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

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JESUS SAID, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:37).

Few prophetic passages have received more attention than this one. The sixth chapter of Genesis tell us what to expect in the days preceding the rapture of the Church, and it describes "the days of Noah" in language that is not pretty: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... the earth is filled with violence through them" (verses 5 and 13). Only an individual who has purposely blinded himself to present conditions could fail to see the startling parallel between those ancient times and the tragedies of the present. Along with the unbelievable moral conditions, the picture of the earth being "filled with violence" has meaning for us now that it did not have a few years ago.

Invariably when we consider "the days of Noah" we dwell on the *conditions* that prevailed—meaningful to the prophetic student because of the shocking resemblance to the world of 1968. But in this message let us dwell, instead, on the *man* whose name Jesus Himself associated with those times. The fact that our Lord identifies that age by the use of Noah's name tells us that in heaven's view he was the key figure of the human race. What was Noah doing while the corruption and violence swirled around him like a churning flood? Was he wringing his hands in despair and complaining that no one could be expected to live a godly life in such an atmosphere? Did he cave in under the pressure and join the sinning mob? Was he too weakened by despair to raise his voice for God and righteousness?

Since those who live in the days just prior to the

rapture of the Church must face a state of affairs like that of Noah's day, it will help to guide us in our response if we know how he acted.

1. HE REMAINED UNSTAINED BY HIS ENVIRONMENT

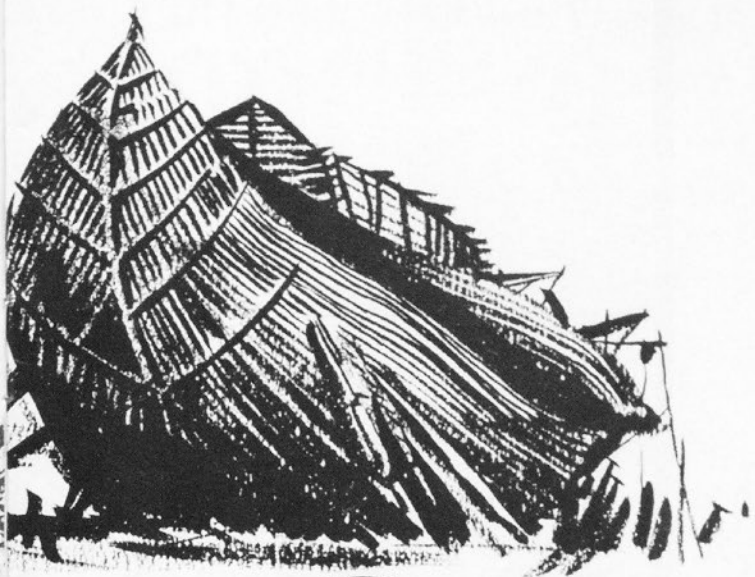
Genesis 6:9 tells us that "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." What finer thing could be said of a man whose fellow humans were all traveling in the opposite direction at breakneck speed? He was like a man constantly exposed to a deadly disease, yet never contracting it himself. He never succumbed to the spirit of the majority.

The very fact that one man was able to stand so effectively against the whole world is proof that all who will may accomplish the same. There is a weak brand of Christianity abroad in the land which feels compelled to bend with every wind. "Compromise" is the keynote for many who profess to follow Jesus. "Broadmindedness" is the shrine at which many seem to worship. Not so with Noah. He was the one bit of salt, the one ray of light left in a dark, decaying age, and he was true to his trust.

If there was a secret to Noah's ability to say a loud, constant "No" to the world, it is found in the expression, "And Noah walked with God." Worlds of spiritual treasure are wrapped in those words. Noah and God were daily companions. Their communion became sweeter and more intimate with every passing year. The more Noah heard God's Voice, the fainter became the voice of the world. The more sensitive he became to God's approval, the less he cared what the world thought of him.

2. HE KEPT WORKING

When God told Noah to spend the remaining days of grace (before the flood of judgment) in building the



NOAH

ark, his response was unhesitating. Genesis 6:22 puts it this way: "Thus did Noah. According to all that God commanded him, so did he." The years that followed were filled with diligent labor in carrying out the divine command. There was no sitting down on the job; no loafing; no lethargy. Noah's daily devotion to his task exemplifies our Lord's own words to His Church: "Occupy till I come."

It is easy to make a congregation shout when we preach about the fall of Jericho. But what receives little emphasis is the fact that before the moment of stunning victory there were seven long, weary days of doing nothing but walking. Thirteen times the Israelites tramped around the city! We can only wonder what their thoughts were when they returned exhausted to their tents each night after having done exactly the same thing they did the day before. The final day was the most tedious of all, for it involved doing the same thing seven times.

So much of the work we do for God seems like sheer monotony—simply a repetition of what we have done so often before (with no seeming results). But the glorious victory at Jericho was worth all the monotony and all the repetition. And it will be so with us, too, as we fill with devoted service our days of waiting for the Lord's return.

We are told that when Solomon prepared to build the temple he called 70,000 men "to bear burdens," and 80,000 "to hew in the mountain" (2 Chronicles 2:2). In other words, the first people he had to appoint for the great task were men to carry heavy loads and swing axes! So much of the work of God is plain, hard, unglamorous work—but so very necessary. While we live in expectancy of our Lord's coming, let us not shun this kind of labor.

Besides staying busy in the Master's work we must, of course, pay close attention to the *quality* of that work. First Corinthians 3:12 describes the various kinds of building material being used by Christians as "gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble." The "advantage" of using wood, hay, and stubble instead of gold, silver, and precious stones is that the former is faster and cheaper. Wood, hay, and stubble can be found just about anywhere, and it doesn't take long to put them together. The disadvantage, of course, is that wood, hay, and stubble don't last. The question in building for God is, "Do you simply want to make a big show for a little while, or do you want to go the longer, costlier route and build something that will last?" *Sometimes when you see the builder with the cheaper stuff going up so fast with his building you are tempted to follow his example. But don't do it!*

3. HE KEPT LISTENING

Genesis 6:13 and 7:1 both begin by declaring that "God said unto Noah." And the rest of these passages lets us know that whenever the Lord spoke to His servant He found a listening ear. While Noah worked, he also listened. He seemed to live with the thought, "I never know when God may want to say something to me, and I want to be sure I am listening." What a wonderful spirit to find in a man living in such a foul environment and waiting for the blow of judgment to fall!

