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WORSHIP PENTECOSTAL- STYLE

PENTECOSTAL PEOPLE have a manner of worship that is different to most. Other churches worship in various manners, but there are close similarities between many of them, whereas Pentecostal worship for the most part is distinctly different.

The question I would ask today is, Why is it different? Is it contrary to the Scriptures? Or are we following the Bible in our manner of worship?

Jesus said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Notice the word "must." Thank God, there is spiritual worship. There is worship that has depth, worship that is sincere, worship that is pleasing to God. Oh, that the Lord will help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth!

I like Pentecostal worship. I thank God for it. We need to maintain this particular kind of worship that we have enjoyed down through the years. I think that if we examine the Scriptures we will find it is right. I will not say that every manifestation that is found among Pentecostal people is right, but our generally accepted pattern of manner of worship is right because it conforms to the Bible. It isn't what man says or thinks that matters—not what Pentecostals think, nor what non-Pentecostals think—but what does the Bible say about worship? That is what counts.

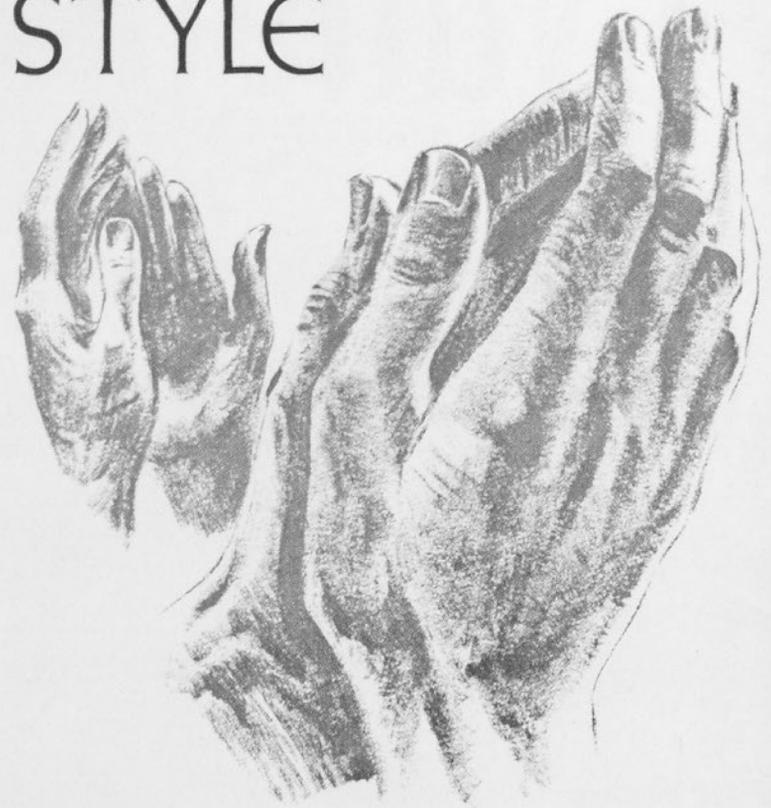
WORSHIPING IN SONG

To worship means to honor God—to have a feeling of respect and reverence for God, and to perform acts of adoration toward Him. Oh, hallelujah! That is why we worship God in song. We worship Him with songs of devotion; we sing in adoration of our Father's love and our Saviour's grace. We put our whole spirit into the songs, for we come to church for one express purpose and that is to meet God. It's God's house and we come to meet Him, to commune with Him, to have an audience with Him, and to worship in His presence. We would miss so much if our services were mere form or ceremony. We want our worship in song to be fervent because that's how we feel toward the Lord.

WORSHIPING IN SPIRIT

Our worship is from the heart. We give Him true worship through spontaneous acts of reverence, devotion, and Christlike attitudes radiating from our everyday lives. You see, Bible worship is not confined to the church services alone, but rather it is a continual practice of worship as the heart and soul go out to God in adoration. It should not be unusual for you, while riding down the highway, to suddenly find a "Glory to God" or a "Hallelujah" coming from your innermost being. It isn't something you force yourself to do, but it comes spontaneously because you're in touch with God and the Holy Spirit wants you to praise God. From away down deep you will find those praises

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ascending to God and those Christlike attitudes radiating from your everyday life.

Worship God in spirit, with true inward reverence, and not in mere outward observances. Acceptable worship is of a spiritual nature, which must spring from the heart through the influence of the Holy Spirit. We worship God in spirit when, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we bring all of our affections, appetites, and desires unto the throne of God. We worship God when every purpose and act of worship is guided and regulated by the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

PRAYING THROUGH

Now there are numerous expressions which are peculiarly Pentecostal. One is *praying through*. Maybe we used to hear this expression more often than we do now. But we know what it means. The term simply means that a person continues in prayer until he knows that he has met with God. And there is such a thing as praying through. You know you have had an audience with God. You know you are not just speaking into empty air, but you are speaking right in the ear of God. You can talk with God.

In Genesis, chapter 32, Jacob *prayed through*. Here was a man who needed a touch from God. Jacob, the supplanter, the deceiver, needed to meet God. On this particular occasion he wrestled all night, and said, "I will not let you go until you bless me." Hallelujah!

There are those who still believe that you can pray through, that no problems are so great that they are insurmountable. There is a place where you can be with God, and with God there is victory.

In Acts, chapter 12, the New Testament church prayed through in behalf of Peter and he was released from prison in a miraculous manner.

PRAYING IN UNISON

Another manner of our Pentecostal worship is praying in unison. Is this practice scriptural? There are those who question this. Acts 12:12 suggests that praying in unison was (and is) a Bible practice. It says, "Many were gathered together praying." Again in Acts 4:24 we read, "They lifted up their voice to God with one accord." Mind you, this was the New Testament church and this was their manner of praying. I am not opposed to the individual leading out alone in prayer; this, too, is scriptural. However, if this practice were used exclusively in our churches, it would take away something very important. It would rob our people of a glorious opportunity for blessing and power.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAYER

I hear people crying aloud in Pentecostal meetings. Now, is this scriptural or is it fanaticism? Is it merely an emotional outburst? Well, I think that Jesus is our great example. We read in John 11:43 that Jesus "cried with a loud voice." And then we turn to Mark 10:46-49 and we find blind Bartimaeus crying out to Jesus, "Have mercy on me." Notice that the Pharisees or others tried to quiet him. They didn't want him crying aloud, and there are those even in our day saying, "I can't understand that loud praying and praising." Well, neither could the Pharisees, but the blind man cried out all the more until he got what he wanted from Jesus.

LIFTING OUR HANDS IN PRAYER

In Luke 19 they said, "Master, rebuke thy disciples," for they were praising God with a loud voice. But notice what Jesus answered—"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Oh, hallelujah! There is a worship to God, if you please, that somehow gets way down on the inside and you have to give vent to what you feel, prompted by the Holy Spirit. I do not object to quiet worship. There is a time for such. But there is also a scripture that says men should "pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands" (1 Timothy 2:8) and we need to maintain this kind of worship in our local assemblies. My brother, Pentecost was born in the fire, it has grown up in the fire, and we need to keep the fire or we will grow cold and die.

PRAISING THE LORD

We are scriptural in praising the Lord. Luke 24:53 says the early Christians were continually "praising and blessing God." This was followed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And notice what Acts 3:8 says about the lame man who was healed. He went with them into the temple "walking, and leaping, and praising God." This is worship Pentecostal-style. This happened right after the Day of Pentecost.

Note Revelation 19:5, "Praise our God, all ye his servants." This is the command given to all the people in heaven who worship God with "a great voice." So I think it is all right to praise the Lord here since we will be praising God in heaven, don't you?

Sports fans shout when their favorite player makes a home run or a touchdown. They throw their hats in the air. They get all stirred up if their team defeats the opponents. Let me tell you that on Calvary the Captain of our salvation defeated the devil. He put His heel upon the serpent. He destroyed the powers of hell. Bless your heart, I believe we have a perfect right to express our joy and gladness in God.

The question is, Whom would you rather please, God or man? Man says, "Keep quiet." The natural man doesn't appreciate the Pentecostal manner of worship. He doesn't understand it, but God does. As Peter and the other apostles said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Let us worship the Lord in the manner that is spiritual, the manner that is scriptural, the manner that pleases Him.

PUTTING THE 'AMEN' TO GOD'S PROMISES

By STANLEY M. HORTON

MY SON LEARNED TWO HEBREW WORDS almost as soon as he began to talk. You know them too; they are *amen* and *hallelujah!* Both are grand words of response, *hallelujah* being the equivalent of "Praise the Lord!" and *amen* meaning "truly."

Since no one has ever found a word in any other language that gives the full meaning, the Hebrew word *amen* has been naturalized to express the response of the human heart to the Word of the living God.

Amen is the response of faith, the kind of faith that Habbakuk 2:4 tells us is the means by which the just shall live. When Paul wants to illustrate this faith he goes to Genesis 15:6 and tells us of Abraham who *believed* in the Lord and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Believed? The Hebrew is *aman*, to believe, to hold firmly on, to credit a person's word as true. The word

faith of Habbakuk 2:4 (*emunah*) is derived from it. And from the same verb come the words *amnah*, a pillar or pedestal on which something rests, and *omeneth*, a reliable nurse who carries a child in her arms, as well as the word *amen*.

The faith of Abraham was an unshakable confidence that caused him to be willing to stake his life on the promises of a personal God, and to be willing to step out for God even though he had nothing to step out on but the unvarnished promises of God. His heart said *amen* to the impossible when God promised him a son. His faith was vindicated when the son came. But again he had to say *amen* to the command to sacrifice that son. Abraham's faith was resurrection faith! That is the kind of faith that puts the *amen* to God's promises—the only kind of faith that will see us through until Jesus comes!

The Lord's Best Helpers

WHEN THE PROPHET searched for an illustration of God's love for His people, the best example he could find was a tender infant's mother. "Can a mother forget her sucking child?" he asked (Isaiah 49:15).

Mothers have a love that endures. It withstands the tests of time, toil, and the hardest circumstances without fading. The Bible is replete with stories of this kind of love. It tells of Hagar's love for her little boy after Abraham sent her away. As she wandered in a searing wilderness, the child was about to die of thirst. "Let me not see the death of the child," she said—but she never abandoned him. She sat beside him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. Thank God for a mother's tears and a mother's prayer. The Lord responded to the cry of her heart. At the crucial moment He revealed a well of water nearby, so both mother and son survived.

We recall the mother in Solomon's time who was willing to let another woman enjoy her child—willing to deny herself that pleasure—rather than see the child destroyed (1 Kings 4:36). We remember also the Shunammite's love in caring for her ailing son (2 Kings 4:20). But the supreme example of a mother's love is Mary, who stood by her Son until He died no matter how great was the opposition against Him (John 19:25). Perhaps no one has given a more beautiful description of a mother's love than Sam Jones, who said:

"An angel was sent down from heaven one day, to bring back the most beautiful thing on earth. He hunted long and carefully, and saw a bed of full-blown roses. So he gathered an armful and started on his way home. But just then he saw a baby's smile, so he returned to take that too. Then by its side he discovered a mother's love. And with all three in his arms he started back toward heaven. Just outside the pearly gates he paused a moment and was astonished to find that the roses were withered and dead. And the baby's smile had vanished. But strong as ever the mother's love remained. So he took this and laid it at the Master's feet as the most loving and lasting thing on earth."

What enormous influence a mother bears upon the character and destiny of her children, whether for good or for evil! One finds it hard to understand how Ahaziah, King of Judah, could be so devoted to evil during the brief year of his reign—until he realizes that the king was guided by the wicked counsels of his idolatrous mother, Athaliah. Can we wonder that Nero was a cruel and bloodthirsty tyrant when we remember his mother Agrippina was a dissolute, intriguing murderess? We are not surprised that the poet Byron led a reckless life when we learn that his mother was a vain, violent, revengeful woman—a woman so devoid of sympathy that she could make jests of her own child's infirmity.

On the other hand, we think of Hannah's godly life and we understand why her son Samuel made an early consecration to the Lord. When we read what strong Christian character there was in Susannah Wesley we are not surprised that her sons were leaders of the Wesleyan revival. Mrs. Spurgeon said: "Now, Lord, if my children go into sin, it will not be from ignorance that they perish"—so she brought them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Her son Charles became "the prince of preachers."

We could go on and on. Thank God for praying mothers. They are the nation's greatest treasure and the Lord's best helpers.—R.C.C.

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NOT LONG AGO when an allergy forced me to take a month off from my work as a singer with the Billy Graham Crusades, it gave me the chance to visit my 84-year-old mother back in Syracuse, N. Y.

One night about 3 a.m. I woke up coughing. I tried to muffle the sound to keep from waking her, but in a minute or two I heard her in the next room fumbling for her slippers.

Mothers don't change; the same instinct which had her on her feet at a whimper from one of her eight babies was getting her out of bed now.

A few minutes later there was a rap on my door and in she came with a cup of hot tea and a plate of her own oatmeal cookies. Except for the white hair framing her face, it might have been 50 years before.

Both of us were remembering an earlier illness when I was between 10 and 12 years old, a mysterious infection which kept me out of school nearly two years—and turned an already shy boy into a monument of self-consciousness.

Big for my age anyway, when I went back to school and was placed in a room with boys and girls two years younger than I was, I wanted to sink through the floor.

The few times when I had to speak in public were agony. The problem persisted even after I left home.

Once in Chicago I was trapped into giving a talk. Wistfully I thought of my father's warm, wise, seemingly effortless sermons back home. A Wesleyan Methodist preacher, Dad always had been as fluent as I was tongue-tied.

And then inspiration came. What if Dad were to outline a talk for me! I wrote giving him the subject and begging him to suggest some good points.

Dad's reply didn't fill a third of the space on a penny postcard: "Son, God helped Baalam's donkey to talk so I'm sure He can do something for you. Love, Dad."

But although Dad would never do for me what I could do for myself, it was he and Mother who helped me at last to move beyond the shyness that would have robbed my life of any chance for service.

As Mother and I talked that night, the past seemed very close. And I found myself recalling other objects that her love and Dad's had endowed with special meaning for me.

The first was a piano. The Shea family had no need for an alarm clock; our day started with Mother singing at the piano.

In singing I found a release from the old problem of bashfulness. As I grew older, I poured out in song thoughts and feelings I had no other way to express.

