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NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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SPEED THE LIGHT

TODAY IS DOLLAR DAY



WHEN THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL returned from captivity and built the second temple (under the leadership of Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest) the building they completed wasn't as glorious as Solomon's Temple had been. The historian Josephus tells us the second temple was only about half the size of the original one. It didn't have the embellishments of gold and silver and expensive appointments.

And there were some old-timers around who could still remember the glory of the first temple. Their disappointment was so keen that they wept as they compared the two buildings.

God knew how they felt and sent His prophet Haggai with a message of encouragement. To the leaders He said, "Be strong, and work, for I am with you. The gold and the silver are mine. If I wanted them in this building, I could supply them. But I have something better planned for this house."

Now notice Haggai 2:7,9: "And the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts... The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." This is most assuredly a prophecy concerning the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In connection with these verses there is a most significant statement: "Yet once, it is a little while, I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations" (Haggai 2:6,7).

The word *shake* means simply "to disturb." Back in Kansas we have vast fields of wheat. It is quite a picture to look at the golden grain standing tall and still. Then suddenly a strong breeze will sweep down the field, and there is a massive disturbance. The entire field is affected by it.

God was declaring to Israel that He was going to break in upon earth's history in a supernatural manner.

Why this great disturbance? The reason is spine-tingling. "The Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with my glory."

And then God sent His servant Haggai with a final message addressed to one lone man, the governor himself, Zerubbabel. God reiterated what He had said before: "I will shake the heavens and the earth... I will destroy the strength of the nations... In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I make thee as a signet [or a sign]: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts."

Let me do just a little interpolating. If we use the word *disturb* and understand "the heavens and the earth" to mean the universe, then we can read this: "I will disturb the universe." This is the heart of what I want to say to you.

Each time the Lord speaks of disturbing the universe, it very specifically refers to the coming of Christ. Here He is saying that in that day when He disturbs the universe, He will take Zerubbabel and make him a sign. This must be a prophecy concerning Zerubbabel's royal seed, because Zerubbabel wasn't even around when "that day" came.

John, the beloved Gospel writer, used the word *sign*

frequently throughout his narrative, always applied to Jesus. For example, when John concluded his Gospel, he wrote: "Many other *signs* truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (20:30,31). I submit to you that in the Person of His Son, God wrote His signature across the entire human race.

God also promised "in that day" to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. He is telling us that above and back of the world kingdoms is a singular throne, one center of authority—Satan.

The overthrowing of a throne doesn't necessarily mean the immediate cessation of the power of that throne. We cannot argue with the fact that Satan is still around and both God and man are troubled by

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him. But so far as God and Calvary are concerned, Satan's throne of uncontested power was toppled nearly 2,000 years ago.

Now I want to come back to God's all-inclusive declaration: "I will shake the heavens and the earth." This mentions *heavens*—plural. How many heavens are there? The Bible speaks of three.

The third and highest heaven is the abode of the Father, the saints, and the Seraphim. This is the heaven Paul spoke of in 2 Corinthians 12.

Then the Bible recognizes the second heaven. This is the heaven of the stellar spaces where stars move in rhythmic order across the sky.

The first heaven is the atmospheric heaven where birds fly and our modern jets leave their vapor trails as they hop from continent to continent.

"I will shake the heavens!" No heaven will be exempt.

When God executed His redemptive plan, it was indeed a disturbing of the universe. And no heaven was more disturbed than the third. Can you imagine the consternation of that heaven when it became known that He who was equal with God was going to lay aside His robes of splendor, and was going to be born in a smelly stable, and be laid in a manger?

The second heaven was disturbed too, as over Bethlehem there shone a new star, guiding the Magi from the East.

The atmospheric heaven was no less disturbed when it became filled with the angelic choir heralding the birth of the newborn King and Saviour.

And what about the earth? Can anyone deny that the earth was shaken to its foundations? Every time a

letter or document is dated, it pays tribute to that disturbance.

We see this Babe grow into boyhood and manhood. And then we tread the slope of a green hill outside the city and notice seething multitudes watching an unprecedented drama unfold around three crosses atop that hill. The Man on the middle cross is the suffering, bleeding, dying Redeemer.

Suddenly, at high noon, there is a disturbance in the second heaven, and consequently in the atmospheric heaven, as the light of the sun fails and the earth is wrapped in the darkness of midnight.

Can anyone imagine the disturbance in the third heaven through those impossible hours, as the angelic multitude was held in leash by the Father. I tell you they were so disturbed at this point, they were ready to go.

Who can fathom that which took place in the heart

Son and says, "Son, Your bride is ready; You may bring her to the wedding."

I can see the Son as He rises up from His place at the Father's right hand. He turns to the trumpeters and commands them to sound their trumpets. He pillows His feet on the clouds of glory and descends with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel.

The stellar heavens will be disturbed as He marches down, His countenance brighter than all their suns. There will be a simultaneous disturbance of the earth and the atmospheric heaven when the graves of every continent give up their dead. For "the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The earth will be disturbed beyond measure when the multitudes of God's people suddenly make their

DISTURBANCE



Many responded to the altar call following Pastor Grant's sermon.

of the Father when He turned away from His Son while He suffered there to reconcile fallen mankind to Himself?

There in the darkness the woman's Seed bruised the serpent's head. The throne of the kingdoms had been overthrown. The strength of the kingdoms had suffered such a devastating blow as to assure its ultimate destruction.

Having accomplished the purpose that brought Him to this hour, Christ bows His head and dies. The terrestrial creation convulses with another disturbance: the earth quakes; the rocks divide; some graves burst open. And on yonder hill the great veil of the temple is rent, by the hand of God, from top to bottom. The earth had never experienced such a disturbance.

I submit to you that the universe has not had its last disturbance. He who came will come again! He will break once more into earth's history. It is so stated in Hebrews 12:26: "Yet once more I shake [or disturb] not the earth only, but also the heavens."

There are so many disturbances related to His coming again, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to mention all of them. It will be a glorious moment when, in the third heaven, the Father turns to the

exit. It is staggering to think what the immediate effects will be upon the world's commerce and morals. If there is such a disturbance when the Church is raptured, how much more will it be disturbed in His revelation—when He comes to earth again.

There was a day when the blessed Lord Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto the death of the cross. Now God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name above every name. There will come a day when "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow . . . and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Sometime, somewhere, every creature in all God's universe will bow the knee to God's Son and will confess that He is Lord. And I submit that your spiritual temperature can be measured by your attitude toward Christ's coming!

When Paul had finished telling the church at Thessalonica about Christ's coming, he admonished them to "comfort one another with these words." Does the sureness of Christ's coming bring comfort to your heart? Or does it disturb you? Are you one who says, "My Lord delayeth his coming"? Or can you offer as a prayer from your heart, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus"?

I Love the Church

I'M GLAD the Lord does not ask us to walk the road to heaven alone. What a lonesome journey it would be! Instead He invites us to join a happy company made up of the finest people on earth, and enjoy the grandest fellowship while following the upward route.

These are the kind of people I can admire. They speak my language. They share my tastes. When I'm with them I'm inspired to be a better person. They are the kind of friends I want for myself and for my children.

I love to go to church and be with these people. I love to hear their testimonies. I'm blessed when they raise their voices in prayer and worship. Nothing makes me happier than to blend my voice with theirs in hearty gospel singing.

If I were a shut-in, or forced to miss church for a month, it would seem a punishment too hard to bear. Although I still could pray at home, how I would miss seeing and hearing my Christian brothers and sisters who assemble in the house of God! If I had to study my Bible without the help of my pastor and teachers, how much harder it would be to grasp its message!

As I sit in church my heart swells with gratitude for the privilege of being in the fellowship of the redeemed. I realize there may be a hypocrite somewhere. The other day the newspaper told of one—a Sunday school teacher who embezzled a large sum of money at a bank. This does not destroy my faith in other Christians. The reason cases like this make the headlines is that they are so rare. The people at church are the best citizens in the community.

I love the church because I need it. My spirit grows weary from the perplexity of daily problems. I feel weak and exhausted by the pressures of life. Then I participate in a good prayer meeting, a Bible study, or worship service and my heart is lifted. My spirit is renewed and I return to my duties in the strength of the Lord, with new faith in His eternal Word.

I love the church because it has helped me. I've been inspired by the preaching, instructed by the teaching. I'll always be grateful for the blessings received at its altars. But its blessings have not been confined to church walls. When I could not come to church, my fellow-Christians came to me. They prayed for me in sickness, and comforted me in trouble. I'm grateful for the tie that binds.

I love the church because it epitomizes the society we will enjoy in the life to come. There is so much sin in this present world. Men steal from one another, and even kill to get what they want. They are cruel and selfish. They cheat and lie. There is vice and squalor. A day is coming when righteousness shall cover the earth, and everyone will love his neighbor. No longer will people suffer innocently for the crimes of others. Helpless victims of poverty will be no more. All the ills of society will be cured.

In the church I see that perfect society in embryo and it gives me hope. It's a society of people who love God and honor His Word. Christ has washed them from their sins in His own blood. The Holy Spirit has transformed them and dwells within. They've found the answer. I'm so glad I'm one of them—and I want to see the church enlarged, that others may come and enjoy the blessings we enjoy through the gospel.

—R. C. C.

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JESUS CAME TO CALL SINNERS TO REPENTANCE. He came to seek and to save the *lost*. If you are ever to be saved, you must first *acknowledge that you need a Saviour*. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

The knowledge that we have sinned, and therefore are lost and in need of a Saviour, is brought home to us individually by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It may be a sermon, a prayer, a Christian friend, a Bible verse, an incident—the Holy Spirit uses various means to convict us.

Conviction, like pain when we touch a hot stove, is actually one of God's blessings for it lets us know that what we are doing is wrong, and that the longer we do it the more harm will result. To resist the Spirit of God when He points out our need of a Saviour is both dangerous and foolish, for it is to disregard the goodness of God which leads us to repentance. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

Conviction for sin is necessary, for Jesus said, "No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

The next step to salvation is to *accept the fact that you cannot save yourself*. If we could have saved ourselves, God would not have sent His Son to die for us. Many people who cannot swim drown simply because they fight off would-be rescuers in a desperate attempt to save themselves. If only they would cease to struggle and submit to those who come to their aid, they could be saved.

This is just as true in the spiritual realm. The waters of sin are too treacherous for any of us, but God who recognizes our helplessness "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Knowing then that you cannot save yourself, and

that Christ died for your sins, you have only to "*believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*"

Believing on Christ for salvation is more than giving mental assent to His existence and ability to save. Salvation is both a crisis and a progressive experience. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." That is the crisis experience, just as the birth of a child into the world is a physical crisis.

The new birth takes place when we come to God in prayer through Jesus Christ, confess our sins, and accept the Saviour. This may take place in the home, at the office, at church, alone, or in the company of others. The place is not important. *What is important is that you meet God on a personal basis, honestly and with faith, acknowledging that you are lost and want to be saved.*

The same Spirit of God who convicts of sin and shows us we are lost also brings assurance of salvation when we have so come to God in faith. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

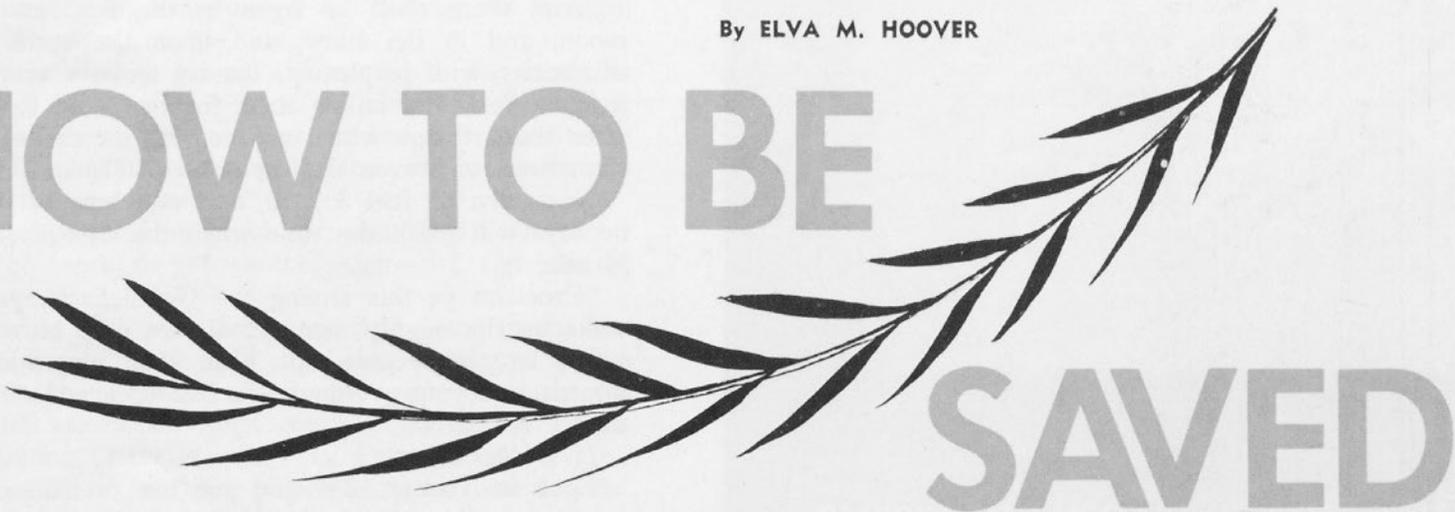
Following the crisis experience which brings the knowledge of sins forgiven and the joy of being in right relationship with God, we begin a whole new life. And just as an infant must eat in order to grow and develop, so the newborn Christian must do that which will develop him into a strong healthy Christian, able to take his place in the kingdom of God.

As he reads his Bible, attends church regularly, witnesses to others, and fellowships with Christ in prayer and service, his Christian experience affects every area of his life. Not only is his joy in living increased greatly by the understanding of God's purpose for his existence, but he looks forward to even greater experiences with God throughout eternity.

Have *you* accepted Christ as your personal Saviour? Are you saved—now? You can be, for the Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." 

By ELVA M. HOOVER

HOW TO BE



SAVED

SIGNS OF THE END TIME



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GENERATION AFTER GENERATION HAS MUDDLED AND COMPROMISED GOD'S PLAN FOR THEM, AND NOW THERE ARE PROBLEMS TOO BIG FOR ANY ONE POWER ON EARTH TO SOLVE.

THE OTHER DAY in our family worship Mrs. Ward called my attention to the prophetic overtones of a passage in Proverbs, as a generation had begun to riot on the streets of the world:

"Come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood, let us ambush the innocent without cause [and show that his piety is in vain];

"Let us swallow them up alive as does Sheol...