Just before Joshua led his forces against Jericho, he was visited by an angel who identified himself as "Captain of the hosts of the Lord." No one in Jericho saw this heavenly visitor. To those heathen there were just two forces about to clash—those of Jericho and those of Israel. But Joshua went into the fight knowing that a "third force" was present. Today we hear a great deal about the "third force" in the religious world, but the real "third force" is God. Noah was conscious of this mighty Force and was comforted by the thought of having such a powerful Ally. And every time he heard His voice the level of his faith and courage rose to new heights.

I know little about sailing boats. But I do know that if the wind blows when the sail is not up the boat will go nowhere. I believe there are seasons when God is moving in a particular way but we are not prepared. Our sails are not up; we have been careless and unconcerned. About the time the wind is past we suddenly become conscious of it and try furiously to get prepared, but by then it is too late. We must stay ready *all* the time for God's moving. We must listen with an attentive ear at all seasons for His message to our hearts.

It is hard to draw any other conclusion but that we have come to the end of this age. Facing days like those of Noah, may we follow his example. We do not know how long we may have to wait for deliverance, but we do know that God's grace and power will keep us from falling if we will be true and steadfast. It is just as possible for us to remain unstained as it was for Noah.

Let us resist the pressure of the world with fiercer determination than ever. May our days be filled with conscientious labor, not despair or defeat. All of this depends on how careful we are to keep listening for the Voice that can only be heard by those whose hearts are eager to hear it.

The Divine Catalyst

MOST OF THE PROBLEMS of the world are problems of human relations. If men and nations could get their hearts together it would not take them very long to get their heads together to solve the problems of poverty, racism, and war.

The same may be said of parent-child problems, marital problems, labor-management problems, even church problems. Often the situation resolves itself into the familiar contest between the irresistible force and the immovable object. There are opposing elements. Neither side will budge. Arguing won't change things. Threats won't help. Use of force only hardens the situation. Some third force needs to be introduced which will serve as a catalyst to bring the opposing elements together. The catalyst prescribed by the Scriptures is the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Chemists depend on the process of catalysis in much of their work. Often they need to combine two divergent elements which do not mix. They discover that by adding a small amount of a third element they can obtain the chemical reaction they desire. This is what we need in our problems of human relations—some formula that will bring a reconciliation—that will move people from the positions they stubbornly hold—and God has the formula. Perhaps it is a soft word, or an act of kindness. Possibly it is a word of apology. It is some manifestation of divine love—introducing a third force—bringing a new spirit into the deadlock. By prayer we can obtain this divine catalyst that will work so wonderfully to bring unity, harmony, and cooperation.

The divine catalyst is described in 1 Corinthians 13. *Love suffers long*, Paul says. It never grows impatient. It would rather be hurt than to hurt another. *Love is kind*. Even while suffering it never reacts negatively—is not bitter, cruel, inconsiderate, but manifests itself in positive acts of kindness. *Love is not envious*. It does not grieve over another's good fortune but is perfectly content with what God gives.

A missionary tells of a man in India who, after his conversion to Christ, was cut off from the family estate. It meant a great loss, for the family was wealthy, but he neither protested nor resented the action. Later his brothers and sisters got into a bitter quarrel over their shares in the fortune—and called him in to arbitrate their dispute! He lost some money but gained great respect and later became prime minister of his state.

Love does not vaunt itself. It is never arrogant or rude. There is a story that an atheist once met John Wesley on a narrow footbridge. He refused to step aside for the gospel minister but remarked contemptuously, "I never give way to a fool!" Mr. Wesley moved aside and replied, with a smile, "I always do." When the situation is at an impasse, humility and good humor may save the day!

Love is not puffed up; seeks not its own; is not irritated easily; is never suspicious; does not gloat when someone's wrongdoing is discovered; is more ready to excuse than to accuse.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Therefore love is a peacemaker. It is the catalyst that brings heaven's balm to heal earth's sores. By opening our hearts to this divine force we can pour oil on the troubled waters. We can be part of the answer rather than part of the problem in human relationships.

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



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WHOM MUST I LOVE? This was the question a lawyer asked Jesus, and by asking this question he was also asking, "Whom can I escape loving?"

Cannot my concern for mankind run in a straight line, or must I be concerned for people I don't even know?

This seems to be a good question for our day; so I ask myself, Who is my neighbor? and the answer comes:

MY FAMILY

Here is my "Jerusalem." This is where I must begin in carrying out my responsibilities. The thought of going everywhere and trying to witness to everybody staggers the imagination. One person cannot do it. But I must do my part, and since "the journey of a thousand miles begins with one pace" I need a place to start. I can start here—here at my "Jerusalem."

MY FRIENDS

I cannot hope to fulfill my obligations to the lost by expressing an intense concern for people in another part of the world while maintaining an attitude of Christian isolationism where I live.

I cannot say that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, "of whom I am chief," and maintain an attitude of condescending superiority toward the people around me.

My circle of Christian influence must continue to widen and the witness must always carry with it Christian integrity and spiritual power. The great purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit's anointing is not merely for personal aggrandizement but to gain power for a life of witnessing.

MY COUNTRY

God has no value scale for the souls of men. He loves all alike. His love varies not an infinitesimal part of one

degree between the cultured man of the city and the uncivilized man of the bush. Neither the geographical location nor the color of skin makes any difference.

I will love my neighbor in this land, and show concern for his salvation, not because he is a member of a minority race, or because he is black, or yellow, or white, but because he is a soul for whom Christ died. My love and concern for the souls of men must ever be the same the world around.