The final vignette focused on a straight-back chair. It was the chair in which my father sat the night he delivered his final sermon at Willett Memorial Church in Syracuse.

At age 73, cancer had ravished his body and left him too weak to go into the pulpit.

Though Dad's body was weakened, his spirit was never

stronger. His sermon was one of great reassurance. In a sense, his words were much the same as those we found in a note beside his bed after he had gone.

"Life has been wonderful," he wrote, "the promises of God precious, the eternal hope glorious."

I placed the empty teacup on the nightstand.

"Can I give you something more?"

She meant tea, but my thoughts were still on those other things. A piano, a straight-back chair—music, God and hope eternal.

"Thank you, Mother," I said. "You've given me everything I need."

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Mothers Never Change



George Beverly Shea



TWO CITIES OF ISRAEL

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TWO CITIES OF ISRAEL are mentioned prominently in the Gospels. They have little in common except that Jesus took time to pronounce a curse upon one and to tell the glory of God upon the other. These two cities are Capernaum and Jerusalem.

Capernaum (the city of Nahum) was situated upon the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The city is mentioned frequently in the ministry of Christ. John, Luke, and Mark record that Jesus taught in its synagogue. A Roman centurion built a synagogue here and we assume that his soldiers were quartered in the vicinity.

It was in its streets that Levi the taxgatherer was challenged to open discipleship. Peter was a native son and his fishing fleet was based here. Capernaum was a home base for spreading the news of the kingdom of God.

Miracles had a prominent place in Christ's ministry to the city. The mother-in-law of Peter was healed instantly. Paralysis and demons were banished at the words of the Master. But the Lord Jesus placed a woe upon the city for its rank unbelief. Thousands

saw His miracles and attributed them to the powers of darkness. Jesus said that Capernaum would be brought down to hell. He made the observation that if the mighty works that were done in Capernaum had been done in Sodom, that wicked city would have repented and remained.

Archaeologists have not been successful in locating this ancient city. The phrase used by Jesus was, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell," which would imply more than destruction in the usual sense. The earliest object found in the general area is a synagogue built in the second or third century. No trace of an earlier civilization has been found. It is very clear that God will not tolerate unbelief for long. Capernaum received warnings and miracles, but it perished.

Jerusalem, on the other hand, has survived in spite of untold suffering. It has been ravaged by armies and fire. It has suffered revolutions, sieges, famines, and misery. The sword has hung over its head in every generation since its inhabitants demanded the crucifixion of Christ and cried, "His blood be on us and our children."

The walls of Jerusalem have been toppled; its buildings have been torn stone from stone and carted away. Yet Jerusalem remains the chosen city and is destined to be the capital of the world. Every road on earth ultimately will lead to the ancient stone streets of Jerusalem.

Jesus looked over this city and had compassion upon it. He would have gathered its people unto Himself even as a mother hen gathers her brood beneath her feathers. Perhaps the beauty of Jerusalem was that which the Jewish author Stampfer recognized:

"I have seen a city chiseled out of moonlight,
Its buildings beautiful as silver foothills,
While universes shimmered in its corners."

The sad, bleeding heart of exiled Israel is expressed



JERUSALEM—In the top photo Mount Zion is seen in the left background, with the Valley of Hinnom in the center. Lower photo shows modern buildings in Jerusalem, Israel.

in Psalm 137. There, by the rivers of Babylon, they wept. When they were asked to sing a song of Zion they found there was no melody in that strange land. The request was made that if they should forget Jerusalem, let their right hand lose its cunning, and let their tongue cleave to the roof of the mouth. Jerusalem will be the chief joy to the heart of every Israeli for it is the place of hope and deliverance.

The State of Israel is celebrating the 19th anniversary of its Independence Day. The new state was born on May 14, 1948. The word had gone out that at 4 p.m. the official declaration would be read and signed in Tel Aviv. Two hundred leaders of Palestine Jewry were invited to the historic event. It was not publicized widely for fear the British Mandate officials would interfere—but as early as 2 p.m. the streets were jammed with thousands of Jews waving homemade blue and white flags emblazoned with the star of David.

The decision had been made earlier in the week to call the new state "Israel." The Tel Aviv Museum was alive with activity as the waiting throng anticipated the philharmonic orchestra's playing of the "Hatikva."

David Ben-Gurion stood to read the declaration. Rabbi Maimon had escaped by plane from Jerusalem, which was under siege, to be on hand to thank the Almighty for "sustaining us so that we could live to see this day."

Earlier in the week, the Jewish National Council had decided there was no need to mention boundaries in the official documents of state. It is noteworthy that the territory which God promised to Abraham is much greater than the Israelis now possess.

These 19 years have been years of challenge for the new state. There were 650,000 Israeli citizens in 1948. Almost 250,000 new immigrants came from Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Yemen, and India. The people of the Diaspora were coming home.

As soon as the tidings of the new state reached the Yemenite Jews, they left in a body—45,000 men, women and children. They braved the perils of an uncharted desert to get to Israel.

A literal landslide of humanity started the homeward trek. From Bulgaria, Libya, Poland, and Roumania they

came. In the beginning only 20 percent of the immigrants could speak Hebrew. In five years this was reversed so that only 20 percent of the people conversed in foreign languages.

Vast housing, economic, and social developments have been underway. Israel now lives within its own borders for the first time in over 2000 years. But storm clouds hang over the Middle East and we know that the consummation of history will be in the Valley of Hinnom. The Messiah is yet to reign at the city of Jerusalem. The ancient throne of David is to be established in the chosen city.

In his latest book, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion writes movingly: "The days of the Messiah are not yet, and the redemption of Jewry and mankind comes slowly. The miracles of science and technology in the first half of this century have cleared a way for the metamorphosis of humanity but entail many hazards. And yet, the footsteps of the Messiah are faintly to be heard even now: never before did our people see a return to Zion in such multitudes as in the early days of Israel's revival, though some millions still await it, many of them immured in exile." Mr. Ben-Gurion also states that the first signs are visible of the fulfillment of the prophecy, "The root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek."

These two cities had a prominent place in the life and ministry of Christ. Capernaum, though blessed with mighty works, perished in unbelief. Jerusalem, though cursed with siege and famine, was the scene of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church on the Day of Pentecost. Jerusalem is yet to see greater signs and greater miracles, for her King is coming. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again to Jerusalem. He shall reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, and of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end.

CAPERNAUM—The city where Jesus preached was located somewhere on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, seen in the photo below, but archeologists cannot find any trace of it. Many think the third-century synagogue ruins (right) are on the same site.



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THIS PRESENT WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

Catholics Invited to Join Baptists' Crusade

A Baptist official has invited Roman Catholics to participate in the evangelistic "Crusade of the Americas" to be sponsored by Baptist bodies in 1969.

"I think it would be marvelous for the Roman Catholics to take part in this great evangelism activity," said Dr. Wayne Dehoney, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Coordinator for the North American phases of the crusade, he said other non-Baptist groups had disclosed they might join in the unprecedented "revival."

Even in its present Baptists-only form, the crusade will involve 100,000 churches and 15,000,000 Baptists in 26 countries.

Canadian Mennonites Consider Migrating

Mennonites in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, are considering a mass migration to British Honduras because of what they call government interference in their simple farming life. Residents there for 165 years, they are irritated over the government's extension of the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Act to cover farmers. The Old Order Mennonites strongly object and want exemption on the grounds that they do not pay salaries and do not want to benefit from the Act. If they refuse to make back payments, they could be jailed.

A spokesman for their group said they were attracted by an agreement signed by the British Honduras government and Mennonites there in 1958. It guarantees freedom of worship, freedom from compulsory social legislation, and freedom to operate their own schools.

Health Officer Calls Liquor Worse Than Dope

Speaking at Stanford University, Dr. Joel Fort said those who claim to be worried about LSD and marijuana should, if consistent, be much more concerned about the use of alcohol. He said alcohol is the most widely used mind-altering drug and is responsible for about half the highway accidents and half the crimes in the United States every year. He estimated that 80,000,000 Americans drink, and that about 6,000,000 are dependent on alcohol.

"People in entrenched positions do not like to have their values and way of life questioned," he said. "LSD is more easily condemned than alcohol because its use is concentrated among young people."

Smoking Death Rate Shows Sharp Increase

Diseases linked by the Public Health Service with cigarette smoking are killing Americans at a higher rate every year, in spite of the fact that the overall death rate from diseases in general is declining.

That was the substance of a report issued recently in which the Public Health Service compared the number of deaths per 100,000 population in the years from 1950 to 1964. Eleven diseases associated with smoking were

the cause of 253 of every 100,000 American deaths in 1950, the report said. By 1964 these same diseases were killing Americans at the rate of 349 per 100,000 population—an increase of 40 percent in 14 years.

Moves to Abolish (Toy) War

California Assemblyman John L. Burton, Sacramento, has declared war on the production of "toys of violence." He urges parents to buy skates, ball bats, and Tinkertoys instead of toy bazookas, zap guns, sonic blasters, bombers, bombs, grenades, and tanks.

"To make war, death, and violence attractive and appealing to youngsters can only have an adverse effect on the sense of values these children will acquire," Burton said.

Bombed Vietnamese Village Receives NAE Aid

When US planes accidentally bombed a South Vietnamese village, compassion and mercy channeled through the World Relief Commission (relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, USA) found its way to these suffering villagers.

Peter J. Wiwcharuk, deputy director of the World Relief Commission's center in Hue, South Vietnam, reports that on March 4 he was intercepted by a US Special Forces officer who informed him of the bombing and told him the devastated village had only one day's food supply. Immediately all available stocks of emergency food were transported to the ravaged area. Within the next two days six flights were made aboard military aircraft carrying supplies of corn, milk, rolled wheat, and salad oil as well as bales of much-needed clothing.

The World Relief Commission's program of relief, training, and self-assistance in Vietnam has won wide recognition from both the Vietnamese and US governments since its inception in 1965.

ISRAEL

Israeli Engineers Study Scriptures

On the premise that Israel cannot be fully understood without some knowledge of its Biblical background and religious history, a course in "Bible and Jewish History" is taught at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Included in the course are such themes as the nature of the Bible, the meaning of prophecy, and the "problem of Messianism as represented by Jesus."

Ninety percent of the 230 students currently enrolled in the elective course are foreign-born.

Will Arabs Overpower Jews by Population Growth?

Because Arabs are gaining on the Jews by the population-explosion route, observers are wondering if Israel might end up as a binational Jewish-Arab state with Arabs in the majority within three generations.

A study found that Arabs living in Israel increase three and one-half times in one generation while the Jewish rate of increase is only one and one-half times. If this continues, within 75 years Israel could have some

12,000,000 Arabs and 10,000,000 Jews. Presently it has about 2,400,000 Jews and 300,000 Arabs.

Israeli Rabbis Protest Christian Missionaries

A vigorous campaign against Christian missionary activities was launched by 400 rabbis meeting in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate. Yitzhak Nissim, chief rabbi primate of Zion, presided at the conference.

One speaker stressed the necessity of complete religious freedom for non-Jews in Israel but urged passage of a law prohibiting proselytizing. Another spokesman from an Orthodox group made a lengthy speech which charged that Christian missionary work has increased in Israel. In his list of missionary activities he included even the courses on Judaism offered for Christian theologians at Hebrew University, the work of Danish and German volunteers in Kibbutzim, and all efforts for promoting Jewish-Christian dialogue.

WORLDWIDE

Protestant Missionary Count: 43,000

At present there are at least 43,000 Protestant missionaries of all denominations serving throughout the world. According to researchers for the French Protestant Information Service in Paris, there are 27,000 from the United States and Canada; 7,000 from Great Britain; 1,700 from Australia; 1,540 from Sweden; 1,300 from Germany; 538 from Switzerland; and 350 from France. The statistics include the wives of missionaries (who usually also have full-time missionary responsibility).

Colombian Evangelicals' Report Released

There are 445 Protestant schools in Colombia, according to a census of evangelical work just released by Dr. James E. Goff, secretary of information for the Evangelical Federation of Colombia. Apart from the elementary and secondary schools, there are 19 Bible-training and theological institutions, the largest of which is Central Bible Institute in Bogota, operated by the Assemblies of God. It has 111 students.

In broadcasting, Protestants have 36 radio programs with a total of 98 transmissions weekly and one television program.

The total number of Bibles and Scripture portions sold during 1965 came to 1,198,709—more than double the 1960 total, the report said.

Proselyting Must Stop, Moroccan Government Warns

The minister of religious affairs of the Moroccan government has informed the president of the Reformed Church in Morocco that the government is becoming increasingly concerned at the growing proselytism among its Muslim subjects, according to a report in *The Sunday Times*. He warned that if this activity is not curbed, legislative action will be taken to stop it.

The official explained the Moroccan government's interpretation of "religious liberty" means that Jews and Christians have liberty to practice their religions, but this does not include the right to proselytize. He further indicated that because of the king's position as religious leader as well as head of state, any activity intended to turn a Muslim from his religious allegiance may be regarded as against the "head of state."



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Does speaking in other tongues mean utterance in foreign languages?

It may mean this, but not always. When a person speaks in other tongues, it is usually in a spirit of worship and devotion to God, and the utterance is understood by God. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him" (1 Corinthians 14:2). There are instances, even today, when persons speak in a language understood by others, as at Pentecost (Acts 2:8), but Paul indicated that this is not usually the case.

Does a person have to talk in other tongues every day to be assured he is still filled with the Spirit?

No. We are to judge our experience (if in doubt) by our devotion to Christ and by the manner of our conduct. We ought to seek always to do those things which we believe the Lord wants us to do, and then trust in the merit of what Jesus has done for us in His death on the cross.

There is great blessing, however, in speaking in tongues during times of private prayer, if the Spirit of God so moves upon us. And if the Lord wants us to give a message in tongues during a public service, we ought to yield to Him and obey.

In 1 Corinthians 14:22 Paul says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not; but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." Then he seems to contradict himself in verse 23, "If . . . all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?" Please explain this for me.

