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

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# *maranatha*

OUR LORD COMETH



# C.A. DAY

ONE OF THE GREATEST REVIVALS ever experienced by Israel was led by a king who came to the throne at the age of eight and died on the battlefield at 39. Josiah's most powerful years were those of his late teens and early 20's.

The boy monarch inherited a nation full of idols and a kingdom seething with rebellion against God (after being led for 57 years by two kings whose wickedness seemingly knew no bounds).

Josiah proved that no man has to be a prisoner of his circumstances. His life is one of the brightest examples of what God can do through a youth who is given to God. He demonstrated that it is not necessary to wait until old age to be a champion in His kingdom.

The heart of Josiah's story is told in 2 Chronicles 34:3: "For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images."

Since he came to the throne at eight, he was only 16 (not yet out of high school, if living today) when his heart began to yearn after something higher and better. He soon found that this longing could be satisfied only by God Himself. During those late teen years convictions laid hold of his soul that were never to leave him. The mighty campaign against idolatry which he began at 20 was a result of the work God did in his heart during those last four teen-age years.

The one thing youth looks for above all else is a cause. Young hearts need a cause they can champion. May not the reason for so much lawlessness among young people today be that they have no cause to challenge them? When an individual has no standard around which he can rally, no inspiration to drive him to struggle and contend, that person is like a ship adrift at sea.

I was shocked to read in a recent Associated Press release that suicide is the number two cause of death among college students, and that among those 15 to 19 years old it is the number three cause of death. The release said further there is an average of nearly three known adolescent suicides a day, and some experts say the true figure may be 5,000 a year. The article pointed out some of the pressures that may cause these suicides. What a difference it would make to these pressured youth if they had a noble cause to obsess them. Josiah found the greatest cause of all—the cause of God!

Another young man with a cause was David, the shepherd boy. When he fought Goliath, he *ran* to meet the giant on the battlefield (1 Samuel 17:48). There was no reluctance to engage the enemy; no timidity; no shrinking. When a young person goes in the name of the Lord, he can *always* meet his foes this way! Faith in God puts a spring in the step and courage in the heart.

#### HIS LOVE FOR GOD'S HOUSE

No one—young or old—has ever gone far spiritually who has not made God's house the center of his life, and Josiah was no exception. One of the shining moments

# JOSIAH, GOD'S FERVENT TEEN-AGER

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of his reign was the day he began the great task of rebuilding the temple which had fallen into pitiful disrepair during the years of idolatry. The young king led this undertaking with a zeal that glows to this day.

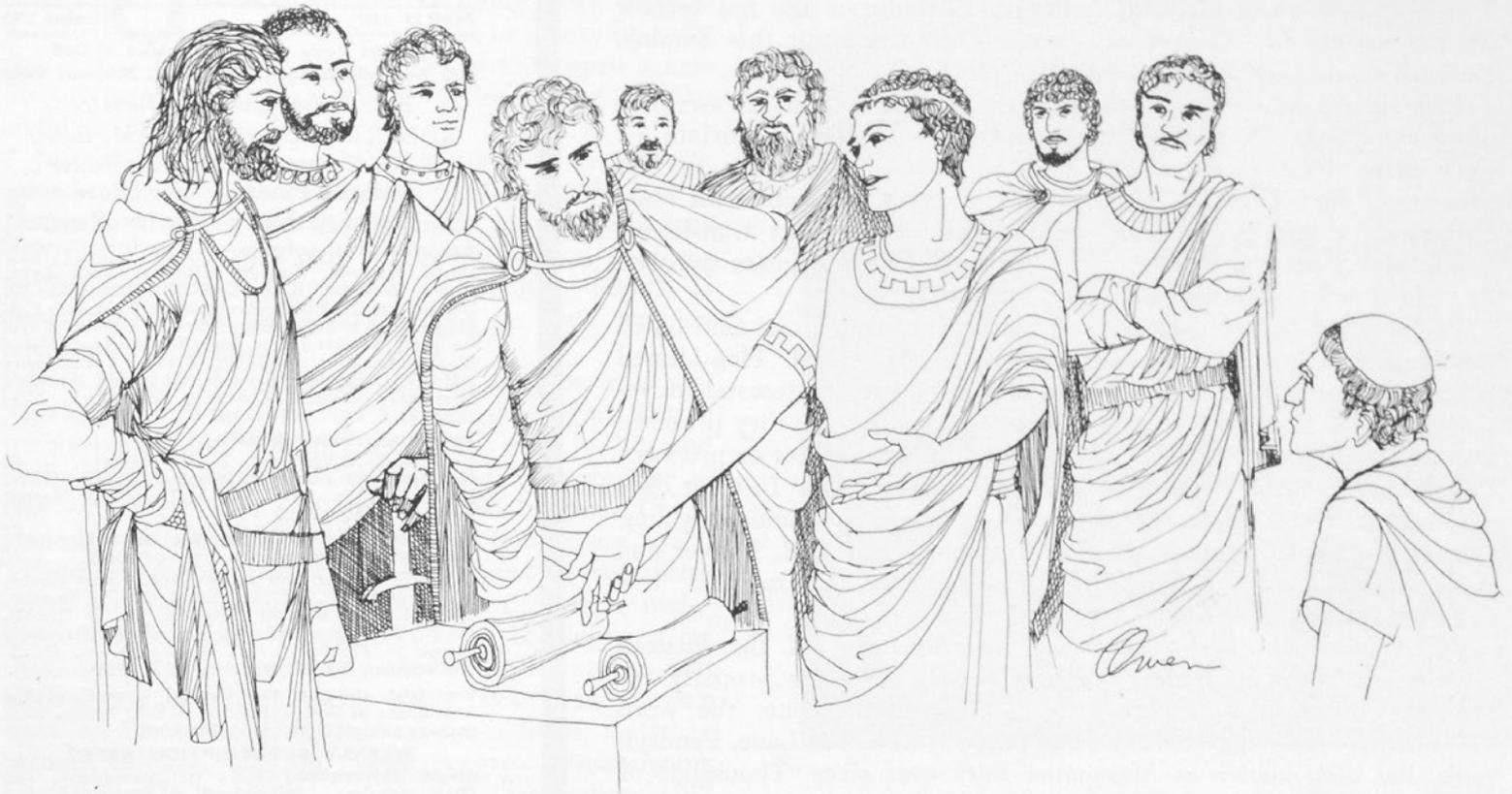
The Bible warns that those who forsake God's house or neglect His day will be losers for it. When God fed Israel with manna in the wilderness, one provision was that everyone should gather two days' supply the day before the sabbath, since no manna would be given on the seventh day. But some were more concerned with selfish interests than the sacredness of the sabbath, just as some are today. These went out with their vessels as though it were any other day, but came home empty!

And do we not see the same sad spectacle today? Professing Christians so often treat the Lord's Day like a holiday; they run hither and yon searching for some kind of personal satisfaction, and come home empty after their "lost weekends." It does not pay to neglect the assembling of ourselves together for prayer, preaching, and worship.

We read with horror of foreign lands where churches have been closed by government order. Is it any less horrifying when churches in America close their doors due to the indifference of their members? Let us follow young Josiah's example. He was zealous for God's house.

#### HIS DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD

God's Word also was the center of Josiah's life. While his servants were cleaning out the temple, they



found the Book of the Law. It had been so long discarded that no one knew it existed. When it was read to the king, he tore his clothes in repentance for the whole nation, for he discovered they had disobeyed God's Word shamefully. From then on the standard by which the young king lived was the holy Scriptures.

If there is one weapon with which today's young people can fight off the encroaching powers of evil, it is the Sword of the Spirit—the Bible. In Psalm 119:9 there is a searching question, followed by a thrilling answer: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

#### HIS WHOLEHEARTEDNESS

The spirit of this fervent young king is revealed in 2 Chronicles 34:31: "And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, *with all his heart, and with all his soul*, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book."

There is an old adage to the effect that if anything is worth doing, it is worth doing well. This is particularly true of the Christian life. Anyone who goes at it half-heartedly cannot be a happy Christian.

In Ephesians 4:1 Paul wrote: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Serving God is a full-time vocation. It is not a hobby nor a sideline. It

is the chief business of daily life. It certainly was with Josiah.

#### HIS MIGHTY INFLUENCE

Josiah's influence was not mild and passive. Young though he was, the force of his devoted life is set forth in these words: "And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the Lord their God. And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers" (2 Chronicles 34:33).

Let no young person imagine that his own life has very little influence. God has invested the years of youth with a power and drive that can turn the tide of a nation. Josiah did just that. And *his* God is *our* God!

The story of this youth's reign concludes with these words: "Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the Lord, and his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah" (2 Chronicles 35:26, 27).

Deeds have a way of being recorded—if not in books, at least in the minds and hearts of people. What a blessing when those deeds are godly. The record of God's fervent teen-ager, Josiah, is an inspiration to this very day. We are thankful for young people in our ranks today who can and will be the Josiahs of *our* dark times!

# Ageless Watchword

THE WATCHWORD of Christian believers 19 centuries ago has become the rallying cry for 20th-century youth. Their theme for this Sunday, National C. A. Day, is "Maranatha"—"the Lord Cometh!"

This ageless watchword of the Church has lost none of its awesome glory since A.D. 59 when Paul penned it in a letter to Corinth (1 Corinthians 16:22). From one generation to another this ancient greeting of the believers—"Maranatha"—has kept its place in the Holy Scriptures, a strange Aramaic word which defies exact translation. Some think it means, "The Lord is at hand." Other scholars translate it, "The Lord has come," or, "The Lord will come."

Probably the best translation is, "The Lord cometh," and God burns this truth into men's hearts each time He sends revival. This blessed hope was very real in the early days of the modern Pentecostal Movement, perhaps more so than today. People sang about it; they preached about it; and when the Holy Spirit spoke through tongues or prophecy the message came so frequently—"Jesus is coming soon." In those days the imminence of Christ's return was prominent in the minds of young couples contemplating marriage. For example, when J. R. Flower and Alice Reynolds were married in 1911, the word "Maranatha" was engraved inside her wedding ring.

Later, when Brother Flower was superintendent of the Eastern District and an appropriate name was needed for some property the District Council had purchased as a camp-meeting site, the word "Maranatha" was suggested; and this property at Green Lane, Pennsylvania, has been known as Maranatha Park ever since. Thousands of youth as well as older folk have been blessed at the camp meetings held at Maranatha Park, and many hundreds of young workers have been trained for gospel ministry at Northeast Bible Institute which stands on this same property.

Such is the effect of this blessed truth, "Maranatha." The hope of Christ's coming colors all our thinking. It purifies our ambitions, motivates our service, influences our choice of friends, and inspires us to godly living.

"The second coming," said G. Campbell Morgan, "is the perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on my pillow without thinking that maybe before the morning breaks, the final morning will have dawned. I never begin my work without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own." One old saint put it very simply. When asked what value his belief in Christ's soon coming had on his living, he said, "I'm sitting with my feet untangled."

But some people resent the message. A young woman listened to a sermon on the second coming and became angry when the minister, in the benediction, prayed, "Come Lord Jesus." She said to him, "How dare you pray like that! I don't want Him to come. It would break in on all my plans."

The minister replied, "My dear young lady, Jesus is coming whether you want it or not. You had better change your plans."

There were some in Paul's day who didn't want Jesus to come, so he wrote, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema"—that is, let him be accursed. Then he added that word, "Maranatha"—as much as to say, "If anyone wishes to be accursed rather than to love the Lord Jesus, let him be accursed; but as for me, my watchword is, 'Maranatha'—the Lord cometh." If we love Him we will live for Him, and long for Him, and look for His appearing.

—R.C.C.

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**T**HE BIBLE IS POSITIVELY CLEAR about salvation. In order to be saved and enjoy God's salvation, it teaches, "Ye must be born again"—*born from above*.

This experience is more than being christened as a baby, becoming a church member, receiving water baptism, participating in the communion service, or observing some church ritual. The new birth is the entrance upon a new life; it is an impartation of the divine nature (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Just as the branch is a part of the vine, so are we joined to the Lord and we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us (Galatians 2:20). All this comes only through the blood of Jesus Christ, for there is redemption by no other means. If Jesus had not died on Calvary's cross, we would have no hope and no Saviour.

The blood of Jesus Christ actually cleanses from sin. This is a proven fact, not just a theological dogma. I have watched men and women from every walk of life and every status of society. When they were brought face to face with their need of God, the blood of Jesus Christ made God's salvation a living reality to them.

Unsaved people may try in many ways to free themselves from sin, all in vain. But when they come under the influence of the gospel of Christ, conviction grips their hearts and immediately they cry for mercy. And God always hears and saves them because of Christ's work on the cross. Their load of sin is lifted, and they become children of God. What a great Emancipator Christ is—He made it possible for "whosoever will" to be saved!

The blood of Christ not only saves, but better yet it continues to cleanse us from sin. His precious Blood is always available and is in reach of all.

Human blood is carried from one part of the earth to another to save lives. If the blood of men and women can save from human death, "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14).

In these days the blood of Christ is belittled, and evangelical Christianity is called by many "a slaughter-house religion." Nevertheless, "without shedding of blood is no remission."

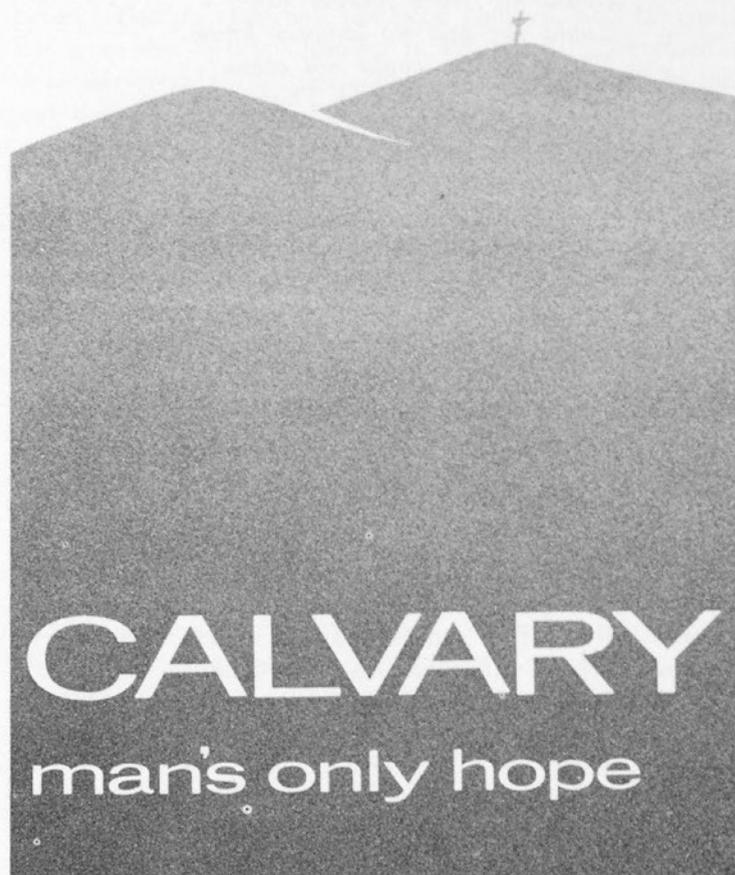
Someone may ask, "Why the Blood?" My answer is that this is God's own divine plan. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

The word *atonement*, when broken down, spells at-one-ment. That is what the blood of Christ will do—it will put us "at one" with God. Only the blood of Christ can redeem us from the slave market of sin and from the power of the slave-master, Satan, and unite us with God.