MY WORLD

The man I have never seen is my neighbor if I can be of help to him. I must say with the apostle Paul, "I am debtor" to all men everywhere. He said, "I feel myself under a sort of universal obligation, I owe something to all men" (Romans 1:14, Phillips translation).

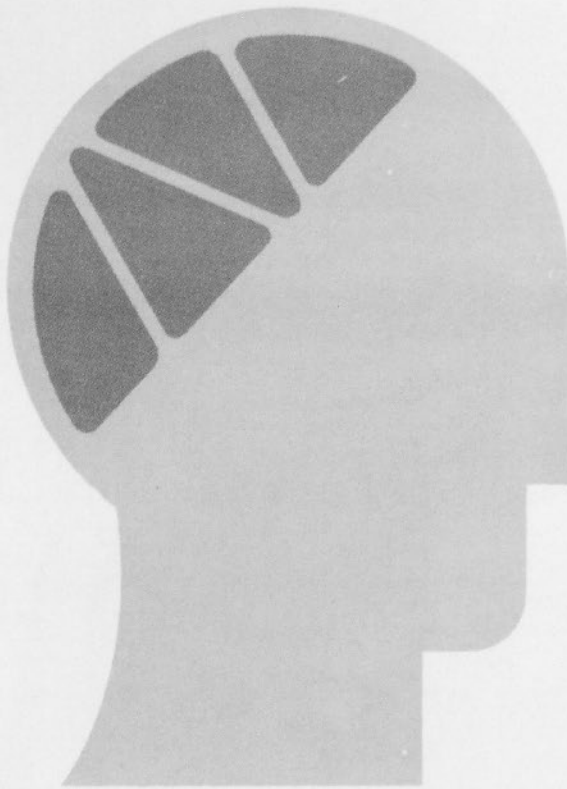
Jesus said: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Here are my orders! I am sent into the world, here and abroad, to be a neighbor! I am to be one who cares and I am to carry the message of the One who cares! Here is a true and scriptural universalism which beats at the heart of the gospel.

Jesus said that I should love my neighbor as myself. He also said that I should bear witness for Him, first at "Jerusalem," and to the ends of the earth. From His words I must conclude that my neighbor is any man in any part of the world who needs the message of hope which I hold.

I must also conclude that the responsibility for propagating this message is to take hold of me in such a manner that I will feel as keenly about it as I feel about my own life and needs.

The world is my neighbor!





THINK YOUR WORRIES THROUGH

By GEORGE HOLMES

FIVE TIMES, IN HIS GREATEST SERMON, Jesus talked about “taking thought” (Matthew 6:24-34). Perfect teacher, He knows the value of repetition. Supreme doctor, He knows our sorest spot. Anxiety is the disease of our day.

When Jesus commanded, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body, what ye shall put on,” He was exposing our biggest worry—those everyday needs. “Stop fretting about them,” He said.

“But I’m a worry wart,” you reply. “How can I be different?” Jesus’ answer is: think your worries through and then refuse to be anxious anymore. Worry cannot stand that treatment.

WORRY IS UNREASONABLE

First: *consider, relatively, the importance of things.* “Is not the life greater (in quality) than food and the body (far above and more excellent) than clothing?” (verse 25, Amplified). If anything could make us concerned it would be our health—rather than our attire. But if God cares for sparrows, frail and tiny as they are, can’t we believe He will do at least as much for us?

Martin Luther told of a robin which, he said, preached to him daily. Each night he would put some crumbs outside his window for his little friend. The robin would hop on to the windowsill when he wanted his food and eat as much as he needed. Then, perching on a tree close by, he would warble his gratitude to God. After that, tucking his head under his wing, he would go fast asleep and leave tomorrow to look after itself. Christian friend, God made *you* for eternity, and He cares for you, so don’t drain away nervous energy by worrying about those daily needs: it is unreasonable.

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WORRY IS UNAVAILING

Then, *consider the actual effectiveness of worry.* Jesus said, “Which of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?” (verse 27, Amplified). Exercise might give you half an inch—but not worry.

If you want to be sure your troubles hatch out, brood over them.

When the mind spins with anxiety, troubles loom larger and tensions increase. So, why waste good sleep on worrying? In any case, it is unavailing.

WORRY IS UNTRUSTING

Next, *consider God’s perfect knowledge of all your needs.* The Master said, “Therefore, take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?—for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”

To decorate the landscapes God made flowers and grasses but their beauty and purpose are only temporary—they are soon gone. Even so, during their short day they are His concern. But you, Christian, are not only His highest creation, you are doubly precious to Him because Christ redeemed you by His blood. You are uniquely His, forever. Who knows your life’s essential needs better than He? Isn’t it untrusting to fret about these things as if He really didn’t know?

If God can manage the universe, can’t He take care of you? When you think of it in this light, worry is untrusting.

WORRY IS UNCHRISTIAN

Like an expert pleader, Jesus built His case point by point. Here is the culminating consideration: *worry is a pagan state of mind.* “...After all these things do the Gentiles (heathen) seek.” The ungodly, of course, do not understand the Fatherhood of God, His eternal plan, or the sure promises He has given. One can expect material

things to be their major concern. Waking or sleeping, their thoughts turn on money, food, clothes and security—they have little else to think about. “Things” are their life.

This state of mind—in pagans—is understandable. But how does anyone know *you* are a child of the King if you worry about the same things as they do? Although you do not carouse, swear, or gamble, do you fail at this point? Like Martha, are you “careful and troubled about many things”? Anxiety just pulled her apart, even when Jesus was in the home. If you, too, are eaten up with distractions, then ponder this seriously: worry is unchristian.

WORRY IS UNNECESSARY

Having exposed the futility and faithlessness of worry, Jesus promised that if we would concentrate our interests on one priority, all our material needs would be supplied. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” With the same enthusiasm the heathen show in striving—ever and always—for *things*, we are to seek the righteous and holy interests of God.

“Seek ye *first*”: this means that all our life’s possessions and concessions should be handled in the light of our faith in Christ. The wheel of life will revolve perfectly if the things of God are at the hub.

