo Harmon	Bobby D. Claycomb
Ky.	Raceland	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	J. E. Friend	I. Troy Boggs
La.	Lafayette	Bethel	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	R. C. Siewert
Md.	Grantsville	Maranatha	Sept. 12-25	John Hamercheck Jr.	William Ferguson
Mich.	Albion	A/G	Sept. 13-18	John French	Stanley Andersen
	Armada	A/G	Sept. 14-18	Neil Eskelin	Ray C. Eskelin
	Big Rapids	A/G	Sept. 6-18	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Carl G. Burgess
	St. Johns	A/G	Sept. 9-11	Andrew G. Basell	Joseph F. Eger Jr.
	Troy	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 2	Jerry Knibbe	Louis H. Calaway
Minn.	Minneapolis	City of Lakes	Sept. 13-25	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Wilson A. Katter
	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Ralph E. Leslie	Wilbert Remus
Miss.	Jackson	Faith	Sept. 14-25	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	E. E. Noland
Mo.	Branson	A/G	Sept. 13—	Leroy W. Morgan	Bobby L. Hicks
	Cape Girardeau	Bethel	Sept. 6-18	Dave & Jan Olsheski	J. V. Shoults
	Grandview	A/G	Sept. 7-25	Doyle Thompson	B. R. White
	Iberia	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	R. E. Middleton

PASADENA, MD.—The Assembly of God here was blessed and encouraged recently during 10 nights of special services with Evangelist "Little Joe" Peterson. Five were saved, one reclaimed, and four filled with the Holy Spirit.

—William H. Helms, pastor

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HARTFORD, ALA.—New Post Oak Assembly here recently closed special services with Evangelist Jerry Sauls of Dothan, Ala.

Some were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Others testified to being healed. The entire church was blessed.

—Larry Skipper, pastor

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TOMS RIVER, N. J.—First Assembly here rejoices in the results of a recent tent meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla.

Men, women, and children came forward for salvation. Approximately 15 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and testified to outstanding miracles of healing.

A lady with an incurable bone disease was healed. A man with a spine injury was touched. A per-

son with crossed eyes was healed, and several people hard of hearing were marvelously touched by God—including a boy whose doctor said he had no inner ear drum. A number of arthritics were also healed.

One lady who had tarried for the baptism in the Spirit for 40 years was filled and God healed her of a sciatic nerve condition at the same time.

During the crusade a storm blew down the tent. The men and women of the church rallied together, and it was soon repaired.

Attendance grew after this. People from many denominations came to the tent meetings. Some drove up to 100 miles each night to attend.

—Donald A. Richardson, pastor

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ZANESVILLE, OHIO—In 17 days over 350 first-time visitors attended special services at First Assembly here with Evangelists Jerry and Linda Knibbe. This was the largest revival attendance in the church's history.

Several were saved, and some were definitely healed. Others were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Both members and visitors en-

joyed the ministry in word and song and the oil paintings by Brother Knibbe.

—Curtis Arnold, pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—September 11, 1966, at First Assembly, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Guest speakers: Byron D. Jones, David McDowell, and Anthony Mayeski.—by D. J. Paglia, host pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTER'S INSTITUTE—October 3-5, 1966, at the Skyline Inn, Mt. Pocono, Pa. Earl W. Goodman, Montana District superintendent, speaker.—by C. Eugene Bell, district secretary.

GLBI REUNION—Alumni of old Great Lakes Bible Institute will meet Friday, Oct. 28, at Christian Assembly, Zion, Ill. (For further details write: Esther Flaherty, 8062 W. Beckett Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218.)

HOMECOMING—September 18, 1966, at Suburban Hills Assembly, 3960 N. Hartford, Tulsa, Okla. All former pastors, members, and

friends are invited.—by Geo. E. Smith, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

JAMES C. LUNDY, 61, of Mobile, Ala., went to be with the Lord May 24, 1966, after a heart attack. Brother Lundy was granted a license to preach in 1960 by the Alabama District. He is survived by his wife Myrtle, one son, one daughter, and one grandson.

FREADUS S. SEAL, 67, of Burbank, Calif., went to be with the Lord July 8, 1966. Brother Seal was ordained in 1948 by the Southern California District. He served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Dolores, one son, one daughter, and four grandchildren.

ODIS DAVIS, 38, of Samson, Ala., went to his eternal reward June 2, 1966, at Veterans Hospital in Montgomery, Ala. Brother Davis received a license to preach in 1966 from the Alabama District. He pastored Winterville Assembly in Bonifay, Fla. He is survived by his wife Atril.