"We shall find and take all precious goods [when our victims are put out of the way], we shall fill our houses with plunder;

"Throw in your lot among us [they insist], and be a sworn brother and comrade; let us all have one purse in common" (1:11-14, Amplified).

The marauding Red Guard of Communist China, the mods of Britain, the rioters and looters in the streets of our own troubled nation all add up to a significant sign of the end time. "All these are the beginning of sorrows"—trouble that just will not go away.

Everywhere we turn in Scripture we find language that is pertinent to today. This Book is truly "a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." It alone gives meaning to the startling revolutionary news of the hour. It alone shows us where we are in God's program.

I see right now this 10-nation empire forming in Western Europe. I see that *third force* taking shape to replace the former colonial powers of that continent.

The Pan-Islamic world is divided. Yemen and Aden are in the news, after decades in which the average person knew nothing about them. Why should they come into focus now? Just as Castro of Cuba is reaching out toward Venezuela's oil, so Nasser is reaching toward the oil of Mesopotamia. Oil is the wealth that both covet.

Yes, you and I stand at the beginning of problems that are going to get worse, problems of the end time. Generation after generation has muddled and compromised God's plan for them, and now there are problems too big for any one power on earth to solve.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26).

Now turn to Joel 3:9, 10, and read one of the signs he says will mark the time when the day of the Lord is near:

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong."

It is that hour!

Look at Daniel 12:4 and see the prediction of the increase in knowledge at "the time of the end," and the fact that "many shall run to and fro" (12:4). He might have written volumes on the subject, and it would not have been any clearer—we all know what he is talking about. Men are on the move, and new speed records shrink this earth repeatedly.

We know exactly what Nahum meant when he spoke of chariots raging in the streets, "jostling one another in the broad ways" (2:3,4). He was speaking of "the day of his preparation." This is the end time, and God's Word has not left us in the dark about the meaning of the signs of our times.

"Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

Zechariah looked ahead to the problems of unemployment and strikes that plague the nations today. "For before these days," he said, "there was no hire for man nor any for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbor" (8:10).

Strikes are common today, and unemployment is the specter that scares politicians. The tug of war between capital and labor, between management and employee, is increasing, and the end is not yet.

In the midst of reports of record church membership we are seeing the decay of vital religion, the "falling away" that Paul said would precede "that day" of the Lord's return.

"Perilous times" are a sign of the last days, and what Paul listed in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 is front-page news in almost any newspaper on any average day. Some of it is so common it doesn't even make the front page: "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure. . . ."

These are the signs of a civilization overripe for judgment.

Here's more: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the Son of man." The Bible says that, in Noah's day, "every imagination of man's heart was only evil continually."

The story of the 20th century is the story of revolution, and it was predicted by a prophet named Haggai more than two millenniums ago:

"I will shake all nations. . . . And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen."

We have already grown accustomed to the fact that the Israeli nation was reborn as Ezekiel prophesied it would. But every time you see an Israeli spokesman in the U.N. on your television screen, you are seeing a sign of the end time.

Evidence is piled upon evidence that Christ's return is near. But there is yet another sign—the sign of the scoffer:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3,4).

Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Are you among the scoffers, or are you among those who scan the skies for His return? I am thankful that I am, by choice, a member of the company that eagerly awaits His coming.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Is it true that Zipporah whom Moses married was a Negress?

Zipporah was of Midian (Exodus 2:16-22). The Midianites were descendants of Keturah, whom Abraham married after the death of Sarah (Genesis 25:2). They were a people closely related to the Ishmaelites, living in about the same territory.

In Exodus 6:6-8 God promised to deliver the Israelites from bondage in Egypt and bring them into the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Did He keep His promise, or did all that generation perish in the wilderness?

This promise of God was made to the nation, not to individuals. He did bring Israel into the land promised to their fathers. There was no failure on the part of God. Those who perished were the rebellious and disobedient. Here is a lesson for us. The Bible clearly promises eternal blessing to those who believe, but it is up to us to "make our calling and election sure" by following on to know the Lord. Failure to keep our part of a covenant with God does not mean He has broken His promise.

Please explain Luke 2:23: "It is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord."

This refers to the firstborn son. When God spared the firstborn children of the Israelites at the time of the first Passover, He indicated that the firstborn should be specially dedicated to him (Exodus 13:2). Later He chose those of the tribe of Levi in the place of the firstborn for His service (Numbers 3:12). But He wished Israel always to remember that the firstborn was His portion, whether it be man or beast.

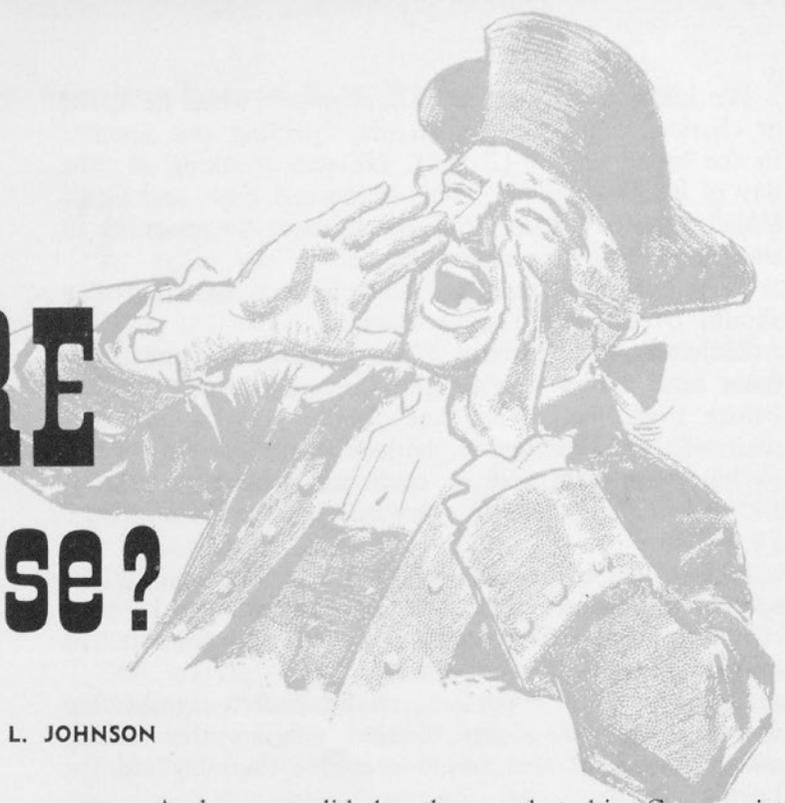
What does the Bible teach concerning rewards and punishments? Will rewards be given on the basis of ability or faithfulness?

The Bible speaks of rewards of suffering for the ungodly, and of blessing for the righteous. The fact that "these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal," indicates there will be rewards (Matthew 25:46). When Jesus comes, "then shall he reward every man according to his works" (Matthew 16:27). The wicked are "treasuring up unto themselves wrath against the day of wrath" (Romans 2:5), while the righteous are laying up for themselves treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:20). The proper use of personal ability and means will be rewarded (Matthew 25:14-29), but special emphasis is put on faithfulness. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

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.

PAUL REVERE without a horse?

By JAMES L. JOHNSON



HOW FAR would the Revolutionary War have gone in America's favor if Paul Revere had no horse?

It was one thing to flash "one if by land, two if by sea" from a church belfry. But that was limited communication. To get a countryside—even the nation—aroused to the Revolutionary hour meant getting mobile. The hour called for speed, the thunder of excitement, the flying messenger of freedom whose raucous voice smashed open slumbering America to its hour of destiny.

But suppose Paul had to walk it? It would have been a long and disastrous day indeed, for time would have been the victor.

So the Church today cries, "What we need is another good old Paul Revere!" Someone to champion the cause of Christ, ride the night winds across a darkened America and the world, shouting the good news that freedom is already here in the person of Jesus Christ.

Well, Paul Revere is here—he's been here since the 15th century. The trouble is, he's still walking—there's no horse under him. The Church hasn't yet put one under him.

October is Protestant Press Month. On October 15 thousands of churches will observe World Literature Sunday. The Christian world will be confronted with their Paul Revere—still on foot. Our Paul Revere is the printing press—that noisy, flashing, banging thing most Christians have never seen—but which has done more to shape men's minds and alter geography than any other single invention of man.

It is no exaggeration, for instance, that Napoleon Bonaparte "feared one newspaper more than a thousand bayonets." He knew what that well-timed clarion of truth could do to undermine his empire, even while his armies were victorious.

Karl Marx never dreamed that what he wrote so furiously in an attic in the mid-19th century would be snatched up and "galloped" across the world on the back of the same squeaky, grinding bundle called the printing

press. And never did he dream that his Communist Manifesto would pass through so many hands, change so many lives, and alter so much territory.

Hitler's dream of a new Germany was scribbled on some wrapping paper behind prison walls. It remained wrapping paper until it vaulted into the saddle of moveable type. From that came the book, *Mein Kampf*, and the Third Reich was born—and the scars left from that horrible era are still visible on millions of people.

And while the Church sings, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" during October, the sound of that squeaky, tired old thing called a printing press will probably come through too. For the church has had its chronicle written in ink as well.

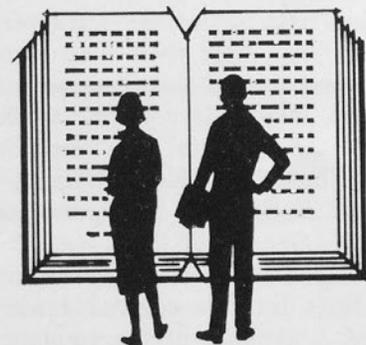
When Martin Luther became convinced that the church needed ventilating by the Word of God, he chose the written word to start the fires of spiritual revolution.

When Calvin realized that his principles of divine order should be paramount in society, he chose the written word to declare it. Once again the smell of ink filled the air, and out came *Calvin's Institutes*.

Take a roll call of the saints who lit their own spiritual fires in the past, and you'll find them grabbing the saddle horn of the press to get vaulted into the mainstream of society.

Today the world is covered with the haze of smoke

READERS^{make}LEADERS



OCTOBER IS PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

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from a thousand revolutionary fires. The sparks flying from those fires are pieces of paper on which are written the words that call the impoverished, the forsaken, the lonely, the frustrated, the dying to a new order. Those sparks are falling on dry tinder, and every day of every month, year by year, there is a new outbreak of human flame clawing its way to some glimpse of promise.

That's why in one West African city high school, kids spend the nights downtown reading under street-lamps—they know that time is not on their side and it's "what you know that counts."

That's why commuters on their way home in Buenos Aires, Argentina, are loaded down with magazines and newspapers—they are not looking to a night in front of the TV; to them, reading is life, and their whole future is tied to it.

That's why *Reader's Digest* boasts of five million subscriptions in Brazil alone, a country someone once said that does not take to subscription buying.

That's why Russia will spend \$5.4 billion this year on literature, because the printed page is an ambassador without portfolio, roaming at large and hitting with terrific impact on the restive masses caught in the revolutionary steamroller of our times.

And that's why the most populated place on a Saturday afternoon in any village or city in America is the corner drugstore—for there you can see the future generation "thumbing their way through college" at the magazine and book rack.

So is the Church standing still? Not entirely. But it's like a man with 10 fingers trying to plug 50 holes in the dyke, or fighting a prairie fire with a one-man bucket brigade. This Paul Revere of the Church is tired of walking—he wants to gallop. And never was there a time when the revolutionary message of the new life in Christ needed a thundering prophet in the night as now.

What will it demand? One, perhaps a change of attitude. Are we of the Church still pinching our nose at the smell of printing ink? Still backing off from the noisy clatter of presses ripping off the pages that go into the spiritual revolution of today? Well, nobody ever went into battle and won by ignoring the weapons of warfare or wincing at the smell of cordite.

Maybe, too, this Protestant Press Month and World Literature Sunday will cause a change in activity. It may be that reading will take a new place in our lives and that of our children; it may be that we will take a better look at the potential writers and editors among our children and be less careless about stimulating their gifts to become sharp for God.

Most of all, maybe the church literature may become of more significance than scrap pads or doodle boards.

No, to put this horse under the Church's Paul Revere will take more than passive acceptance of Paul himself; more than toleration of the press as a peripheral instrument.

It will demand of the entire Church a new respect for Habakkuk's categorical imperative when he said: "Write the vision and make it plain, that he may run that readeth it" (2:2).

The question is, Will our Paul Revere stay on foot, or will we put wings to his cause? 

Twice Healed of Same Trouble

THREE MEN in our community fell from ladders while pruning fruit trees in January 1964.

One died as his pruning shears pierced his heart. The second spent weeks in the hospital and had to have critical surgery on his spine, I was the third man.

With two crushed vertebrae, a slipped disk, four broken ribs and other minor injuries, I was told I could expect to spend six weeks in the hospital. But some devout Christians prayed for me one night, and God undertook. In 11 days I was released from the hospital and I experienced a remarkable recovery.

In the fall of 1966 my back began to trouble me again. This continued for several weeks, and some members of my family urged me to see a doctor.

One afternoon as I shifted from one uncomfortable position to another, I began to wonder why the trouble had returned. After all, hadn't the Lord healed me?

The Holy Spirit brought many portions of Scripture to my mind and applied them to my life. Among these were Matthew 7:7; James 5:13,14; John 15:7, and Hebrews 11:6.

I could not escape the searching of the Spirit as He probed into my heart with personal questions based on the Word. Among other things He reminded me how God had met our needs so many times over the 45 years we had served Him.

There was the time when I was out of a job and found a sack of flour by the side of the road.

And the day one of our daughters came home from school with a note from the nurse saying she was not to return until she had her tonsils removed. The next trip the nurse made to that school, she examined Ruth's throat and remarked that she had had her tonsils out. Ruth explained she had not, but that she had been prayed for.

I was also reminded of the compassion we had in those early days for the lost, and how we suffered with the saints in their difficulties. I remembered the wonderful fellowship we shared.

I thought with gratitude of the years I had been permitted to serve as a deacon, teacher, choir leader, and in other capacities.

Suddenly, the Spirit stopped me with a direct question "How were you saved? By works?"

"No, Lord; by faith."

"Why then do you look to works for your healing?"

Other searching questions followed, and all at once I was aware that my back was comfortable again. To this day I am praising the Lord for the victory gained that afternoon.

Our adversary the devil is making daily rounds, seeking whom he may deceive; but let us remember when new troubles arise or old ones return, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is our victory.—P. O. Condit, Morgan Hill, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Don Argue, First Assembly, Morgan Hill, Calif.)