Every Christian claims he believes in prayer, yet only a few apply their faith and really pray. Prayer is given a high priority in God’s Word: “I exhort, therefore, that, *first of all*, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). Social protest and political action in this world’s confused affairs—a course that some are taking because they feel the gospel is irrelevant in the modern world—is not God’s plan for the Church. *Spiritual* involvement is. It entails fighting against unseen, evil powers that dominate and drive the people of our world. The Christian, freed of worry, has opportunity and should give priority to intercession for all men—especially world leaders.

We claim to believe the Bible, too, but how many of us really dig into it and—applying our faith—obey it? The man who does will tithe his income. He will give the first tenth to God and so show that God’s kingdom is his first interest. But the one who becomes saddled with installment debts and meets those monthly payments first—and then says he has little or nothing left for God—has the same philosophy as his pagan brother. A man’s treasure is where his heart is.

He who puts God’s interests first need never worry. But the man who, because he involves himself in so many competing interests, allows only marginal time for worship, intercession, sharing, and evangelism, is little different from those he wants to see converted. He may, indeed, scan God’s Word, even quote it, but he is not following it. He certainly is not living as if he believes the promise that “all these things taken together will be given you besides” (Amplified). That is why he worries—because he has not thought these implications through in the light of his Lord’s unerring wisdom.

Put your thinking in overdrive: it is idling in worry, and worry is unreasonable, unavailing, untrusting, unchristian, and unnecessary. Quit worrying and start living—for God.

SENSES OF TASTE AND SMELL RESTORED

FOR THREE YEARS I was without the senses of taste and smell, as a result of a virosis infection. Although I knew God was able to heal, I failed to trust Him completely for deliverance.

At a New Year’s Eve Communion service in our church, while Evangelist George Butrin was there for a revival, our pastor encouraged those with physical needs to trust God for healing. I asked God to meet my need.

The next day I found I could faintly taste and smell. The following evening I went to church determined to claim complete healing.

As Brother Butrin and others laid hands on me and prayed, I felt the healing virtue of Jesus go through me. I knew God had met my need! Someone in the congregation had a bottle of perfume. When it was put to my nose, I could smell it.

It is a privilege to be able to taste food again, and to enjoy all the normal functions of taste and smell which I had taken for granted before. I thank and praise God for the victory.—Carrie Edwards, Bridgeton, N. J.

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HEALED OF JAUNDICE

WHEN I BECAME ILL with all the symptoms of jaundice shortly before Easter in 1967, I turned to the living Christ for help. He did not fail me.

A relative in our home had suffered from jaundice since January and was still struggling with extreme weakness when I became ill. I felt that I simply could not go through what my relative had been through—for we have 10 children at home—and yet I was too weak to resist the sickness.


Knowing it was the work of Satan, I just turned the need over to the indwelling Holy Spirit, for I knew it was by God’s power that I would be healed. I did not struggle for faith but rested in the assurance of the Spirit’s power. I did remind the Lord Jesus, “The Easter season celebrates the fact that You are alive. But how can I witness to this unless I am delivered from this jaundice?”

When it seemed I was weakest, I received a desperate call for help from a neighbor lady who was in great need of comfort and prayer. I had been lying down, but when she called I got ready, took my Bible, and started for her home. As I went, my strength returned. I comforted, counseled, and prayed with my neighbor as she turned to Jesus Christ. When I returned home, I collapsed with all my previous weakness.

But soon I began to recover. Within a few days I was able to sit at the piano and rehearse with the choir for the Easter cantata. In a week I was well. As I accompanied the choir on Easter morning, my soul was filled with new praise to Jesus who had once again proved Himself a risen, living Saviour.

The following week I related my healing to a friend who is a doctor’s assistant. She confirmed that my symptoms were those of jaundice and that such a rapid recovery was highly unusual. It was truly a miracle for which I give God the glory.—Edith Manchester, Santa Cruz, Calif.

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WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOUR CHILD ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

By Radio Evangelist C. M. WARD

I THINK THE DOCTRINE of God is the most difficult of all doctrines to explain to a child. What is He like? Where does He live?

We have to picture God as being like ourselves. The cornerstone of Christian faith is that when God would show us what He really is, He did it through a human being.

Do I mean God is the ultimate in hands, feet, nostrils and muscle? No. I mean personality, intelligence, feeling, and will—faculties which act together in conscious unity.

Perhaps your child's greatest difficulty in accepting God is that He cannot be seen. But there is a part of you and me that cannot be seen, nor can it be weighed.

A poem is not paper with printer's ink on it. It is a thing of beauty, thought, and inspiration. Carlyle's first manuscript of *The French Revolution* was accidentally burned. He had to write it out again. The real thing was not the paper or ink. The real thing could not be destroyed by fire. It was woven in Carlyle's soul.

It is that real, inside life of ours that is intimately related to God. That is what the Bible means when it says God made man in His own image.

The question before your child is this: is ultimate reality (the true source and meaning of life) impersonal matter or personal spirit? This is the area of conflict for your child. There is a creeping philosophy that says everything in existence is only the arrangement and rearrangement of a few more than 100 chemical elements.

Can you put the love of a mother for her child, the patriotism of a citizen for his nation, into a test-tube formula? Are these things simply the action and reaction of chemical and physiological laws? This is a big decision your child must make. I turn with all my heart toward faith in a Person.

I say this: if man's intelligence can do so much, can range so far, must not that out of which he has come be

at least great enough to account for his thought? If personality is the best I know, dare I call God less? *The God I serve is a Person.*

I know He is not a Person like ourselves. We have bodies, and He has not. We are limited; He is not.

I confess immediately there are mysteries about Him I cannot plumb. But there are mysteries about myself into which I cannot delve. For instance, when does a human life begin to be personal?

Personality develops. So what is the total possibility? I cannot hope to take God apart, and put Him together. My faith declares that communion between Creator and creature was intended from the beginning. It means to me that God is alive. He is not a thing. The choice your child must make is between a dead God and a living One.