If we continue to walk in the light after we have been

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By A. A. WILSON

saved, the Blood will continue to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7). We need never again be exposed to shame and be brought into the slave market of Satan.

How we should praise God for Jesus, the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the whole world! Abel's lamb atoned for one man; the paschal lamb atoned for one family; the Day of Atonement lamb atoned for one nation; but Jesus, the Lamb of God, provides atonement for the whole world, for as many as will believe.

Some make salvation seem difficult when it is so simple that even small children enjoy it. Consider John 3:16: "For God so loved the world..." That word *world* means the mass of unsaved humanity. And think, He loved us when we were still sinners and through His love for us gave His only begotten Son—that is God's part.

The next phrase shows what we must do: "that whosoever *believeth* in him..."

You say, "Isn't there something else I can do besides believe?" The Jews asked Jesus a similar question, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" Hear His answer, "This is the work of God, that ye *believe* on him whom he hath sent."

Jesus has promised that He will not cast us out if we will come to Him. If we "labor and are heavy laden," He promises us rest (Matthew 11:28). And to the thirsty He invites, "Let him that is athirst *come*. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life

freely" (Revelation 22:17). He who shed His precious blood now bids all men to come, for only the Blood-sprinkled way leads home.

*Could my tears forever flow,  
 Could my zeal no languor know,  
 These for sin could not atone;  
 Thou must save, and Thou alone;  
 In my hand no price I bring,  
 Simply to Thy cross I cling.*

No person is so good in himself that he can meet God without the blood of Christ, nor is anyone so deep in sin that the blood of Christ cannot cleanse him. Whether high or low, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, "all have sinned"—and the only cure for sin is the blood of Christ.

Is there something awful to be saved from? Yes, the Word of God clearly teaches us there is a hell, a lake of fire. In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus told a true story (not a parable) about a rich man and a beggar who died. It was not because the rich man was wealthy that he went to hell, but because he had no time for God. "In hell he lifted up his eyes." What a pity he did not look up sooner! All his five senses were in action: he was in *torment*. Seeing Abraham in the distance, he cried, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me." But Abraham could not help him; the rich man had waited too long to receive help.

Oh, let us put our ear close to the world's great heart! It murmurs and sighs like a tired and restless sea. It is a weary world and longs for rest; so let us tell them about the blessing of Calvary and the shed blood of Christ that "breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the prisoner free." They can understand that message. Let us preach Jesus to the people, for when He speaks, the spiritually dead receive new life; and, listening to the music of His voice, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice. Let us go back to the Christ of the ages, back to the very shadow of the Cross, back to Calvary—the world's final hope.



**T**HERE ARE SHINING MOMENTS of childhood joys that escape us forever. Precious few linger in memory to be later recognized as significant. Still, in a more complete setting we may look back to identify one event that started our life on a new course. Such can truly be called a shining moment. This one reaches me over a span of decades.

It was recess time for the fifth grade. My friend Frances and I were absorbing autumn sunlight in the typical fashion of 10-year-olds. On the schoolyard we admired her new patent leather shoes. How they sparkled in the sun when she skipped rope!

But as I watched the rhythmic meeting of the rope and the dainty slippers, I puzzled over something. Why could Frances have pretty patent shoes and I could not? Compared with my tailored oxfords, her lustrous new shoes took on the worth of a rare treasure which seemed forever beyond my reach, though I wanted it so much. The contrasts in our shoes reminded me of other contrasts.

Frances was *God's* child. Remembering that her entire family was God's added support to my theory that God gives good things to those who love Him. The Perkin family fit well into my concept of those who loved Him. Being an occasional guest at my friend's house for after-school play had made me aware of their relationship to God.

I knew that the father, Noel Perkin, was a minister, associated with the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department. I remembered a prayer offered over refreshments served at a birthday party—a brief prayer that petitioned God for the salvation of the two young party guests. I knew the family went to church regularly. In general, I had come to think of the Perkin family as friends of God because they were rightly related to Him.

Continuing comparisons, I knew I was not God's child. At Sunday school I had learned that being a

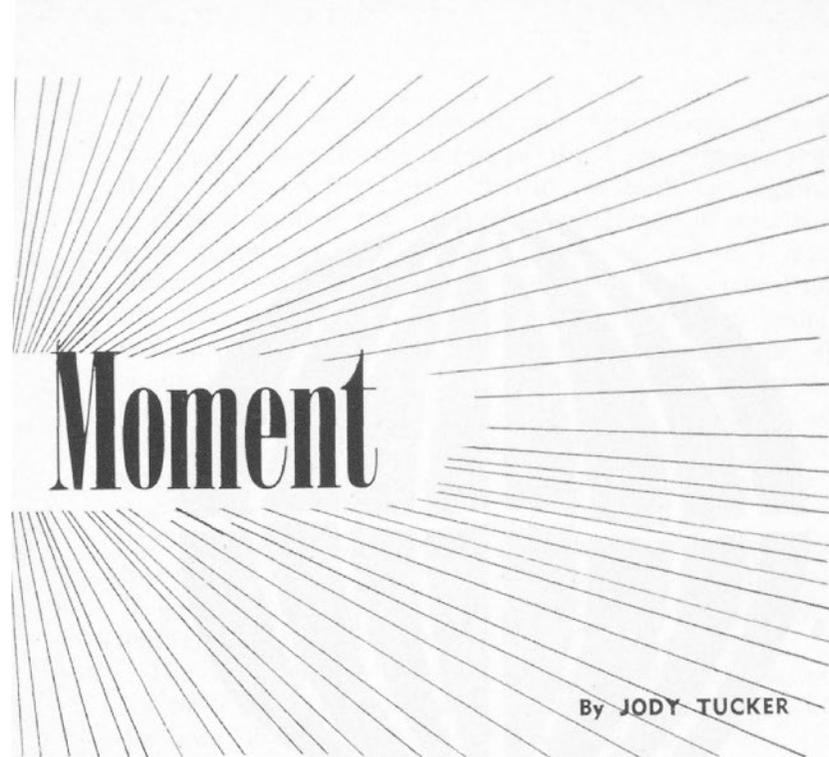
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**READ THE WORD**

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**"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29).**



# Moment

By JODY TUCKER

child of God is a matter of individual choice. I had not made that choice.

By the time recess was over, I had concluded simply that Frances is God's child; therefore God gives her good things—such as patent leather shoes. I am not God's child, therefore He does not give me good things. With that I dismissed the matter.

Within hours my theory was providentially upset, for I had my own pair of lustrous patent leather slippers!

That very day my uncle had decided to dispose of a package that had been mistakenly left in his office weeks before. The package had not been claimed, and he could not trace the owner. Opening it, he found it contained a new pair of patent leather shoes. He brought them to me, and they fit perfectly.

I was surprised, delighted, and amazed. The unexpected gift reminded me of the shoes my friend had worn that day, of my questions surrounding them, and of the conclusion I had reached earlier. Soberly I reviewed the circumstances by which these shining shoes had come to me. The perfect fit, the fabric and design, and the timing—all these details were significant. I felt surely that God had been the provider of these shoes for me.

Instantly they became a symbol of God's love for me. It was then that I first felt the impact of the reality of a God who knows, sees, and loves—even those who have not yet accepted that love. This meant He loved me too. This realization became a guideline, and six years later I became God's child.

Although another combination of events might have been responsible for bringing me to God, looking back through the years I am inclined to believe that my contact with the Perkin family was part of God's plan for reaching me. He used them as channels through which to bring the knowledge of His great love to my life, and I am grateful. 

PRAYING TOGETHER was taught by Jesus. It is true He instructed individuals to enter their closets when they prayed, but He also taught that groups of individuals should harmonize in prayer. Corporate prayer thus is that occasion when a believer joins one or more other believers in communion with God.

Satan wars against corporate prayer as he wars against individual prayer. He uses every conceivable device to drive us from our closets of prayer; so if one does pray, it is by constant vigilance and conscious effort.

Likewise Satan wars against corporate prayer. He attempts to destroy the family altar. He would interfere

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## CORPORATE PRAYER

with friends praying together. He would keep husbands and wives from praying together, and he would prevent congregations from praying together. If he cannot stop us from praying, he will divert us from praying together, so that our selfish interests and emotional intoxication will veer us from the powerful effects of corporate prayer.

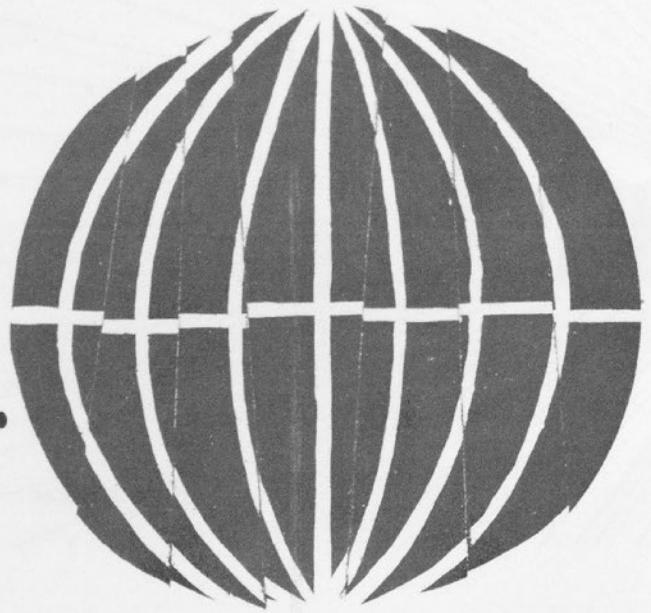
Think of the direct statement of Jesus when He said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). And little wonder, for He says, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Time must never be allowed to erode the disciplines of corporate prayer. These prayer habits and opportunities must be exploited, enlarged, and emphasized, for herein lies the power of the Church.

Jesus never relaxed His emphasis on personal and corporate prayer. And today there must be the fulfillment of the phrase which described the Early Church: "They continued in the apostles' . . . prayers." This is the key to any church—to multiply the prayer power of the individual and multiply the prayer groups. Spiritual renewal, church growth, and effective evangelism are positively related to the sincere and continued corporate prayer.

The rising tide of spiritual power in the contemporary church has its origin and assistance in corporate prayers of believers. 

# divided cities, divided hearts, and a divided world...



By C. M. WARD

SINCE WORLD WAR II nearly every major crisis has sprung from divided peoples.

Demilitarized zones separate hostile sides in Korea and Vietnam. And a cruel wall separates the great city of Berlin.

There is another "divided city" more important to this world's destiny than the city of Berlin. *That city is Jerusalem.* The final scene of the final act of any drama is always brief. It must move with suddenness and a quick close. *We are approaching that scene.*

Foretelling our day, the prophet Ezekiel said, "Be thou prepared... thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee" (Ezekiel 38:7). One word tells the story more accurately than all the news stories of recent months—the word, *prepared.*

It stuns you to think that in such a short period of time—it seems only yesterday—this great colossus of the north was a backward nation *in almost a primitive industrial condition.* Today no one will question that Russia is at least the number two nation in all the world in military know-how and equipment. She has the "Doomsday Bomb" with the power of one hundred million tons of TNT. That means it would be 5,000 times greater than the nuclear bombardment released over Hiroshima.

Twenty-five centuries ago Ezekiel accurately described this scene. *Suddenly this northern menace is prepared. And she is also busily preparing other Communist countries behind the Iron Curtain.*

An important decision must be made before Armageddon. *The decision must be made whether there shall be*

*two worlds or one world—a peaceful coexistence between communism and capitalism, or one world totally under the dominion of Antichrist.*

Remember, the one world of Antichrist, predicted in the Bible, is a religious world. There is a *false prophet* as well as a beast. "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast. . . . And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast" (Revelation 13:12-14).

The Bible is definite in its picture. *The Antichrist rides to power sponsored by apostate religion.*

*Religion is going to have a leading part in the windup of man's day.* And this is not the picture of communism today. *Communism is thoroughly antireligious.* The one world to come will not be the Kremlin's world.

Communism is the greatest confederacy of evil yet organized in recorded history—but *it still falls short of the total one-world subversion to be presided over by Antichrist.* This world will never be wrapped up in one package and placed in the lap of the wicked one without the consent of this world's religious leaders. He will *use* them, not *oppose* them.

The Jerusalem scene is far more important than the Berlin scene. The symbolism is greater. In this city time is reckoned. Here "B.C." became "A.D." In this city the cross became the most majestic, all-conquering sign in mankind's history. In this city there is an open tomb, the eternal argument for the gospel. Here is a

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no-man's-land between Israeli and Arab—both sons of Abraham. Here is the scene of the Last Supper, with the promise of our Lord: "I will eat with you again."

Ezekiel said of the northern confederacy of evil that looms so big in the prophetic picture immediately after Israel is revived as a nation: "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, . . . a mighty army. And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" (Ezekiel 38:15, 16).

The world is not going to be torn up with a nuclear free-for-all before God brings that to pass! God says, "I will bring thee against my land." No land can make that claim other than the land of Palestine.

The world stage is being readied for the final scene.

Now man is busy building super blasts to trifle with the laws of creation. God wrapped this planet of ours in a protective firmament. It is the key to life and

safety. Listen to what the last book in the Bible predicts: "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together" (Revelation 6:14).