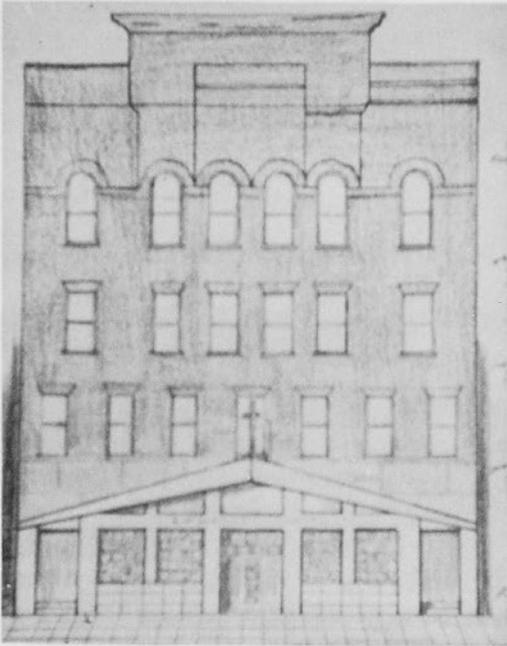
To understand what Paul had in mind you ought to read the whole chapter. Much confusion was resulting in the Corinthian church through excessive use of utterance gifts. Therefore the church meetings were becoming meetings of confusion rather than services of edification.

Paul defines what he means by prophecy—speaking to men for the purpose of edification, exhortation, and comfort. This can be accomplished better through speaking in the native language than through the unknown tongue. This speaking, however, would not carry the "sign" element that the speaking in tongues might.

If all a newcomer heard was speaking in tongues, might he not go away saying these people were mad (insane)? But if they were to have the message brought to them in the language they knew, they would thus be instructed, convicted, and saved. While tongues might serve as a sign, abuse of the tongues would bring only confusion and disgust.

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.

AT THE GATEWAY OF AMERICA LIES A
VAST MISSION FIELD RIPE FOR HARVESTING



This is how the Revival Center in Harlem will appear after remodeling of the recently purchased property.

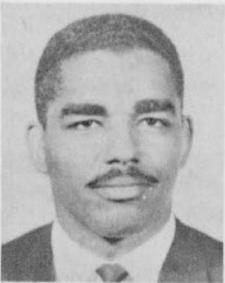
HARLEM—one of the most neglected mission fields of the world—soon will have an Assemblies of God Revival Center.

Missionaries have gone to most of the countries of the world with the gospel, but it is only recently that God has raised up a man with a burden for his own people in Harlem. Thurman Faison, pastor of Emanuel Chapel, was saved in one of our Assemblies of God churches while serving his country. Following his discharge he enrolled in the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and was graduated as valedictorian of his class.

While serving as a staff member of Teen Challenge in New York City in the summer of 1960, he came in touch with the need in Harlem. God burdened his heart to open a center in this harvest field.

With the cooperation of others, he took the gospel to the people on the streets of Harlem. The police were most cooperative; they blocked off a street for a period of five nights. Thus the gospel was preached, and the Lord confirmed His Word with signs following. Many

Revival Center to Open in Harlem



Services are now being held on the second floor of this building (below) but the facilities are inadequate. The large warehouse (at right) has been purchased and will be renovated for use in the Revival Center outreach. (Pastor Thurman Faison at left.)

By PAUL R. BUCHWALTER

Home Missions Director of the New York District



were healed in answer to the prayers of the workers. One of these was a 20-year-old deaf youth.

At present the congregation is meeting over a saloon where revelers and a jukebox give out competing sounds—a disturbing element to workers and worshipers alike.

To secure adequate facilities workers made a survey of available buildings. They purchased a five-story building which will provide space for the multi-purpose outreach of the Revival Center.

When completely renovated, the building will have a new church front, an auditorium on the first floor for worship services, Sunday school rooms, and recreational facilities.

At first we were assured the building could be converted to our use at a figure within budget possibilities. However, the bids submitted to us by contractors were

in the price range of \$250,000 for the completed building. Since this exceeded our budget, plans were delayed for more than a year.

We have sought for ways to complete a portion of the building in order to gain immediate occupancy. We have done a limited amount of work; but \$80,000 is needed to complete part of the basement and the first floor. Only then will we be able to secure the much-desired certificate of occupancy from the city.

Pastor Faison is itinerating in New York. As a result some churches have placed this project in their budgets. To realize the vision the Lord has given for this corner of His vineyard, additional prayer and financial support are urgently needed.

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Editor's note: This outreach is part of the Special Ministries division of the National Home Missions Department. Offerings will receive World Ministries credit.

MORE THAN 200 DEAF participated in a joyous service on Easter Sunday evening at Bethel Temple, Canton, Ohio. They were part of the congregation of 700 who assembled to hear the 50-voice choir present the cantata, "Amazing Love."

A smaller choir of eight performed from specially prepared risers on the opposite side of the platform. Led by Miss Linda Dixon, whose parents are deaf, they signed the cantata for the benefit of the deaf.

Many deaf drove as far as 75 miles in response to invitations mailed to Canton, Akron, Youngstown, and other nearby communities.

Pastor Robert M. Graber states he was greatly moved by the apparent enjoyment of the deaf. He praised the choir members for the deep feeling they put into their interpretation.

At the conclusion of the cantata, while Pastor Graber preached to the hearing audience, Anthony Callies, a senior at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., gave the sermon in the language of signs. (Mr. Callies, who is preparing for evangelistic ministry among the deaf, was accompanied to Canton by Haruhiko Yamasaki, a deaf Japanese student at CBC. Mr. Yamasaki plans to return to Japan after graduation.)

Following the evening service a fellowship hour for the deaf produced spiritual results. As they enjoyed cookies and coffee, the deaf evangelism team engaged in personal work. Altogether, in the three services on Easter, Pastor Graber stated they witnessed more than 30 decisions for Christ.

DEAF 'HEAR' AN EASTER CANTATA



Deep feeling showed on the faces of these choir members as they presented "Amazing Love" in the language of signs.

INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS TOOLS

THE AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE, Phoenix, Ariz., needs tools to expedite construction of the new building which will be under way soon. All types of mechanical and hand tools in any quantity are needed as well as the following larger items:

shop smith	drill press	table saws
power saws	band saws	cement mixer
jointers	routers	welder
	sanders	

Western Gillette or other freight lines may ship tools to the Bible school free (marked "charity") if they are donated to the school. Income tax credit can be claimed.

Offerings designated "Tools for American Indian Bible Institute" may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. World Ministries Credit will be given.

SAUL CHOSEN KING

Sunday School Lesson for May 21, 1967

1 SAMUEL 10:17-26

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

SAUL'S PREPARATION (1 Samuel 9:1-27)

His Background. He was son of a man of wealth and social status—"a mighty man of power."

His Personal Appearance. Physically, Saul stood head and shoulders above the people (9:2).

His Character. "A choice young man, and a goodly" (9:2). Saul possessed many admirable traits when God chose him. He was obedient to his father (9:3,4); he was tenderly concerned about his father's feelings (9:5); he was persevering and ready to take advice from an inferior (9:6-10); he was humble in his estimation of himself (9:21).

SAUL'S ANOINTING (1 Samuel 10:1)

In both Old and New Testaments oil symbolizes the power of God and the Holy Spirit. It was customary to anoint priests, kings, and sometimes prophets with oil as a sign of their consecration to office. Samuel explained the purpose of Saul's anointing as follows, "Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain

over his inheritance?" Similarly, every Christian needs the anointing of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life, to be a witness to others of God's saving grace, and to render spiritual service.

SAUL'S CONFIRMATION (1 Samuel 10:2-13)

Samuel anointed and kissed Saul. Then as he sent Saul on his way, he predicted three events which would serve as a divine confirmation and equipping for the work to which Saul was called.

1. He would be met by men who would report to him the finding of the lost asses. He would thus know that Samuel was speaking for God and not from his own mind.

2. Later three men would meet him and give him a portion of an offering they were going to give to God. His receiving a lesser portion would signify that as king he shared honor with God, but was at the same time subject to God.

3. Finally he would experience the reality symbolized by the anointing oil. He would meet a band of Bible school students—young men gathered and trained by Samuel to perpetuate the prophetic ministry in Israel. When he met these Spirit-anointed young men, the Holy Spirit would come upon him, and his life would be changed.

All this came to pass as foretold, and Saul, the country boy, was endowed with spiritual gifts and powers which enabled him to serve as king over Israel.

These happenings suggest the following lessons:

- God will grant confirmations to those He calls.
- In the measure that men yield to the Spirit of the Lord will prophetic gifts be in evidence.
- As it was by "the Spirit of the Lord" that Saul was "turned into another man," so today spiritual transformation of life, character, and ministry can be only through the same Spirit (Ephesians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

SAUL'S PRESENTATION (1 Samuel 10:17-27)

Samuel's Wisdom (vv. 17-19). All that had taken place thus far had been private and preparatory. Samuel's public action was very diplomatic as he gave the people some part in selecting their king.

Saul's Humility (v. 22). Because he was humbly conscious of his unfitness for such an honor, Saul hid himself and had to be urged to appear before the people. How sad that such attractive humility was so soon replaced by arrogant pride and presumption!

Samuel's Largeness of Heart (v. 24). What a truly "big" man Samuel was! How wholeheartedly he did all that was necessary to prepare and present Saul as his successor. Instead of being sulky, resentful, jealous, or bitter, he manifested a love and concern for Saul that was deep and genuine. He was big enough to let another man be exalted in his stead if thereby God would be glorified. Such selfless devotion to God is still needed today.

Saul's Largeness of Heart (v. 24). Saul, too, showed magnanimity by keeping silent and refusing to retaliate when insulted publicly by a group of disgruntled folk. Because of this quality and other previously mentioned traits, Saul was welcomed into the hearts of the people (v. 26). Thus all the ingredients for success were available to Saul—as they are to all Christians. No man, however weak, need fail to fulfill God's purposes for his life.

THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS TODAY



DURING MY LATE TEEN YEARS I became ill with tuberculosis and was admitted to a sanatorium. Various treatments prescribed by the doctors were of no avail and so began a long, drawn-out "rest cure." Before it was over, my life was to be transformed completely by the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the sanatorium I was often invited by other ambulatory patients to attend the weekly Bible studies conducted by an Assemblies of God lady. I went frequently, even though at times I was under such deep conviction I vowed never to go again. Having been reared in a Buddhist environment, I knew almost nothing of God's love and His gracious plan of salvation.

Some months later, several of us were invited by

God's Grace in the Life of a Former Buddhist



Fumi Furumasu

the teacher to attend the Easter Sunday service at her church. Even though I cannot recall the message as particularly impressing me, I went to the altar along with others. The Holy Spirit was faithful to lead a girl so ignorant of spiritual things to the Saviour. I wept as I knelt in His presence and let Jesus come into my heart to abide.

I knew God had done something very wonderful for me, and the devil knew it too. He began his attack with a laughing remark by one of the girls who had attended the service with me. "They surely work on people's emotions, don't they?" she said.

That was the beginning of a battle with doubts as to the reality of salvation, but God did not forsake me. A desire was born in my heart to read the Bible, to pray, and to please Him in everything. Hence, many of the things I used to do and say passed away; other things with which I struggled for a time were forsaken as God dealt with me regarding them. Step by step, He led me in the way I should go.

Four months later, God graciously baptized me in the Holy Spirit. What a glorious experience! It made Jesus so precious and real. After this, the devil was never again able to make me doubt the born-again experience.

One of the patients who attended the service on the evening when I was filled with the Spirit was a young Swedish man. He had not believed that speaking in tongues was of God, but that night he was thoroughly convinced. He told the pastor that he had heard me speak fluently in his native Swedish language, praising and magnifying the Saviour.

In the classes I had been taught from the Scriptures that Jesus healed all manner of sickness and diseases,

Yet my next X ray revealed that the cavity on the left lung had enlarged. Doctors advised surgery.

After looking to the Lord Jesus for help I decided against surgery. Doctors tried every means to dissuade me, from my "misguided decision," saying that there was only one slight chance in a hundred that I would recover without surgery. Trusting God, I said I would take that chance. A later X ray showed the cavity had closed, but my testing was not over yet.

After a severe chest cold the cavity reopened. Again I decided to trust God and leave the consequences to Him. Great is His faithfulness! He undertook for me in a wonderful manner, and I was released as an arrested case.

Three months later came the Pearl Harbor attack, and eventually the evacuation of those of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast areas. This affected our family. We chose to relocate voluntarily in the Inland Empire, and through the kindness of several Caucasian friends we settled in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I was especially happy to find an Assemblies of God church not far from my new home.

During this period of uncertainty and stress the trouble in my lung was reactivated, and it became necessary for me to be hospitalized again. This time doctors recommended complete removal of my left lung. The outlook was grim, but I had a wonderful God in whom to trust, and again I decided against surgery.

Four years of deep testings followed. Had God forgotten? Some mocked and ridiculed the stand I had taken, but "underneath were the everlasting arms," and there were faithful friends who stood with me in believing prayer.

The time came, however, when I felt there was little time left for me unless God undertook. So I asked Him to cause my sputum tests to be negative just long enough for me to return home for a short visit. Then I asked the medical director if I might try the medications.

He was reluctant, explaining that even though these drugs might help temporarily, which he doubted, it would definitely not be longer than three months unless combined with surgery. Within a month's time my sputum became negative, and I soon received permission for a two-weeks' leave of absence.

I returned to the hospital, but my sputum tests continued negative. The doctors approached me regarding surgery "before a relapse occurs." But since God had brought me through thus far, I decided to continue without surgery. About a year later I was released from the hospital.

How good and faithful the Lord has been to me. I am so grateful for the many friends who never ceased to believe in and to pray for my recovery. The X rays reveal an almost completely destroyed lung, and yet by divine power I am kept well.

In retrospect, I can say that, difficult as the years of my illness were, they were worthwhile in many ways. I am rich in spiritual values and realities, rich in precious lifetime friends. Above all, God has given me a part in helping others to find the Saviour who has done so much for me.—Fumi Furumasu, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor Harold W. Actipis, First Assembly of God, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.)

'RECEIVE YE THE HOLY SPIRIT'

By MARIE E. BROWN, New York City

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY, the anniversary of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The word *Pentecost* means "50," and it took place 50 days after the Resurrection. The giving of the Spirit is described in Acts 2:1-4:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Peter explained this strange occurrence to the people around by saying, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:32, 33).

What was it they could see and hear? They could see the tongues of fire and hear the wind and the speaking in tongues.

Now what did this manifestation mean, and what are we to learn from it? Pentecost stood for lives consecrated to God, lives set apart for a purpose, and lives endowed with power forcefully to witness to an adequate way of life. The Church seems today to be living between the Resurrection and Pentecost. If she would only move up to Pentecost, nothing in this world could stop her.