There is something else your child soon observes. Mankind exhibits a moral nature. Right and wrong concerns a moral being. This must be the reflection of something. There must be a cause. What is that cause?

I say there is a source of moral goodness. It comes from somewhere. There is incorporated in me a responsibility to another. I cannot get away from that fact, I am not bound by a chemical formula. I must give an account to a Person.

The most important fact to impress upon your child is this: God has not left this planet in the dark. He has revealed Himself in that one Person who is most like Him, and at the same time the nearest like us—Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

In Him and through His life we have the most complete revelation of God that has come to this planet. When I tell a child God is a Person, I mean He is like Jesus. And if there is one thing Jesus teaches me, it is that the nature of God is that of a father. God reaches toward me as a parent toward a child. Jesus shows me that God suffers and shares with men the burden for this world. Never forget that!

So our sins wound God. The Cross shows me the seriousness of sin and it shows me how far God is willing to go to save me from sin's consequences. I can see for myself how the love of God came right down into the shame and tragedy of human life. God has put it all out in the open where I can see it.

When your child asks you, "What can Jesus do for me now? Isn't Jesus in heaven?"—you can answer your child, "Christ's Spirit is in this world. It is the power of Jesus Christ reaching out toward us. It is a living force."

The God-Man of history, this complete revelation of God, so permeates your being He actually takes over, and you live the life He directs. It has been happening to me for a long time. I know that I am a distinct personality with a name and a responsibility of my own. So, it is true, "I live." But at the same time I can say, as Paul did, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20).

My life is boundaried by Jesus Christ. I am submerged in Him. "Christ liveth in me." He finds expression through me. I am His captive. And I would want it no other way. Only the will of One from another world could so completely fuse two personalities.

Then hold up your Bible before your child! How do you account for that Book? Could the most brilliant human mind have compiled such a thorough presentation of God? It is not the product of research. It is the result

of revelation. God reveals Himself through His Word.

Read your Bible, and you will discover God. It was dictated. It was not compiled. You cannot destroy the Bible without destroying God.

Tell your child God is revealed through nature. Note the law of transmission of modern communication. Wave lengths which radio, television, radar, and sonar employ, make these miracles possible. Someone has determined these wave-lengths or channels. Did you know that the waves of the sea roll in on the shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather? Your child will soon learn from nature there is a supreme Will.

When your child is a little older and you talk together about God, tell your child history is a revelation of God.

History is more than a narration of things that have happened. It is an interpretation of the judgments of God. Tell your child this.

Let a great nation like Germany turn away from the God of Luther and the Bible toward modernism, and substitute culture for conversion, and that nation is torn apart twice within half a century.

Let a federation of nations plot to destroy Israel, and their defeat is the most sudden and dramatic event of the era!

Tell your child the fine arts of earth reveal God. Sheer animalism is incapable of producing a Beethoven or a Rembrandt. That does not come by descent from monkeys. The true artist is seeking to express the beauty of God's world.

Science, too, has its contribution to offer in revealing the greatness of God. Science has done two things for this generation. First, it has enlarged our conceptions of the universe in which we live. Second, science has placed us in debt by revealing the reign of law. Law, not riot nor rebellion, administers this universe.

Your child will learn this in the laboratories and classrooms. We go to sleep at night sure of the coming sunrise. We go to work in the morning certain of the coming sunset. We calculate the times of the tide months in advance. There is a law of sowing and reaping. It works in our moral nature as it works in our fields. Other things may change, but God's Word stands fast.

Science simply affirms the words of Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Every time science discovers a new law, it sets us free to do new things. That is something to say to your child.

And all the time we are seeking to know Him, He is seeking us. Tell your child that a personal, loving God will in due time personally reveal Himself.

I do not have to sally forth to hasten the sunrise. I have nothing to do with that. I need to go home and wash my window. The rising sun will find me, wherever I am, and however small or humble my abode.

In like manner the Lord comes searching for us. He is the Shepherd. Count on it! He will find you. In a thousand different ways God is after the boys and girls—the men and women of tomorrow.

'LET HIM ALONE'

By GORDON F. PREISER

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A BRITISH STEN SUBMACHINE GUN, a sawed-off shotgun, a 410 shotgun, two rifles, a loaded .25-caliber automatic, and some knives—this was the "arsenal" found in the home of the young husband who had been apprehended by detectives. His wife had asked police to accompany her to the home to get some clothes because her husband had threatened to kill her.

I read the newspaper article again, checking the name carefully. There was no mistake. I knew that fellow! And I knew his parents.

My mind went back some six or seven years to an afternoon when I sat in his parents' home and listened for hours as the mother poured out her story of grief and heartbreak over their son. The degradation and unspeakable immorality into which the boy had plunged was almost more than she could stand. I shall never forget the indictment which she leveled at her husband as she pointed an accusing finger across the room. "From the time he

was a little boy his father would never allow me to correct him. Whatever he did, he always took his part. I can hear him saying it over and over again, 'Let him alone! Let him alone!'

I had visited the boy when he was A.W.O.L. from the army. Already the pattern of an undisciplined life had been set. He gave me the impression that he wanted to be left alone. He could get out of this without any interference, either from his parents or his pastor.