ALFRED S. SWANSON, 73, of McGregor, Minn., went to his eternal reward February 28, 1966. Brother Swanson was granted a license to preach in 1950 by the Minnesota District and did evangelistic work in northern Minnesota. He also served as a missionary to Alaska and New Mexico, and as a pioneer pastor in Waukegan, Ill.; Goodrich, Holt, and McGregor, Minn. He is survived by his wife Mable and five children.

ORIS O. HOLLOWAY, 61, of Kansas City, Mo., went to be with the Lord July 13, 1966. Ordained in 1951 by the Southern Missouri District, Brother Holloway served as an evangelist and held pastorates in Kansas City, Mo.; St. Elmo, Ill.; Harriet and Green Forest, Ark. He is survived by his wife Eva and two children.

CONSTANTINOS N. BOUROTHIMOS, 84, went to be with the Lord June 24, 1966. Brother Bourouthimos, licensed to preach by the Northern California-Nevada District in 1939, served as an evangelist. He is survived by a brother, George N. Bouras.

CHARLES H. MILLER, 71, of Houston, Tex., was called into the presence of the Lord August 9, 1966. A member of the South Texas District, Brother Miller was ordained to the ministry in 1933. He served as an evangelist and held pastorates in Houston, Galena Park, Genoa, and Rosenberg, Tex.; Tranquillity, Calif.; Columbia Tenn.; and Hartford, Ark. He is survived by his wife Ida May, also an ordained minister, two children, and five grandchildren.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
	Iberia	*First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Rebecca Middleton	R. E. Middleton
	Kansas City	Sheffield	Sept. 13-25	Don & Dixie Cox	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Poplar Bluff	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Dave & Jan Olshovski	Clifford Truitt
	Raytown	A/G	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	Maxine Willis	G. A. Green
	St. James	A/G	Sept. 18—	Glenna Byard	T. Bluford Conway
	St. Louis	First A/G of Jennings	Sept. 13-25	O. H. & Mrs. Virgin	Aubrey Grindstaff
	St. Louis	South Side	Sept. 11-25	Jeremiah Hanley	Manuel Shoults
Nebr.	Big Springs	*A/G	Sept. 11-16	Kathleen Jennings	Daniel P. Wilson
	Hastings	A/G	Sept. 14-25	Wesley F. Morton	Herman W. Lebsack
	Oshkosh	*A/G	Sept. 18-23	Kathleen Jennings	Dale Leshner
N. Mex.	Tucumcari	First	Sept. 11—	Don Martin	Roy H. Stewart
N. Y.	St. James	Full Gospel	Sept. 14-25	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Robert K. Stewart
N. C.	Charlotte	First	Sept. 18-29	Bob Watters	Howard Fortenberry
N. Dak.	Fargo	*First	Sept. 19-23	Irene Abrahamson	O. W. Apple
	Jamestown	A/G	Sept. 14-25	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Leo Miller
Ohio	Toledo	First	Sept. 14-Oct. 2	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	G. G. Martin
	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Sept. 13-18	Jerry Knibbe	Edward J. Schlossmacher
	Zanesville	First	Sept. 13—	"Little Joe" Peterson	Curtis Arnold
Okla.	Ardmore	Central	Sept. 19-Oct. 2	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	A. R. Hambrick
	Cushing	First	Sept. 14-25	Lee & Bonnie Jean Krupnick	Clyde C. Miller
	Fletcher	A/G	Sept. 14-25	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	E. L. Rolland
	Oologah	A/G	Sept. 4—	Don Paul Gray	Bobby L. Rhoads
	Stillwater	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Joe Stumbaugh
	Tulsa	Berryhill	Sept. 19-Oct. 2	Mathers-Pharr Team	J. S. Buttram
Oreg.	Tigard	A/G	Sept. 11-25	Sid White	Oliver Summers
	Tillamook	A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	D. L. Nultemeier	W. J. Spencer
	Winston	First	Sept. 11-25	Fisher-Cheek Team	D. O. McGregor
Pa.	Ambridge	A/G	Sept. 13-25	John Masto	Eugene Petroski
	Boyertown	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 6-18	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Barry R. Reichard
	Houtzdale	Parsonville	Sept. 4-18	Carl Walker Jr.	Louis L. Trotta
	Wilkes-Barre	**First Pentecostal	Sept. 13-18	William Caldwell	D. J. Paglia
S. C.	Beaufort	First A/G of Ft. Royal	Sept. 11-25	Darrel & Mrs. Pilcher	Jack Daniel
Tenn.	Knoxville	Woodlawn	Sept. 14-25	Don & Sharon Parker	Jacob Schaffer
Tex.	Bridgeport	***A/G	Sept. 11—	Patsy Ruth Allen	M. L. Milton
	Dallas	Lakewood Memorial	Sept. 20-25	David Dean	E. M. Fjordbak
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	Sept. 11-18	Marvin Schmidt	Chas. R. Jones
	Freeport	First	Sept. 14-25	Samuel & Mrs. Calk	E. W. Hancock
	Hallsville	First	Sept. 18-23	T. J. & Wanda Taylor	D. Doyle Ferguson
	Marshall	First	Sept. 19-25	Bill & Naomi Hayes	J. C. Hilburn
	Mesquite	First	Sept. 4-18	R. I. Stewart	Hulon W. Hood
	New Braunfels	First	Sept. 14-25	D. A. Watson Family	Dave E. Laughlin
	Wolfe City	First	Sept. 18-Oct. 2	Arlis & Mrs. Thrasher	Curtis J. Owens
Va.	Bluefield	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 2	George & Nadine Van Riper	W. W. Smith
	Isle of Wight	Pine Grove	Sept. 6-18	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Dana H. Spence
	Newport News	First	Sept. 6-18	John & Faith Stallings	Leroy Howe
	Richmond	***Bethel	Sept. 13-18	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	H. C. Wiles
Wash.	Ridgefield	Pioneer	Sept. 6-18	D. L. Nultemeier	Albert E. Anderson
	Tacoma	*Evangelistic Tab.	Sept. 18-23	Christian Hild	Don Rogne
W. Va.	Keyser	A/G	Sept. 6-25	John Higginbotham	R. C. Lymburner