THE HOME MISSIONS SERMON PREACHED AT THE
GENERAL COUNCIL IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

ENLARGING OUR BORDERS



By **DARWIN H. HEUSER**
Pastor, Calvary Temple
Waukegan, Illinois

SINCE THE BEGINNING of the New Testament Church on the Day of Pentecost, the Church has waged a constant war with the powers of this world and the prince of darkness.

By observing the New Testament Church in the Acts of the Apostles, there are four paramount characteristics I wish to consider with you.

THE BELIEVERS WERE DIVINELY INSTRUCTED

God revealed His perfect plan and will for Israel as He spoke through anointed spiritual leaders. God has a continuing desire to communicate with man.

Recognizing the importance of comprehending divine truth, we ought to pray, "Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight" (Psalm 119:34, 35).

An educator said, "This I call tragedy, for anyone to be born with the capacity of knowledge and not to know." I would say there is a greater tragedy. That is for the soul with the capacity of knowing God to live without the true knowledge of Him.

In 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Paul concluded that the

"If it takes an Indian to win an Indian, then I'll be an Indian!" Thus responded Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, to John McPherson, Sacramento, Calif., upon receiving the Cherokee Indian bonnet. Brother Scott was named U-huft Uh-goo-ve-you ("Strong Leader") as he became a member of the Cherokee tribe.



Word is the source and nourisher of Christian character because it is inspired of God—God breathed. Therefore it will lead us to a knowledge and experience of salvation. It is profitable for the quadruple use of teaching, convicting, correcting, and training in righteousness. The Word of God is the only Word that has authority to demand attention and the power to accomplish what it says.

The apostles and others in the Early Church



Curtis W. Ringness, national secretary of the Home Missions Department, explained two functions of the department—Church Extension and Special Ministries. In emphasizing the former, he challenged the congregation by stating all Assemblies of God churches began as pioneer churches pastored by individuals with a vision to "Branch Out."

preached Christ. Paul said, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord."

The great theme of our message as bearers of the gospel must be the Cross; the throbbing heart of all true Bible ministry must center in the Christ of the Cross.

Bishop Asbury told a group of young men entering the ministry, "When you go into your pulpits, go from your closets. Leave all your speculations and metaphysical reasonings behind. Take your hearts full of fresh water from heaven and preach Christ and the resurrection, and *that* will conquer the world."

We should pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; give me an

understanding of sacred truth and anoint me to share it with others."

THE BELIEVERS WERE SPIRIT-FILLED

A British scientist said that if the power bound up in one cube of sugar could be released, it could completely destroy the city of London. If this is true of physical power, what about the power of the Holy Spirit within the Spirit-filled believer?

The true Church of Jesus Christ is not a worldly-minded, sin-polluted society. Paul could say of the



Harry Brotzman (left), coordinator of the deaf and blind division of the Home Missions Department, presented a certificate to T. C. Cunningham, assistant superintendent and home missions director for Southern California, in recognition of the district's achievement of leading the nation by opening 10 new churches in 1966 and 59 in the last five years. The Latin American Branch received a similar certificate for opening nine churches in 1966 and 58 in the five-year period. The Hawaii and Northern New England districts were similarly recognized for 95 and 80 percent participation, respectively, in "Branch Out" rallies, the 1967 Home Missions emphasis.

saints in Corinth, "But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

There are indications that every believer in the Early Church was supernaturally filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter made this clear in his message on the Day of Pentecost: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." It is a promise for us to experience.

One day when our second son Roger came home from kindergarten, I was sitting in the living room of the parsonage in La Crosse, Wisconsin, reading. He went directly to the cookie jar, and I heard him remove the cover. I thought I'd have some fun with him, so as he passed through the room eating the cookie, I said in a stern voice, "Roger, who said you could have that cookie?"

His freckled face beamed, and he said, "Daddy, I belong to this house." He went upstairs to change his clothes and went outside to play.

Those words, "I belong to this house," lingered in my mind. Roger felt since he was a member of the

Andrae Crouch (at microphone), director of music for Southern California Teen Challenge, coordinated the four home missions choirs which sang in the rally. Mrs. Beatrice Berry (right), pastor of Calvary Silent Assembly, Riverside, Calif., interpreted for the deaf. Brother Crouch is shown leading the congregation in a chorus.



Heuser family, he was entitled to some special privileges of the house. In my mind I reasoned that since I am a member of the human race, there are some privileges I am entitled to that the rest of God's creation can never have. And since I am a born-again Christian, I am entitled to some special privileges that the rest of the human race cannot experience. One of these blessings is the Spirit-filled life.

Smith Wigglesworth said repeatedly, "I am nothing without the anointing."

Phillips Brooks said, "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for power equal to your tasks."

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Yes, power to live a victorious Christian life and power to minister effectively.

THE BELIEVERS WERE CONSTANTLY PROGRESSIVE

Who would deny the world is passing through one of its darkest periods? Men today are shepherdless, victims of the world's hates and unbeliefs. Peacemakers are at work, but the burdens of the present generation are not being lifted; man is stunned, starved, and staggering under the brutal force of the age. But this is the world that God so loved that He gave His only begotten Son; it is the world that our Lord looked upon and was moved with compassion.

The early believers faced a pagan world much given to idolatry. These times have been described as follows: "Brute force and materialistic philosophies were dominant. It was a world also in which conflicting ideologies struggled to gain control. Greece presented her idea of absolute liberty. Rome operated under the concept of absolute law. But then as now, and now as then, absolute liberty meant and means moral and social anarchy, and absolute law means moral and

Choirs of Los Angeles Teen Challenge, Indian Revival Center, Bell Gardens, Calif., and La Puerta Abierta (The Open Door), Los Angeles, a church of the Latin American Branch, sang individually. Then, under the direction of Andrae Crouch, the three choirs united in singing, "To Be Used of God," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." A Language of Signs choir comprised of the deaf from area churches interpreted, directed by Mrs. Beatrice Berry.



social tyranny. The Christian concept has ever been liberty limited by law and law defined by liberty. This is the contribution of the Christian gospel."

Into this world the apostles and early believers launched the gospel message. Why? "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in [Christ]."

One of the outstanding things in the history of the Early Church is the fact they grew.

By the end of the century, Christ had been preached from Babylon to Spain, from Alexandria to Rome.

The progressive evangelism that possessed the early believers should inspire, encourage, and challenge the 20th-century church. What is God's plan for my day? What is God's plan for the world now?

A pastor talking to his preacher friend said, "I can't get unsaved people to attend services in my church."

The friend made a startling comment: "God didn't tell sinners to go to church. The business of the church is to take the message to the sinners and get them saved. Then when they become born-again believers, God tells them to go to church."

While serving as Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District superintendent, I visited the home of a pastor who had a sweet little girl about three years old. She showed me her pride and joy, a little rag doll. It was apparent she had played much with it, for a leg and arm were about to fall from the doll and it wasn't the cleanest now. I said to her, "That doll isn't any good."

She quickly replied, "Yes, it is."

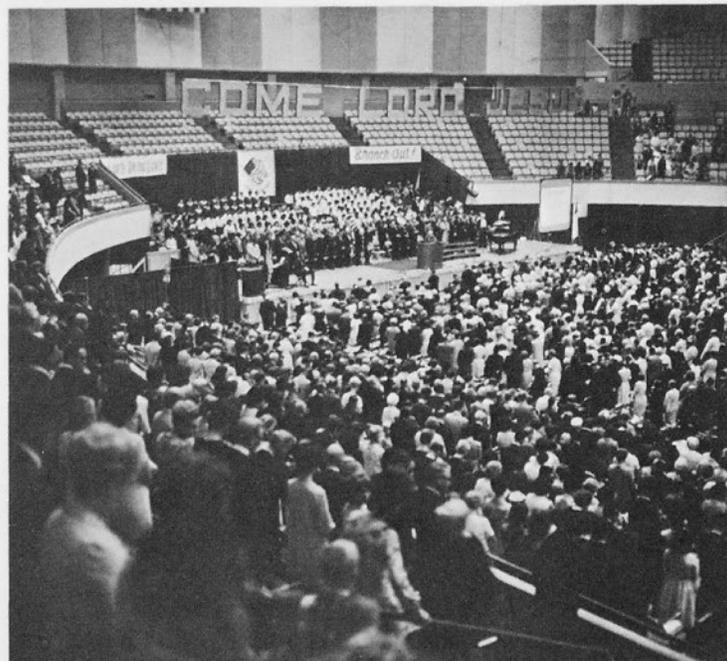
"What for?"

Immediately she said, holding the doll close to her, "It is good for loving."

Thank God He feels this way about us and the entire human race.

More than three billion souls are now living on the earth at the same time. It is a sobering thought that each of these is going to one of two places, heaven or hell.

Jesus has provided a salvation for each one. Yet nearly 2,000 years after the death of Jesus as Saviour of the world, and after the Great Commission was given to the Church, half of the people now living have never heard the gospel once. If you could stand



A crowd estimated at 10,000 attended the Home Missions rally on Friday night. A new filmstrip, "God Bless America," telling the story of a pastor and congregation which decided to "mother" a new church rather than to enlarge their own building, had its premiere showing. Following this presentation, Chas. W. H. Scott reemphasized the tremendous challenge of our growing population. He urged pastors and laymen to catch a fresh vision to sponsor or assist new churches.

day and night in one place and watch this vast host pass by at the rate of 100 a minute, you would stand there for 20 years. More people will live in this century than all who lived from Adam until 1900.

Without doubt, one of the key words of Acts is *witness*, which occurs more than 20 times. Dr. A. T. Pierson said, "Witnessing is the whole work of the whole Church for the whole age. Witnessing is a necessity for any Christian soul. A light that does not shine, a stream that does not flow, a germ that does not grow is no more a contradiction than a Christian who does not witness."

The concern of the Church today should be, Why aren't we keeping pace with the population explosion? Is it because Christians are not following the principles of every-member evangelism?

THE BELIEVERS UNSELFISHLY SERVED

The ministry and life of Jesus were of the highest purpose, to fulfill the Father's will. Our Saviour was willing to place Himself under the most rigid discipline, the strongest obligations to do the Father's will and to fulfill the purpose for which He was "made flesh." His concern, His interest, His planning, His prayers, and His activities all pointed to the

fulfillment of the words: "I delight to do thy will, O God."

Members of the Early Church did not seek to be ministered unto, but rather sought for opportunities of ministering to others. The Acts of the Apostles reveals the passion these early believers received from Christ to carry the good news to lost men. They "went everywhere preaching the word."

A retired minister of one of the larger denominations came to see me some time ago. After a time of prayer, he sat and talked of the blessings of God that rested upon him and his ministry in his youth. "In the early days of our church," he said, "preachers and laymen had to sacrifice. We won souls to Christ, churches were begun, and we became well established and organized as a denomination." With tears flowing down his cheeks and his voice trembling, he continued, "Because of our growth, organization, and prosperity, we no longer had to sacrifice. But, Brother Heuser, when we ceased to sacrifice, it was then we lost the blessing of the Lord. I trust the Assemblies of God shall never lose the spirit of sacrifice; for as long as you have that, you will be blessed of God."

CONCLUSION

Fellow believers in Christ, Jesus is building His



Mrs. Robert T. McGlasson and Mrs. Harry Brotzman (and her son Randy) of Springfield, Mo., assisted at the Home Missions booth. Two members of the Indian Revival Center Choir, Bell Gardens, Calif., posed with their missionary-pastor, Arthur T. Stoneking (right). Harold D. Hanson (left) is missionary-pastor to the Pima and Maricopa Indians and director of the Laveen Children's Home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Church, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Pastor, what are you and your church going to do to help promote this fine Home Missions program of establishing more churches besides reaching the deaf, the blind, and so many others? I believe every Christian should become personally involved in the Home Missions program of the Assemblies of God that we may do together what we cannot do alone.

Sophie was a scrub lady who lived in New York

City. She asked her pastor, Dr. A. B. Simpson, if she could be a missionary. Knowing there wasn't a missionary society who would send her to a foreign field, he suggested she go home and pray about it.

A few days later she returned bubbling over with the joy of the Lord. Dr. Simpson didn't know what to expect but he asked, "Sophie, what did the Lord tell you?"

"Dr. Simpson, the Lord said to me, 'Do you see the man on the street corner selling newspapers? He came all the way to New York City from Greece that you might be a missionary to him. See the man who runs the laundry on your block? He came from China so you might be a missionary to him.'" Thus Sophie became a missionary.

During her funeral sometime later, something very unusual took place. Someone stood and said, "May I say a word? I would like to say that today I'm a Christian because Sophie came and told me about Jesus." All over the auditorium people stood to their feet and told of the blessings that had come to their lives because Sophie had witnessed to them.

When the Church was at its best for God, the believers were divinely instructed, deeply spiritual, constantly progressive, and unselfishly serving. As we follow their example there will be a forward march in home missions and "the name of the Lord will be magnified."

I believe our present churches will increase spiritually and numerically.

I believe the number of our churches will increase; there will be a greater outreach through the various facets of the Home Missions program.

God will appear to us as He did to Paul in Corinth as recorded in Acts 18:9, 10, (Living Gospels): "One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, 'Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't quit! For I am with you and no one can harm you. Many people here in this city belong to me.'" 



Mrs. Donna Khuns, assistant to Mrs. Beatrice Berry, interpreted for the deaf during the Home Missions Rally. Mrs. Essie Lett (second from right on first row), pastor of the deaf group at First Assembly in Fullerton, Calif., was an early pioneer of the deaf ministry in the Assemblies of God.

The Effects of Pentecost

Sunday School Lesson for October 22, 1967
ACTS 2:32-47

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

OUR LESSON begins with Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost—a sermon preached in response to the queries of those who had witnessed the outpouring of the Spirit. As a result, 3,000 of Peter's hearers were converted to Christ (and experienced, no doubt, the infilling of the Holy Spirit).

SPIRITUAL LIFE EXPERIENCED (vv. 14-41)

Their spiritual experience involved:

Preaching (vv. 14-36). Peter first explained the strange phenomena and pointed out that it was scriptural (14-21).

Second, Peter linked two words—which in the minds of his hearers were not at all related—*Jesus* and *Messiah*, or *Lord* and *Christ*. In verses 22-35 Peter connected these words by a series of unanswerable and irrefutable scriptural proofs to demonstrate that *Jesus is the Messiah*.