Imagine the Early Church without Pentecost: those men going out with that wonderful message and they themselves not possessing the power of it! Pentecost made the men and the message one, hence their power. The Cross was the birth-pain of the coming Church, and the Resurrection heralded the coming birth; but Pentecost was the time when the Church was born.

Here men were commissioned to proclaim a crucified Jesus as Saviour and Master, to establish the new world order of the kingdom of God. But this was to be done in the face of much opposition, and without Pentecost it would have been impossible. It was not enough for them to see Him and hear Him say, "Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." No, not even His presence and commission were enough; for up to Pentecost the whole thing was on the outside of them, objective, something spoken and acted before them. It was not *in* them. Pentecost then was the power that came *within* and possessed them. Hence they became irresistible disciples with a great passion.

The Church has shied away from Pentecost. She is afraid of it. Teaching concerning the Holy Spirit is

the most vague and uncertain part of the life of the Church. Arthur Hurd said, "It is the undiscovered country of Christianity, the dark continent of Christian life, the land where our spiritual resources lie undeveloped."

There was a time when the Christian Church celebrated Whitsunday, the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit, more than she did Christmas. Did she find it was easier to celebrate Christ's birth, to commemorate His coming into the world, than it was for her to go with His message to the world? Did it cost less to give gifts at Christmas than to give herself at Pentecost? Christmas is the festival of God *with* us; Pentecost is the festival of God *in* us. Is He more with us than in us?

Two things remain in Pentecost as permanent: power for living and power for life-giving. Only prayer can keep this life-giving Spirit alive in us, for prayer is the breath of life in every Christian. Thus it is befitting that it should be made the first step in receiving the Spirit. *Prayer* precipitated Pentecost. Those 10 days in prayer brought the disciples face to face with themselves and with their resources.

The second step is *self-abandonment*. In John's Gospel it is said that the reason the Spirit had not yet been given was that "Jesus was not yet glorified." When He went to the throne the Spirit was given. It is not different today. There is only one thing that keeps us from receiving the Holy Spirit—Jesus is not on the throne of our lives. Another master is there. It is only empty hands that can grasp Christ. When we are sure that we are withholding nothing, we may then be sure that God is withholding nothing. The gift of the Holy Spirit may then become ours.

The third step is *faith*. Many fail to go boldly in and possess the land, but they could if they talked faith with God. The promise is to all. Note the Lord said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." The verb *receive* is in the active voice, so that it might be translated, "Take ye the Holy Ghost." We are not to wait passively; we are to reach out and take the offered gift. Faith is the venture that dares; it is simply taking what in all sincerity God offers. But faith is not merely an act that takes. It is more; it is an act and an attitude. When one has this faith-attitude there sets in what may be called spiritual initiative, and things will happen in such lives.

Pentecost is not the end: it is just the beginning. The spiritual life is both a gift and a growth. As the Holy Spirit was given after 10 days of prayer, so the spiritual life must be maintained by prayer. By watchfulness and careful living we are to guard the gift that was committed to us, the blessed Holy Spirit.

If we do not receive the Spirit, then we deliberately cancel the divine program for us. If we have not the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it is because we do not want Him, or perhaps I should say do not want Him sufficiently to go through the necessary steps. Only those who bring to Him the price of their all, and believe His Word, shall receive. God has no favorites. That power can be yours, for the Holy Spirit is given to them that ask. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Pentecost is not a spiritual luxury; it is an utter necessity for victorious, Christlike living. The human fails unless the Holy Spirit fills. The Sermon on the Mount is beautiful; but without Pentecost and the power

of the Holy Spirit it is impossible of achievement. We cannot go farther until we go deeper, nor can we go farther until we receive our Pentecost.

For a testimony as to the blessedness of this gift, I would like to say that 60 years ago last October I received my Pentecost just as did the 120 in the upper room in Jerusalem. I am sure that I would not have been this long in Glad Tidings Tabernacle were it not for His abiding presence and power. This path was His choosing for me, and it has been with great joy as well as suffering and trial that I have walked it as a co-worker with Him. The Holy Spirit has made the Lord Jesus Christ a living reality, and together our fellowship has been most precious.

And the promise is unto you. "Receive ye the Holy Spirit."

IN WRITING TO TIMOTHY, Paul called to remembrance "the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice" (2 Timothy 1:5). Their many intercessions were now bearing fruit in the life of Timothy.

What of the prayers of the mothers and grandmothers of our time? A glorious fact is becoming increasingly clear to me as I see how certain intercessions of a generation or two ago are now being honored of God. As a result of the faithful supplications of parents and grandparents, the windows of heaven are opening today upon young people who otherwise might not be saved. Quite evidently there is more to follow.

One case very precious to me is that of an Oklahoma grandmother who prayed for years for her family. The family moved farther west after the death of the father, and still the mother prayed on. In a western city her daughter met and married an unsaved man. God blessed their home with a baby boy, and the grandmother now focused her prayers on this grandchild. Faithfully she prayed and regularly she took him to the house of God.

When the boy was in his early teens, the grandmother became ill. Knowing she would not live long, she called for her grandchild. Like the dying Jacob of old, she prayed for him, still believing God for his salvation.

The answer to her many prayers came soon after her death. The Spirit of God began to move in that city, and the first person to surrender to the Lord was the grandson.

Within a few days he brought his best friend to Christ. The fire of God spread throughout the congregation as one after another of the young people surrendered, were touched with the fire of God's Holy Spirit, and went out to witness.

This group of newly saved young people were invited to witness in another city. There a similar miracle began

God Does Not Forget

By ZELMA ARGUE, Santa Monica, California

to unfold. As the fire of God moved upon youthful hearts there, one young man in particular responded.

Back of this response was another faithful grandmother. The boy's mother had left the home and the grandmother had stepped in to care for the children. Daily she witnessed for Christ both in word and in deed, and her prayers ascended to God unceasingly on behalf of the children.

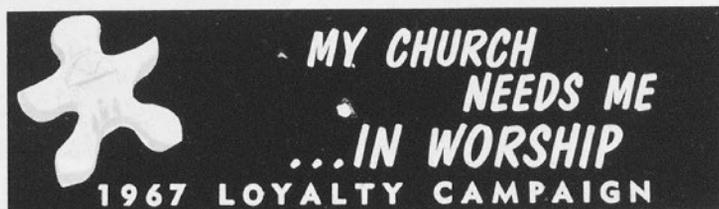
When her grandson came to Christ she rejoiced to see God's power upon him. Other young people were attracted by his witness, and he grew in grace.

Youth prayer meetings were started in the church. Young people were filled with the Spirit, and God used them to reach other teen-agers. At the request of the youth director, the newly filled young witnesses went to the Sunday school classrooms to bear testimony. In this way they reached some who only attended Sunday school, and a number were saved.

"Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears," the apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy. Timothy's tears had touched the heart of the great apostle and brought him comfort and courage.

But back of Timothy's tears were those of his mother and his grandmother, shed in faith that God would bless and use him. These, like a moisture-laden cloud, brought showers of blessing to hallow and make fruitful the life of the young man Timothy.

The fervent prayers of many who are now with the Lord are still being answered today. Let the parents and grandparents who still pray without seeing the answer be encouraged. Not all our prayers are answered immediately, but God does not forget them. He will answer! Let us be faithful!



WHAT IS MISSIONETTES WEEK?

MISSIONETTES WEEK, May 14-21, is an opportunity for the entire church to learn more about our missions-centered program for girls aged 9 through 15. It will show how Missionettes can benefit the church, the home, and the individual girl.

Shortly after Missionettes was begun in 1956, a goal was set to establish one new club every day. Now with the program in its 12th year, the number of established clubs exceeds that goal. More than 4,500 clubs

are active around the world, involving about 50,000 girls in the program.

The Missionettes motto, "We Care," will be used by many groups as a theme for the week's activities.

Through the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program Missionettes are challenged to read and memorize the Scriptures, complete varied handwork projects, and participate in activities of special interest to girls.

Missionettes is an organization with a purpose. Girls are involved in spiritually oriented activities and are growing in the Lord as they find a place of service. The training they are receiving now will be invaluable as they take up later responsibilities as homemakers, mothers, missionaries, and lay workers in the church of tomorrow.

(A planning guide for Missionettes Week is included in the May issue of *Advance* magazine.) 

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ACTIVITY STIMULATES INTEREST. This statement could very well be the theme of the Missionettes of Friendly Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri, where William Cambers is pastor. Our club started with 10 members two years ago and now has 20 members as well as the sponsor and two cosponsors.

Girls who belong to the club have made two crib quilts and some stuffed animals which they sent to the Robersons, home missionaries in Flagstaff, Arizona, for Christmas.

The Missionettes made and decorated 11 dozen cookies for the Highlands Children's Home in Kansas City at Christmastime. They also made leather comb cases and coin purses as well as Christmas decorations for Highlands. They sent three boxes of toys and clothing to the Latin American Orphanage in Acapulco, Mexico.

Last year the Missionettes fixed all the food for our mother-daughter banquet. There were 30 present. With the way the club is growing we expect at least 55 to attend this year's banquet.

These girls love to do things for others. One day when there was no school, they arranged a picnic for the boys and girls from the Highlands Children's Home. Then they toured a potato chip factory.

One girl sends get-well cards to persons in the church who are ill. The Missionettes have a scrapbook with snapshots and a record of activities. We are starting a collection of flags from suggestions given in *Missionettes Memos*.

The girls strive to do neat work. They are learning to work together and participating in the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program. The girls are very serious at club time and want to learn.

I love working with these girls. With the help of the Lord and two efficient cosponsors, Roberta Layton and Carolyn Carter, we will move ahead. God has certainly blessed the girls and we have gained new members for our Sunday school because of Missionettes.

—Mrs. Jean Gerth, Kansas City, Missouri.

MISSIONETTES WEEK

MAY 14-21



Dawn Feller of Springfield, Mo., typifies a Missionettes Honor Star.

GIRLS IN PUERTO RICO ENJOY MISSIONETTES



IT HAS BECOME TRADITIONAL for many Missionettes Clubs to have a mother-daughter banquet during May. The Junior Missionettes Club in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, was organized in 1966, and the first activity was such a banquet. The girls made corsages and centerpieces for the event. Ladies of the church donated the food.

An early project was to make Easter crosses with verses of greeting written in Spanish. These were for the Spanish division of their church. A box of groceries was given to the Monge family who are in charge of the Spanish work.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. B. G. Graham and Mrs. C. L. Pettersen Sr., an active Missionettes Club was soon functioning. Shortly after the club was organized, Mrs. Pettersen had a Tupperware party and gave the proceeds to the Missionettes. This gift of more than \$25 helped get the club on its feet financially.

For Mother's Day the girls made gifts for their own mothers as well as for the mothers at a mission in Yauco, Puerto Rico. The Victor Coutzies, pastors of the mission, were given a box of groceries.

By planning ahead the sponsors of this club have been able to keep their girls interested. Fathers received gifts on their special day. Soft-drink cans with the tops cut out were painted black and covered with sea shells. These made attractive pencil holders.

In June the Missionettes gave enough money to purchase 25 songbooks for the Spanish church and 12 Sunday school quarterlies to use in prison services.

In July they purchased material to make uniforms and also observed Missionettes Week. Activities included a progressive dinner, beach breakfast, picnic, and slumber party. The Missionettes had charge of the Sunday morning service in their church. By this time five girls had finished the first step of the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program and were honored for becoming Susannas.

The girls were a great blessing to a needy family. The epileptic father could not hold a job. Twins were born to the family in February, and one died from malnutrition. The Missionettes took as their project the providing of food and milk for the other baby. They also gave the family a large box of groceries. This project terminated when the family moved away in November.

In December each girl brought a small gift to a club meeting. These gifts were then given to a little boy who had been hospitalized for three months. The Missionettes also gathered good, used toys which they cleaned, repaired, and wrapped for the children of the Spanish church.

Again their mothers received gifts of booklets which they had compiled. Each girl brought three or four of

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LIFE

LIVING THE DETACHED

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

YOU HAVE HEARD of what well-seasoned saints in earlier years called "living the detached life." To them it was a close and fruitful walk with God. It should be so with us today, after one has met the Lord Jesus and made a full commitment to Him. Already He may have tenderly loosened our "clinging fingers" from various earthly objects tightly held and too dearly prized.

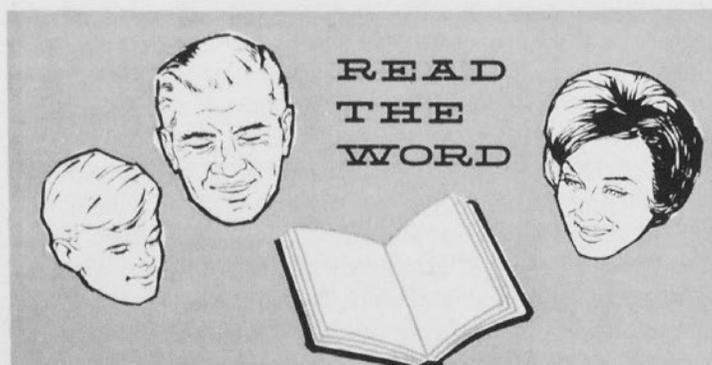
Awakened to the jealousy and richness of His love, perhaps your hold has loosened considerably; yet there is still the desire to maintain a grasp on some treasured thing. There may be controversy within over the matter, with the faithful Holy Spirit endeavoring to quicken to your heart Paul's searching words, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above... set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with

Christ in God." Paul here depicts this detached life for which there must be a complete "cutting loose" to know its full blessing and power.

Did you ever hold an object so tightly that the impress of your fingernails remained in the palm of your hand? This very thing can happen to your heart as well, when you hold any treasure, any individual so tightly that you injure yourself and actually hinder God's desired purpose in your life. Undue attachment to natural things can blind one to real values of consecrated living, causing one to lose the balance of true abandonment to God. The sweet, holy intimacy of communion with Him can be easily destroyed by such attachments.

A mother discovered her small son with his hand caught in a priceless vase. Anxious to preserve the vase, she gently tugged at the little hand in an effort to release it. But all to no avail. Finally she said, "Sonny, are you holding your fingers straight when I pull?" "No muvver," came the answer; "I can't or I'll lose my free pennies." Three pennies and clinging fingers were that little boy's price of liberty. The mother soon solved the difficulty! Have not God's dear children frequently lost their glorious Blood-bought liberty in a similar manner?