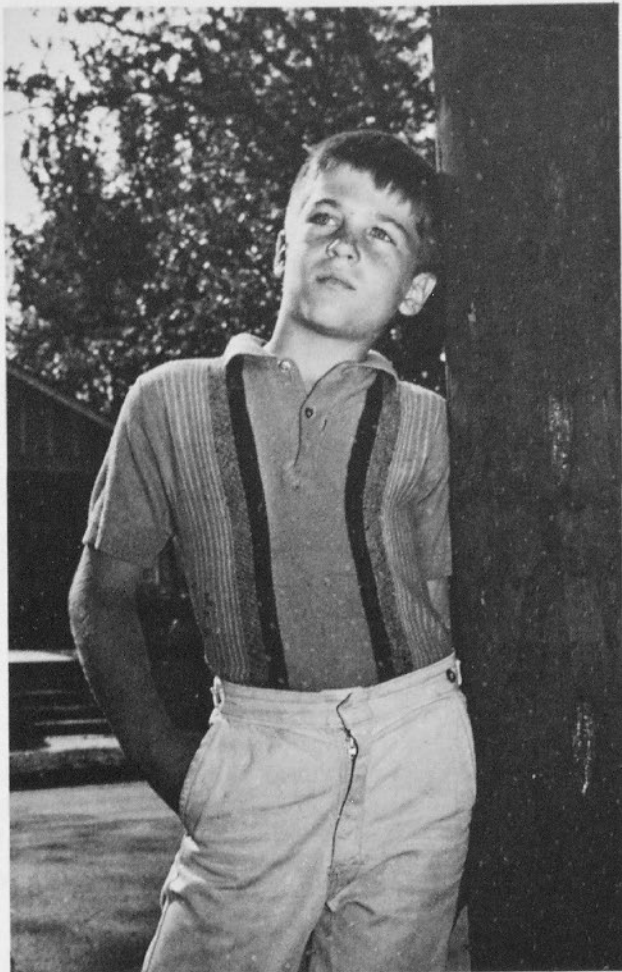
Not long after his marriage, a child was born to his wife. I conducted the baby's funeral when it was less than a year old.

Five years ago the family had moved to another town and we had lost touch—and now this.

Society would not leave the young man alone any longer to endanger other lives. The police took him into custody and his father could no longer say, "Let him alone." And yet he was alone now—alone behind bars.

Despite the claims of some liberal thinkers, children and young people still need direction. They need parents to stand together in loving discipline. We may never know what heartache and grief has been the result of leaving children alone to find their own way.

Tragically, parents sometimes say, "I think my children should make their own choices when it comes to religion. I don't influence them one way or another. I let them alone." In turn, young people today in increasing numbers are accusing their parents of being too permissive, too soft, not strict enough. They actually want a standard. They want someone to care enough to "keep tabs" on them. They don't want to be left alone!



Makes Me Wonder!

IT'S FUNNY! I can sit through a whole church service hardly moving, and no one seems to know I'm even in church. But let my feet happen to bump the pew in front of me, and everybody in church turns to stare. At least, it *seems* like everybody.

My parents are very fussy about the way I act in church. You'd know what I mean if you saw the looks I get. I don't mean to be noisy or disturbing. I want to please my parents. But I just can't sit still all that time!

I get bored with songs I can't understand. I wish they would sing some action songs in church. Then I could stand up, sit down, and maybe swing my arms a bit. Boy, that would feel good.

I wouldn't mind sitting in church if the preacher told a story, but when he talks about "renewing your consecration" and things like that, I don't know what he means. And besides that, he talks too long.

I almost groaned out loud when I heard them say there will be five nights of revival services next week! I don't want to sit still that long every night! I wish they would think about me once in a while. When I grow up, I'm going to invent a church for kids...and kids' revival meetings too!

CHILDREN NEED TO BE NURTURED

By **JERRY STROUP**

*Child Evangelism Coordinator
National Sunday School Department*

CHILDREN ARE A SACRED TRUST. God places them in our care that we may nurture and educate them in spiritual things. We must be sure that all the child-related resources of the church are used for their benefit.

Every church has two potential areas for reaching boys and girls for Christ—within its own membership and outside the church family.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Our first concern should be to conserve our own juveniles. Many churches are now involved in Vacation Bible School. Here is a prime opportunity for intensified indoctrination. As much can be accomplished in two weeks of VBS as in a half year of Sunday School.

Camping is another valuable Child Evangelism activity. At church camps boys and girls find themselves in a unique spiritual environment. In this "hot-house" atmosphere many come into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Personal commitment and dedication are encouraged.

A survey of 1,500 Christian teens by Youth for Christ International showed 25 percent received Christ as Saviour at a church-sponsored camp. Let us encourage camp and VBS programs this summer; they are potentially great soul-winning agencies.

When boys and girls come back from camp to the home church they need extra encouragement to continue spiritual growth. Specialized age-level teaching can be given at Junior Church. This may or may not be at the same time as a regular church service, but it should be the children's "own" service.

For specific training, the Gospel Publishing House offers an indoctrination course called "Foundations for Faith" which is prepared especially for sixth grade boys and girls. The course covers the 16 fundamental truths of the Assemblies of God. It is recommended that this be a separate program taught by the pastor on Saturday mornings.

One of the best ways in which the church can help its children is to strengthen Christian family life. Helpful study courses can be offered.

The family altar should be emphasized. There is no better place than the home in which to teach children

about prayer and dependence upon God. Here also they are taught discipline. They learn to share, to cooperate with others, and to worship together.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH CIRCLE

While endeavoring to meet the needs of the children in the church, we must not overlook the outreach aspects of Child Evangelism. Children's revivals or crusades are effective in bringing outside boys and girls into the church. One pastor states, "More prospective visitors enter our church during a one-week children's crusade than in all the special and regular activities of the church put together."

Home Bible clubs and released-time programs give opportunity to reach new children. These ministries make it possible to give Christian education to boys and girls who do not or cannot come to the regular church services. Children are released for religious education during public school hours in some states, with parental consent. Alert churches reach many outsiders through this program.

There also are opportunities of ministry to boys and girls that are mentally retarded. Jesus loves them! They can learn to love Jesus.

Crippled children in rehabilitation centers and hospitals give the church a wide range of opportunity for ministry.

In these and other ways, boys and girls can be enlisted and trained for the service of God. After they have been evangelized and indoctrinated we can encourage them further by giving them Junior Membership in the church.

YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



Did Paul not compromise and thus fail the Lord when he went into the temple and took the vow of a Nazarite? He knew he was not under the law, but under grace (Acts 21:23, 24).