Finally, he charged his hearers with being guilty of crucifying this Lord. "This Jesus hath God raised up,

whereof we all are witnesses." Peter pointed to the outpouring of the Spirit as proof of Christ's return to the Father's right hand in heaven, concluding, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Conviction (v. 37). Pointed preaching in the power of the Spirit produced results. Peter's hearers, gripped by pungent conviction—conscious now of their guilt and need—cried out for help. Such an attitude is the first step toward salvation.

Repentance and Water Baptism (vv. 38, 39). Repentance is a godly sorrow for sin, accompanied by a complete about-face as the individual discovers he is on the wrong road. It is an act of the will whereby a person changes his attitude toward sin, toward himself, and toward God.

Peter's hearers were not baptized in water in order to be saved. They were baptized as an evidence of their conversion—an outward testimony of an inner cleansing effected by Christ's blood. Water baptism symbolized their identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection to walk with Him in newness of life (Romans 6:3-11).

Finally, Peter's hearers were promised the Holy Spirit upon the condition of repentance and baptism.

SPIRITUAL LIFE PRESERVED (v. 42)

Every word in this section is full of instruction.

Our great problem, individually and collectively in the local church, is not so much how to obtain spiritual life and power as how to maintain and preserve it. The apostolic church maintained it by:

Teaching. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine [teaching]." Evangelism may be emphasized to the neglect of teaching the Word, but the result is shallowness, instability, and weakness.

Fellowship. "They continued steadfastly in . . . fellowship." Paul revealed the Church as a body, a living organism united in Christ by the Spirit, each Christian being a member of that body. We need each other; we cannot live unto ourselves. Christian fellowship is vital to spiritual life.

Worship. "The breaking of bread" indicates believers met together to worship. Their fellowship with each other was not merely on a social plane; it was centered in Christ. Hence we are not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day [of His coming] approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Prayer. "They continued steadfastly . . . in prayers." The Early Church was preeminently a praying church. Every persecution, every threat, every crisis became the occasion for individual and united prayer. Only a praying church can be a powerful church.

SPIRITUAL LIFE MANIFESTED (vv. 43-47)

Space will not permit us to explore these very provocative verses describing the blessed results and the fruits of true spiritual life. We can only list them: (1) influence, v. 43; (2) power, v. 43; (3) love, vv. 44, 45; (4) unity, v. 46; (5) joy, v. 46; (6) growth, v. 47.

Are these blessings evidenced in your life? If not, seek God for more of Himself. Let His Spirit control your life so that His name will be glorified each day that you live.

WE MUST KEEP WALKING



I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU some pictures and a few of my many experiences these past two-and-a-half years which you have made possible through your Speed-the-Light giving.

"Please come and help my wife. She's seriously ill with meningitis and unable to walk here." Off we went over a bush road in my Speed-the-Light Puegoet station wagon. After stopping the car, we had to walk two miles down the path, across the creek, and past two large cornfields. We got the acutely ill patient and drove back to the compound. After two weeks of treatment and prayers, she was much improved and wanted to return home. Another life was saved, and a two-year-old child still has her mother to care for her.

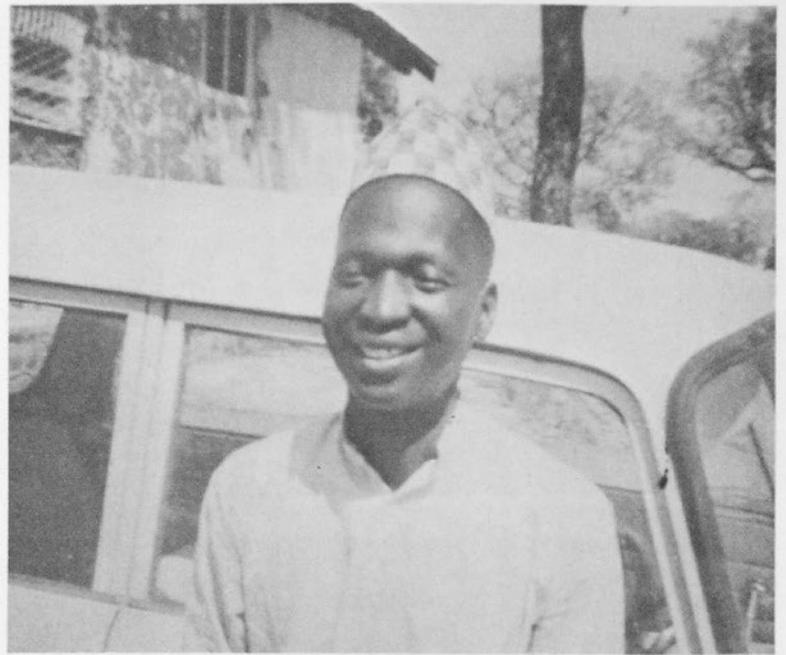
On Sunday, just before church, a deacon from one of our largest churches knocked at my door. "Pastor Phillibus is unconscious. Please come and see him; he's dying." The pastor was in a diabetic coma. The doctor at the nearest hospital said there was no regular insulin on hand. "Can you drive to Jos and see if the Sudan Interior Mission Hospital will loan us some until we are able to obtain it from the drug company?"

Off again in my Speed-the-Light station wagon for 70 miles. The insulin was obtained, the dying pastor was brought out of the coma, and after two months of treatment was discharged, being regulated on daily insulin injections. With a body physically renewed, a ministry ahead, a most happy family and congregation, Pastor Phillibus returned home. A life was saved physically and perhaps through his future ministry many souls will be saved for eternity—thanks to God's mercies and Speed-the-Light.

9 p.m. "My wife has been hemorrhaging for two days. Please come and take her to the hospital." Off again in the Speed-the-Light station wagon for 94 miles. The patient was in deep shock. We prayed and drove to the hospital. After I. V. fluids and further treatment, another life was spared.

2 p.m. "My wife is in labor, please take her to the hospital." We started out, but the baby didn't wait until we reached the hospital before entering the world. Instead little Rebecca was born at the side of the road in the back of my Speed-the-Light station wagon. After further treatment a mother and her new child were driven home, happy and grateful for help given.

I'd like to say a big "thank you" for such fine transportation which you have supplied me with this term. C.A.'s, because of you, many people have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, and because of your giving many lives have been spared. May God richly bless you.



Pastor Phillibus was taken to hospital in the STL station wagon.

Speed-the-Light A LIFESAVER

By
DORIS
GEIGER,
Ghana



Mother who had meningitis.

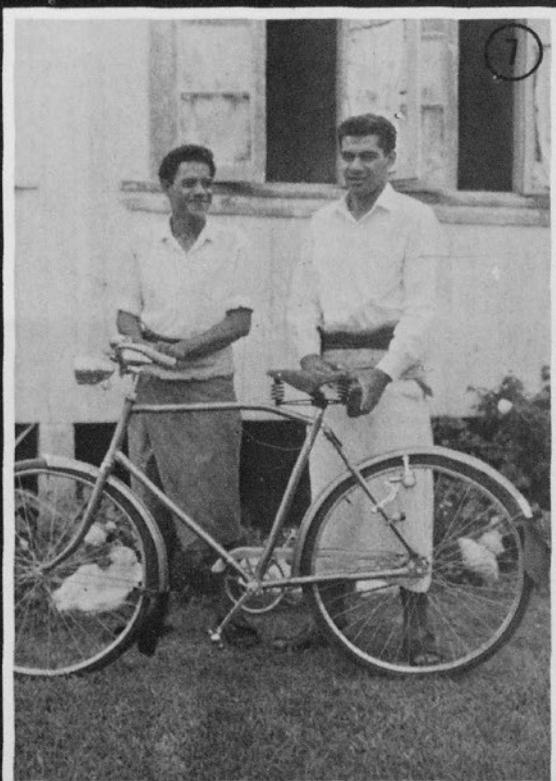


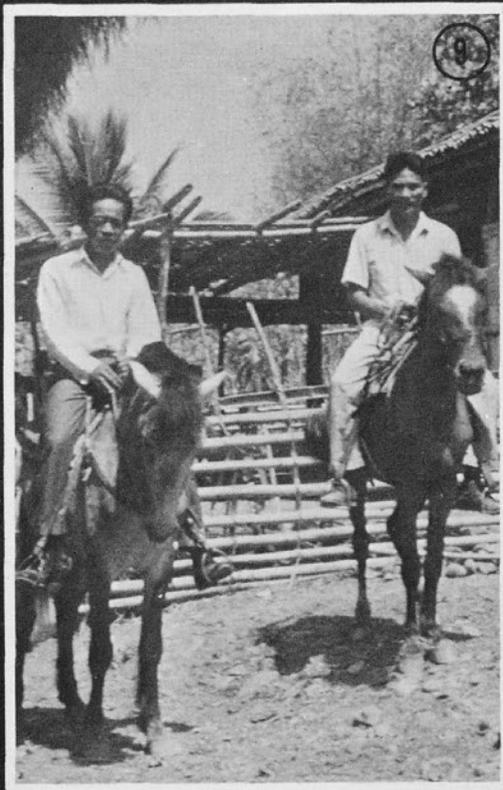
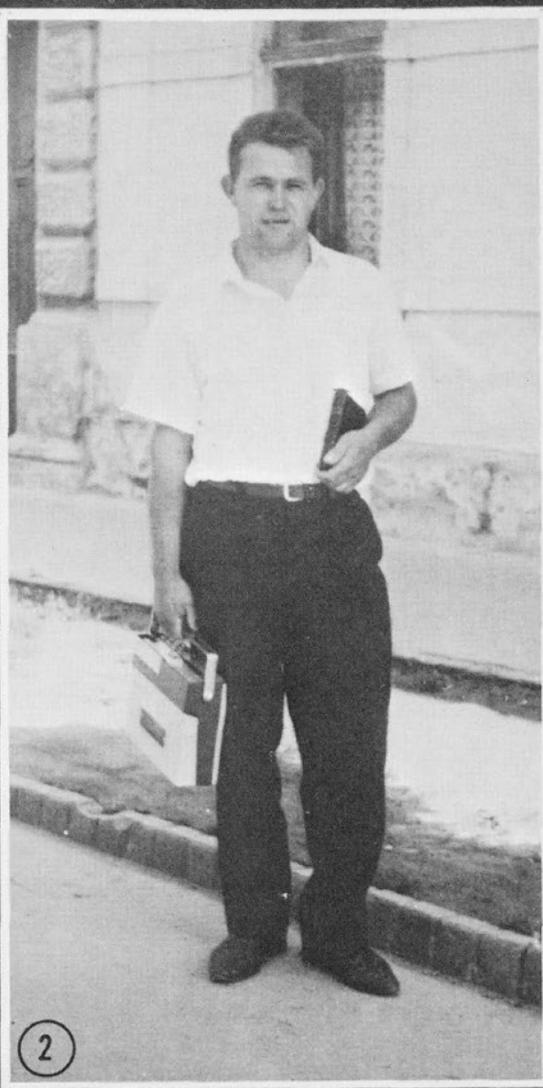
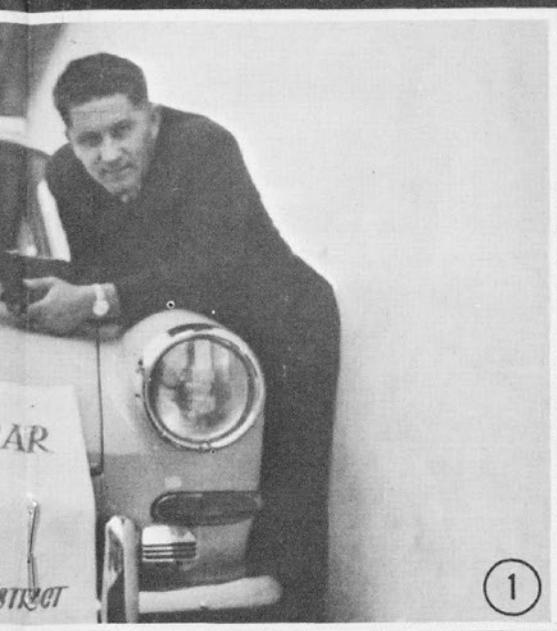
Baby who was born in the station wagon.

WHEELS SPEED THE LIGHT



1. Evangelist Stefan Gulyas uses this Speed-the-Light car in gospel work in Eastern Europe.
2. A tape recorder in the hands of this Yugoslavian brother can get the gospel to many a missionary might never reach.
3. A Speed-the-Light public-address system works both indoors and out. Here it assists an evangelistic campaign in a new church in Kaohsiung, Formosa.
4. The first Speed-the-Light vehicle used in Iran was given by New York C.A.'s to Mark Bliss.
5. Albert Cakau, superintendent of the Fiji Assemblies of God, is happy that Speed-the-Light enabled him to get this car for his work.
6. Pastor Kim uses this Speed-the-Light bicycle in his ministry on the Korean island of Koje.
7. The Pacific island of Tonga has been reached with the gospel, and these two bicycle enthusiasts each use one in ministering on this new outpost of Assemblies of God missionary work.
8. Evangelist and Mrs. Anthony Piraino demonstrate the equipment Speed-the-Light has provided for their ministry in Italy. Many souls have been saved in these campaigns.
9. Although these four-legged creatures may not have wheels, they still go with the good news. These were provided by Speed-the-Light for workers in the Philippines.
10. Robert Bolton's 12-year-old Speed-the-Light car carries a load of materials up to a mountain chapel in Formosa.





Awards Given at the General Council for Offerings to World Ministries

THE FIVE CHURCHES which gave the largest offerings to World Ministries during the two-year period (January 1965 to December 1966, inclusive) were honored at the General Council in Long Beach.