The prophet Joel envisioning these same days wrote this Bible headline: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, . . . let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:9, 10). *War is this world's number one industry today.*

A satanic, seductive voice is whispering to a rolicking, unconcerned generation that it can't possibly happen—that men are too educated and civilization is too far advanced to permit a world to be blown to pieces.

And so there are *two voices* striving for mankind's attention in this hour! One is the voice of misrepresentation—the voice that leads the human soul to perdition. The other is God's voice.

God offers you a place of trust. Every step of prophetic fulfillment is a further testimony to Jesus Christ. While a rage mounts and earth's insanity provokes global suicide, make peace with your Saviour. 

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS CHOOSES UNIQUE MISSIONARY CONVENTION PROJECT

# C.A.'s BUILD 'REVIVALTIME' DISPLAY

INVENTIVENESS AND HARD WORK by an energetic group of young people sparked a successful missionary convention recently at Calvary First Assembly, Fort Madison, Iowa. Using dolls, the high school class constructed an excellent replica of a *Revivaltime* broadcast for their booth project.

Posters provided the congregation with a new perspective of the international outreach of the Assemblies of God radio broadcast and introduced some of the behind-the-scenes personnel responsible for producing the weekly program.

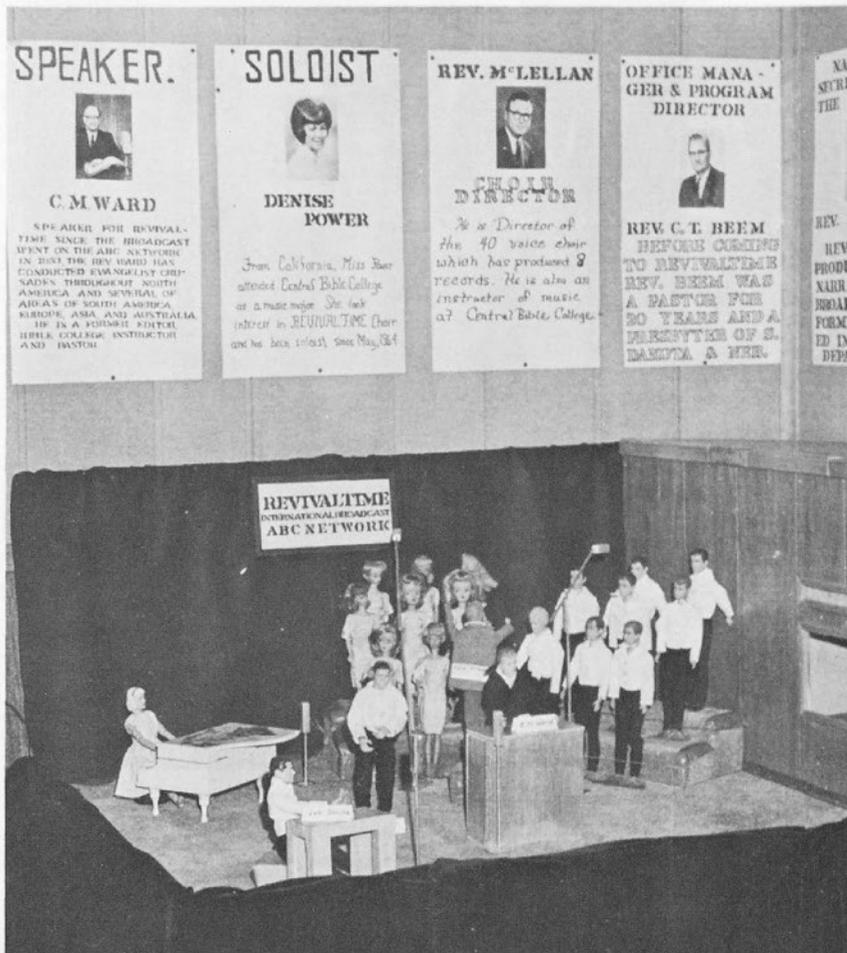
After deciding to use *Revivaltime* as the theme of their booth at the church's upcoming missionary convention, the class wrote the Radio Department for assistance.

Using information and photographs supplied by *Revivaltime*, the teen-agers went to work. The boys constructed such items as choir risers, microphones, pulpit, and a control room. The girls tailored clothing for the dolls used in the display and did most of the work on the posters used as a backdrop for the "broadcast studio."

While the public was viewing the convention booths, a tape recording of a *Revivaltime* broadcast was playing next to the display adding a touch of realism.

After the meeting Pastor G. E. Senf commented, "I am happy to inform you that our *Revivaltime* project was a complete success."

The Radio Department commends the high school Christ's Ambassadors of Calvary First Assembly for a job well done. Radio plays a significant role in the lives of teen-agers. And when young people get excited about spreading the gospel by this medium, the future of gospel broadcasting looks bright. 



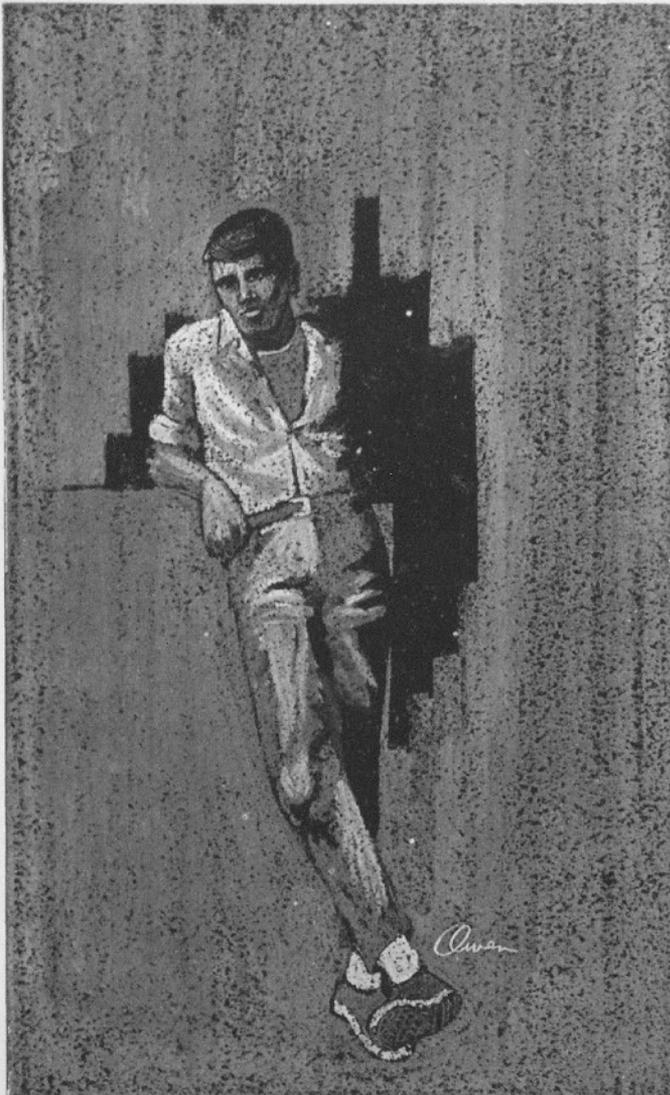
Dolls, dressed in hand-tailored clothes created by members of the high school class at Calvary First Assembly in Fort Madison, Iowa, represent the "Revivaltime" choir and other radio personnel in a display for the church's recent missionary convention.

**T** EEN-AGERS! The most lovable and yet exasperating, baffling creatures that ever lived. And, to their way of thinking, the most misunderstood! Perhaps they're right.

One thing I know; they can break a mother's heart. I raised three of them, all boys. It may have been the difference in their personalities, or perhaps the difference in the times in which we lived, but most likely it was a combination of both that caused the teen-age years of each boy to be a little different.

I am sorry to say that our household was not an ideal home in which to raise children. My husband was a career soldier, and our time was spent in pursuing the pleasures of this world. Seldom did we darken the doors of any church. Many of our heartaches could have been avoided if we had not neglected our children during

#### THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN



their most formative years. But God is long-suffering. Though we were not living for Him nor including Him in any of our plans, He still loved us.

When my sons were seven, nine, and thirteen years of age, the Lord spoke to my heart through the TV ministry of an Assemblies of God pastor, and, in mercy, saved my soul. From that day on, it was my desire to raise them for Him and to see my husband converted.

Within a few months I knelt at the altar with my older sons and saw them gloriously saved.

Then one day as we were discussing the coming of the Lord I noticed Ricky, our youngest, standing with tears in his eyes. "Ricky, what's wrong?" I asked.

He sobbed, "Mother, I'm afraid for Jesus to come. Will you pray with me so I can be saved?"

I took him in by the bed and knelt and prayed that God would save him. When he got to his feet, he smiled and said, "I'm not afraid anymore!"

It would be nice to be able to say that he went on to grow in the Lord, as he did for the next two years. Many times he would be at the altar praying for his daddy to be saved.

But after a while we were sent to France where my husband was to be stationed. The Sunday schools in the Army chapels left much to be desired, and the children soon rebelled against attending. I joined a small group of Pentecostal believers as soon as I found such a group, and the children usually went with me to these meetings, as well as to the yearly religious retreats which were a great blessing to us. I was thankful that my husband never objected to our attending religious activities, although he would not go himself.

When we returned to the States after four and one-half years overseas, I was looking forward to getting back into the church and seeing my children grow stronger in the Lord—and to see my husband saved. My oldest son had returned, after a year in France, to enroll at Evangel College. There he had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and was becoming well grounded in his Christian faith.

My second son soon rededicated his life and took his place in our church activities.

At that time Ricky was 15 years old, a rather quiet, self-contained boy. At first he seemed glad to be back in the church, but it wasn't long until he was making excuses not to go. He had made friends with non-churchgoers and was beginning to pick up many of their habits.

He lost all interest in school and many times played hooky without our knowledge. He was developing a shell which was impossible for me to penetrate.

It was a trial for me whenever he and his father were home at the same time because of the hostility, distrust, and bitterness so evident between them. Since his father was not a Christian, Ricky didn't feel he

By RUTH KIMES

# ...EVEN A BITTER, REBELLIOUS TEEN-AGER

should have to listen to him, and it caused much strife in our home.

I don't know what I would have done if the Lord hadn't been with me to give me strength and courage to keep on believing His promises.

And His promises proved true! Less than a year after our return to the States my husband accepted Christ as Saviour during a revival campaign. Now the shoe was on the other foot. Instead of son praying for father, it was father praying for son.

The next few months were heartbreaking ones. The calls from the school principal were quite frequent, and it seemed that no amount of counseling or pastoral talks would help. Since it was inevitable that he would fail his sophomore year, Ricky decided to quit school and go to Florida to work for an uncle. We felt this might be the answer—that if he got away from his worldly friends, he might realize how dangerous the path was on which he was traveling.

However, his closest friend, who had been expelled from school because he refused to get his hair cut, wrote to him in Florida and asked him to come back and enroll in summer school with him so they could get the necessary credits to return to school in the fall. So Ricky came home and enrolled in summer school with his friend. This lasted three days, and they were asked to leave because of their attitude and failure to cooperate. That was the day they decided to join the Army.

Ricky was so young, barely 17. But what can you say to a bitter, rebellious, distraught teen-ager? We knew nothing we could say would penetrate the shell he had placed about himself, so we just prayed that God would undertake and guide him in his decision.

Circumstances kept them from any definite decision for two weeks, and by that time Rick (he insisted we stop calling him Ricky) was in a state of confusion. His friend had decided against joining the Army, and Rick wasn't sure he wanted to do it alone. However, he knew he couldn't return to school, and without an education he would be unable to find any work other than common labor. So he decided to join the Army and complete his education while in service.

The evening before Rick was to leave, both my husband and I talked with him about his future and reminded him that God still loved him. Possibly his realization that he had made a very important decision mellowed his spirit and let us talk more freely. Yet it was hard for me to keep back the tears. He was still my baby!

Then, for the first time, Rick was really all alone—away from home, away from his friends, away from



#### SHEEP'S-EYE VIEW

What did David mean in Psalm 23 when he said, "My cup runneth over"? Probably most of us have pictured David holding a cup similar to those used in these days, perhaps a mug-like piece of crude pottery.

But David had been a shepherd, and in the 23rd Psalm he was assuming the place of a sheep—"The Lord is my Shepherd." So he was speaking from a sheep's viewpoint.

The picture shows a well at the right (by the way, this is at the Good Samaritan Inn on the Jericho Road; be sure to stop and see it when you travel to the Bible Lands). At the left is the kind of "cup" David meant, a hollowed-out stone beside the well. The shepherd would take the water from the well and put it in the cup so the sheep could satisfy its thirst. A good shepherd would provide such an adequate supply the cup would overflow.

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everything that was familiar. There he was in a grown-up world, treated like a man, expected to act like a man.

To whom could he turn? There was only One who could understand, and Rick knew who that was. Lying there in the dark on a lonely bunk, just a few days after joining the Army, Rick asked the Lord to come into his heart, forgive his sins, and guide him in the way he should go.

Rick has been in the Army some months now. In Korea he has spent much of his time doing what he can to help at a Christian orphanage. It is such a thrill to receive his letters now and marvel at the wonderful change the Lord has wrought in his life. And I am so glad he has a desire to reach others for the Lord.

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Some of our deepest heartaches come from those we love most dearly. How glad I am that we could commit Rick to the Lord in prayer. And how grateful I am for our Lord's faithfulness—for He can bring even a bitter, rebellious, and confused teen-ager back to Himself.