Sometimes there is an attempt to bargain with God—always a serious matter. Lot tried this when God warned him by the delivering angel to flee to the mountain for safety—as far as possible from Sodom. Genesis 19:17 plainly states how complete the breakaway was to be; it allowed no compromise whatever. But foolish Lot stopped to parley, begging to go only halfway to the town of Zoar because it was near and "just a little city." The angel agreed; but Lot finally had to escape to the mountain after all. The spirit of Sodom clung to the whole family; for they had clung to Sodom dangerously close to the hour of destruction, thus delaying the merciful escape God was granting "for Abraham's sake."



READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14-21

Sunday	John 15, 16	Thursday	Acts 1, 2
Monday	John 17, 18	Friday	Acts 3, 4
Tuesday	John 19, 20	Saturday	Acts 5, 6
Wednesday	John 21	Sunday	Acts 7, 8

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

"Just a little city" has been the reservation of some who hesitated to go all the way, looking for any tiny loophole that might delay or avoid the anticipated pain of the complete separation God desired. Clinging tenaciously to some object of affection, they have been startled to behold it wither in their very grasp; and one day the clinging fingers relaxed to reveal—only ashes. The selfish withholding from God has often brought sorrow to other lives beside themselves.

We never would have heard of Mary's alabaster box of precious ointment had she held it to herself with clinging fingers. The giving, the breaking brought that flowing forth of fragrance which filled all the house, its perfume reaching down to us even today. In her love for Jesus her dearest earthly treasure was freely poured forth. And what rich commendation she received from her Lord!

Give the Master first place absolutely—in affection, ambition, possessions, projects of whatever nature. By holding sacred and inviolate the trysting time with Him in prayer and with the Word—by honoring His claim on time and strength above any other consideration—you will find yourself better adjusted to every proper situation in life. You will be a better husband, wife, daughter, son, sister, brother, friend, employee, even lover. It is like discovering the key to a puzzle; various perplexing associations and complications are suddenly simplified and adjusted when Christ becomes your first consideration. The very fact that you are seeking first His pleasure will make you self-forgetful and desirous of others' welfare and happiness.

That possessive friendship, that rare alabaster box, that cherished project—loosen it from your feverish, overeager fingers. Ask God to hold your treasure at His own wise disposal; then rest in His love to find how faithfully He will keep that which you have committed to Him. No more worry lest you lose the treasure, for it is in His keeping. No more grieving over idols loosened from your clinging fingers, for whatever comes is His appointment. There is no disappointment either for you or for anyone in His gracious will. This is "living the detached life"—one of holiness, peace and power.



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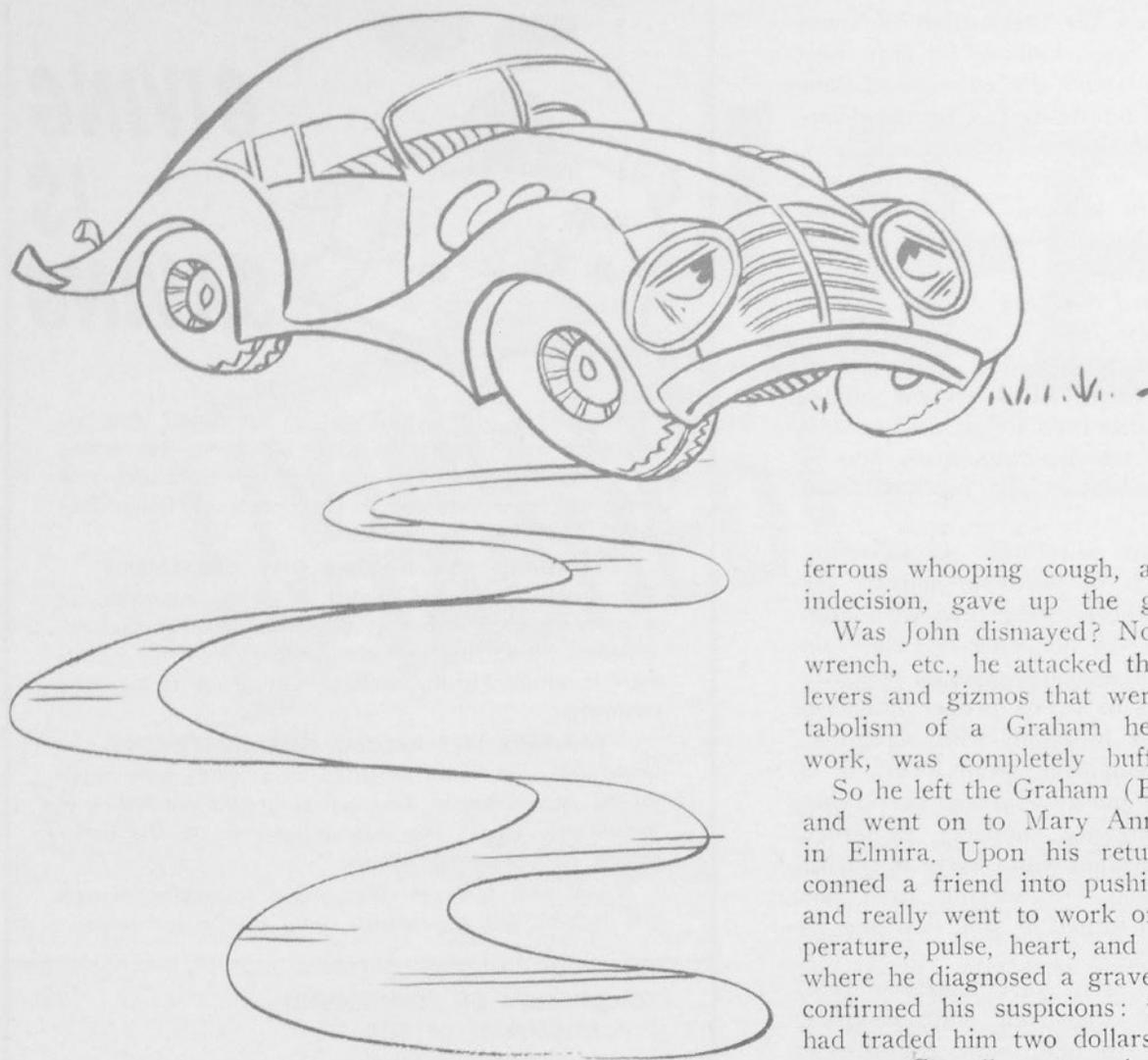
her mother's favorite recipes. These were mimeographed, cut out, and pasted in booklets.

The sponsors received homemade goodies in lovely native baskets. In turn, the sponsors made each girl a brightly colored bag for hair curlers. And the Monge family was again remembered with a gift of food.

It is interesting to see what can be accomplished by a group of girls with sponsors who are dedicated to serving God and others. The enthusiasm of Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Pettersen is evident. We commend the Missionettes and sponsors of the Aguadilla Assembly pastored by Lynn Drumwright.



Pastor and Mrs. Lynn Drumwright are shown with some of the Missionettes at the annual mother-daughter banquet at the Assembly in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.



HOW TO DESIGN AN AUTOMOBILE

By PAUL FROMER

MY ROOMMATE AT COLLEGE was the proud owner of a Graham. To the unlettered I should point out that this is not a kind of cracker but a car last produced in the 1930's.

By anybody's standard that car was old, but John's ability as a mechanical engineer plus a measure of Polish luck kept it running—that is, until The Fateful Day.

John had taken off for Elmira Friday to visit his girl friend, and being low on gas, had pulled into a station near Ithaca to order two dollars' worth. (This was before the "fill 'er up" days of milk and honey.)

On down the road a piece, the motor contracted

ferrous whooping cough, and after a period of acute indecision, gave up the ghost.

Was John dismayed? Not a bit. Grasping his trusty wrench, etc., he attacked the assorted nuts, bolts, wires, levers and gizmos that were supposed to keep the metabolism of a Graham healthy—and after an hour's work, was completely buffaloed.

So he left the Graham (Betsy, I think her name was) and went on to Mary Ann, the other girl in his life, in Elmira. Upon his return to Syracuse Sunday he conned a friend into pushing Betsy back to the dorm and really went to work on her. He checked her temperature, pulse, heart, and finally her digestive system, where he diagnosed a grave malady—rust. Clinical tests confirmed his suspicions: the gas station near Ithaca had traded him two dollars not for gas, but for water—pure Cornell water absorbed from Cayuga's sky-blue waters through the steel walls of the gasoline storage tank buried beneath the pumps.

Betsy at this point entered a state of wild disarray, with her inner parts spread all over the desk, floor, bookcase, hi-fi and beds of our room. About a week later when the polishing, repairing, and replacement job had ended, Betsy was again in fine fettle and obligingly offered John the type of transportation to which he had grown accustomed.

Betsy's problem was simple. She had been designed to run on gasoline, and water was her downfall.

Betsy may not have been so different from us. In a letter to a group of Christians in Turkey, Paul, the early Christian missionary, once wrote, "All things were created... for him," meaning Christ. Betsy was created for gas, and we were created for Christ.

That's been hard for me to see. I tend to run on my own personal resources, wanting to control my own life. And in the process I too contract a kind of ferrous whooping cough—which the Bible, a particularly pointed book, compares to death.

I faced this issue of whom I was going to run on—gas or water, Christ or self—just after I graduated from Syracuse U. For a long time I'd been committed to the grand field of chemistry. As a kid I'd borrowed a copy of *Chemical Formulary* from the high school library and learned to make bombs and flares by the time I was 13. The idea of mixing barium nitrate, sulphur and potassium chlorate to get a magnificent, dense green flame was practically an end of life. In

fact, once when a bottle of the stuff ignited spontaneously in my aunt's kitchen, the phrase "end of life" came close to being literally true.

By the time I'd gotten to college, ammonium triiodide was the order of the day. A blob placed on a door handle exploded on contact when someone tried to enter the room. And one night we sprinkled it on the floor in a line from door to bed of the room next to ours. When the occupant arrived home in the wee Sunday morning hours, I was later told that he opened the door drunk but hit the bed sober, a not inconsiderable feat for him.

All through college I lived, moved and had my being in chemistry. I even liked the odor of hydrogen sulphide, that marvelous gas that tells so much about metal ions in solution. My senior year the schedule called for such subjects as advanced inorganic chemistry, organic qualitative analysis, advanced quantitative analysis, and I loved them all. (I smelled my way through a good part of organic qual, much to the professor's disgust.) Upon graduation I headed for Caltech with a scholarship and assistantship providing whatever warmth was not available from my B.S. in Chemistry degree.

But I went to Caltech by way of Campus in the Woods, an Inter-Varsity summer camp in Canada, and there faced the hardest decision I'd ever known: Should I ask God whether He wanted me to remain in chemistry, or should I just keep on doin' what came naturally?

Looking back I can see how much was at stake. Almost all of my earthly security was in chemistry. Linus has his blanket, and I had my credentials for the graduate school at Caltech. Don't get me wrong; I'd prayed about graduate school. I'd asked the Lord if he wanted me in Penn State, Harvard, Illinois, Wisconsin, Cal, or Caltech, but in each case, in the chemistry department. Now I faced the larger issue of who would run my life regarding the whole matter of occupation.

And let me tell you, the answer was not in doubt. But at Campus in the Woods the question grew larger and larger as the month wore on. About two weeks into the program a film was shown of missionary work in China. As I watched, God did something. He melted my will. I can't find other words for it. He didn't break it—there was no snap. It just lost its rocklike hardness and fused into a liquid. I found myself thinking, "If God wants me to go to China, I'll walk there in my bare feet" (which would have been some trick).

In that moment I found myself believing that I'd been made not for myself or my own plans, but for Christ. Though I'd hardly heard of the Book of Colossians and of Paul's statement in verse 17 that we were made "for Him," God showed me that night that only a nut would ignore God's will.

This occasion didn't settle my future (I still didn't know whether the Lord wanted me to be in chemistry or, say, the ministry), but it did an even greater thing. It made me willing to do the will of God even if it meant renouncing the area of my greatest security, chemistry.

I continued on to Caltech on the principle that I should remain as I was till God specifically called me elsewhere, and in the fall of that year the Lord gave me my marching orders—seminary.

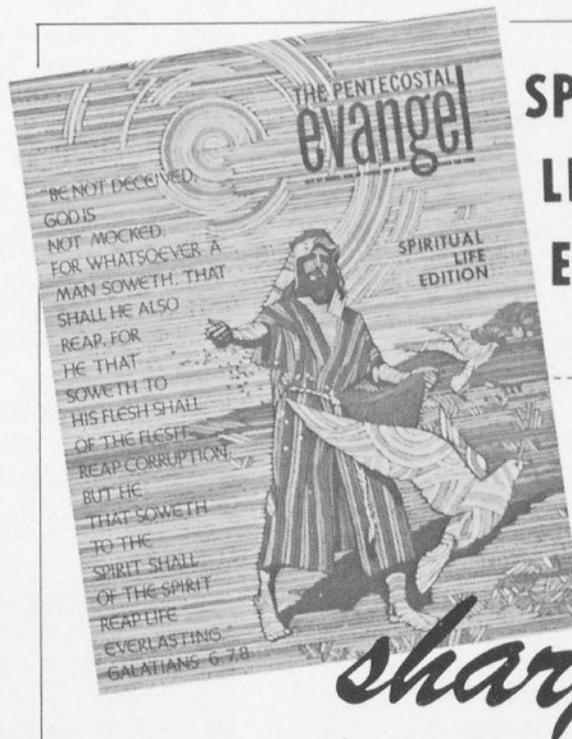
In all this I came to see that Christ was not an intruder, insinuating himself into my life after I'd gotten set for one field and demanding that I transfer to another. To go back to the illustration of the car, He didn't come into the picture at the time John bought the Graham, and say, "From now on, run on gasoline." Rather He'd been present at the designing table, creating a car powered by an internal combustion engine. So when the gas station put water in the tank instead of gasoline, the motor wouldn't operate properly. Christ has created me; He decided at the start that I was to be a human being rather than a dog or a rock, and that therefore I was to operate on fellowship with Him. I was made "for Him."