Together the five congregations gave a total of almost half a million dollars. Plaques were given to their pastors, as follows:

Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. (Marcus Gaston, pastor) —\$111,798.54

First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn. (James Hamill, pastor) \$98,885.10

Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York, N.Y. (Marie E. Brown and Stanley Berg, pastors) —\$87,537.47

Calvary Full Gospel Assembly, Inglewood, Calif. (Ronald Cottle, pastor; award received by Merle Bade, associate pastor) —\$84,913.42

First Assembly, Binghamton, N.Y. (R. D. E. Smith, pastor) \$74,772.17

Awards were given also to the leading districts in World Ministries

giving. The three top districts were: *Southern California* (L. E. Halvorson, district superintendent) —\$2,458,262.18

Northern California-Nevada (Joseph Gerhart, district superintendent) —\$1,892,543.15

Northwest (Reuben Carlson, district superintendent) —\$1,163,300.14

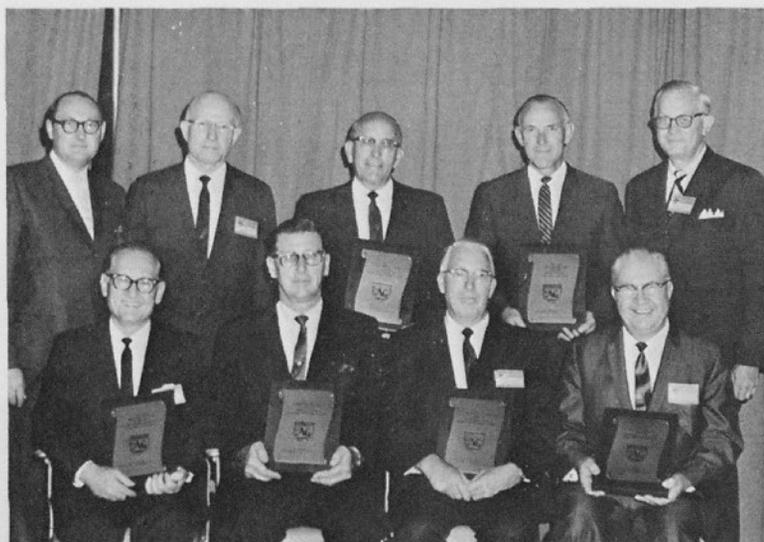
Thos. F. Zimmerman, assisted by M. B. Netzel, general treasurer, and Stanley V. Michael, stewardship secretary, presented the awards on Saturday night before a congregation of more than 10,000. Under the World Ministries plan, credit is given for offerings to a wide variety of missionary and other causes approved by the General and District Councils.

Recognition was given also for "balance in participation." A formula allows certain points for regular monthly giving to World Ministries, and other points for the number of approved programs supported by offerings.

First Assembly in Memphis, Tenn. (James Hamill, pastor) received top award for balanced giving with 303 points. Other churches scoring high on points were *Calvary Chapel, Carpinteria, Calif.* (Max Applegate, pastor), *Bethel Assembly, Medford, Oreg.* (Lawrence Krause, pastor), *Assembly of God, Newton, Iowa* (Hilton Griswold, pastor), and *Assembly of God, Worthington, Minn.* (John Everett, pastor).

Among the districts, *Nebraska* won first place for balanced participation in giving (L. W. Dickinson, district superintendent) with 59 points. Second and third awards went to *Minnesota* (Herman Rohde, district superintendent) and *North Dakota* (Kenneth Olson, district superintendent).

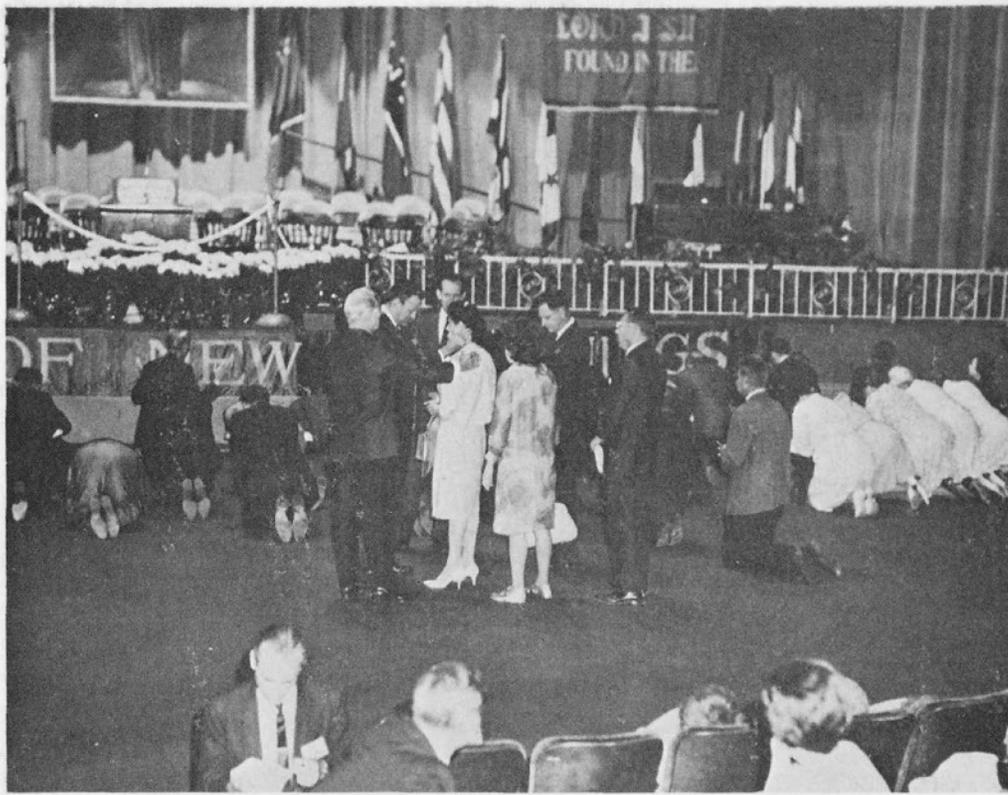
Total giving to World Ministries by all Assemblies of God churches amounted to more than 11 million dollars during the calendar year of 1966.



Stan Michael, M. B. Netzel, and T. F. Zimmerman (back row) are shown with the district superintendents who received awards at the General Council for World Ministries giving. The superintendents are (first row, left to right): Joseph Gerhart, Herman Rohde, Kenneth Olson, and L. E. Halvorson. Back row, third and fourth from left: L. W. Dickinson and Reuben Carlson.



Brothers Michael, Netzel, and Zimmerman with the pastors who received awards for World Ministries giving or recognition for "balance in participation." First row, left to right, are: Max Applegate, Lawrence Krause, Marie E. Brown, and James Hamill. Back row, beginning third from left: R. D. E. Smith, Hilton Griswold, Stanley Berg, and John Everett.



COUNCIL CONSIDERS RULES CONCERNING WRONG DOCTRINE AND MISCONDUCT OF MINISTERS

WHAT IS MEANT by the word "heresy" in Titus 3:10?

If a minister falls, how long should he be required to wait before he may apply for a restoration of Assemblies of God credentials?

These were two of the questions considered by hundreds of ministers and church delegates during the General Council in Long Beach.

The matter of "heresy" came up in connection with Article XXIII of the Bylaws which states that those who hold and propagate the Seventh-day teaching, the extreme so-called Eternal Security teaching, and the Restitution of All Things doctrine shall be dealt with according to Titus 3:10 which states, "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject."

The feeling was expressed that "heretic" is too strong a word for some Christians, for example, who may teach "Eternal Security." Others pointed out that the word is translated "factious" in the R.S.V.

In the end, the reference to Titus 3:10 was retained but the heading of Section 1, "Heresies Disapproved," was changed to "Doctrines Disapproved," and the paragraph was amended to read as follows:

"In view of the Biblical teaching that the security of the believer depends on a living relationship with Christ, and in view of the Bible's call to a life of holiness, the General Council disapproves of the unconditional eternal security position which holds 'once saved always saved'. The General Council also disapproves of
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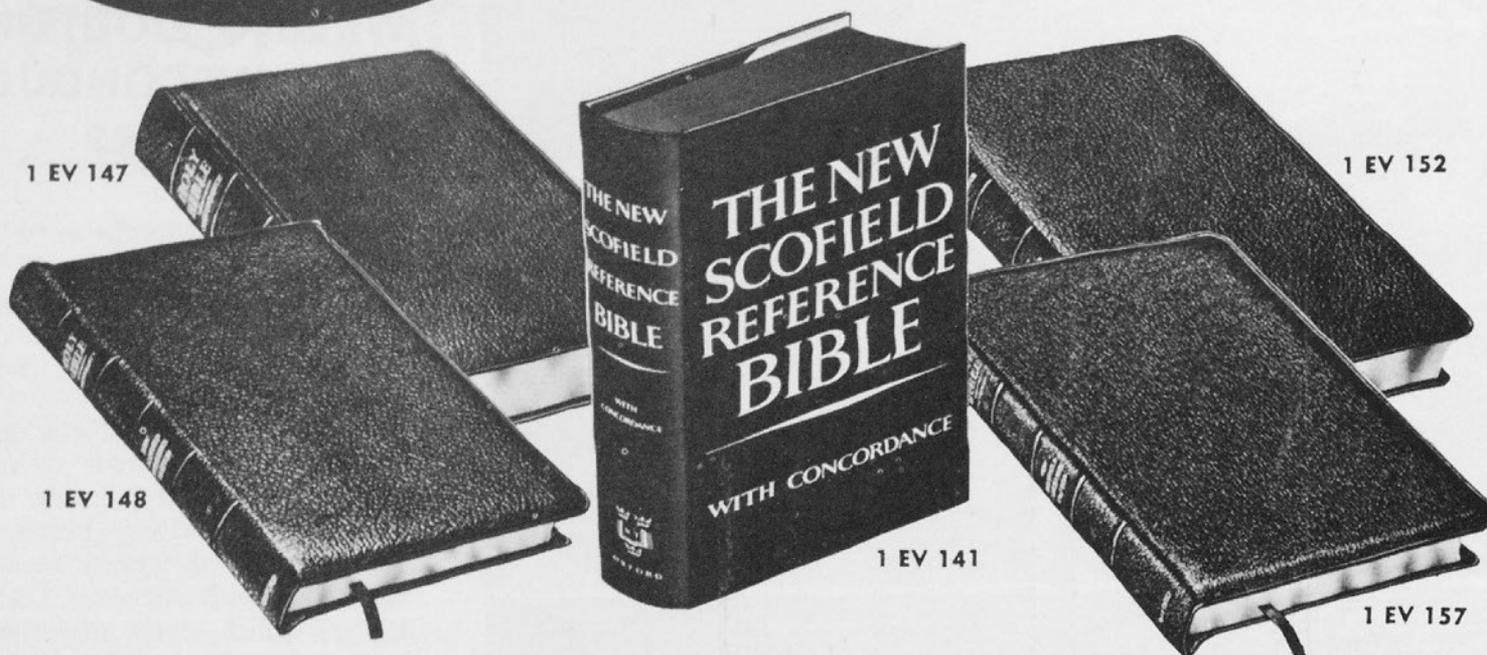
ABOVE: At the early morning prayer meetings during the General Council, special needs were taken to God and prayer was offered for the sick.

MIDDLE: Theme of the Southern California District booth was "Decade of Progress."

BELOW: The foyer of the Arena was a favorite spot for visiting with friends between the Council sessions.

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the Seventh-day teaching, and of the Restitution of All Things doctrine. Those holding and propagating such teachings, thereby causing confusion and division among God's people, shall be dealt with according to Romans 16:17; Titus 3:10."

An equally thorny problem was the resolution dealing with a minimal time lapse for restoration of credentials to ministers who have been "dropped" due to "indiscretions involving morals, or other serious misconduct." Heretofore the Bylaws have not specified any minimal period; each case has been treated according to the gravity of the particular situation. A number of speakers pointed out the sad consequences of a minister's fall, and warned that human compassion for a repentant brother must be balanced with a sober appraisal of the shadows cast on the ministry by a lenient attitude.

It was decided that ministers who have been "dropped" must wait two years before they may begin to apply for restoration of credentials; but ministers guilty of less serious offenses (those merely "removed" or "disapproved") may apply after a lapse of one year.

Another resolution called for the constituting of a new appeals board to pass judgment on the innocence or guilt of ministers charged with willful violation of General Council principles, wrong doctrine, or other misconduct. It was decided that a committee of 10 members should study this matter as well as the entire scope of the manual on jurisprudence.

In other actions—

The Church Affiliation Committee report, recommending that no additional assemblies be placed on the General Council list in a "cooperative" relationship, was adopted. The resolution provided that "cooperative" churches now on the list may remain there if they continue to meet the requirements, but vigorous efforts are to be made in all the districts during the next four years to encourage these congregations to enter into a closer relationship as fully "affiliated" churches.

Procedures were adopted by which a church that is a member of a foreign-language branch may, if it wishes, change its affiliation and become a member of the district in which it is geographically located. 



At the Gospel Publishing House bookstore in the Arena, David Wilkerson autographed copies of his latest book, "I'm Not Mad at God." Here Brother Wilkerson is seen meeting one of the younger customers. This 96-page book in deluxe binding (catalog number 3EV1778) sells for \$1.95. Another book by the same author (entitled, "Parents on Trial") will be out on October 20.

Decisions Made Concerning Future General Councils

IT WAS ANNOUNCED that the 1969 General Council will be held in Dallas, Texas.

The Sites Evaluation Committee at Long Beach reported 12 cities had made formal bids for the 1971 General Council. After investigating the advantages offered by all these cities, the committee announced it favored the following which it listed in order of choice: (1) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; (2) Kansas City, Missouri; (3) St. Petersburg, Florida. The recommendation was adopted.

Final choice of the site of the 1971 General Council will be made by the executive presbytery after further on-site evaluation in the respective cities.

A motion was introduced to the effect that General Councils be held

triennially rather than biennially. Action on the motion was postponed indefinitely.

It was moved that, beginning in 1969, all resolutions processed through the resolutions committee shall be placed in the hands of the General Council delegates in printed form at the time they are presented to the body for consideration. Heretofore some have been printed and some have not. The motion carried.

(For other reports and photos of the General Council, see issues of September 24, October 1 and 8. Transcripts of a number of the sermons preached at the Council are being published in the *Evangel* as space permits.) 

This picture was taken at Long Beach on Monday, August 28, during the first annual gathering of the Ministers of Christian Education Fellowship. Fred Greve, instructor at Bethany Bible College, spoke on "Are You Tomorrow-Minded?" Others taking part were William Kirschke, national Sunday school secretary, Marion Ravan, national representative, George Walters, Alabama District Sunday school director, and Lee Robbins, guest soloist.





Foreign Missions Director J. Philip Hogan addressed the missionary rally.

THE MISSIONARY RALLY WAS A THRILLING SUCCESS

By WESLEY R. HURST • Foreign Missions Home Secretary

KEEP STRIDE with the moving of the Holy Spirit—this is our objective in Assemblies of God foreign missions." This was one of the opening statements to the General Council by J. Philip Hogan, executive director of foreign missions, who led the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES Rally on Sunday afternoon, August 27.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is an accelerated evangelism program to inspire every mission field toward a more effective outreach for souls.

The theme for the missionary rally was "Good News... Buy the Hour." Projected on the basis of this year's goal of \$100,000, an hour of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES costs \$11.42; a day costs \$273.90; a week costs \$1,917.