## THREE QUESTIONS

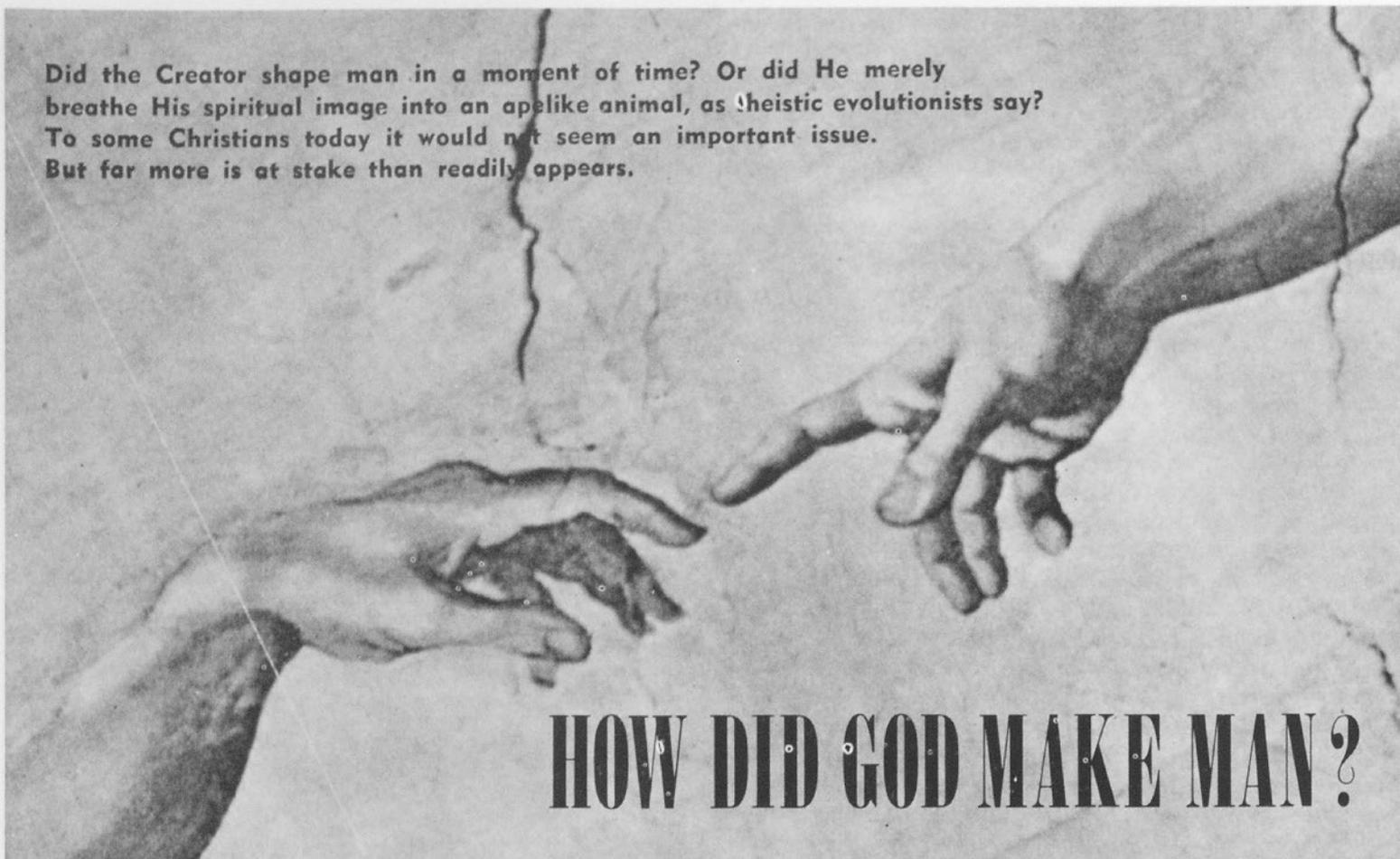
*Where is safety to be found?  
Underground or overground,  
In a square of thickened walls  
Or in tunneled mountain halls?  
Clear and true the answer rings,  
"In the shadow of His wings."*

*What is real security?  
Treasure under lock and key,  
Jewels, stocks and bonds, or lands?  
These are snowflakes in our hands.  
"Seek the kingdom first," we hear;  
Then the needful things appear.*

*Where does constant joy abound?  
In the restless social round,  
Entertainment in excess,  
Worldly charm or cleverness?  
Fleeting are their seeming gains.  
Joy is found where Jesus reigns.*

—Hallie Smith Birby

Did the Creator shape man in a moment of time? Or did He merely breathe His spiritual image into an apelike animal, as theistic evolutionists say? To some Christians today it would not seem an important issue. But far more is at stake than readily appears.



"CREATION OF ADAM" BY MICHELANGELO

## HOW DID GOD MAKE MAN?

By JOHN C. WHITCOMB JR.

**T**HE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE of the creation of Adam and Eve has almost completely faded from the intellectual horizon of modern man. A century ago Charles Darwin popularized the idea that men and apes have descended from common ancestors, and this view now prevails in all institutions of higher learning where advanced degrees in the sciences are granted.

To be sure, Adam is sometimes mentioned in scientific publications, as may be seen in the titles of two recent books, *In Search of Adam* and *The Death of Adam*. But the underlying assumption in all such writings is that the Biblical Adam is simply a myth, produced by the fertile imaginations of Hebrews who lived in a pre-scientific age.

Evangelical Christians who find themselves continually exposed to such evolutionary viewpoints need to ponder carefully the Biblical emphasis on the historicity of Adam. Events connected with the life of Adam and Eve are referred to in Genesis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 1 Chronicles 1; Job 31; Ecclesiastes 3, 7; Luke 3; Romans 5; 1 Corinthians 11, 15; 2 Corinthians 11; 1 Timothy 2; and Jude. Therefore it is not too much to say that to remove Adam from the realm of actual history destroys the validity and trustworthiness of the entire Bible!

The Lord Jesus Christ said concerning the human author of the Book of Genesis: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:46, 47). The apostle Paul wrote: "For as in *Adam* all die, even so in *Christ* shall all be made

alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). If universal death through Adam is a myth, then so is the doctrine of the resurrection. The historicity of Adam is a pivotal doctrine of Scripture.

Nonetheless, some who have been deeply influenced by uniformitarian and evolutionary teaching adhere to what has come to be called "theistic evolution." They seek to interpret the Genesis account of man's origin in terms of the uniformity principle of gradual processes within the chronological framework of the evolutionary timetable of earth history. In other words, theistic evolutionists, generally speaking, believe that God directed evolutionary processes in the animal kingdom through vast ages of time. Finally, between one and five million years ago, they say, He breathed His spiritual image into a male and a female apelike animal. Since that time further evolutionary processes are said to account for the present differences between men and various types of apes.

In order to give this view some degree of Biblical respectability, some theistic evolutionists have suggested that Genesis 2:7 ("And God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul") can be interpreted to mean that "the dust of the ground" from which God formed Adam was *living* "dust" and is thus symbolic of the animal kingdom. We are told also that Adam's creation simply involved the impartation of a *spiritual* nature to a subhuman creature, for the Bible says that "man became a living *soul*."

Going even beyond this, a prominent evangelical scholar has recently insisted that such expressions as "God formed" and "God breathed" in Genesis 2:7 are anthropomorphisms that cannot be taken literally lest we attribute bodily parts (hands and lungs) to God. Thus, the entire passage is to be interpreted "theologically" rather than scientifically or empirically, he says, for it was never intended by God to give us an actual picture of how man came into existence.

He warns us against reading into this passage our preconceived notions of how God must have created man lest we make God out to be a sort of magician using sleight-of-hand methods and thus bring Scripture into unnecessary conflict with the assured results of biological and anthropological science.

Of course, if these views are valid, then Genesis 2:7 doesn't really tell us anything about man's physical origin, except that God must have somehow directed the evolutionary processes that ultimately led to the formation of the animal body into which God "breathed" the first human "soul."

But the science of Biblical hermeneutics (interpretation) does not permit Genesis 2:7 to be handled in this way! One of the basic laws of this time-honored and God-honored science is the *law of context*. According to this law, each passage of the Bible must be understood in the light of the passages that precede and follow it and ultimately in the light of the entire Bible. Otherwise, a passage could be twisted out of context and be made to teach something that it was never intended to teach. Basically, this is how every heresy and cult throughout church history sprang forth.

What light, then, does the immediate context of Scripture shed upon the meaning of Genesis 2:7? It demonstrates, in the first place, that the phrase, "Man became a living soul," does not allow a prehuman form of life for Adam's body. The phrase "living soul" (*nephesh hayah*) should actually be translated "living creature," for the same phrase appears in Genesis 1:20 and 21, and is applied to sea creatures! In other words, the purpose of Genesis 2:7 is not to tell us that Adam had a unique soul (which we already learn by implication in Genesis 1:26, 27), but that Adam was not *any* kind of a living creature until he *became one* by the creative breath of God. Until that moment he was inanimate, lifeless matter.

The significance of this fact can hardly be overestimated.

This leads us to a second important discovery from a study of the immediate context: namely, that "dust of the ground" cannot be understood symbolically of animals but must be interpreted literally. Note, for example, the terms of God's curse upon Adam in the following chapter: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake... thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee... in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground; *for out of it wast thou taken*: for dust thou art, and *unto dust shalt thou return*" (Genesis 3:17-19).

Two interesting things are said here about the "ground" and the "dust" from which Adam was taken: (1) it would bring forth thorns and thistles, and (2) Adam would return unto it.

Now if "dust of the ground" symbolizes the animal

kingdom in Genesis 2:7, what does it mean here? Does this passage mean that animals brought forth thorns and thistles as a result of the curse? And does it mean that Adam had to return to the animal kingdom? Those who believe in reincarnation might favor the idea that "dust" here includes the animal kingdom, but a theistic evolutionist would hardly want to use this as a proof-text of his "living dust" idea!

Thus, the hermeneutical law of context demands that "dust of the ground" in Genesis 2:7 be interpreted literally. In the words of Dr. Edward J. Young, "The man was real, the dust was real, the ground was real, as was also the breath of life. To these elements of the verse the term *anthropomorphism* cannot legitimately be applied" (*Studies in Genesis One*, Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1964, p. 57).

But what can we say about the verbs "formed" and "breathed," which theistic evolutionists set aside as mere anthropomorphisms? Dr. Young again comments: "The phrase 'and God formed' is not merely figurative and devoid of meaning. Although with physical hands God did not form the body of Adam, nevertheless, God did produce Adam's body from the dust in such a way that this action may accurately be designated a 'forming.' Even the words 'and God breathed' indicate a definite action on God's part. The divine breathing was not accomplished by means of physical, material organs. It was a divine, not a human, breathing. Although the term *anthropomorphic* may be applied to the phrase 'and God breathed,' nevertheless, the phrase is not empty of content. This is true, even though one cannot state precisely what the divine breathing was" (*Studies in Genesis One*, p. 57 note).

The immediate context of Genesis 2 clearly shows that such phrases as "God formed" and "God breathed" are in complete harmony with the concept of a literal and miraculous creation of Adam's body.

What about the creation also of Eve? In Genesis 2:22, for example, God is said to have "built" (*wayyiven*) Eve from a portion of Adam's side. Now it could be argued that this is likewise an "anthropomorphic verb," for it brings to mind the work of a carpenter or craftsman. But such an argument obviously proves nothing with regard to a possible evolution of the first woman from subhuman forms, for the passage is perfectly clear in showing us that Eve was taken physically, literally, and supernaturally from the side of man.

Once we grant that Eve was created supernaturally, of course, the whole purpose of trying to interpret Adam's creation in evolutionary terms collapses. To connect Adam's body with the animal kingdom but to admit that Eve's body was directly created would be absurd, either from the standpoint of evolutionary science or Biblical creationism. We may not know in exact detail how God fashioned the bodies of our first parents, but that He created them miraculously is the plain teaching of Genesis.

Moving now to the broader context of the New Testament, we find additional light on the creation of man. When the Pharisees confronted the Lord Jesus Christ with the divorce question (Matthew 19:3), He answered them by asserting the permanence of the marriage bond

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# THE LORD IS AT HAND!

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**J**ESUS OBSERVED THE FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIPS existing in the families of His acquaintance. Commenting on them He said: "If a son ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?" (Luke 11:11, 12).

## RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

The very manner in which Jesus couched these words indicates He believed a Jewish father would not deny the basic needs of his child. Yet we see fathers today who are unconcerned about their children's basic needs.

There is an inquisitiveness about youth. There is a desire to learn. There is a hunger to know the truth. Young people reach out in every direction, endeavoring to find that which will satisfy. They are asking for more than bread. They are asking for satisfaction of their inner longings.

But too often today's fathers provide only the material needs of youth, with no concern for spiritual needs, and the soul-hunger of sons and daughters remains unsatisfied.

God has given parents responsibility for the spiritual welfare of their sons and daughters. At the time when youth is most inquisitive, the parents should provide the greatest abundance of spiritual food and opportunity for spiritual development. We are inexcusable if we do not prepare ourselves to help satisfy the spiritual quest of our offspring.

Paul said: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). We take this to mean that a father should provide for the material needs of his family, but can we omit his spiritual and moral obligation? Remembering that physical life is mortal and temporal, it would seem all the more important that we place greater emphasis in providing for that which is spiritual and eternal.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

Not only is this command incumbent upon the parents in the home, but this responsibility for the spiritual welfare of youth must be shared by the leaders of the church. We may be providing excellent facilities, beautiful classrooms, first-class equipment—but are we meeting the spiritual challenge of youth? Are we answering their probing questions?

Not only does the church have a responsibility for the youth, but the youth also have a responsibility to the church. The gospel of Christ has not been handed

down on a silver platter, but it has been relayed to the young through the front lines of spiritual conflict by those who have invested their lives in the gospel.

The foundation for our movement was laid at great cost. There were no national resources from which to draw. Extreme sacrifice was the means by which the work of God was financed.

Assemblies of God youth today enjoy a respectability in the community and are able to invite their friends to churches comparable to any, as far as facilities are concerned. But long before these up-to-date Pentecostal churches were built, there was a groundwork of sacrifice laid by those who paid the price of being shunned and of worshiping in makeshift buildings.

More is required than to stand for a moment of silence in tribute to those great Christian warriors who have gone before. Today's young people need to take their places in the ranks of faithful ministers and capable laymen. They too must expend themselves to further the gospel.

**IN THESE LAST DAYS, GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES A GREAT OUTPOURING OF HIS SPIRIT UPON YOUNG PEOPLE.**

## The End-Time CHALLENGE

**I** BELIEVE WE ARE IN THAT ERA which the Scriptures classify as "the last days." How appropriate it is for our Assemblies of God young people to greet one another with the word *Maranatha!*—meaning "the Lord is at hand."

Our environment is clearly that which the Bible associates with the closing days of time. The vain philosophies that find prominence in classrooms, the compromising religions, the immoral practices, and the acts of deifying man rather than glorifying God, are all "signs of the times." Indeed, these events have become so much a part of our everyday life that few people are disturbed by them.

MARANATHA! The Lord *is* at hand! The Lord is at hand in personal judgment. He stands in the church and observes the activities. He sees how the church provides for its youth. He observes how the church challenges the talent, time, and lives of the young people. He sees if they are instructed in righteousness. He takes notice of the examples set before them.