Had I stayed in chemistry I'd have been a round peg in a square hole. Not that I lost all interest in chemistry, because I still get nostalgic as I pass the lab with its fine odor of H²S. And God could just as well have called me into fellowship with Himself inside the field of chemistry as outside it. That call has gone to many fine Christians. But for me His call was elsewhere.

As a result of entering the state of willingness to do His will, I've found that it's not only right to do His will, but it's good as well. God is no man's debtor. The safest and most satisfying place in the world is dead center in the will of Christ.

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PRAYER BAND AT MANILA'S BETHEL BIBLE INSTITUTE REMEMBERS AMERICA

By HAROLD KOHL • President, Bethel Bible Institute

FOREIGN MISSIONS does not end on the mission field. The same Word, the same Spirit, the same vision of the need which prompt a missionary response in the more privileged lands awaken a similar response in the national churches. Spiritual vision, a burden for souls, and holy compassion are qualities found in Christ's true disciples all over the world regardless of cultural opulence or deprivation. The Holy Spirit moves believers into missions.

The world missions program at Bethel Bible Institute, Manila, Philippines, has long emphasized both home and foreign missions. Four years ago campus world missions conventions were inaugurated, and have become highlights on the school's calendar. Students respond each year to the call of God, and each year brings an increase in student enthusiasm and commitment.

Missions giving also has increased. At the convention this year offerings totalled over 145 pesos (\$62) despite the meager finances of the students. This money was divided between the boat ministry to remote Philippine islands and gospel literature for the various fighting forces in Vietnam.

From the earliest years of BBI, missionary prayer bands representing the major mission fields of the world

have functioned on the campus. For several years Miss Rosina Corpuz, faculty member, has been the enthusiastic adviser of this vital school activity.

Perhaps unique in this area is the BBI prayer band for the USA. There are six members in the band, four girls and two boys. The interview which follows sheds some light on the reasons for this reflexive missionary concern.

HAROLD KOHL: I am interested in learning more about your prayer band for the USA. Please tell me when your band meets.

HELEN MARTINEZ (band leader):

We meet for prayer every Thursday for about an hour beginning at 11:10 a.m., but as individuals we will pray for the USA until the Lord comes.

KOHL: What is the main reason for forming the USA prayer band when some of the other fields seem to be more needy?

ELISA TIBUNG: Those of us who have a God-given burden for America want to unite our faith in prayer.

HOMER LACANILAO: The reason is our desire to pray for the spiritual life of each Christian there and for the salvation of the non-Christians.

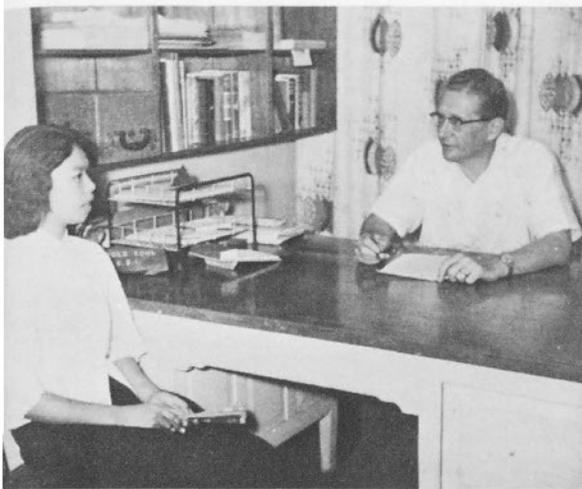
KOHL: Could you be more specific in telling me why you chose this group instead of one of the other bands for countries more commonly considered foreign mission fields?

ELIZA NAVALTA: I chose the USA band because I was saved by the help of missionaries from the United States. Also without the leadership of the USA in spreading the gospel, maybe the other Christians would fall from their faith.

PACENCIA DE OCAMPO: I have a burden for the USA because I know they need our prayers at this time. I believe God will answer prayer and somehow bring Christ to unsaved Americans. I also pray that God will



Members of the USA prayer band.



Helen Martinez, leader, and President Harold Kohl.



pour out His blessings upon the Christians because they are faithful givers to missions.

JOSE OPLEDA: I joined to pray for the USA because they are perhaps the most zealous in sending missionaries throughout the world.

ELISA TIBUNG: I have a burden for lost souls in America. Since I was converted through an American, I in turn want to help Americans by my prayer.

HELEN MARTINEZ: I chose the USA prayer band because I have a deep gratitude for her bringing Christ to our country through her faithful missionaries and givers. I believe that America is the foundation of Christian world missions, and if she fails, all other countries might fail too.

KOHL: Do you consider modern America to be a true mission field?

HELEN MARTINEZ: Precisely! If all Americans would be saved, then by God's help they could turn the world to Christ!

ELISA TIBUNG: Yes! We Filipinos are looking forward to a great future through the help of God and the Americans who brought and will bring the gospel.

JOSE OPLEDA: I consider America to be a true mission field because

these days Americans are becoming weak spiritually because of material things. This is the thing about which we pray most for them.

ELISA TIBUNG: Americans seem to be so busy in their daily lives that they aren't concerned about the gospel of Christ. Americans are so busy!

ELIZA NAVALTA: Yes, Americans are so busy going places and doing things that they don't have time to listen to God's Word.

PACENCIA DE OCAMPO: They are busy for their material needs but not for their spiritual needs.

KOHL: Your observations are interesting. Now tell me, for what specific things concerning the USA do you pray?

HOMER LACANILAO: We pray for the revival of all Christians, the salvation of the lost, and for the government officials.

JOSE OPLEDA: Also that God might invigorate the believers spiritually, mentally, and physically, and that they might continue sending missionaries to all the world.

HELEN MARTINEZ: We also pray for the ministers, the Women's Missionary Council, the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and current events in the news.

ELISA TIBUNG: Neither do we forget to pray for the Assemblies of God churches and the brethren at the headquarters in Springfield. We also pray for the American soldiers in Vietnam.

KOHL: That's wonderful! I'm sure your prayers mean much to the Americans. Now in your opinion—and this most likely would be learned from your reading and your conversation with Americans—what one thing do you think the church in America needs most?

HELEN MARTINEZ: The church in America most needs our prayers for them to be united, revived, and to be busy working for the Lord.

ELIZA NAVALTA: They need our prayers so that they may always feel the presence of God and that they will serve the Lord continually.

PACENCIA DE OCAMPO: Americans need our prayers for them to be revived.

JOSE OPLEDA: The church in America needs our prayers especially in these days when Satan is trying his

very best to separate even the very elect.

KOHL: What do you think Filipino Christians can best contribute to the USA?

ELISA TIBUNG: Our fervent prayers that God may continually bless our Christian co-workers and revive them through the Holy Spirit.

HELEN MARTINEZ: As our help for America, we can only pray.

PACENCIA DE OCAMPO: Yes, we believe there is no distance in prayer.

ELIZA NAVALTA: We can best contribute our prayers for America because there is nothing impossible with God.

JOSE OPLEDA: First of all, I believe we can contribute our prayers. Secondly, it would be better if we would also send a missionary.

KOHL: Thank you, students, for this interview. I am happy to know that God has put it in your hearts to pray for the USA. I am sure that our American Christians join me in expressing appreciation for your concern and fervent prayers for our nation.

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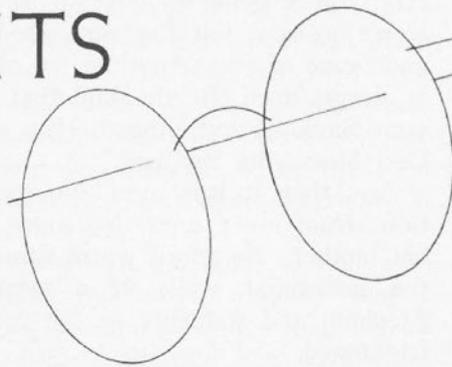
As Christians we remain stewards of the grace of God and are responsible to Him. We must give an account of our actions and attitudes. Our aged must be treated with dignity; they must be given the respect they deserve! We must see that comfortable homes,

decay of the physical which is the harbinger of death. If our end should come in sudden, swift translation like that of Enoch and Elijah, we could understand; but the long act of dying is the hardest part of death. At both ends of life man is the weakest and most helpless of creatures. The noblest and most godlike are cast utterly, at birth and at death, upon the compassion of others. So for the old and weary, it becomes a sad thing indeed if there are none to really care!

The church has a pressing obligation to those who have served a lifetime but no longer can. They have a right to expect the loving care of their church and the fellowship of spiritually minded people. Our program should be geared to meeting their needs and to bringing spiritual refreshment to them. A church should have the shepherd heart!

A church consumed with its own interests, taken up

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nourishing food, and medical care are provided. And, as God's children, we must work together to find useful places for the older members of our congregation to profitably serve the church they love. We owe them the things that will make for happiness and peace of mind as they walk the last miles of the journey.

Until recently people have labored for a living from the age of 10 or younger until they went to premature graves. The problem of retirement was considered only by those who were disabled by accident or infirmity. Usually such were cared for by relatives; or else they roamed the streets asking for handouts; or were sent to the "poor farm." Pension plans were uncommon, and most people died young. Those who did live long were worn out physically and mentally.

I am convinced that happiness should increase with age. The Bible says, "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). We all need to take a fresh look at "the last of life for which the first was made!" Life does not need to grow stale!

We hear the cry of the aged, as voiced by David in Psalm 71:9, 18: "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. . . . Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not." This is the cry of trembling, tottering age to God and to man.

Certainly the saddest of human experience can be the

with its own affairs, may unconsciously adopt the standard of the world and measure everything and everybody by the yardstick of "What's in it for us?" This attitude is not intentional, but when attention is concentrated upon those who can still serve the church's interests to the exclusion and neglect of those who no longer can further its welfare, we stand guilty before God.

A church may lose its memory! The membership of the average church changes with the passing of a few years. Study the roster and you'll discover that the old-timers are probably in the minority. And, oftentimes they drop out and are forgotten. Here is a deacon, once active and vigorous in and for his church, because of declining strength, failing health, restricted finance, now sitting on the sideline. It hurts deeply to think that the church that has been so dear to his heart has forgotten.

Here is a blessed old woman, teacher of a class for many years. The time came for her resignation, and now she cherishes the memory of her active years of service to God, but her heart is heavy because of the attitude of the church in general. A church that loses its memory will stand guilty before God!

It takes so little to bring happiness to our aged ones. An occasional "Appreciation Day," a "Sunshine Party" for a shut-in, a visit. Remember the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

As shadows lengthen and darkness begins to replace the light of day, there comes a dread—not so much of death, but of those long hours of loneliness when one is shut out of activity and companionship. A church

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with a memory can make those days blessed ones for the aged.

I admire Joseph for his treatment of aged Jacob. He sent for him to come from the land of famine to Egypt. He did not say, "I can't have that old fellow around here; how clumsy he'd look climbing the marble stairs and walking across my costly mosaics. He'd shock the refined court with his atrocious table manners. Besides, he'd talk to me as if I were a boy, and I'm second in the Kingdom. I'll just send him some provisions, for you can't take a man from Padanaram and introduce him into this polite Egyptian court!" Instead, Joseph brought his father into the palace, introduced him to the Pharaoh, and provided for him all the days of his life.

There was nothing too good for his parent. And when Jacob died, Joseph took him to Machpelah and buried him in the family cemetery.

We have an opportunity and an obligation to serve our aged to the very end of this journey. How their very presence in the house of God honors the cause of Christ, adds dignity to every service, and brings maturity and wisdom to the church!

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Editor's Note: Memorial Sunday, May 28, is AMA Day in Assemblies of God churches. It is one of two Sundays during the year when offerings are received for the Aged Ministers Assistance program—a fund which provides financial help to needy retired ministers and missionaries. Let us show these pioneers we appreciate their contributions by giving generously on AMA Day.

AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER, "REVIVALTIME" HELPED A BOY

TO BECOME A MAN



By RON ROWDEN

STEPHEN FAHIE STOOD SHIVERING in the light afternoon rain as he watched his mother's body being lowered into a flower-bedecked grave in the tiny cemetery just outside San Fernando, Trinidad.

Tears rolled down the 12-year-old's dark brown cheeks, and he clutched the work-hardened hand of his Aunt Rosita who was weeping beside him.

The small group of friends and relatives began to leave, some pausing to offer their sympathy to Stephen, others turning away, unable to speak because of their own grief. Carmalie Fahie had been a wonderful Christian, and her absence would leave an aching void in the hearts of many of the townspeople.

As the last of the visitors departed, the minister from the local church came over and wrapped his arm around the distraught boy's shoulders.

"Now, Stephen," he began, "you're the only one left. And you're going to have to be a real man. I know it won't be easy, but I'm sure your Aunt Rosita will take good care of you. Anytime we can help you, the church is always open. Be thankful that you know the Lord as your Saviour, and cling to Him in your hour of sorrow. God bless you, my boy."

And then it was over. No more comforting consolations from loved ones. No more cherished last looks at his mother. No more warm atmosphere of home. Only the unfamiliar walls of a strange house waited for Stephen, and suddenly he felt totally alone and terribly frightened.

His aunt did everything she could to ease Stephen's troubled mind, but his loss was too recent, his future too bleak. Early that evening he went to bed—drained and exhausted.

Aunt Rosita sat on the edge of his bed talking softly. The last words he remembered before falling to sleep were, "You've got to be a man now, Stephen."

Stephen awoke to the rays of the morning sun filtering through the bedroom window. For a few brief seconds he forgot the trying events of the past few days, and his mind basked in the warmth of remembered Sunday morning activities—a hearty breakfast; then the radio turned up loud and clear to *Revivaltime* and C. M. Ward; followed by the brisk walk to the little church in the village for morning worship.

Aunt Rosita's voice calling him to breakfast jolted Stephen's memory back to the present. Suddenly fear and depression gushed into his heart once more. Searching desperately for something to calm and settle his mind, Stephen remembered the minister's advice: "Be thankful you know the Lord as your Saviour and cling to Him in your hour of sorrow."

Stephen fell on his knees beside the narrow bed and wept before his Saviour. "Dear Jesus, I am afraid. And You know that I have to be a man. Help me, Jesus. Help me leave the world alone and trust You for everything.

"Mama always depended on You, and we were so happy. Help me have her faith, Jesus, and serve You like a man should serve You."

Once again came the call to breakfast, so he rose from his knees and walked into the kitchen.