Brightmoor Tabernacle of Detroit, Michigan, led the way at the rally with an offering of \$2,917—thus sponsoring in excess of 10 days of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES. Following this lead were nearly a dozen other churches and districts which each sponsored a week.

One of the most thrilling offerings was the cable from Pastor Cho Yong-gi of Seoul, Korea, who said that his church will sponsor one day of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES—\$273.90! This was the church that was started by Global Conquest at the beginning of this

crash program of evangelism.

By Monday night, August 28, the cash and pledges received both at General Council and at Springfield, Missouri, had reached a grand total of \$77,304 for GOOD NEWS CRUSADES! Praise the Lord, for nearly three-fourths of the annual goal has been reached. These funds, plus the remaining \$23,000, are needed to buy tents, rent halls, transport workers, and advertise the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES to be held in the months ahead.

The missionary rally began with a parade of over 200 missionaries in native costumes, together with their children and the district missionary secretaries.

R. T. McGlasson, foreign missions secretary, introduced the parade by citing facts significant to all Assemblies of God believers: "At the present time we have 884 missionaries involved in missionary ministry in 75 countries of the world. Eighty-six Bible schools are conducted with an enrollment of 3,104 students."

While the parade was in progress, Field Secretaries Melvin Hodges, Everett Phillips, Charles Greenaway, and Maynard Ketcham provided brief commentaries on the work in their respective geographical areas.

The 38-voice Marshallese Choir, in which there were South Pacific kings and queens, sang several exhilarating songs in their own language. What a

thrill to see these early products of Pentecostal revival in the Marshall Islands!

After a heart-moving song of missionary dedication by Art Perri, a converted professional singer, the General Council pulpit was turned over to Missionary Mark Buntain of India who delivered a powerful missionary message.

To meet the urgencies of this decade, we seek to move in stride with God through accelerated evangelism. GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is the answer of foreign missions to the call for worldwide evangelization. You can step in stride by being a part of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES through your prayers and offerings. 

The James Stewarts, missionaries to South Africa, participated in the colorful missionary parade.



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WHEN I LEFT INDIA 11 months ago, weary but burning with a passion for the lost of India and the world, I prayed, "O God, if I could only speak to America! If I could only speak to all our Assemblies of God!" This was my prayer, for I had just come from the front lines of missionary evangelism.

I have looked upon the starving millions and I have returned home to tell you that more than ever the burden of the lost and dying world is resting on our shoulders.

This is a desperate hour!

This is a hungry world. I know it is most difficult for us here in affluent America to appreciate this hunger, but let me plead with you on behalf of our people of India where this year 33 million will die from sheer starvation.

Before I came home, I was out to one of our villages and saw an old man lying against a tree. His eyes were sunken and his ribs were protruding from his body, an evident case of hunger. I passed by one week later and saw this same old man lying dead on the road. The jackals had eaten away the inside of his body.

Recent word from Calcutta says that the rice ration is now less than 18 ounces per person per week. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, for whom I have the greatest respect, made a visit to an area 250 miles north of Calcutta and came away with the estimate that in this community alone one and a half million will die this year.

The population in India is growing by 30,000 per day. By 1970 one out of every six people on earth will live in India.

There are 580,000 villages in India, four-fifths of which have not yet been reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I shut my eyes, and in my mind I can see the sick and the diseased. We only have one hospital bed for

This DESPERATE Hour



Mr. and Mrs. D. Mark Buntain and daughter Bonnie.

By D. MARK BUNTAIN • Missionary to India

MISSIONARY MESSAGE PREACHED AUGUST 27 AT THE GOOD NEWS RALLY, LONG BEACH

every 6,000 people in Calcutta, The need is staggering. Outside the gospel of Jesus Christ there is no real compassion in this world.

I beg you to listen to the cries of those dying in pagan darkness. I plead with you to listen to their wailings, the beating of the drums, the moans of lost men. I plead with you to let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart for this desperate hour.

The apostle Paul made it clear that missions is to be first in the life of the Church. If the Church fails to have a missionary vision, it will die. If the Church wants to be effective at home, it must be effective abroad; and it can only be effective anywhere when it is filled with the Holy Spirit.

We have the potential and the personnel to do a tremendous job. The Holy Spirit asks for the best of our men. I can tell you, young person, that you can do no higher service to God or country than to give yourself to missionary service in a needy part of the world.

My final appeal for missions is based on the second coming of our Saviour. Jesus is coming! America, hear us shout it! Lost heathen world, hear us shout it! Jesus is coming! Christians of America—eating the world's best food, driving the world's

best cars, and living in the world's finest comforts, while millions are dying without the gospel, while missionaries are held at home because there are no funds to send them, while there are great centers of the world desperately needing evangelistic crusades—can we honestly say that we are ready for the coming of Jesus Christ?

In January 1966 I met a people who I am sure are ready. God gave me one of the greatest experiences of my life when He made it possible for me to enter Nagaland, the smallest of India's 16 states. No missionary had been there since 1947.

When I arrived in the village of Mokokchung for their revival convention, I found 5,000 Nagas singing, "Oh, Glory to God, He Has Lifted Me Up."

Their leader, Brother Mozhui, came to me in deep concern after the first service and said, "Some of these people have walked 85 miles to get here, and you only preached for two and a half hours. Preach at least five hours tonight!"

I watched these precious Nagas sit hour after hour drinking in the wonderful Word of God. Oh, how those Nagas could pray and praise! I came away praying, "O God, give me a Naga heart!" I am sure these people are ready for the coming of the Lord.

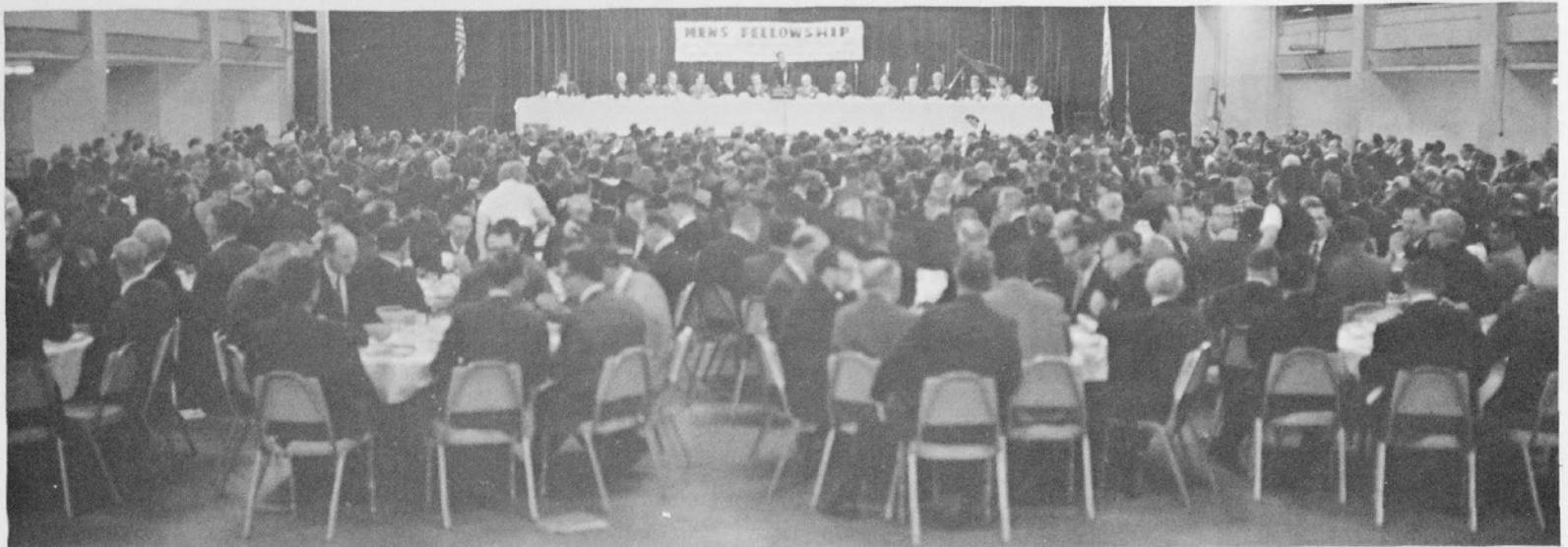
Yes, this is a desperate hour. The world is hungry, sick, dying without the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet God in His great mercy is calling out a people who will really love Him and serve Him.

This afternoon we are being challenged by the Holy Spirit to "buy the hour" to support these Good News Crusades. Buy as many as you can, because there are not many hours left to reach the world for Christ. 

The Marshallese Choir (with Missionary and Mrs. Sam Sasser, back row) thrilled the congregation with anointed singing.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT GENERAL



Around 900 men attended the Men's Fellowship breakfast at the General Council in Long Beach.



ABOVE: Glen B. Bonds, national secretary of Men's Fellowship, was the main speaker at the MF breakfast.

LEFT: Plaque for highest district contribution for Light-for-the-Lost Day was presented to Ellis Damiani, Ohio District MF director, by Howard Bush (right), MF executive director.

At the Men's Fellowship booth, Everett James (left) presented the trophy for first place in the nation for giving to Light-for-the-Lost to Lloyd Reece, pastor of the First Assembly in Redlands, Calif. In the two-year period this church gave \$9,972.



SOME 900 MEN gathered at Long Beach, California, for the breakfast program which has become a highlight of the biennial General Councils of the Assemblies of God. Heartwarming fellowship and united worship masculine style made it an inspiring occasion for the hundreds of pastors as well as laymen who were present.

Howard S. Bush, executive director of Men's Fellowship, presided over the affair. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, brought greetings and words of encouragement for all the men engaged in the MF program.

Music was provided by Lee Robbins and a male quartet from Southern California College. Brief reports were given by three important branches of MF. Wildon Colbaugh reported on Action Crusades, which are involving laymen in personal witnessing and soul winning on district, sectional, and local levels. He said layman trainers have now reached into more than 27 districts where active soul winning has been combined with study sessions.

Everett James gave a brief report on the growth of Light-for-the-Lost, and Johnnie Barnes told how the Royal Rangers program for boys is mushrooming throughout the fellowship.

A highlight of the breakfast program was the introduction of the new *Assemblies of God Men's Manual*.

The main speaker was Glen B.

COUNCIL

Bonds, national secretary of Men's Fellowship. Brother Bonds, a layman who formerly operated his own thriving produce business in California, has held this leadership position in MF over a year.

Speaking on "Man's Place in Today's World," he said Christian laymen are filling an increasingly large and important place in the program of the Assemblies of God.

We are returning to the original pattern, he said. "In the first century, ordinary laymen were given authority to carry the good news."

"More trained and informed laymen are in our churches today. They are assuming an ever-expanding role of leadership in the various ministries of the church."

He added, "It is increasingly evident that this is the hour of the laity." He quoted Louis Cassels' statement in a United Press International release: "If the Christian witness is to penetrate into all the areas where the work of the world is carried on, it must be carried there by laymen."

A statement by Billy Graham was also given: "The greatest need in the world today is the preaching and proclaiming of the gospel of Jesus Christ not by professionals like myself, but by laymen."

Said the MF secretary: "Men's work is an important phase of the Church in action. Laymen are the Church at work in the world. It is through its lay members that the Church makes contact with the life of the world. God has ordained and set the Church in order. As lay members of the Church we should, with-



J. P. Jones, a layman, gave his testimony before the General Council audience.



A highlight of the Royal Rangers district chaplains banquet was the presentation of two Chaplain's Medals of Recognition. Recipients of the awards were Joseph Gerhart (left) of Northern California-Nevada District and L. E. Halvorson (at pulpit) of Southern California District. Standing at right is National Commander Johnnie Barnes.

out a doubt, be able to find the will of God for our lives in its ministries, provided the local church offers them."

But he said pastors in many cases have been slow to provide opportunities for men to participate in its program except by giving financial support, serving as a deacon, or teaching a Sunday school class. "According to my understanding of the teachings of the New Testament, I simply cannot see how a pastor can feel he is doing the work of God most effectively by assuming the responsibilities and attempting to do the many tasks that should be assigned to laymen. By the same token, I certainly cannot see how a layman can ever justify himself and feel he is fulfilling God's will when he fails to assume the responsibilities assigned him by his pastor. Both the pastor and the layman must be faithful whatever the task, be it large or small."

He said men should not separate their secular lives from their spiritual lives, but should see them as a whole—undivided. In the same sense, the work of the church should not be separated between ministers and laity; both should be seen as parts of the whole.

"To many, the building at such and such an address is considered the church. The emphasis has been upon getting people to come to the church. This is not the Biblical view. The prophet Ezekiel has quite a different vision of the Church. He sees the water flowing from the threshold of the Temple, out of the sanctuary, out of the gates, into the world (Ezekiel 47:1, 2). Wherever the river flows, it brings new life. Stagnant water becomes fresh, fish thrive, every living creature abounds. On its banks grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit

fall, but they will bear fresh fruit every month because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.

"Ezekiel sees the Church moving out into the world, bringing new life and healing wherever it touches. If we are honest, we must admit that Ezekiel's vision cannot be applied to many of us today. The few coming into the Church may be due to our failure to let the blessing flow out."

The speaker quoted a statement by Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, which appears in the foreword of the new *Assemblies of God Men's Manual*:

"The challenge of the hour is for all men to assume their rightful place in dedication to God and in the articulation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Brother Bonds said the MF department has engaged in intensive research to develop plans and methods whereby each pastor and church may secure the maximum involvement of its men. The results of years of experience have been incorporated in the new *Assemblies of God Men's Manual* which is just now off the press.

"It contains a wide scope of necessary information to give direction for starting your Men's Fellowship and keeping it going." It is possible, he said, to start with a group of men in which 10 percent are actively involved in the ministries of the Church and 90 percent are not, and to raise the percentages to 50/50.

"Christ's intention was to have a militant Church," he said, but "no real victory can be won if 90 percent of the soldiers are untrained and uninvolved."

We face the same dilemma as the

Southern Baptists, he declared. The chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention—with a membership of more than 10 million—said recently, “Southern Baptists are guilty of developing the world’s largest group of sermon listeners and the concept that Christianity is largely confined to Sunday and to the church building.” He advised the laymen to become involved or face population inundation.

“Each of us who has accepted Christ is commissioned to go forth and witness,” he declared. “The idea that we must have a special calling before we go out to witness for Jesus Christ has mistakenly been fostered among us. This false premise has been capitalized upon by Satan. Each of us is ‘called.’ We are in the ministry, whether we are ordained or not. Grant you, there are various kinds of ministries. Ours is a layman’s ministry, or ‘ministry of the laity.’