The adult portion of the church needs to learn that the greatest potential for good any generation of young people have ever had lies with the present in this generation. Better informed, better educated, with a broader interest in world affairs, they are completely conversant with the changing world. They stand ready to be a part of parades, protests, projects, and progress. But lacking experience, they need adult example, balance and guidance.

#### RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUTH

The Judge also observes the manner in which youth are following the footsteps of faithful men who have proclaimed to them the truth and have shown them the way in which to walk.

The Lord is at hand to observe the fervor with which this generation extends to their peers the message of saving grace. The Lord is at hand to observe the degree of sacrifice involved in reaching a lost world with the message of salvation.

Youth needs to understand that the Bible is relevant to today's problems. There was never a day in the past when the Bible spoke more forcibly to youth than it does at the present time.

Youth needs to learn that the tremendous energies

they possess are needed in the church today to fulfill the Great Commission. They are responsible for their generation. God has placed in their hands the means necessary to take the gospel to every creature.

Their grandparents failed to reach their generation with the gospel. Their parents failed to reach their generation with the gospel. Thus, most of the older part of the population is non-Christian.

However, in these last days God has placed at this generation's disposal printing processes unknown heretofore, transportation facilities unequalled in any era of the past, and revolutionary methods of communication. With these means today's youth can reach their generation, if they place their lives upon the altar in complete dedication to God's cause.

Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). Notice the two positive statements in this verse: (1) This gospel *shall* be preached; and (2) then *shall* the end come. The youth of our church have in their hand the means of bringing back the King!

MARANATHA! The Lord is at hand! His coming is near. The very thought should alter our living and our giving. It should increase our praying and our witnessing.

Remember, "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13).

Indeed, the Lord *is* at hand. In fact, He is personally present at this moment, through the Spirit.

What will be His judgment of your way of life?

By T. E. GANNON

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Another sign is militarism. Jesus prophesied, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

This world has had but a few years during which there was no war. Evidently the conflicts of the nations in the last days will so exceed all previous eras that the Scriptures put significance on this phase of international behavior as one of the signs pointing to Christ's return.

When nations war, they conscript their manpower—their youth. And while nations conscript their youth for military service, God in His wisdom conscripts youth for the ministries of the Church.

God's end-time thrust to reach the world is different and more far-reaching than any program previously employed.

In His early dealings with mankind, God used one person, one family, one tribe, and one nation. And in

the passing centuries of history, God has used prophets, priests, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

But in the last days God's plan includes a widespread outpouring of His Spirit upon young people. "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Acts 2:17).

The storm clouds of the great tribulation are gathering; the hearts of many grow cold; pestilence and earthquakes are in divers places. The end is at hand.

But even when men's hearts fail them for fear from looking on these things coming to pass, God has His answer. He will use young people as never before.

These young people will not just give lip service to God. He will use the forces of heaven to assist them. Wonders will appear in the heavens "and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood" (Acts 2:19, 20).

Since it is God's plan to fill the youth with His Holy Spirit in the closing days of time, how important it is that the baptism of the Holy Spirit be received in all its fullness by our Christ's Ambassadors.

Our churches must provide the spiritual environment necessary to encourage today's youth to be totally consecrated to God. To meet this end-time challenge, every young person must be filled with the Holy Spirit and active in the ministries of the church. 

# OUR MINISTRIES TO YOUTH



WITH AN AWARENESS of the soon return of Jesus Christ, the National Christ's Ambassadors Department is ministering to young people. The urgency of the times makes this ministry basically twofold: evangelism and training. C.A.'s are being strengthened spiritually so that they will be able to take the gospel to others.

*Photo 1:* Top-notch year-gear-ed publications provide an important contact with C.A.'s. Shown here is Mary Tregenza, editor of the *C. A. Guide* and associate editor of *CAM*, receiving an award for *CAM's* entry in the "Higher Goals in Christian Journalism" competition sponsored by the Evangelical Press Association. Presenting the award is George Failing, president of EPA.

Besides the regular publications, the Department also produces books, youth camp courses, leadership manuals, and other supplies for the youth program.

*Photo 2:* District C. A. presidents meet annually to help plan the national youth program and to coordinate youth activities. (Those attending the 1967 conference are shown.) The National C. A. Department also conducts regional seminars for youth representatives so that youth leaders can gain inspiration and ideas for district, sectional, and local youth activities. The touch of the Holy Spirit, coupled with a burden to reach today's youth, are hallmarks of these conferences.

*Photos 3 and 4:* Young people like competition and

strive to excel. Recognizing this the National C. A. Department puts this drive to positive use in the Teen Bible Quiz and the Teen Talent Search competitions.

The main purpose of the Bible quiz is to draw the individual C.A. closer to the Lord. But the quiz also lets C.A.'s develop a healthy competitive spirit, enjoy Christian fellowship with other youth, and acquire a better knowledge of God's Word.

The Teen Talent Search is designed to be an expression of worship through consecrated abilities. Its purpose is to find, develop, and teach youth to minister musically under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

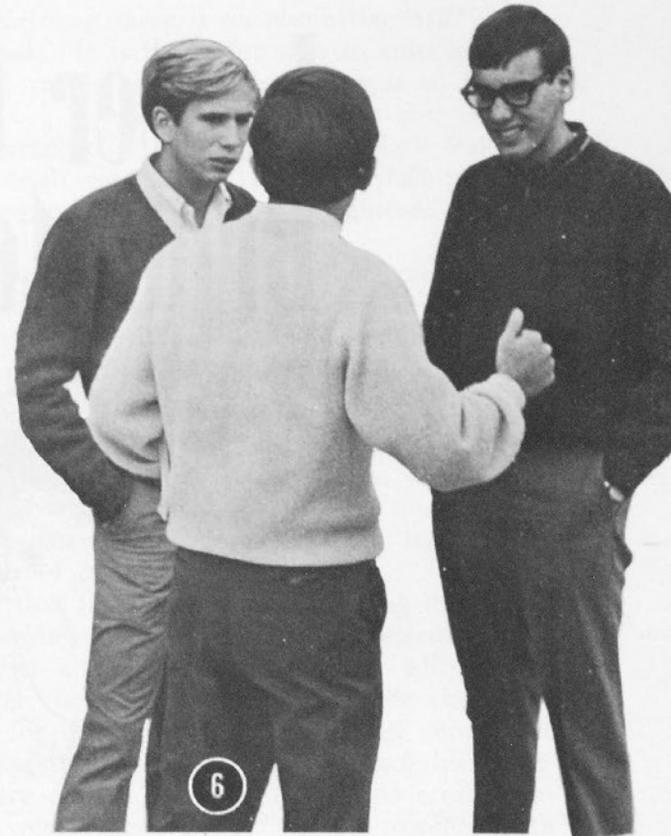
*Photo 5:* National Youth Conferences, such as last year's held on the campus of Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, are biennial events. Over 500 registered for the 1966 conference where this picture was taken.

One youth leader wrote about that conference: "In my





A STAFF OF 16 WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL C. A. DEPARTMENT CAPABLY HANDLES THE PLANNING AND PROMOTION OF OUR WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM FOR YOUTH.



estimation the conference was the spiritual high point of the year. What it did for the youth we brought has been a thrill to watch. I purposely waited before writing so I could observe them over a period of time. I have already seen enough evidence of spiritual growth and increased stability to encourage me to make plans now to bring as large a group as possible from our church and our district to the next youth conference. I am sorry these conferences are only every two years instead of every year."

The conferences are designed to make leadership helps available to pastors, youth counselors, officers, and C.A.'s. A deepening spiritual experience is gained through Bible classes and evening rallies.

*Photo 6:* Through Chi Alpha chapters and publications the College Youth Division of the National C. A. Department ministers to Assemblies of God students attending non-Assemblies colleges and universities. (Chi Alpha, Greek for C.A., is the collegiate equivalent of the local youth group.) The program is designed to help college youth maintain an aggressive witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the dynamic of the Holy Spirit.

*Photo 7:* The thrust of evangelism is another important part of the C. A. program. Here Mel Steward, field representative for Speed-the-Light, interviews two prospects for this summer's overseas "youth witness" project. This activity began last year when 12 C.A.'s went to British

Honduras and Jamaica in door-to-door evangelism. They made over 1,600 contacts and recorded over 700 decisions for Christ.

This year "youth witness" teams are scheduled to go to Jamaica, British Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Alaska, and Hawaii. As many as 90 young people may participate in the program this summer.

But youth witnessing isn't left to a few teams. Each C.A. is encouraged to become an effective witness for Christ wherever he is. The evangelistic outreach sponsored by the National C. A. Department is known as *Truth for Youth*. Youth are asked to involve themselves in four main areas: (1) to read a chapter from the Bible each day; (2) to have a time of personal prayer each day; (3) to carry a new Testament or Bible with them at all times; (4) by the help of the Lord, to witness to others.

An important part of this youth witness has been concerted literature distribution. In four years our youth have distributed more than 13 million pieces of gospel literature! And many have been saved as the result of their witness.

One of the pieces of literature the C.A.'s have distributed is a tabloid newspaper with screaming headlines declaring: "CHRIST IS COMING!" Motivated by the soon return of the Lord, C.A.'s are personally preparing for that momentous event by being ready themselves and by helping others also to be ready.

# Letter to a Bride-to-Be



MY DEAR ANN:

The news of your engagement doesn't exactly surprise me, for I've known for some time that your interests have been running in a certain direction. But to have you write and ask, "How can I be a good wife?"—my dear, you flatter me!

Like you and Dan, your Uncle Tom and I were both Christians before our engagement and earnestly prayed about our marriage. As a young wife, I firmly resolved to follow the scriptural pattern as to my attitude and place in the home. (Any woman who will do this can learn how to make her husband happy!)

The Bible says, "A wife with *strength of character* is a crown to her husband" (Proverbs 12:4, *The Berkeley Version*). Isn't that a beautiful thought? Just as

a crown enhances, adorns, and symbolizes success, a gracious, poised Christian woman can do wonders for her husband.

*What a woman is innately* determines much in the life of her husband. Personnel managers of large companies are aware of this and many of them consider a man's wife and homelife before they hire him. They know a wife can either make or break her husband!

But strength of character doesn't imply a domineering spirit. There's a little thought in Titus 2:4, 5 (*The Berkeley Version*) that suggests God's ideal for a wife. We "old ladies" are exhorted to "wisely train the younger women to be loving wives, sensible, chaste, good housekeepers, good-natured, submissive to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be slandered." Isn't that quite a large order!

Among other things, a good wife is *practical*. She's a psychologist! I know your boss appreciates your efficiency as a secretary. In your marriage just apply some of the principles you've learned in the business world, such as loyalty and trustworthiness. Some wives talk too much. They advertise their husband's failures, discuss his business affairs, and betray little confidences. If loyalty is important in a secretary, it's a lot more important in a marriage partner!

And a good wife will use wisdom in relation to her husband's faults. It's a bit amusing to see how some girls are attracted by certain traits in their men before the wedding, and then before the honeymoon is over they are trying to make them over on those very same points! No two people are exactly alike. They are bound to do, think, say, or see differently on some points. A sensible woman respects her husband as an individual and lets him be himself. One of the wonderful characteristics of love is tolerance.

I won't dwell on the next point, *chastity*—for I know Dan is getting a jewel. But I've seen real havoc, torment, and grief caused by women who were careless and indiscreet. Self-discipline is a small price to pay for a happy home!

Your mother has trained you to be a good housekeeper, and you know how to manage money. I'm sure Dan will be proud of your ability to "balance the budget."

And he's getting a wife with a pleasant disposition. It won't always be easy to keep sweet, Ann, but as 1 Peter 3:4 says, a meek and quiet spirit is very precious in the sight of God. As you may recall, your Uncle Tom has always been late in coming home to meals. The family finally learned to make a joke of it, but at first it really irked me. Once I was a bit curt and reminded him of the time of day and the cold dinner in the oven. On that particular occasion, his delay was unavoidable and actually he had been trying to do something special for me! I'm afraid my cross words cut him deeply. I decided to pray for him instead of finding fault.

Girls who've been raised to be independent and self-assertive often find the idea of submission to their husbands difficult. But there's more said in the Bible about

the *submission* of wives than any other aspect of married life. Ephesians 5 is the classic example. As Christ is the head of the Church, so the husband is the head of the wife.

I recall an old friend of mine. Originally, she was dedicated to a career, and very few of her friends thought she'd adjust happily to married life. She fell in love with a very fine man with some very old-fashioned notions of a wife's place in the home! Of course, there were misunderstandings, and she told me she often felt she was failing to make her husband happy. But she kept trying. And the Lord helped her. The years passed, the children grew up, and finally her husband became very sick. Shortly before he died he wrote this tribute on an anniversary card: "I am so very thankful for a dear, kind wife who is patient with me and supplies my wants so uncomplainingly." She still can't read those words with dry eyes. It means everything to her to know she hadn't failed after all!

Ann, our prayers are with you. You are beginning the most wonderful adventure a woman can have—a career as wife and homemaker. Dan's happiness is in your hands. May God's very best be yours as you pattern your life after His Word.

In a few days I'll write you more of our plans to attend the wedding. We wouldn't miss it for the world!

With all my love,  
AUNT BESSIE



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Does the Bible teach there is an everlasting hell?*

Jesus warned: "It is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. . . . Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Matthew 18:9; Mark 9:46).

Another solemn verse is: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46).

The Beast and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire a thousand years before the devil is cast therein (Revelation 19:20; 20:10). These "shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," the Bible says.

*Please explain what is meant in the words, "When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation." Are we to expect that all are to have these manifestations when we come together in the church?* (1 Corinthians 14:26).

It could be that Paul here was reproaching the church at Corinth, seeking to correct an abuse of spiritual gifts, exhorting, "Let all things be done unto edifying." I think, however, he meant to encourage the church to look to God for workings of the Spirit. Of course, we should not expect, or try to force, all the activities mentioned in every church service. That would create confusion. This verse needs to be studied together with other verses in the chapter that we may be preserved from spiritual dissipation.

*How should one deal with a good man who regularly prays and reads his Bible, but will not go to church?*

I recommend that you remind him we are told not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Point out that we are members one of another (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). If you can, find out what has taken place that keeps him from fellowshiping with other believers and thus violates the plan and purpose of God for him.

*Why is it that the lives of some who speak in tongues are inconsistent with Christian standards? Some are quarrelsome; others do not pay their debts.*

Manifestation of spiritual gifts, while they may be a great blessing, do not of themselves guarantee character. They operate according to the measure of one's faith (Romans 12:6). God uses imperfect instruments at times.