"Good morning, Stephen," Aunt Rosita smiled. She

hoped her face did not reflect pity. "We'd better hurry now; it's almost time to leave for Sunday school. Oh, my! *Revivaltime* is already on."

Stephen stepped across the kitchen to the radio, and in a few seconds music filled the room. It was the *Revivaltime* choir singing the final notes of "Glad That I'm a Christian."

A slight pause, then Narrator Lee Shultz was speaking. "C. M. Ward's theme for this service is, 'When I Became a Man.'"

Stephen's heart jumped as he listened to the words of the announcer. Surely this was an answer to prayer! Now Brother Ward was talking:

"A common expletive is, 'Oh, why don't you grow up!' What does that imply? When does a boy become a man? *Manhood comes suddenly.*

"It seems as though the present generation does not want to grow up at all. They want to be eternal Peter Pans. The long curls on boys and the short skirts on girls are language which says, 'Do not ask us to face this world and its complex problems. We want to play and have fun. Problems, go away!'

"But they will not. Sooner or later you will have to be a man and face them. It is a big day when you discover that *you are a member of the human race.* Suddenly you realize that it is not all of life to live, or all of death to die. There are decisions to be made en route, and accounts to be settled later. *One experience is enough to make the difference.*"

Stephen's eyes were riveted on the radio as the radio evangelist continued, "The moment I discover that I care about what happens to someone other than myself is the moment that I have made the long trip from juvenile immaturity to adult responsibility. It takes a man to be a Christian. It is not an invitation to 'softies.' Everyone in paradise will be a person who has made a decision—who has suddenly grown up.

"Life is not just comedy-fantasy. It is made of sterner stuff. Heaven and hell are for real. And you and I, whether we like it or not, are caught in the middle. We face moments of decision. Suddenly, God knows, we are *men and women.*"

As the speaker closed his message with an invitation for listeners to mature in Christ, Stephen, with tears in his eyes, told his Aunt Rosita how God had met his need.

"I feel strong inside now, Aunt Rosita. God is with me, and I know He'll help me to be someone you can be proud of."

For several long minutes the two of them sat close together, silently thanking God for the words they had just heard.

Then Rosita rose to her feet, "I'd better get ready for church! There's no better place to be on a morning like this."

"You go ahead and get ready. I got something I need to do right now."

Walking over to the dining room table where his school supplies were lying, Stephen grabbed a pencil, tore off a sheet of tablet paper, and sat down to write—tears falling onto the paper.

"Dear Mr. Ward,

"This morning I felt like I was the only one you were talking to...."

LESSON FROM THE COMMUNISTS

A FORMER COMMUNIST LEADER, now a Christian and an active soul winner, explained their system of recruiting new members to Communism.

Party members had to find those they could so fill with Communistic doctrine they would immediately join the group. The philosophy was this: "If you believe Communism is really what the world needs, then you will find others who will accept it." New members would in turn be impressed that they must at once convert others to Communism.

We as Christians can learn a lesson from this. If we believe Jesus Christ is really what the world needs, then we will go and find others who will accept Jesus as Saviour.

An atheist once asked a Christian, "If you really believe what you are telling me, why aren't you engrossed in spreading it wherever you go? If I believed what you say you believe, I would work day and night at every opportunity to tell the people, and to continue to do it until I dropped from sheer exhaustion."

Do we have this same determination? Unless we do, we are not fulfilling Jesus' command: "You must go out to the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15, Phillips).

—TOM GILMAN

HOW MANY CHRISTIANS?

IF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD could be compressed into a community of 100 people, 75 of them would be uneducated, underclothed and underfed; 37 would live under Communist domination; 25 would belong to the Roman or Eastern Catholic Churches; 15 would be Muslims; 11 would be Hindus; and 15 more would be either Confucianists or Buddhists. Only 8 would be Protestant Christians.

Sobering, isn't it? But that isn't all the story. The church is losing ground. If the present ratio of converts to population increase continues, Protestant Christianity will represent only 4 percent of the world's population—that's one out of 25—by 1980.

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Premier George C. Price of British Honduras (third from left) joins in a hymn in the Evangel College chapel. Others pictured are, left to right: Springfield City Manager David Burkhalter; Springfield Mayor E. L. Anderson; Evangel President J. Robert Ashcroft; Missionary Milus Wright; Rudy Castillo, chief information officer, and Rafael Fonseca, financial secretary of British Honduras.

Premier of British Honduras Visits Evangel College; Commends Assemblies Missionary Work

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—George C. Price, premier of British Honduras, while visiting this city as honored guest of the Assemblies of God and Evangel College, commended the missionary work of the Movement in his country.

Arrangements for the premier's visit were made by Milus Wright, Assemblies of God missionary to British Honduras. Mr. Price had expressed an interest in visiting Evangel College and the Assemblies of God Headquarters after a campaign was conducted by the *Revivaltime* evangelist, C. M.

Ward, in Belize, capital city of British Honduras. *Revivaltime* is released regularly over Radio Belize.

The premier and three of his cabinet members were in the U.S. to attend the annual meeting of the Belize-Michigan partnership organization in Lansing, Mich., where the premier also addressed a joint session of the Michigan legislature.

In speaking to 1,000 students and guests at a special convocation at Evangel College, Premier Price highlighted some of the history

of his country—a country soon to gain its independence and to be known as Belize.

"Explorers, adventurers, exploiters moved men and women from Africa and Europe to the Americas: some to settle and perfect creation; others to waste and destroy," he said.

"To Belize they came for many purposes... Christian missionaries came with them and brought religion, learning, and culture. Schools and colleges were founded in urban communities and remote rural areas.

"Many of your fellow citizens... are responsible for founding these private schools and colleges," he pointed out. "They were and are your best ambassadors to the Caribbean and to Central and South America. To them we are grateful."

Premier Price departed from his prepared text to commend the Assemblies of God for its "good evangelical and educational work among the Belizean people." He told the audience, "I have great admiration for the Pentecostal movement. I think this Movement has great relevance in the world today..."

"You and your leaders are taking our 20th-century methods to spread the Word of God. You use the printing press, the radio and television most effectively. You have an international outlook. Any time the Assemblies of God wishes to have land in our country for your churches and your schools, you are most welcome and you have our full cooperation."

Premier Price declared that "some state universities have become hotbeds of politics and subversion. They are used by enemies

of democracy for purposes other than education." He said that "for them education is an instrument to bring about violent change..."

He contrasted this "violent change" with the attitudes of true democracy. "We, who have committed ourselves to democracy and to Christian democracy, hold that the only force which does not affront the dignity of man is the force of persuasion," he stated. "Truth and reason are convincing means of persuasion and education."

The premier pointed out that more people in his country have to be educated if economic and social development is to be speeded. He stressed the need for schools, universities, teachers, and jobs for graduates.

"We in Belize look forward to a better future," he said. "We hope for the day when we shall have our own university—the University of Belize. For we build the new Christian democratic nation of Belize in Central America."

"It is the greatest challenge of our history, but we go confidently on the tremendous adventure of a lifetime—to make Belize united, sovereign, and independent," he declared.

Premier Price was presented the Order of the Golden Shield by the Evangel College student government, an award ordinarily conferred on students for outstanding leadership. Premier Price was the first nonstudent to receive the honor.

The premier extended an invitation to Evangel students to come to Belize either as visitors or as helpers in the task of building a nation.

INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAIN RETIRES; BEGINS NEW MINISTRY

TULSA, OKLA.—Oklahoma's only full-time industrial chaplain has retired from the Sunray DX Oil Company in Tulsa. Charlie Martin has not stopped working for the Lord, however. He recently assumed the position of associate chaplain at the Hillcrest Medical Center here.

Brother Martin, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, is the first associate chaplain at the Medical Center. He will assist with the in-service programs provided to patients, and with counseling.

In addition, he will share Chaplain Ben F. Patrick's "on call" duties, occasions after hours when

the chaplain is called to give spiritual assistance to any family faced with serious injury or death to a loved one.

Brother Martin joined the oil refinery in 1925 as a pipe fitter. He later achieved the rank of operator, worked in the testing laboratory, and became a safety engineer.

During World War II he was granted a leave of absence to do gospel work among servicemen. He was attached to the Servicemen's Division at the general headquarters of the Assemblies of God and operated a Servicemen's Center in Springfield, Mo.

After the war he was ordained and returned to the oil company in Tulsa where he sold the officials on the idea of an industrial chaplaincy. From 1948 to 1966 he served in this capacity with marked

success. He counseled with employees, visited in their homes, ministered to them in many ways, even serving as intermediary when employees had a grievance with

the company. On his retirement his work was applauded by management and employees alike.

He was one of 16 industrial chaplains in the U.S.



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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



NEW JERSEY CHURCH SEES PROGRESS AS NEW AUDITORIUM IS DEDICATED

HAMBURG, N. J.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a completed auditorium to the Lord and celebrated its first homecoming service.

New Jersey District Superintendent Fred Eide, a former pastor, gave the dedicatory address in the afternoon service.

Former pastors Joseph Brown and Ronald Piedmonte spoke in the morning and evening services, respectively.

After the morning service, a Volkswagen bus, purchased for visitation and other church activities, was dedicated to God.

The auditorium has new pews, a new pulpit and platform chairs, carpeting throughout, and a baptistry.

The Pentecostal work in Hamburg was begun some 30 years ago. One person instrumental in its beginning was Alice Henderson. When Sister Henderson, a Salvation Army captain, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit,



Pastor David C. Milley greets Alice Henderson who was instrumental in beginning the church in Hamburg, N. J. Exterior of the new church is shown at top.

she opened her home for cottage prayer meetings. Interest grew and soon a church was started.

A real spirit of revival has prevailed in the church in recent months. Attendance in all services has increased. The Sunday school has doubled.

This is the only full-gospel church in Sussex county, reaching 100,000 people.

David C. Milley, former director of Boston Teen Challenge, has pastored the church since January 1966.

PARAMOUNT, CALIF.—Several people were saved or reclaimed during three and a half weeks of meetings at First Assembly here with Evangelist Gene Thompson. Others were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—T. S. Singleton, pastor
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EL SOBRANTE, CALIF.—Central Assembly's members here began the New Year praying for God to send a revival to the church. When Evangelist Tom Ming Sr. of Visalia, Calif., came for services recently, a real revival spirit was already present.

One night some 42 teenagers from the Youth Center, started

recently by former associate pastor Edwin Kramer, attended the service. A number were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. (The Youth Center has proved an effective means of reaching teenagers outside the church.)

After this break, God moved in every service saving, filling people with His Spirit, and healing sick bodies.

Attendance in all departments of the church has increased.

—Russell E. Griffin, pastor
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COOLIDGE, ARIZ.—A spiritual uplift still remains at First Assembly here although services with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey,

Santa Rosa, Calif., have closed.

Five persons were saved and six were reclaimed during the three-week meeting. Attendance was consistently good as people from other churches as well as the unchurched came.

Christians were stirred to greater service for the Master.

—George W. Dickerson, pastor
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ONTARIO, CALIF.—The Ellison Family of Marysville, Wash., recently concluded a two-week meeting at Central Assembly here. Several visitors who attended have returned for the regular services.

People were saved, reclaimed,

filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed under Brother Richard Ellison's ministry.

John T. Sparks, assistant pastor, was healed of an ear infection which had bothered his hearing for years.

—P. C. Walcher, pastor
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TUCSON, ARIZ.—East 30th Street Assembly here recently experienced many outstanding miracles of healing under the ministry of Evangelist George Duncan of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Several people were saved. The church continues to enjoy a revival spirit.

—Gail C. Copple, pastor

MISSOURI CONGREGATION DEDICATES CHURCH

EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO.—The Assembly of God here dedicated a new building to the Lord recently. Approximately 250 people attended the ceremony.

Philip Crouch, president of Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., was the dedicatory speaker. Everett Kelly, presbyter, led in the act of dedication, and R. C. Pickney, assistant presbyter, led in prayer.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 300. A balcony and overflow classrooms accommodate 200 more. Facilities include a nursery, two offices, three rest

rooms, youth chapel, children's chapel, kitchen, 40-member choir loft, and 15 classrooms.

Containing over 8,000 square feet of floor space, the two-tone buff, sand-face brick building is paneled in cherry and mahogany. Gold carpeting and Tennessee oak furniture are highlighted by a white acoustical ceiling with indirect lighting and overhead hanging globes.

Eugene See, designer and general contractor of the building, has served the congregation as pastor for the past three years.

Views of the new Assembly in El Dorado Springs, Mo., show the exterior and the interior (taken from the balcony).





ATTENDANCE INCREASES AS CALIFORNIA CONGREGATION OCCUPIES NEW CHURCH

MORGAN HILL, CALIF.—Some 450 people filled the new First Assembly here recently to dedicate it to the Lord.

Participating in the service were Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; Joseph L. Gerhart, Northern California-Nevada district superintendent; and Leland R. Keys, pastor of Bethel Assembly in San Jose, Calif.

Attendance has noticeably increased since the congregation has moved into the new facility.

Covering 13,500 square feet, the building is of concrete-block and brick construction. Seating

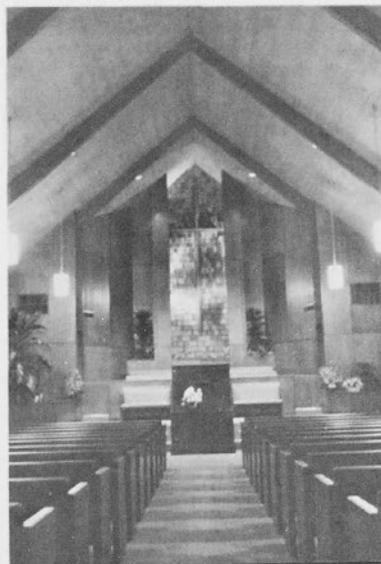
capacity with the sanctuary and overflow is 430.

Facilities include 27 classrooms, a large prayer room, a modern nursery, a social hall seating more than 150 people for banquets, a completely equipped kitchen and a lighted, paved parking lot for 112 cars.

The 58-foot steeple has become a landmark in the northern part of the city.

The building and four acres of land cost \$187,000 but the property has been appraised at much more than this.

Don Argue is the pastor of First Assembly.



During the meeting, 32 people united with the church and 19 were baptized in water.