\*Kid's Crusade

\*\*Anniversary Revival

\*\*\*Youth Crusade

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# WHAT GOOD IS LIFE WITHOUT LOVE?

By MICHAEL HORBAN

A 93-YEAR-OLD MAN has been confined to the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane since 1899, and records show he has never had a visitor in 67 years.

A six-man jury heard his case at the time and officially concluded that Robert Johnson (not his real name) suffered from a clear-cut case of idiocy. He was brought to the hospital at Jacksonville, Illinois, February 19, 1899. At 93 he is alert, but still disturbed and confused. The latest annual notation in his file reads, "Health satisfactory—no marked change in mental condition."

Johnson received a Christmas package in 1919 from a relative in Kansas, but no one ever visited him. A notation entered in the file 15 years ago said, "No relatives interested."

How bleak life must be for a forgotten person!

A few years ago, in British Columbia, an undertaker asked me to take the funeral for a 59-year-old man who had no relatives and apparently no friends. Although this man had lived in the community for 20 years, not one person came to his funeral. No one signed the register. There were no flowers. Apparently no one cared.

After committing his body to the ground, I wondered why life had been so barren and desolate for this poor man. I wondered if he ever knew what affection, friendship, and companionship meant. Did anyone ever tell him of God's love and care? It's tragic to be so lonely in this cold world.

The greatest longing of the human heart is to know that someone cares. Love and sympathy are as important to life as the air we breathe. The baby needs affection nearly as much as he needs milk. The old person who is not wanted grinds out a miserable existence. What good is life without love?

No medicine that druggists compound can take the place of a kind word, a warm handclasp, a personal interest, an earnest prayer. Drugs can fight disease and help the body regain its health, but they cannot heal the weary, lonely soul. Without love and companionship our hearts are weak, sick, and deformed.

"No man cared for my soul," is one of the saddest



expressions ever recorded. But the good news of the Bible is that heaven's love has reached out to a race in trouble, and we can know that Someone does care. God the Father and God the Son looked with pity and love on a lost, dark world; and the Father sent the Son to be the Friend of sinners, the Saviour of the world.

Jesus was God's love and care embodied in human flesh. He reached out to all the outcasts, to the fallen, to the sick, to the burdened. He never turned a sinner away. New hope and peace came to defeated lives wherever Jesus ministered. He showed us that God cares. Heaven's sunshine was in His soul and it dispelled the darkness in human hearts.

The Son of God suffered all the trials through which men pass that He might become their Spokesman and Advocate before the heavenly throne. As He represents us there, He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He knows what human life is like. The apostle Peter said, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

God's great love is spelled out most fully on the cross. There the Saviour became our Sin-Bearer. He tasted death for us. He was thinking of you and me. He cared for our souls. He received the judgment we deserved.

"Why should He love me?" you ask. I don't know. But I do know that He does. And you should be eternally grateful. You can have new life and hope today. You can enjoy peace and purpose because He cares for your soul. To all who receive Him, He gives life—abundant, satisfying life.

Your life will never know fulfillment until you experience God's love.