The Epistles have much teaching on the subject of character. To walk in the Spirit, the carnal nature must be crucified—which means it must be kept subject to the laws of Christian virtue. The apostle names a number of things which, if followed, would result in spiritual death (Galatians 5:19-21). To live a holy life there must be deep appreciation for holy character and a walk in the Spirit. (See Galatians 5:14-26.)

*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.*

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS BECOME INVOLVED IN A "BRANCH OUT" MINISTRY.

# YOUTH CAN BE CHALLENGED

By MORRIS OHLIN - Pastor, West Layton Assembly, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

YOUNG PEOPLE will respond to a challenge. I know, because college students and other Christ's Ambassadors played an important part in starting the pioneer church which I pastor.

West Layton Assembly had its beginning when pastors in the Milwaukee area joined in obtaining an eight-acre tract in the southwest suburbs of the city. Churches of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District helped by contributing offerings during their 1962 home missions rallies.

Then students of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, responded to a challenge presented by Illinois District Superintendent E. M. Clark, guest speaker for Pioneer Pastors Emphasis Week. Students and faculty pledged more than \$5,000 to support a pastor and workers in this new endeavor. The district presbytery appointed me to pioneer the new church. A home was purchased and an additional two acres of land adjoining the original site.

Soon after my family and I moved into the parsonage, we began planning for a literature saturation campaign.

Christ's Ambassadors of the Milwaukee area spent three days in an intensive literature distribution program throughout the community. Included in the packet of materials they gave out to nearly 2,000 homes were copies of the World's Fair issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, the "Chicken" tract, a copy of C. M. Ward's miniature paperback of his interview with Dr. Wernher von Braun, and a special brochure introducing the new church.

Immediately after this concerted youth effort we started Sunday school and church services in the parsonage. In just a few weeks the new church facilities were available for use—and we had our ribbon-cutting ceremony last October 30.

Families living in our area who were active members of other Assemblies of God churches in Milwaukee were encouraged by their pastors to begin attending the new church. Sunday school attendance on March 19 was thirty-four.

Last November our new facilities were dedicated to the glory of God. Lyle Curtis, superintendent of the Wis-



Pastor and Mrs. Morris Ohlin with their children Rebecca, Donna, and Steven, are in the left photo. In the center is G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College, and at the right is Lyle Curtis, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District.



consin-Northern Michigan District, was in charge of the dedication ceremony. G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College—which had an important part in starting the church—was speaker for the evening. The NCBC Evangelaires choir was also featured in the services as was their director, L. B. Larsen.

Among the 250 people in attendance were Mayor Fisher of Greenfield; Darwin Heuser, former superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District; and D. H. Mapson, business manager of NCBC.

The 40- by 60-foot building is the first unit of a master plan. Redwood panels contrast with the light brick exterior. The interior of prefinished oak paneling has laminated beams with spruce decking. Facilities of the building, which seats nearly 200 in the auditorium, include four Sunday school rooms, a large fellowship hall adjoining a small kitchen, and rest rooms.



R. G. Markey, pastor of Assembly of God, Garden Grove, California.

## TENT EVANGELISM REDISCOVERED



LAST SUMMER the Assembly of God in Garden Grove, Calif., pitched a tent on its parking lot. Nine weeks of evangelism followed.

Attendance averaged 250 on weeknights and between 500 and 600 on Sundays. Pastor R. G. Markey reports 50 percent of the crowd were visitors. He attributes this to the different atmosphere a tent revival creates in contrast to evangelistic meetings in a church.

God dwelt among the tent crowd as His children traveled from Egypt to the Promised Land. The results of the Garden Grove effort prove the blessing of the Lord was upon His people as they met nightly in the tent. Pastor Markey states, "Scores of people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Outstanding healings took place. Several who came into the tent on crutches and in wheelchairs are worshipping with us now, walking and shouting of the great deliverance God wrought in them."

Another benefit of this outreach ministry was extra money for missions. Because the cost of the tent was completely paid the second night of the revival, money was raised for Teen Challenge in Los Angeles and for radio time in Mexico.

Garden Grove Assembly will pitch its tent on May 28 this year and continue nightly for approximately 20 weeks throughout the summer and fall. Pastor Markey found tent evangelism is a good way to reach souls with the gospel, to destroy the summer slump, and to utilize God's gift to the church—evangelists.

## FREE MISSIONARY STORIES

VBS STORIES and programs offered by the Foreign and Home Missions Departments will be in keeping with the BGMC emphasis for 1967—*Books for Bible Schools*.

One day of each week of VBS should be *missions day*. The missions offering received on that day should be designated as indicated below.

The materials offered by the departments provide inspirational help for the VBS director as he presents the challenge and responsibility of missions.

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Suggested program for Foreign Missions Day at VBS.

*Financial project:* To buy books for foreign Bible schools.

*Offering designation:* Foreign Missions Department. "Books for Bible Students." If your church has contact with a particular Bible school overseas, you might want to designate your offering for this school.

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*Theme:* Books for Spanish Bible Students in Miami.

*Materials available:* "Carlos Finds Peace," a true story with illustrations.

Information on the ministry of the six foreign branches of the Assemblies of God.

*Financial project:* To buy books for the Assemblies of God Bible School in Miami, Fla.

*Offering designation:* Home Missions Department, "Books for Spanish Bible Students in Miami." The night Bible school in Miami is one of the three schools operated by the Spanish Eastern Branch of the Assemblies of God. Books are urgently needed.

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Pastors or VBS directors may order these free materials from either the Home or Foreign Missions Departments (or both), 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



YOU CAN HELP SUPPLY THE MISSING INGREDIENT

# 1967: LITERATURE YEAR FOR LIBERIA

By JUDITH BACON  
Editorial Assistant  
Foreign Missions Department

NORMA JOHANSON pulled up to a gas station in Liberia, West Africa, and the attendant opened the trunk of the Speed-the-Light car to reach the gas tank. The front trunk was piled full of gospel literature. Nearby people, spotting the valuable treasure, gathered from every direction and fought over who would get what. The missionary stayed in the car—the only place where it was safe!

At another time Miss Johanson

drove for 20 miles, giving out literature as she traveled. Other missionaries who followed some distance behind her could not find one piece of literature along the roadside. So great is the hunger for reading materials that an African will grab for the smallest piece of printed paper.

Our Assemblies of God missionaries are not the only ones who realize the African's desire for literature. From America comes such erroneous books as *The Sixth and Seventh Books of*

*Moses*. This book describes and encourages some of the most degrading forms of heathenism that exist. The name *Moses* attracts attention, and even some believers can be misled because of the Biblical name.

Organizations have published books on witchcraft and superstitions that bind the searching African with a religion offering less hope than that of his ancestors. And communism has not been silent as the newly literate of Africa cry for something to read.

"Each night I went home with sore arms and legs from people jamming me against the table. My ears were dull from the shouting. It was dangerous but profitable work as we got the Word of God out to the people who came to the Paul Olson Crusade," said Norma Johanson, missionary to Liberia (center).





**ABOVE:** Norma Johanson uses tin suitcases, provided by the WMC's of New York, to transport literature to the place of sales.

**LEFT:** Barrellfuls of literature have been sent to Liberia by the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

**BELOW:** Miss Johanson witnesses to a Cavalla Lagoon woman.



One penny for a song sheet seems such a small amount, but the buyer will treasure it dearly.

With this challenge in mind, the Liberia Field Fellowship (composed of Assemblies of God missionaries in Liberia) has declared 1967 *Literature Year for Liberia*. The urgency of providing the best gospel reading available is readily realized when one understands that in many African minds everything that is printed is truth. A man may lie; but a book, pamphlet, or tract could never lie!

Norma Johanson is coordinator of the literature program for Liberia. When she returned to the field last August, she joined other missionaries there in establishing a new bookstore in the capital city, Monrovia.

The Liberia Field Fellowship, at its annual conference in January 1967, set a goal of \$4,000 for their project, *Literature Year for Liberia*. The missionaries themselves pledged \$2,900 toward that budget out of their own funds. The project includes one year's rent for the new bookstore; lights for the bookstore; clerks' wages for a year; and the printing of Bible correspondence courses.

This takes care of office and maintenance expense, but a bookstore without books loses its value. The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) will again come to the aid of Liberia's literature program. In the past BGMC has given thousands of dollars for printing and translation work in Liberia. It has also sent steel drums of backdated literature for distribution.

"We are very thankful for the BGMC financial aid given for our needs and are making full use of it now," stated Miss Johanson in a letter to Everett L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa.

During the coming year \$2,225 will come from BGMC funds to supply materials for the new bookstore in Monrovia.

Mentioning a trip she took with the Joseph Judahs, Miss Johanson said, "One Sunday we drove some 200 miles to the Bong Mining Location where one of our Assemblies of God presbyters has begun a small work among the miners. In this area a great number

from the interior are working as miners and clerks. There are thousands of people in new housing developments all along this 200-mile road and they receive gospel literature to read only when a missionary gets the chance to visit them. I appeal to you to help in this tremendous opportunity."

This is only one mining site. Other sites are located throughout Liberia. The opportunity is there, but one of the main ingredients is missing—the necessary literature.

You can help make the 1967 *Literature Year for Liberia* project an effective tool of evangelism by supporting it with your prayers and offerings.

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# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## HEALED AND FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

I AM SENDING a picture of a young lady in our congregation and her personal testimony, which is as follows:

"My name is Sherry Prince, and I am 11 years old. I am praising and thanking the Lord for saving my soul and healing my body.



"I had a lump on my back for about two years that was larger than an egg. The doctor told me I was to see a specialist, but my parents could not afford it. Then one night during the crusade in our church with Evangelist George Butrin I went forward for prayer for healing. When Brother Butrin

asked me what I wanted the Lord to do, I told him; but when I tried to find the lump it was gone, even before the laying on of hands.

"A few nights later in the crusade I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I surely love the Lord and want to serve Him."—Jack Provard, Pastor, Assembly of God, Jersey Shore, Pa.

## HEALED OF HEMORRHAGING

SOME MONTHS AGO I began to hemorrhage severely and to suffer from deep depression. The doctor recommended surgery, but I wanted to be healed. On Sunday evening, January 22, while I was in church, the depression lifted. This gave me courage to ask for prayer for healing.

The following night I was anointed and prayed for, and God healed me completely. I have no more hemorrhaging and am happy in Him. I give Him the glory for His mercy and I want to serve Him better.—Ruby McRee, Chowchilla, Calif.

*(Sister McRee is the wife of Roy L. McRee, pastor, Fairmead Assembly, Chowchilla, Calif.)*

## HEALED OF A FIBROID TUMOR

ON JULY 11, 1965, I went to my doctor after hemorrhaging for a week. He examined me and found I had a fibroid tumor and said surgery was imperative.

Soon afterward I went to church and requested to be anointed and prayed for. Two days later the hemorrhaging stopped. I went back to my doctor for an examination, and he told me the tumor was gone! I have had no further trouble to this present time. Praise the Lord for all He has done!—Mrs. Dora Cyphert, Brookville, Pa.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Vernon Boyer, First Assembly, Brookville, Pa.)*

## GROWTH DISAPPEARS

THE DAY OUR SON WALKED INTO THE KITCHEN and showed me a painful lump in his chest that had been growing for weeks, I knew a moment of panic. We rushed him to a doctor who examined the walnut-sized lump and gave instruction for medication and treatment. If it did not disappear in two weeks, he said, surgery would be required.

At prayer meeting we asked our pastor to anoint Don and pray for him. His condition did not change, but the Holy Spirit challenged me to trust God and

## Let The Children

CHILDREN ARE THE LITTLE PEOPLE we meet everywhere we go, and in every child is potential for good or evil. Children need to be taught the truth—the good news found in God's Word, the Bible.

Parents, teachers, pastors, lay workers in the church: Are you reaching the children around you for Christ? Don't wait until that child is a teen-ager before you become concerned about his soul. Plant the seed in that child's heart now before his heart becomes hardened by sin.

Encourage the child to ask questions about God and His Son Jesus Christ. Spend time talking to him about his spiritual welfare. "Children are a heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3), and God wants adult Christians to allow them to come to Him. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

Notice Jesus said "little children." Yes, the little ones can and should come to Christ. Some children have been saved at 4, 5, or 6. It does happen. God forbid that we should discourage or minimize any experience a young child may have in the Lord!

Recently a poll in a Bible college classroom revealed that about two-thirds of the students present were saved as children. This tells us that children's hearts are fertile soil for the gospel seed. Their hearts are like young, tender plants that need to be watered and nurtured after the seed has been sown.

Christ had a vision and burden for the world's children. Do you? Too long we have neglected reaching children for God. We have left it up to Sunday school teachers, pastors, and evangelists. Every adult Christian

not to lean on the medication. We disposed of the pills, and I felt peace in my heart. But the lump remained.

On the day Don was to go back to the doctor, I read a verse of Scripture on the farm page of the newspaper which encouraged my heart. Don didn't go to the doctor, even though the growth was still there.

As I prayed that night, God dealt with me about surrender. I had only been asking Him to heal Don before, but now I said, "Thy will be done." Then peace came. A few days later the doctor examined Don's chest and found the growth had disappeared. All glory and honor and praise belongs to our God. He never fails.

I was raised in a minister's home, but my father did not believe healing was for today. I am so thankful that three years ago God led me because of the hunger of my heart to an Assemblies of God church. I have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and now rejoice that we know what it is to trust God for healing in our own home. Praise His wonderful name.—Mrs. Donald Huff, Jackson, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. F. Hilton, First Assembly, Jackson, Mich.)



## A MESSAGE FROM BETHANY'S PRESIDENT

*How quickly a year slips by. Soon another class will leave Bethany Bible College for places of service. Some graduates will become pastors, others evangelists or missionaries, and some youth or music directors. Still others will fill positions as godly laymen.*

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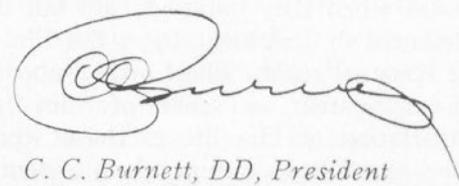
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# Come

By SHIRLEY M. NEWTON  
Juneau, Alaska

should remember that the children around him are watching him, and his life should be an influence for God in that child's life.