Paul's rule of life was: "And unto the Jews, I became as a Jew, that I might gain them that were under the law; to them that are without the law, as without law, that I might gain them that are without law" (1 Corinthians 9:20-22). Outward ceremonies did not mean much to Paul. He could adopt them if this would work for good, or he could preach Christ without them if this would give him better access to people. He adapted himself to any situation as long as he did not violate his conscience by so doing. His constant concern was "that I might win some."

I have recently come back to God and am seeking to serve Him with all my heart; but I fear that, according to Matthew 7:21-23, my efforts may be in vain and I may yet be lost. Can you help me?

From what you said I conclude that the above scripture does not refer to your situation at all. The warning in Matthew 7:21-23 concerns deceivers who misuse the name of Christ to deceive or defraud others, claiming the power of God and taking advantage of the simplicity of the people. They may make a good showing in the earth; but when they stand before Christ, these who have made unholy use of His name will hear Him say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." If you have repented and committed your life to Christ, and are endeavoring to obey Him, you may be sure He has forgiven your backslidings.

Please explain what Paul meant when he said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Corinthians 14:15).

Since the subject Paul was considering was the use of the unknown tongue, I believe he meant that he would pray, or sing, in the unknown tongue, and in the language he understood also. In our private worship we have complete liberty to worship in spirit, whether it be in an unknown tongue or our own language. In the church, however, Paul felt it should be different. Edification of others must be considered.

How can others be edified by an utterance unless they understand the language? "When thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" (v. 16). We need to keep in mind that in the church our purpose should be to edify one another. See vv. 27-33 concerning regulation of use of an unknown tongue in the church. Notice the requirement that he who speaks in tongues at church should pray for the interpretation.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible you are invited to write to "Your Questions" The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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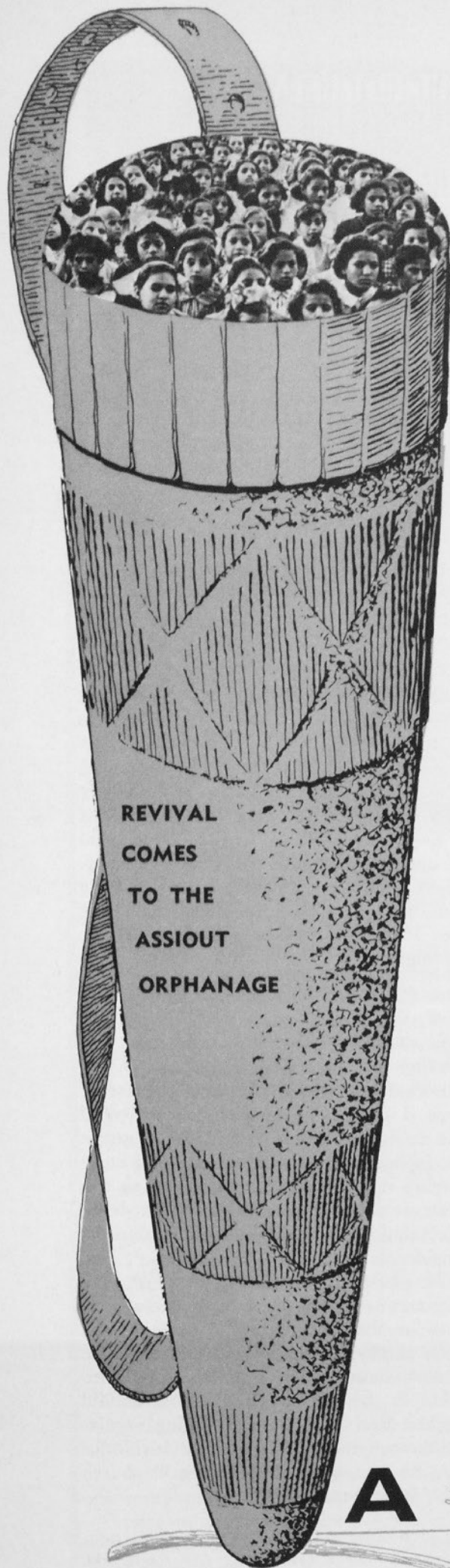
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ACCORDING TO PSALM 127, "Children are an heritage of the Lord: and...happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." Missionaries B. W. Corpany and Habib Iskander need an extra large *quiver*, for they and their wives have inherited by choice over 700 of them! These children, otherwise unwanted, are living at the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage in Assiout, Egypt.

These two missionary couples recently witnessed wonderful scenes when the Lord sent an old-fashioned outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Assemblies of God institution. During a period of one month over 200 people—including both children and staff members—have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

This outbreak of revival has greatly encouraged our missionary staff who returned so recently to the land of Egypt. It is urgently necessary that churches send financial help for the orphanage at this time. Our responsibility to this Assemblies of God institution remains the same today as when Lillian Trasher was living.

When asked about the happenings at the orphanage, Field Secretary Charles E. Greenaway said, "I thank God for the tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit which has precipitated, I suppose, the greatest revival this institution has ever had. I pray it will extend to every corner of Egypt."

Missionary Corpany wrote, "The revival that is going on in the orphanage is something beyond one's imagination. I have never been in meetings like these before. This is such a spontaneous move of the Spirit with hundreds being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Our hearts are full of rejoicing. There were times in the past when we thought we were just wasting our efforts, but we know better now. Hallelujah! God is working in great saving, baptizing power here at the orphanage!"

In another letter Missionary Corpany wrote, "The revival spirit is characterized by such joy and love. The neighbors say that they used to hear the normal bickering and lots of noise,

but now they hear singing and praising. We thank God for His faithfulness."

Missionary Iskander wrote, "February 4 was the starting of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Since that day, we find children coming to the Lord and being filled with the Holy Spirit every day. In our daily staff prayer meetings at our home we also have people filled with the Holy Spirit."

The two missionary couples at the orphanage have experienced deep happiness, yes. But, with this big family there are also many problems. There are special needs right now that require the help of American Christians.

They need immediately over \$7,000 for emergency expenses, due partly to the prolonged absence of missionaries from Egypt. About \$2,400 of this is needed to settle an account with a man who has owned property on the orphanage grounds. We must either buy this land or see it sold to an outsider!