“What are you and I doing with this calling? We will be held accountable at the judgment bar of God for what we have done or have not done with His Great Commission.”

He concluded by saying: “To meet Christ’s goals requires training and individual commitment to go into all the world, your world and my world, to serve. By following the MF plan of action, every man can fulfill the real purposes of the church through its ministries in which we are actively involved. Thus, we find God’s place and purpose for our lives in the church and in the world.”

Other MF activities during the General Council included a Saturday luncheon meeting of the National Light-for-the-Lost Council in which the chairman, Phil Sondeno, as well as the president, Sam Cochran, participated.

The Royal Rangers chaplains (district superintendents) also met and bestowed awards of honor on Joseph Gerhart and L. E. Halvorson, chaplains for the Northern California-Nevada and Southern California Districts, in recognition of the outstanding work they have done to develop the Royal Rangers program in their respective districts.

On Saturday a lay representative, J. P. Jones, gave his personal testimony before the General Council delegates in the morning devotional service. Brother Jones is chairman of the National Action Crusades Council.



National Christ’s Ambassadors Secretary Russell Cox (second from right) speaks to youth visiting the C. A. booth.



Speakers at C. A. vespers included Robert Clayton (left); Robert Pagett (center); and Marvin Gorman (photo not available). Louis Neely (right) spoke at the Saturday night youth rally.

ANYONE WALKING BY the Christ’s Ambassadors booth at the 32nd Assemblies of God General Council in Long Beach, California, was doubtlessly challenged by the stark revolving columns and the huge proclamation, “Christ Our Contemporary.”

Every youth activity seemed to demonstrate the blessed alliance which Christ delights to maintain with today’s “now generation.”

Hundreds of teens were present for competition, fellowship, and a glimpse of their church in action.

WORK AND REWARD

For many teens the Council was one long moment of tense competition. The 77 contestants who had won preliminary district and regional competition had come to Long Beach for the fifth annual Teen Bible Quiz and the fourth annual Teen Talent Search national finals.

Judges and bystanders alike were

awed at the caliber of these youth in competition. Time and again contests were determined by unbelievably slim margins. Even in disappointment from loss was a predominant knowledge that these teens were *all* winners.

The Bible quizzing, conducted on a round-robin basis, was as exciting as an athletic contest. The quizzers’ knowledge of the Gospel and Epistles of John was astounding as time after time they quoted long passages from memory.

The Southwest area winners from Full Gospel Chapel in Denver, Colorado, were national quiz winners for the second straight year. The South Central victors from Central Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico, placed second in the finals.

The sound of contemporary Christ’s Ambassadors was no less thrilling. Those filling the Arena for the Saturday night youth rally can attest to the quality of music which sounded from

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNCIL



TOP: Some 200 C.A.'s enjoyed a cruise of the Long Beach harbor on Friday night.

LOWER: Talent Search winner Lamarr Anderson plays in the Saturday night youth rally.

LEFT: Talent Search winners (vocalists and instrumentalists) display their trophies.



these youth, and the judges would be quick to tell of the qualities the other regional winners displayed.

The winning instrumental ensembles were Jim Risner and Bill Hanawalt of Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri, on trumpet and trombone; and keyboard ensemble winners Gwenda Grostefin and Barbara Crow of First Assembly, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on organ and piano.

Cellist Lamarr Anderson of First Assembly, Eugene, Oregon; piano soloist Judy Nicholson of Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri; and vocal soloist Shawn Beard of the Newark, California, Assembly of God, were winners of singles competition.

Four girls from the Willmar, Minnesota, Assembly of God, who have sung together for five years, were national winners in the vocal ensemble division. Incidentally, these girls—Donna Sather, VaLaine Carlsen, Ellie Semlon, and JoAnn Krueger—detassled corn and debeaked turkeys to

pay for their trip to California. Their efforts were equal to those other youthful contestants had to use to attend the Long Beach competition.

TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

All was not tenseness and competition, however. Two boats cruised the Long Beach shoreline from 10 o'clock to 12 after the Friday night service. Each boat carried 100 passengers and featured youthful presentations of contemporary gospel music and group singing. The only problem was that there weren't enough boats—and some Ambassadors were left on the pier!

Other fellowship activities included a dinner and reception for contestants and winners and a special Chi Alpha luncheon on Saturday to expose the exciting developments among Assemblies of God secular college ministries.

SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Prayerfully planned vespers were also scheduled for the youth attending the General Council, Special youth

services on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings featured Marvin Gorman, former Louisiana D-CAP, and Robert Pagett and Robert Clayton, district C. A. presidents of the Oregon and Eastern districts respectively.

The Saturday night rally of the General Council had the traditional youth emphasis. Some 10,000 people attended.

Participating in the service were winners of the Teen Talent Search; competitors from the Teen Bible Quiz; and the Ambassadors, a youth trio from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Washington.

Speaker for the rally was Louis G. Neely, youthful evangelist from El Paso, Texas. From the Word of God and from his own experiences Brother Neely challenged the youth to wholehearted dedication to the cause of Christ. Many responded to the altar call which climaxed the rally. 

"Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. Ward, Field Representative Jack E. Risner, and National Radio Secretary Lee Shultz examine the "Opening-Wedge Kits" given to visitors at the booth.

'Revivaltime' at the General Council



FOR HUNDREDS OF PASTORS whose community-ministry is extended through *Revivaltime*, the biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God presents an excellent opportunity to attend in person the broadcast service in which their churches have invested.

On Friday, August 25, more than 5,000 ministers and laymen witnessed a *Revivaltime* broadcast origination service in Long Beach Auditorium. Tape-recorded at 6 p.m., the service was released over the ABC network at its regular Sunday evening time slot.

Because the broadcast was sandwiched between the afternoon and evening services, the Radio Department anticipated a maximum attendance of 2,000 persons. What a thrill it was to see a vast congregation seated in the oval auditorium—many foregoing dinner to see the evangelistic service which reaches out over more than 520 stations across the nation and around the world.

Special music for the *Revivaltime* broadcast was provided by the Vanguard Chorale from Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California. And in response to Evangelist C. M. Ward's familiar exclamation, "Let Everybody Sing!" the Long Beach Arena reverberated with the sound of the large congregation singing, "Nothing but the Blood."

The 2,000 souvenir copies of Evangelist C. M. Ward's sermon, "Ointment," were not half enough!

Interspersed throughout the souvenir sermon copy were reminders to visit the Radio display booth, which had already attracted hundreds of *Revivaltime* friends. The "action" sign at the booth depicted *Revivaltime* as a wedge, continually penetrating the community, opening hearts and homes to the full gospel. Revolving photographs emphasized that *Revivaltime* reaches an audience comprised of people from all walks of life—housewives, truck drivers, cafe operators—everyone who recognizes their need of a living Saviour.

Specially designed brochures, called "Opening-Wedge Kits," were distributed at the booth. The brochures contained information concerning how the local church can secure a *Revivaltime* release and how the broadcast

can be used most effectively in the community.

A colorful poster for the church bulletin board was included in the kit. Additional copies of these posters, which provide space for listing the time and station of local *Revivaltime* releases, may be obtained from the Radio Department.

Brother Ward's General Council sermon was typical of his full-gospel messages sent "across the nation and around the world" each week. The congregation followed the souvenir copy closely as he spoke:

"The name of Jesus above any other name on earth has healing in it. It is a balm for every sickness. . . .

"First, the name of Jesus is as *ointment poured forth* because it supplies the healing grace of forgiveness.

"What terrible wounds sin makes! It tears lives to pieces. What fearful lacerations of the spirit they suffer who have become its victims!"

Challenging ministers and laymen alike with a straight gospel message, the radio speaker concluded:

"Science has tried to give us substitutes for the name of Jesus. Like the shopkeeper who offers you 'something just as good,' you have tried these substitutes.

"You have tried the latest furnishings. You have tried the expensive automobile. You have tried the new impersonal philosophies. In a learned way you are told to rest on the Great First Cause. Rest on what is called Force, or Energy, or Law, or Nature. All of it is packaged together in the great unknown, and the unknowable.

"You cannot dry a man's tears with that. Science and philosophy have no handkerchief to offer. They are impersonal, brutally cold, and unfeeling. Give me the name of Jesus! With that blessed Name I can pass through any experience. . . .

"No other name has that power to comfort. He proved it to a lonely, heartbroken widow in the village of Nain. So trust Him and confide in Him. His Name 'is as ointment poured forth.'"

You may receive a copy of Brother Ward's entire General Council sermon by writing to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

A FORTIFIED CITY—built by King Solomon in the Negev, Israel's southern desert, to protect his trade route to Arabia—has been discovered by a team of Israeli archaeologists. The name of the city: Arad.

In the course of the two-month excavation, the archaeologists learned that Arad—where today a brand-new town is going up—was in Solomon's time a thriving agricultural, commercial, and industrial center, besides serving as a garrison town.

FIVE CITIES—IN 400 YEARS

The city, 30 miles south of Jerusalem as the crow flies and only a few miles from the western shore of the Dead Sea, appears to have been destroyed and rebuilt on the same spot a number of times.

The site contains, in addition to Solomon's city, the remains of four subsequent cities, built and razed within the less than 400 years that elapsed between Solomon's reign and the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.

Besides hundreds of pots and jars, the archaeologists found a well-preserved cosmetics factory, a broken clay vessel on which the name Arad was written in Hebrew six times—backwards (a magic formula?), and 20 clay tablets—letters, bills, and other documents—believed to have belonged to the royal archives.

THE NEW ARAD

The archeological expedition in this wild and rugged corner of the Negev was undertaken in conjunction with modern Israel's development of the Arad region and

the construction of a new industrial town near the site of the old. Over 1,000 permanent residents have moved in. Arad is planned for an eventual population of 40,000, with the possibility of future expansion.

The development of Arad and the surrounding area will be based, industrially, on the rapidly expanding Dead Sea Works (potash, bromine, etc.); the newly discovered phosphate and white cement deposits nearby; the gas fields in the region; petro-chemical industries; a porcelain factory; a jersey factory operating for export; a marble quarry; the Arad-Dan Hotel; and a rest home for the employees of Solel-Boneh, the construction company of Israel's General Labor Federation.

"TOUGHEST ROCK-SHIFTING JOB"

A road from Arad to Sodom on the Dead Sea, through some of the most difficult terrain in Israel, is now in its final stages. The road drops from Arad, 2,000 feet above sea level, to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth (nearly 1,300 feet below sea level), in a distance of only 16 miles! Small wonder, then, that laying the last two miles of this road—through gaunt ravines and moonscape terrain—has been described as "the toughest rock-shifting job ever carried out in Israel."

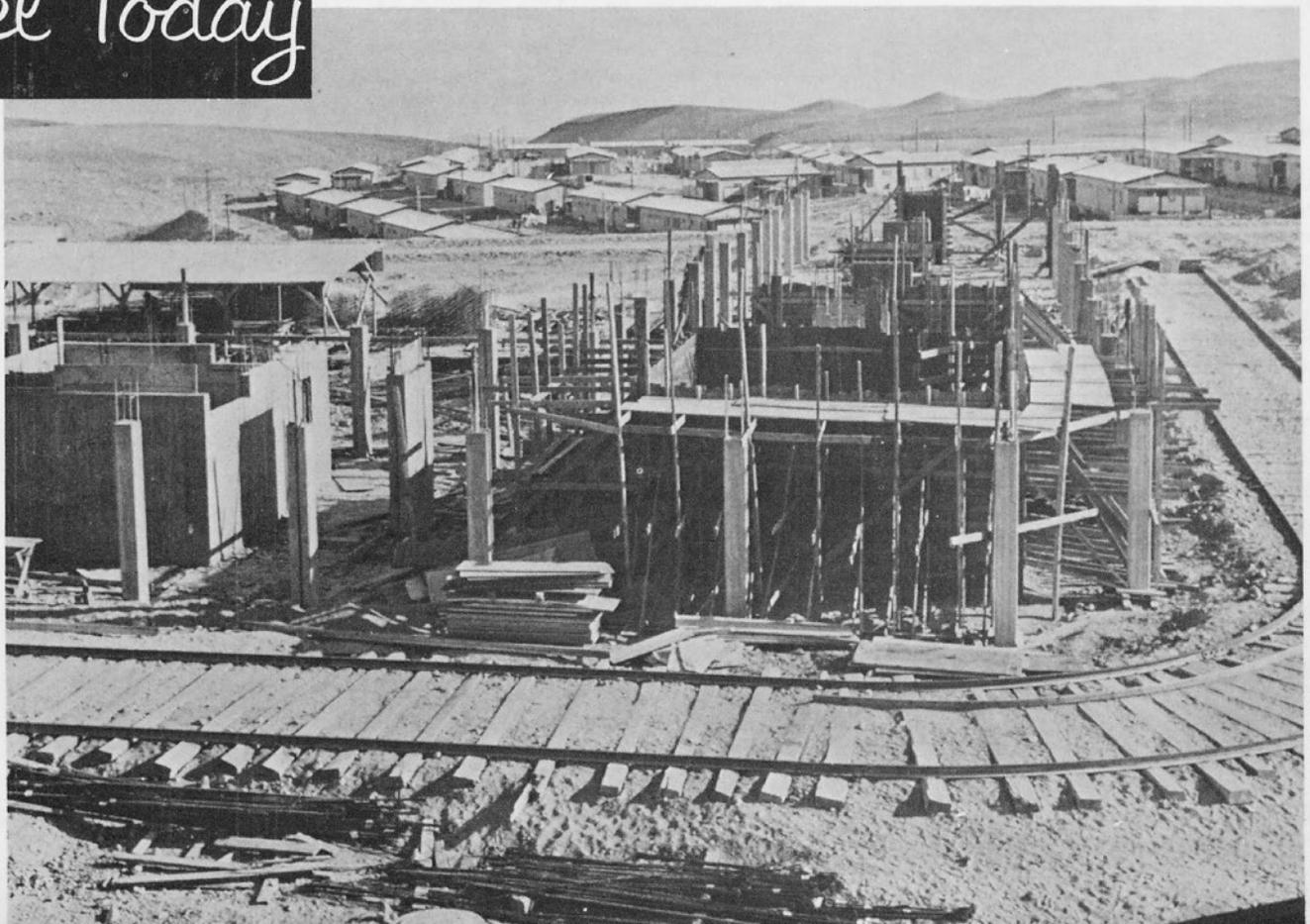
Arad is situated on a high plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. It is the fourth development region in Israel, covering an area of 185,000 acres, in a tract that has not been peopled since Biblical times. The town, and the settlements which are to rise around it, have been planned carefully, down to the last detail of buildings, institutions, and sources of livelihood.