Are there children at your table? What do you talk about when eating with them? Bring God into your conversation whenever you can. Tell them what God's Word says about things. Perhaps you will provoke thought in their minds, and you may be surprised at the results.

Children follow in our footsteps. You would not intentionally lead a child to an eternity without Christ, but you might do it unknowingly. Be careful what you do and where you go, for there are little ones who follow you.

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*The soul of a child is the loveliest flower  
That grows in the garden of God;  
Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power,  
To the sky from the clay and the clod.  
To beauty and sweetness it grows under care;  
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild;  
'Tis a plant that is tender, but wondrously rare,  
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.  
Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share  
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light;  
And let it not lack for the painstaking care,  
To protect it from frost and from blight.  
A glad day will come when its bloom shall unfold,  
It will seem that an angel has smiled,  
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold  
In the sensitive soul of a child. —AUTHOR UNKNOWN*



# THE RETURN OF THE ARK

Sunday School Lesson for April 30, 1967  
1 SAMUEL 5:1 TO 6:21

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

ASSUMING THAT ISRAEL'S GOD was inferior to theirs, the Philistines took the captured ark to a temple in the city of Ashdod and placed it beside Dagon, one of their chief gods.

### THE ARK IMPRESSIVELY VINDICATED (1 Samuel 5:3-12)

Not only was Dagon destroyed by the hand of the Lord, but the Philistines of Ashdod were smitten with a loathsome, painful, and fatal disease. Chapter 6 seems to indicate that God sent a plague of field mice which devastated their crops and reduced them to dire economic straits.

The great preacher, Dr. Joseph Parker, commenting on this incident said, "It will be even so with ill-gotten results; with undeserved, unrighteously attained gain; be it wealth or influence (or position) or what it may. The bad man has a hard time of it; when he wants to get clear of his gain, he begs and cries that somebody will relieve him of his very victories."

### THE ARK REVERENTLY RETURNED (1 Samuel 6:1-12)

Some practical lessons may be noted in this account of how the suffering Philistines returned the ark of God to Israel's territory.

1. *What brings blessing to some may bring judgment to others.* The ark, a symbol of God's presence, was a blessing to the Israelites when they honored God but it proved to be an instrument of judgment upon the Philistines. So it is in the spiritual realm. The Lord's Supper—which brings self-examination, a sense of Christ's presence, and an impartation of His life to those who properly "discern" the symbolism—brings chastisement, judgment, and condemnation to those whose hearts are not right with God and with each other (1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

2. *It is men and not God who need changing.* When the Philistines experienced the judgment of God upon their bodies and crops, they decided to return the ark and send back golden images as an offering. They thought this would pacify God and change His attitude toward them. What was needed, however, was a change in their own attitude and in their relationship to God. Offerings to God must be the expression of obedient hearts; they are never a substitute for obedience!

3. *The reverence of unbelievers is frequently an example to believers.* The Philistine priests, though heathen, were careful to return the ark in the most reverent way they knew. They chose an unused cart, signifying that no vehicle used for ordinary purposes was fit to bear so sacred a vessel. They used young cows instead of oxen,

the usual beast of burden. They even recognized that what had befallen the Philistines was due to sins similar to those committed by Pharaoh before the Exodus. And they instinctively felt that an atonement of some kind was needed. Is there not likewise a need among us for greater reverence for the things of God, His worship, and His ordinances?

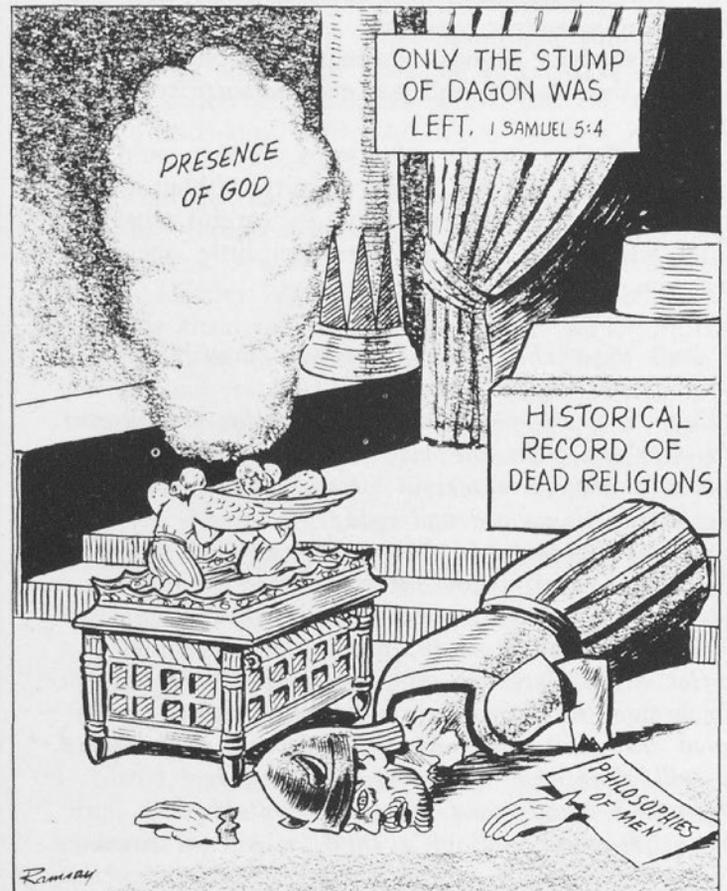
### THE ARK IRREVERENTLY RECEIVED (1 Samuel 6:13-21)

1. *Appropriate Joy.* "They lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it." The return of the ark symbolized the restoration of God's presence to His people and the return of divine favor. It was an act of grace and mercy—an unmerited blessing. Such is the case with God's presence today. How desperately we need Him and how earnestly we should seek Him!

2. *Unholy Curiosity.* Rejoicing soon turned to lamenting for, in the face of definite scriptural precept and warning (Numbers 4:20; Leviticus 10:1,2), the priests "looked into the ark of the Lord." A number of them were smitten by the Lord and died. Here again the importance of reverence and the evil effects of unholy curiosity are shown.

One kind of curiosity is essential to spiritual growth and intellectual progress. Another kind is born of the flesh and inspired by Satan. Some people manifest unholy curiosity in the sins and failures of others—ever seeking to pry into them. Some show unholy curiosity in today's cheap and salacious reading matter and thus besmirch their minds. The godly believer must be guided by such scriptures as, "Whatsoever things are... pure... lovely... think on these things" (Philippians 4:8; see also Ephesians 5:12).

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## HOW DID GOD MAKE MAN?

(Continued from page thirteen)

in the terms of Genesis 2:24: "Therefore shall a man . . . cleave unto his wife: and they shall be *one flesh*."

Now it is important to note that our Lord introduced this reference to the first marriage in Genesis 2 (which serves as a God-given pattern for all marriages) by appealing to a statement in Genesis 1:27: "*male and female created he them*." In other words, the uniqueness of human marriage in the world of living things is based not only upon man's spiritual nature, but also upon man's physical nature, and *both* were created directly by God!

In opposition to the theistic evolution position, therefore, the Bible teaches us that God not only created man in His image and likeness (spiritually), but also male and female (physically). If man had been an animal physically before he acquired his spiritual nature, he would *already* have been male and female, and the statements of Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 19:4 would be inaccurate and misleading.

Let us pursue still another line. In harmony with our Lord's teaching that man was created physically as well as spiritually, the apostle Paul states: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:39). The basic thrust of theistic evolution, of course, is that all flesh on earth *is the same flesh*. The concept of the family tree of living things (illustrated in the early chapters of most college and high school textbooks on biology and ancient history) depicts the human race as a twig on the branch of anthropoid mammals. Such a view cannot be harmonized with Paul's doctrine of man's physical uniqueness.

Perhaps the clearest New Testament statement concerning the supernatural origin of mankind is found in 1 Corinthians 11:8, 12: "For the man is not *of* the woman; but the woman *of* the man. . . . For as the woman is *of* the man, even so is the man also *by* the woman." The preposition "*of*" (*ek*) has reference here to ultimate physical origin, while the preposition "*by*" (*dia*) refers to the process of birth. Paul is saying that while all men today are born of women, women had their ultimate origin in a man. (Compare Genesis 3:20 with Acts 17:26, ASV.) But this can be true only if theistic evolution is false, for otherwise the first woman would have come physically from an animal, not a man.

What, then, is our conclusion? If the Bible is true, then two great miracles of God brought the human race into existence. The body of the first man was formed supernaturally from the literal dust of the ground and became alive the moment God's invisible, spiritual image was "breathed" into him. The second great miracle occurred when a woman was formed from a portion of this man's side.

God has carefully guarded this vastly important doctrine from abuse and perversion by a wide context of Biblical references that support and clarify the basic detailed statements of the second chapter of Genesis.

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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## ACTIVITIES CENTER DEDICATED BY MICHIGAN CHURCH

ADRIAN, MICH.—A multipurpose Christian Activities Center constructed by Bethany Assembly here was recently dedicated to the Lord.

Guest for the dedication service was Everett D. Cooley, Michigan District superintendent. Also participating were Raymond Warnick, assistant pastor, and the church's 40-voice teen choir. Walter Bohn, Adrian's mayor, also attended.

The 50- by 90-foot structure is of buff brick and laminated trusses. Facilities include a complete gymnasium, a modern kitchen, dining space for 350, and a furnished three-room guest apartment.

The primary department and the junior choir also use the new center.

Bethany Assembly's total physical assets now amount to over \$300,000.

Arthur G. Clay is pastor of the church.

Bethany Assembly is shown at right, and the new Activities Center in lower photo.



## MONTANA PASTOR NAMED ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN OF STATE HOSPITAL

ANACONDA, MONT.—W. L. Roset, pastor of the Assembly of God here, is also an assistant chaplain at the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs. His duties there, assumed Jan. 1, include ward visitation, patient interviews, and participation in special programs directed by the Protestant chaplain.

He serves at the institution each Friday and remains on call in the chaplain's absence.

In addition to his pastoral work and hospital ministry, Brother Roset is president of the Anaconda Ministerial Association.



YORK, PA.—Some 300 people made decisions for Jesus Christ at the Greater-York-for-Christ Crusade with Evangelist Tommy Barnett.

Several denominations worked with the Assemblies of God to make the crusade one of the county's greatest spiritual events in recent years.

The Hymntime Singers, directed by Eddie Reece, highlighted the list of musical talent present.

Local radio and television stations and newspapers helped publicize the meeting by interview-

ing Brother Barnett. One station carried a free color telecast before the crusade began.

—Bill Richey, crusade chairman

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BURTON, OHIO—Following the week of prayer in January, for 15 days the Assembly of God here enjoyed a "New Life for the New Year" meeting with Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn.

Several were saved, including one Catholic lady. A Youth-Arama was conducted at the local

high school. Several more came to the Lord through this effort.

Young people lined the altar on the final day of services. One young lady was baptized in the Holy Spirit as she knelt to pray; several others were saved that night.

—Gene Milligan, pastor

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ANDREWS, TEX.—First Assembly here recently concluded two weeks of services with Evangelists John and Freda Bryant of Elk City, Okla.

Six people were filled with the

Holy Spirit, and many came to the altar for rededication to God. Several experienced God's healing touch.

—R. V. Luma, pastor

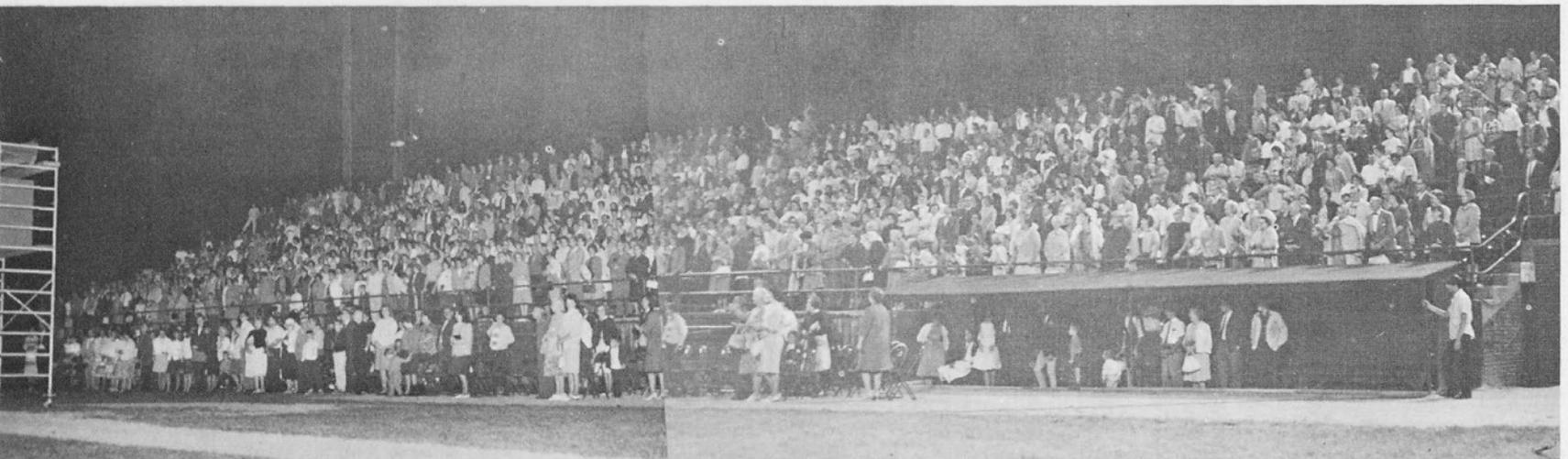
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PARIS, ARK.—A spirit of revival remains at First Assembly here after two weeks of services with Evangelist Herbert Bruhn, former superintendent of Hillcrest Children's Home, Hot Springs, Ark.

Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 15 were refilled.

—J. W. Farrell, pastor

Large crowds attended the Greater-York-for-Christ Crusade with Evangelist Tommy Barnett. The meeting was held in the Memorial Stadium in York, Pa.





The new addition with full basement adjoins the old building which is used for church offices and Sunday school.

### MICHIGAN CHURCH TRIPLES MEMBERSHIP

WYANDOTTE, MICH.—Pastor Warren B. Tyler and his family recently celebrated three years of ministry at the Assembly of God here. They praise God for the progress that has been made. The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been in operation, and many people have been saved and healed.

Membership in the Assembly has tripled, and the church has become a sovereign assembly.