—Jimmie Mayo, pastor

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HOUSTON, TEX.—Calvary Assembly here enjoyed a fine meeting with Evangelist Phil Johnson recently.

Church members were revived, and several people came to a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—J. E. Neely, pastor

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DENVER, COLO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle here recently enjoyed special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley Morton. Some were saved, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—R. C. Schacterle, pastor

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AUBURNDALE, FLA.—First Assembly here experienced an outpouring of God's Spirit during services with Evangelist Freddy Clark.

Twelve people were converted. Several young persons consecrated themselves to fulfill God's call in their lives. Many sick folks were healed.

Excellent crowds attended these services.

—Harvey T. Pumphrey, pastor

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ZANESVILLE, OHIO—Those who were saved during services with Evangelist "Little Joe" Peterson at First Assembly here recently have been filled with the Holy Spirit and are actively engaged in witnessing for Christ.

Each of the special meetings was blessed by the anointed singing and preaching of Brother Peterson.

—Curtis Arnold, pastor

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DALLAS, TEX.—Oak Cliff Assembly enjoyed great blessings recently in two weeks of services with Evangelist Bob Larson. A number of people were saved and several filled with the Holy Spirit.

BEREAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS AVERAGE 116 A MONTH

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Berean School of the Bible, correspondence division of the Department of Education, averaged more than 116 course enrollments a month during 1966—the 10th consecutive year for enrollments to average more than 100 a month.

A total of 678 certificates were

granted for completed courses last year.

Begun in 1948, the school serves lay workers and housewives as well as ministerial candidates and ministers seeking refresher courses. About 46 percent of 1966 enrollees were ministerial candidates.

Enrollment since the Berean School was founded now totals 19,985. The 11 courses offered are written by Bible scholars. These include Old Testament Studies, Life of Christ, Pentecostal Truth, Prophetic Light, Dispensational Studies, Divine Healing, Pauline Epistles, Book of Acts, Pastoral Theology, Hebrews and General Epistles, and Studies in Revelation.

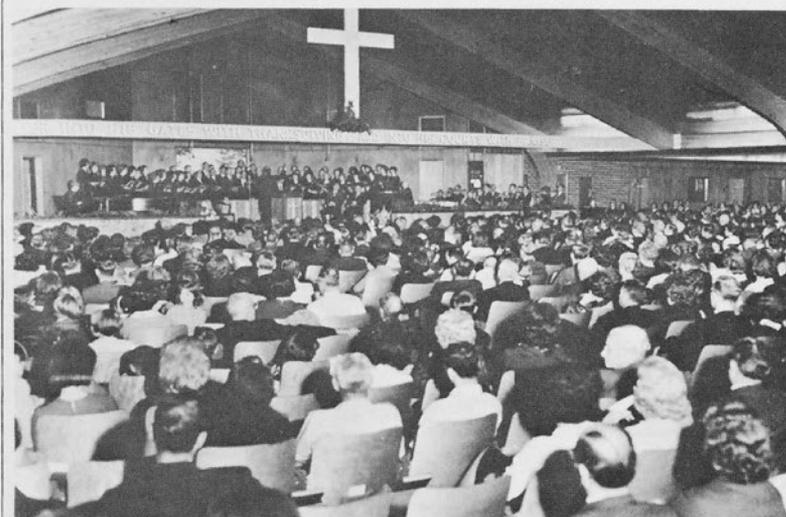
Examinations are given and graded for each text. Appropriate diplomas are awarded for completed courses.

Course registration fees range from \$7 for the shortest course to \$23 for the longest. Credits earned through the Berean School of the Bible are recognized by two of the seven Assemblies of God Bible colleges in the U.S.

Up to eight credits are accepted by South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla., and Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

ATLANTA, GA.—The Assembly of God Tabernacle here recently concluded four weeks of services with Evangelist Burnie Davis of Dallas, Tex.

There were numbers of people who were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were delivered from habits which had bound them for years, and others were healed by God's miraculous power.



Congregation at the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Atlanta, Ga., during the meeting with Evangelist Burnie Davis.

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SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

The annual Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat will be held at the General Walker Hotel, Berchtesgaden, Germany, November 6-10, 1967.

Sessions will be directed by Assemblies of God chaplains, ministers, and missionaries in the area. Special guests will be G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., and Kenneth Schmidt, pastor of First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colo.

Space is available for 350 persons. Additional information can be secured from Chaplain (Col.) John Lindvall, Office of the Chaplain, USAG Rhineland District, APO, New York, N. Y. 09252.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION—May 17-21, First Assembly, Akron, Ohio. Banquet on May 20. Convention speaker: former pastor Tom Johnstone, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.—by G. G. Benson, pastor.

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CHARLES L. DUCK, 72, of Hodges, S. C., went to be with the Lord February 4, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1918, Brother Duck was a member of the South Carolina District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Brother Duck was superintendent of the West Florida District from 1938

to 1939 and of the South Carolina District from 1952 to 1954. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

R. H. (JACK) EPPERSON, 65, went to his eternal reward March 3, 1967. Brother Epperson was ordained in 1955 by the Southern California District. He served as an evangelist and as the Men's Fellowship director in Southern California. He is survived by his

wife Rhydonia, 1516 Rock Glen, Glendale, Calif., and two sons.

EDGAR E. ZIMMERMAN, 69, of Winters, Calif., went to be with Jesus March 17, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1930, Brother Zimmerman was a member of the Northern California-Nevada District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in California for 40 years. He is survived by his wife Marvel and one son.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	First	May 16-28	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	T. C. Harty Jr.
Ark.	Bearden	First	May 14-21	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	George W. Clay
	Camden	Calvary	May 14-19	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	J. O. Belin
Calif.	Boyes Hot Spgs.	Sonoma Valley	May 16-28	Larry Franks Party	Paul J. Boyd
	Chico	First	May 9-22	Ernie Eskelin	George Elrod
	Novato	*N. Marin	May 14-19	Charles Senechal	J. Kirk Soper
	Oxnard	First	May 17-28	Thomas Ming Sr.	Elmer Draper
	Riverside	Calvary Temple	May 14—	Diehl Evangelists	D. F. Ferguson
	San Jose	Mision Misionera	May 9-21	Thomas Hermnandez	Jose Gonzalez
	Seal Beach	First	May 16-28	Ed Eaton	F. E. Costner
	Stockton	East Side	May 17-28	Doug Ramsey Family	Paul F. Keil
Colo.	Las Animas	A/G	May 14-26	Clif & Betty York	S. W. Kastl
Conn.	New Britain	First	May 16-28	Harold Brumbach	Will Schuessler
Del.	Wilmington	Calvary	May 16-21	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Robert T. Eastlake
Fla.	Miami	Central	May 16-28	Robert L. Stephens	Rex Anspaugh
Ga.	Dallas	First	May 21-June 4	Nettie Parham	Freddie C. Goss
	Riverdale	A/G	May 16-21	Carl E. Gammel	Wilburn Fisher
Idaho	Meridian	A/G	May 16-21	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Rex Herndon
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	May 10-21	The Stephens Brothers	James E. Smith
	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	May 16-21	Eddy Anderson	Richard Bishop
	Chicago	Southside	May 14-21	Doyle Jones	Don Paul Gray
	Moline	Bethesda	May 14-21	Marion & Mrs. Beach	L. Calvin Bacon
Ind.	Bedford	First	May 16-21	Paul Hild	Charles Crank
	Spencer	A/G	May 14-28	Bill McPherson	Don Clements
Iowa	Keokuk	A/G	May 16-28	James Weaver	Bernard H. Reece
Ky.	Princeton	A/G	May 16-21	Harry V. Vibbert	Don Whitlow
La.	Mer Rouge	Bonnie Idee	May 17-28	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	S. M. Cheshier
	New Orleans	Lakeview Church	May 17-28	Gene & Heather Burgess	Daniel Ronsisvalle
	W. Monroe	Luna	May 14-28	M. E. Furber	M. Leonard Sapp
Md.	Baltimore	Calvary	May 16-28	John Hamercheck Jr.	Robert V. McIntosh
	Frostburg	A/G	May 16-28	Charles S. Morris	Frank Sharp
	Hyattsville	First	May 17-28	"Little Joe" Peterson	B. M. Slye
	Silver Spring	First	May 10-21	Eddie Wilson	J. L. Pittman
	Swanton	Walnut Bottom	May 16-29	Samuel & Mrs. Booth	Pete Saleskey
Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	May 17-28	Bob Larson	Parvin Lee
	Fennville	A/G	May 16-28	James E. Radford	Phillip Appenzeller
	Flint	Trinity	May 3-14	E. A. Manley	E. Glenn Snook
	Wayne	A/G	May 10-21	John & Faith Stallings	Ed W. Raimer
	Ypsilanti	*A/G	May 15-24	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	H. A. Krist
Minn.	Wadena	A/G	May 7-19	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Lloyd Stormoen
Mo.	Clinton	A/G	May 17-31	Dan & Marty Womack	O. W. Hunt
	Elmer	A/G	May 14-28	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	C. O. Blankenship
	Independence	Susquehana	May 16-28	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	James Odem
	Mexico	First	May 16-28	James & Beulah Pepper	A. M. Marshall
	Raytown	A/G	May 21-June 4	Samuel & Patricia Calk	Glenn A. Green
	St. Joseph	Central	May 17-28	Ken Krivohlavek	D. L. Ladd
N. Mex.	Belen	First	May 17-31	L. T. Bates	Willis Deerman
N. Y.	Dansville	A/G	May 18-28	J. B. Woolhums	Rudolf Metzger
	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pentecostal	May 7-14	J. Billy McIntosh	Charles M. Shaffer
N. Dak.	Fargo	**First	May 16-28	David Dean	O. W. Apple
Ohio	Dayton	Bethel Temple	May 21-28	Bob Watters	Elton C. Hill
	Toledo	***First	May 21-28	Bob Larson	G. G. Martin
Okla.	Catoosa	A/G	May 7—	B. P. Carroll	J. Walter Leppke
	Hugo	First	May 14-28	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	G. A. Brannan
	Kingfisher	A/G	May 21-28	Doyle H. Thompson	Elmo Meloy
	Miami	Peoria	May 15-28	Mathers-Pharr Team	Joe McElhane
Oreg.	Cottage Grove	First	May 16-28	Duane & Violet Parrish	Raymond Alcorn
	Estacada	A/G	May 16-28	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Robert L. Rose
	Toledo	A/G	May 21-June 4	Marlon Jannuzzi	Leland Morse
Pa.	Chambersburg	Bethel Pent.	May 14-21	Guy Duty	Willis I. Murray
	Clarks Summit	A/G	May 17—	"Gypsy" George Butrin	David Laquintano
	Monroeville	A/G	May 16-28	Ken & Gloria Kashner	James S. Leake
	Philadelphia	Highway Tab.	May 14-28	R. S. Peterson	W. Howard Roberson
Tenn.	Morristown	First	May 14-June 2	Knott-Olson Team	Shelton Polk
Tex.	Dallas	Arcadia Park	May 14-21	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	W. C. Mangram
Va.	Fairfax	A/G	May 17-28	Jerry Knibbe	Walter J. Keller
W. Va.	Princeton	A/G	May 15-21	E. W. Lindale	E. L. Sherrick
Wis.	Chippewa Falls	First	May 7-14	David C. Wilcox	Donald R. Filbeck
	Lodi	A/G	May 2-14	James & Mrs. Pepper	Joseph Pedigo
Wyo.	Cheyenne	Full Gospel	May 16-28	Roy & Arlene Brewer	George Alber
Canada	Carman, Man.	Bethel Pent.	May 19—	Bob Ludwig	J. A. Hamilton
	Shawville, Que.	Bethel Pent.	May 21—	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	George Atkinson

*Children's Crusade

**Deeper Life Crusade

***Youth Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* five weeks in advance.

A BLOODY FINGERPRINT was found at the scene of a brutal murder. It was "lifted" and rushed to the FBI identification bureau in Washington, D.C. Although the FBI had 182,385,088 sets of fingerprints on file in January, 1967, in less than five minutes this bloody fingerprint was identified.

This was not a record, either. Sometimes the length of time for matching fingerprints is shorter, perhaps only three minutes. Fingerprints are identified with the aid of an electronic "monster"—the computer.

FBI fingerprint files are growing at the rate of approximately 27,000 sets of fingerprints a month, and if the person whose fingerprints are fed into the computer has ever been arrested previously, the "monster" can tell police whose they are.

The electronic revolution is on, and computers are doing amazing things.

They play "cupid" by matching suitable marriage partners. A computer at the telephone company knows whether or not you paid last month's bill.

Computers have been foreseeing election results quite successfully. Brain surgery has been done with the aid of a computer. Sweden's Dr. Lars Leksell has introduced this spectacular method of surgery.

A computer began scrutinizing, correcting, and adjusting every one of the approximately 107 million income-tax returns filed in 1967. According to *Reader's Digest*, the machine can add nine-digit numbers at 154,000 operations a second, or write letters on 50 different tax subjects at 1,000 lines a minute. The "monster" processes typical individual returns at the rate of 60 a minute, and checks all data against the master file's entries on everyone who pays or should be paying income taxes.

The people of the 20th century accept the amazing capacity of computers. On the other hand, many individuals have trouble believing God can do as much and more than a computer.

"I can't believe in an all-knowing, all-seeing, loving personal God," is the complaint of some theologians

as well as laymen. Yet the same individuals can accept the computer's tremendous ability to store data and give access to information as quickly as 35 milliseconds for a message of 48 10-digit words.

After examining the capacities of computers, how can men doubt the ability of God to know everything concerning them? If the IRS or the FBI knows so many facts about you, how much more does God know, since He created you in the beginning?

God has a record of your life. Job said, "My record is on high" (Job 16:19).

The Lord Jesus Christ told the Pharisees, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the judgment." There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hidden, that shall not be known. Whatever has been spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light, and that which has been whispered in closets shall be shouted from the housetops.

But God not only is concerned about sins men commit; He also is interested in their welfare. Without the aid of electronic data processing, He knows your needs before you ask, and He will grant the secret desires of your heart. He knows how many hairs are growing on your head, whether you are nearly bald or have thick hair. He knows everything about you, including your thoughts.

Men are finding they can't fool the computers at the FBI and IRS. They can't fool God either. It is wise to repent and accept God's loving care. Your record will be complete. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

EXCEEDING THE ELECTRONIC MONSTERS

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