—*Land of the Bible Newsletter*

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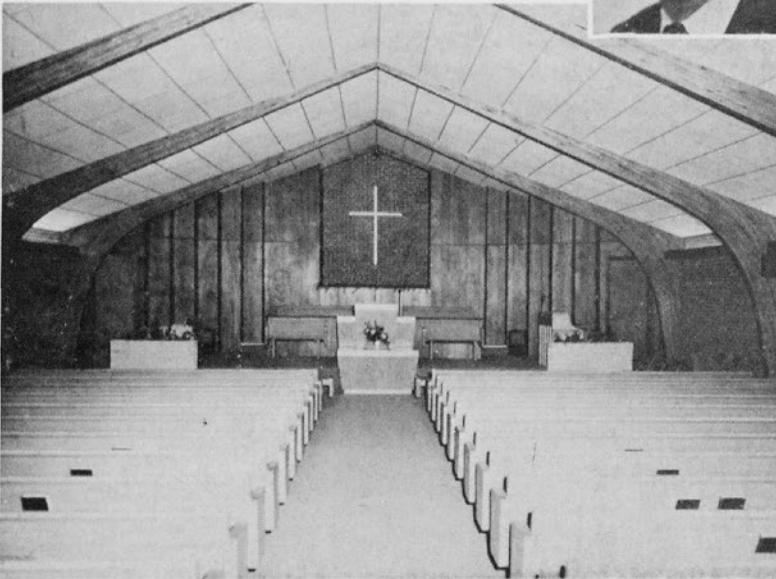


A partial view of Arad, the new town in the Negev now under construction.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Two views of the South Heights Assembly in Sapulpa, Okla., show the main entrance and the interior of the sanctuary which seats 300. Pastor E. R. Roberts at right.



NEW CHURCH HELPS CONGREGATION GROW

SAPULPA, OKLA.—The congregation of South Heights Assembly here has enjoyed steady growth since its new sanctuary was dedicated over a year ago. Approximately 15 have been saved. Pastor and Mrs. E. R. Roberts have led South Heights Assembly for 12 years. During that time average Sunday school attendance has grown from 40 to 132.

The new sanctuary is of modern design and seats approximately 300 worshipers. Also added in the building program were two Sunday school classrooms, two nurseries, pastor's study, church office, and rest rooms. Central heating and air-conditioning units were also included. The older part of the church was renovated on the inside, and brick-veneered outside.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—The Full Gospel Assembly here is rejoicing after six nights of services with Evangelist Jerry Russell. A good number of people were saved and filled with the Spirit, and many were reclaimed. Attendance was good. —George D. Alber, pastor

EUREKA, CALIF.—The Redwood Camp here recently concluded one of the greatest meetings in its history. There were 57 saved, 71 filled with the Holy Spirit, and many testified of definite healing.

J. Billy McIntosh, Waxahachie, Tex., was the evangelist and Fred Greve, Santa Cruz, Calif., was the morning Bible teacher. R. J. Thurmond and Evangelist Reddick conducted special studies on prayer in the mornings.

—Wilford M. Frazier, camp secretary-treasurer; Joseph Murray, sectional presbyter and camp manager

CRESWELL, OREG.—There was no "summer slump" at the Assembly of God here. The Sunday school average for four summer months was 84. Several were saved and added to the church. Two couples followed the Lord in water baptism. —J. W. Harris, pastor

ENTERPRISE, ALA.—First Assembly here was greatly blessed by the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Johnson of Bay Minette, Ala. Attendance was

above average. Eleven were saved, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, five baptized in water, and five joined the church.

God is still blessing the church in the regular services. Three came forward for salvation the Sunday following the meeting.

—Howard P. Trawick, pastor

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—God met hungry hearts in a marvelous way at Rosedale Assembly here during two weeks of meetings with Evangelists Jackie and Peggy Nichols of Batesville, Ark. Many continue to enjoy a revival spirit in their lives and have a desire to see others saved.

—Audrey Booher, pastor

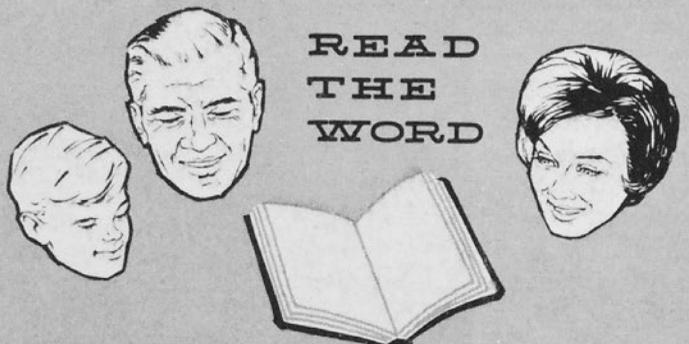
NASHVILLE, TENN.—Charles Blythe recently conducted evangelistic meetings at Joywood Assembly here. Several were saved, and many were stirred for the Lord.

—H. V. Yates, pastor

MOOREFIELD, W. VA.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. John Masto of Clarksburg, W. Va. God's presence richly blessed the meeting. Approximately eight were saved, nine reclaimed, seven baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two refilled with the Spirit.

Since the services with Brother Masto, revival fires have continued to burn. Others have been saved and filled with the Spirit.

—Marshall A. Howell, pastor



CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-22

Sunday	2 Chron. 35, 36	Thursday	Ezra 7, 8
Monday	Ezra 1, 2	Friday	Ezra 9, 10
Tuesday	Ezra 3, 4	Saturday	Nehemiah 1, 2
Wednesday	Ezra 5, 6	Sunday	Nehemiah 3, 4

"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him" (Ezra 8:22).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

20TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Tex. Statler-Hilton is the convention headquarters hotel.

ALUMNI REUNION, G.L.B.I. Chapter of C.B.C. Alumni Association, Friday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., at Christian Assembly, 27th and Eshcol Ave., Zion, Ill. Howard Lechter, speaker.—by Waneta Salisbury, chapter sec.-treas.

HOME COMING—Oct. 28 and 29 at the Assembly of God, Morris, Minn. Speaker will be the former pastor.—by Orville W. Larson, pastor.

DEDICATION—Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Assembly of God, Caro, Mich. Everett D. Cooley, district superintendent, officiating.—by Guy W. Trower, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

GEORGE T. TRACY, 67, of Live Oak, Calif., went Home to be with Jesus July 3, 1967. Brother Tracy, licensed to preach in 1954 by the Northern California-Nevada District, served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Lillie, seven sons, one daughter, four stepsons, and three stepdaughters.

T. LYNN BONNIVAR, 74, of Havana, Ill., went to be with the Lord August 15, 1967. Brother Bonnavar, a preacher for 43 years, was ordained by the Illinois District. He served as a pastor in Pearl, Sorrento, and Havana, Ill. He is survived by his wife Florence, an ordained minister, and one daughter, and one granddaughter.

WALTER J. PHELPS, 67, of Tacoma, Wash., went to be with Jesus August 26, 1967. A member of the Northwest District, Brother Phelps was ordained to the ministry in 1939. He served as a pastor in Kentucky, Texas, and Washington. He is survived by two children. His son Archie, also of Tacoma, is an ordained Assemblies of God minister.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Huntsville	First	Oct. 17-29	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	S. F. McManus
	Ozark	First	Oct. 15-22	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Luther Tadlock
Ariz.	Sierra Vista	First	Oct. 15-28	Bennie & Mary Grissom	Bill Kirkpatrick
	Tucson	Central	Oct. 22-29	Keetah Jones	Jack Brock
Ark.	Arkadelphia	First	Oct. 22-29	Duane Miller	Temon Jenkins
	Fort Smith	Evangel Temple	Oct. 18-29	The Singing Lunsfords	Don H. McKinney
	Perry	Oppello A/G	Oct. 16-29	Salisbury-Secrease Team	M. Odell Taylor
Calif.	Cudahy	Full Gospel	Oct. 16-22	Knouse-Stovall Team	Douglas H. Brown
	El Sobrante	Central	Oct. 22-27	J. G. Hall	Russell Griffin
	Hayward	Bethel Temple	Oct. 18-30	Ernie Eskelin	Wm. Thornton
	Los Gatos	First	Oct. 15-29	Thomas Ming Sr.	Kelsey Prinzing
	Pomona	First	Oct. 17-Nov. 5	Quentin Edwards	Dwight Brown
	Santa Monica	Central	Oct. 11-15	Thomas Hernandez	Philip H. Hawtin
	Sunland	Calvary Temple	Oct. 18-29	Tommy & Esther Lance	D. E. Legge
	Sylmar	¹ A/G	Oct. 15-20	Charles Senechal	G. C. Sturgeon
Colo.	Julesburg	First	Oct. 18-29	Paul E. Morris	Robert E. Reed
Conn.	New Haven	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 18-20	Howard Rusthoi	Robert Roop
Fla.	Crestview	First	Oct. 3-15	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	S. L. Breland
	Miami	Evangel Temple	Oct. 17—	Roger Wood	M. L. Davidson
	Orlando	First	Oct. 18-29	Colen & Carol Lassiter	Crawford Railey
Ga.	Columbus	Central	Oct. 8-22	Nettie Parham	Ulus Luker
	Columbus	N. Highland	Oct. 18-29	F. Don Rippey	Cy Homer
	Savannah	Fellowship A/G	Oct. 22-Nov. 3	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	Glenn Snodgrass
Ill.	Granite City	City Temple	Oct. 17-29	Marion & Sandra Beach	Eugene Cope
Ind.	Indianapolis	Parkway	Oct. 18-22	Doug & Judy Maners	Marshall Calloway
	Indianapolis	¹ Faith	Oct. 22-27	Christian Hild	James P. Monson
	Michigan City	Faith City	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Jack Martz	R. A. Yake
Kans.	Hiawatha	Calvary Temple	Oct. 17-25	David & Mrs. Richards	Sarah Pittman
	Mulvane	First	Oct. 18—	Floyd L. Dennis	J. C. Hinds
	St. Francis	A/G	Oct. 15—	Bob Wilson	Dale Wheeler
	Wellington	A/G	Oct. 17-29	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	Oscar Bolin
Ky.	Madisonville	First A/G	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Hale-Turner Team	Stan Kostencki
La.	Mansfield	First	Oct. 22-29	L. G. Flowers	Forrest Helton
Mich.	Boyne City	A/G	Oct. 17-29	Stan & Marilyn Morris	H. J. Evans
	Detroit	Berea Tab.	Oct. 18-29	Marvin Schmidt	Kenneth R. Norcross
	Muskegon	East Broadway	Oct. 16-29	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Edward Froats
	Reed City	A/G	Oct. 17-22	J. E. Friend	Lawrence Wilson
	St. Ignace	A/G	Oct. 17-22	Carl E. Gammel	Edward J. Fairbanks
Minn.	Minneapolis	Brooklin Center	Oct. 17-29	D. L. Nultemeier	Amos Levang
	Worthington	A/G	Oct. 17-22	O. E. Carter	James W. Everett
Mo.	Cape Girardeau	Bethel A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Floyd E. Heady	Joe V. Shoults
Nebr.	Alliance	A/G	Oct. 22-29	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	E. M. Herrman
	Fairbury	A/G	Oct. 17-29	Ken Krivohlavek	H. Ansel Rice
N. J.	Freehold	Georgia A/G	Oct. 18-29	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Walter C. Pierce
	Mt. Holly	² First Baptist	Oct. 22-29	Paul Emery Sr.	James Occhipinti, Chmn.
N. Y.	Norwich	A/G	Oct. 22-29	Jim Snyder	Alfred Chamberlain
	Ossining	A/G	Oct. 17-29	James & Beulah Pepper	William H. Douglas
Ohio	Uhrichsville	First	Oct. 18-29	"Little Joe" Peterson	Donald Hartman
Okla.	Enid	First	Oct. 22—	Donnell-Holler Team	E. W. Kelly
	Miami	Northwest A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Milo Harmon	Charles B. Long
	Sapulpa	South Heights	Oct. 22—	John & Freda Bryant	E. R. Roberts
	Weatherford	First	Oct. 18-29	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	Wayneard Hopkins
Pa.	Corry	A/G	Oct. 17-22	Raymond & Elaine Leonard	James C. Grove
	Freeport	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 18-29	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Philip Bongiorno
	Houston	Central	Oct. 17-29	Stanley MacPherson	George Hatchner
	Kantner	A/G	Oct. 17-29	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Charles Decker
	Philadelphia	Northeast	Oct. 10-15	Dave & Jan Olshevski	David Dippold
	Portage	A/G	Oct. 18-29	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Robert E. Ketner
	Pottstown	Community Ch.	Oct. 22—	Lillian Rahner	M. J. Busse
	Scranton	Pentecostal	Oct. 17-22	Wallace S. Bragg	Parker B. Hayes
	Wilmore	Lighthouse	Oct. 18-29	Irving B. Howard	Robert E. Ketner
Tex.	Dallas	Hillview Terrace	Oct. 17-29	Jackie V. Nichols	Lonnice R. Mullen
	Dallas	Skyline East	Oct. 17-29	Bill & Naomi Hayes	C. A. Bird
	Houston	Heights	Oct. 22-29	E. A. Manley	Kenneth D. Barney
	Houston	Lindale	Oct. 15-18	E. R. Winter	James McKeegan
	Kountze	Little Rock	Oct. 19-29	E. R. Winter	H. E. Boatright
	Midland	First	Oct. 15—	Melvin McKnight	W. D. Metzgar
	Texas City	First	Oct. 18—	Glen Shinn	Edward Willis
Wash.	Walla Walla	A/G	Oct. 17—	Arne Vick	Wesley W. Fleming
	Maple Valley	Tahoma	Oct. 15-29	Joe Johnson	Eric M. Johnson
	Mineral	A/G	Oct. 11—	Cecil Grice	Clyde Sofie
W. Va.	Beckley	First	Oct. 18-29	Bobby & Sharon Jones	Tommy Waldron
	Petersburg	Faith	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Ken & Gloria Kashner	R. D. Smith
Wis.	Madison	First	Oct. 18-22	Paul & LaVonne Clark	H. Ray Collver
	Oneida	A/G	Oct. 17-29	Dwaine & Nola Braddy	Mildred Kimball
Canada	Peterborough, Ont.	Pentecostal	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Watson Argue	E. A. Francis
	Willowdale, Ont.	Pentecostal	Oct. 17-29	J. E. & Mrs. Douglass	Gerald E. Morgan

¹ Children's Revival

² Deeper Life Crusade

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