In 1964 the church began a building program. The new 50- by 65-foot addition provides a full basement with five classrooms, youth auditorium, fellowship hall, utility and rest rooms, kitchen, and evangelist's quarters.

The new sanctuary seats 308 people with room for overflow. The pulpit furniture and pews are of finished fruitwood. A baptismal tank is installed under the back of the platform, and a scenic oil painting covers the wall behind the platform.

The adjoining old building contains the junior department, church offices, and an auditorium seating 50 people.

The church property is valued in excess of \$75,000 with indebtedness of \$35,000. Dedication was held in May 1966 with Everett Cooley, Michigan District superintendent, officiating.

The new sanctuary seats 308 with room for overflow. Pastor Warren B. Tyler at left.



### GROUNDBREAKING FOR ADDITION TO CHURCH

COLUMBUS, GA.—Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$30,000 addition to Edgewood Temple Assembly here are, left to right: B. F. Register, Columbus mayor pro tem; Pastor Michael Lord; Sheriff's Deputy Albert Lamb, a deacon in the church; and Albert Bolin, chairman of the deacon board. The addition, with approximately 3,682 square feet, will include two assembly chapels, a kitchen, nursery, and nine classrooms. Recreational facilities will be provided behind the building.

### NEW CHURCH TO BE EVANGELISM TOOL



The Assembly in Fairfield has 14 large Sunday school classrooms and the sanctuary seats 400. Eugene W. Ness (right) is pastor.



FAIRFIELD, CALIF.—Three years ago it would have been impossible for the Assembly of God here to build a new church. The congregation was small; finances were scarce.

But God blessed, and both congregation and finances increased. Recently the church dedicated its new building to Him.

Dr. Henry H. Ness, father of Pastor Eugene W. Ness, brought the dedicatory message. Northern California-Nevada District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart led the dedication, and Presbyter Larry Bottroff offered the dedicatory prayer.

The building has 14 classrooms, a kitchen, nursery, and church and Sunday school offices. The sanctuary seats 400 using the overflow room.

The property and building have an estimated value of \$250,000.



Actual construction cost \$120,000.

Pastor Ness and the congregation are praying the new church may be an effective tool for bringing many to Christ in this Air Force town of 45,000 people.

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Exterior and interior views of the new Assembly in Burney, Calif. (Pastor Lawrence Langley, inset)



### CALIFORNIA CONGREGATION DEDICATES \$75,000 CHURCH

BURNEY, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here, growing steadily the past few years, recently dedicated a new building to the Lord.

Speaker for the occasion was Joseph L. Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District.



The church building is finished in desert tan stucco and trimmed in black native lava rock. A paved lot on three sides provides ample parking.

Seating capacity is 250. Facilities include a baptistry, nursery, office, kitchen, 12 classrooms, and a new organ. Green carpeting in

the sanctuary matches the padded oak pews.

Estimated value of the church is in excess of \$75,000 with a debt of only \$22,000. Over \$5,000 labor was donated by the men and Royal Rangers of the church.

Lawrence Langley has pastored the church since July, 1965.

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### PASTORS HONORED FOR 33 YEARS MINISTRY

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA.—Pastor and Mrs. R. B. Womack recently were honored for 33 years of faithful service at First Assembly here.

The congregation also presented four rostrum chairs to the church as part of the celebration.

Brother and Sister Womack began their ministry doing evangelistic work. In 1933 they became pastors of First Assembly.

Work on a new 40- by 70-foot concrete block and masonry edifice was begun in 1962. The building was dedicated in February, 1963, by Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent and former superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District. The mortgage was paid off in 1965.

Since the new church was built, Sister Womack, an ordained min-



ister, has conducted a weekly radio ministry on local station WPAS. She has also carried the burden of the church alone for two years as Brother Womack has been critically ill.—Mrs. John W. Way, reporter.

NEEPAWA, MANITOBA, CANADA—Many people attended special services at Calvary Chapel here despite -30 degree weather.

Three were saved and two reclaimed under the ministry of Evangelists Gene and Heather Burgess of Memphis, Tenn.

—Ivar Roset, pastor

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DIMMITT, TEX.—God blessed the Assembly of God here during services with the Mangram Evangelistic Team of Lawton, Okla. Attendance was very good with visitors nearly every night.

The Lord's presence was felt in each service. Three people were

reclaimed, and one was refilled with the Spirit as people sought God around the altars.

A spirit of revival lingers still. Another person was reclaimed on Sunday night, bringing another family into the church.

—John H. Sewell, pastor

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CLEVELAND, TEX.—Hi-Way Tabernacle here thanks God for the visitation of His precious Holy Spirit.

Several came to the Lord and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during one week of special services.

Since these meetings attendance

has increased and others have been saved. Three more were filled with the Spirit. One young man was called into the ministry.

—Travis Freeman, pastor

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TYRONE, PA.—First Assembly just concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelists Andrew and Anna Basell of Lansing, Mich.

Four were saved, one backslider reclaimed, and many testified to being healed.

Attendance was above normal as folk came out despite inclement weather. Some visitors came from as faraway as 70 miles.

—A. William Kyler, pastor

FARMINGTON, N. MEX.—A high spiritual tide remains at First Assembly here after a meeting with Evangelist I. D. Rayborn.

Six people found Christ as Saviour in his meeting. Each service was exceptionally well attended.

Sunday school attendance has increased since the meeting closed.

—Don E. Stover, pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENT

HOME COMING—April 27-30 at the Assembly of God, Tribune, Kans. Speaker: former pastor James I. Miller, Longmont, Colo. All former members and friends are invited.—by John A. Booher, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

JUNE P. JONES, 59, of Rockford, Ill., went to be with the One she served January 20, 1967. Sister Jones was granted a license to preach in 1953 by the Illinois District. She is survived by her husband Oda, an ordained Assemblies of God minister. Brother and Sister Jones pastored West Side Assembly in Rockford since 1950.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Flippin	A/G	Apr. 23-May 7	Salisbury-Screase Tm.	R. G. Gouge
	Springdale	First	Apr. 30-May 14	Quentin Edwards	C. L. Dixon
	Van Buren	First	Apr. 26-May 7	Oren Paris	Edwin Burris
Calif.	Arvin	A/G	Apr. 19-30	Marvin Schmidt	Ben H. Sapp
	El Cajon	First	Apr. 30—	Diehl Evangelists	E. L. VanHorn
	Lompoc	First	Apr. 30-May 14	Ed Eaton	Otis B. Hubbard
	Los Angeles	Western Ave.	Apr. 30-May 7	Thomas Hernandez	Warren L. Hill
	Morgan Hill	Full Gospel	Apr. 26-May 7	Don & Dixie Cox	Don Argue
	San Francisco	*Community	Apr. 30-May 5	Charles Senechal	C. Don North
Ill.	Clinton	A/G Tab.	Apr. 25-May 7	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	C. R. DePrenger
	Jerseyville	First	Apr. 30-May 14	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Frank C. Goss
	Mason City	A/G	Apr. 30-May 12	F. R. McAdams Team	Kenneth C. Wallace
	Odin	A/G	Apr. 25-30	Fred Numrick	R. L. Farquhar
Ind.	W. Terre Haute	First	Apr. 26-May 7	Lon & Stella Calloway	John E. Smith
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	First	Apr. 25-May 7	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Fred R. Gottwald
Kans.	Arkansas City	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Bobby & Sharon Jones	Clifford Barnes
Md.	Crellin	A/G	Apr. 23-May 7	J. Earl & Vera Douglass	H. L. Porter
	Elkton	First	Apr. 24-30	Anthony Pagano	Conrad J. Schaefer
Mich.	Armada	A/G	Apr. 19-23	Dale VanSteenis	Ray C. Eskelin
	Pontiac	First	Apr. 25-May 7	John & Faith Stallings	C. A. Davenport
	Sturgis	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Lyle Phillips Jr.	Donald Matthews
Minn.	Northfield	**A/G	Apr. 23-May 7	Victor Etienne	Ralph Simmons
	St. Paul	First	Apr. 25-30	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Jerry Gwillim
	Slayton	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Dave & Mona Lewis	James F. Allen
Mo.	Hannibal	Calvary	Apr. 23-May 7	Doyle Jones	Wallace Joice
	Holden	A/G	Apr. 30-May 14	Dan & Marty Womack	Tom Waggoner
	Jackson	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Ren & Grace Marr	W. V. Akins
Nebr.	Long Pine	A/G	Apr. 30-May 5	Kathleen Jennings	Dennis Pigman
N. J.	Bunnvale	Community	Apr. 25-May 7	Roy T. Johnson	Michael Pignaloso
N. Y.	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem Ch.	Apr. 30-May 5	J. Billy McIntosh	William J. Behr
N. Dak.	Bismarck	Evangel Temple	Apr. 25-30	Paul & Mrs. Clark	Lloyd C. Jorgenson
Ohio	Cincinnati	Deer Pk. Christian	Apr. 16-30	Daena Cargnel	Earl Hart
	Parma	Bethel Temple	Apr. 26—	Jimmy Swaggart	Louis R. Davidson
	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Apr. 25-30	Eddy Anderson	Edward Schlossmacher
Okla.	Keefeton	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Ray & Elaine Leonard	C. F. Capps
	Okemah	Haydonville	Apr. 30—	Hazel Burns	E. H. Roberts
	Okmulgee	First	Apr. 26—	Bob Ludwig	Jimmy N. Phillips
	Sallisaw	First	Apr. 30-May 14	E. R. Winter	D. L. Brankel
	Seminole	First	Apr. 26-May 7	Tommy Lance	Paul Savage
	Tulsa	Dawson	Apr. 24—	Charles Ogdon	E. W. Moore
	Wewoka	First	Apr. 25-May 7	Leonard Negrin	Floyd J. Tate
Pa.	Bangor	First	Apr. 25-May 7	Charles S. Morris	Wm. B. Kolenda
	Bedford	Valley	Apr. 25-May 7	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	S. C. Rust II
	Boyetown	Calvary Tab.	Apr. 25-May 7	J. B. Woolums	Barry Reichard
	Hamlin	First Pentecostal	Apr. 25—	Eddie Wilson	Ralph E. Midgett
	Philadelphia	Calvary	Apr. 30-May 7	Hattie Hammond	James A. Gripp
	Pittsburgh	Evangelistic Temple	Apr. 25-May 7	R. S. Peterson	William E. Bailey
	Wilkes-Barre	First Pentecostal	Apr. 16-23	Anthony Pagano	D. J. Paglia
Tex.	Borger	Keeler Heights	Apr. 27-May 7	Morris & Mrs. Lefkovitz	T. M. Barrett
	Grand Saline	First	Apr. 30—	T. J. Taylor Jr.	F. E. Kennedy
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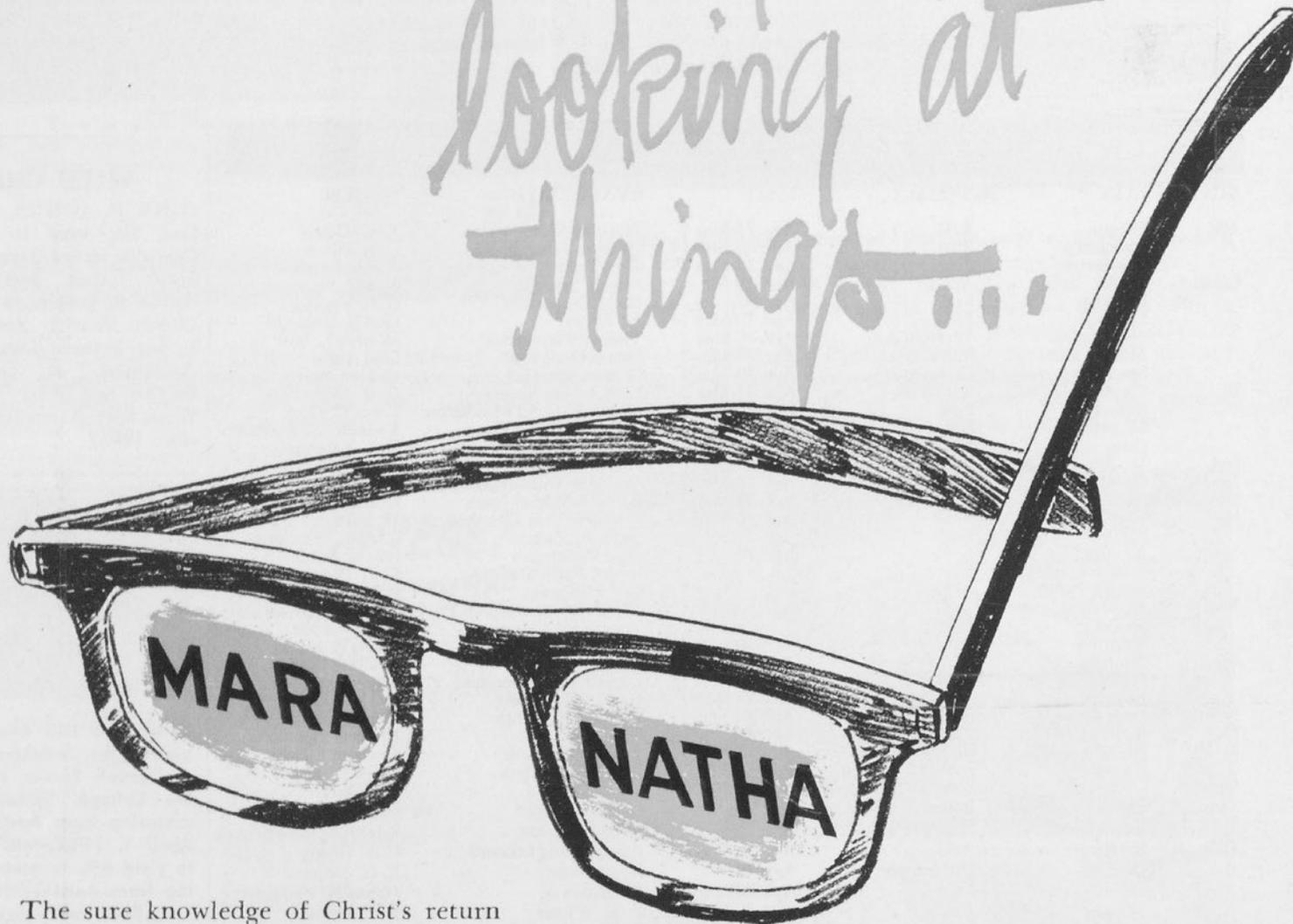
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