An additional \$5,000 is needed for sewage disposal equipment to protect the health of the orphans.

The children's water presently comes from local wells that are subject to contamination, so another \$1,000 is needed to bring in city water. These needs total over \$13,000.

This sum is large enough by itself, but when added to the orphanage's regular budget it makes the burden very heavy. On an estimated cost of \$5 per week to feed, clothe, and house one orphan, this means a total of \$3,500 per week just for basic operational expenses.

Yes, the Corpanys and the Iskanders have their *quiver* full. They also have a great financial responsibility. Immediate assistance is needed for these projects.

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A FULL QUIVER

Awakening in Assiout

**An account of the 1968 revival at the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage
based on a letter written by Ruth Iskander, missionary to Egypt.**

THIS IS A ONCE-UPON-A-TIME story with one difference—it actually happened to real people in the faraway land of Egypt.

On Sunday, February 4, 1968, Missionary Ruth Iskander listened as Ostaz Adli preached a helpful sermon in the chapel at the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage. Her husband, Habib, was home in bed, for this was his first day back from the hospital after a bout with hepatitis. The service was dismissed and Ruth headed toward home.

On her way she passed three girls—Ferial, Fouzia, and Naomi—who were sitting together on a wooden platform that Brother Tawfik had built around a tree.

Fouzia called to her, “Ya Miss Ruth, Naomi wants to be saved!”

Ruth stopped and searched her mind as to what she should do. She wanted to say, “Come this afternoon to the service and surrender your heart. Jesus will accept you the moment you come to Him.” Then she could hurry home to have coffee with her husband. Instead, Ruth found herself reaching out her hand to the young girl and saying, “Come, let’s go back and pray in the church.”

A few minutes after Ruth and Naomi started to pray, Ferial and Fouzia slipped into the darkened church and knelt beside them. Naomi was the first to receive the assurance of salvation. Fouzia kept crying, “Cause me to forget my past.” Ferial was the slowest to receive the assurance of sins forgiven, but two hours later when they left the church all three girls had peace and joy in their hearts.

Ruth did not know at that time that the three had been real. “terrors” causing staff-member Hencina many problems. Hencina had been praying for two days for these girls, and she was elated when she knew they had

come to the Lord. Later Ruth learned that Fouzia had been joking when she said Naomi wanted to be saved! The Lord was reaching down to meet a need and to spark the greatest revival this Assemblies of God orphanage has ever had.

Secrets cannot be kept very long in the orphanage. Soon everyone knew the three were in the church praying for salvation, and when Ruth and the girls came out, a group of 9-, 10-, and 11-year-olds were sitting around the playground. They called out, “We want to believe, too!” A strange seriousness was evident in their faces and voices.

Ruth told them that she must go to the house for a while, but she would come back to pray with them. A little later in the afternoon, Ruth knelt with a group of about 25 junior girls in the entrance to the church. As she glanced around she saw tears streaming from their closed eyes—longing and earnestness on their faces. This was no ordinary prayer meeting. This was a special visitation from God.

The group didn’t have long to pray as another group of older children would be coming at five o’clock for their Bible lesson. Yet, these children had met with Jesus. Ruth promised to pray with them the next day that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit and that their friends would find Jesus.

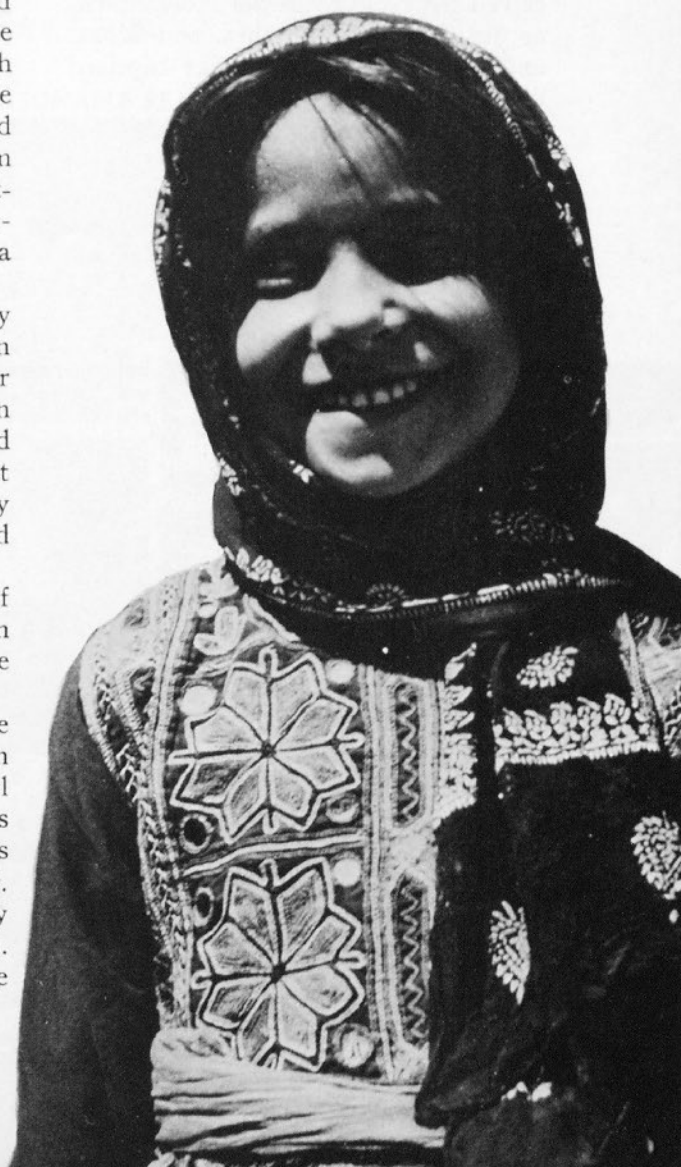
She didn’t fully realize the truth of her closing remark to them, “You can be the beginning of a revival in the whole orphanage.”

The next afternoon they had a time of prayer and seeking the Lord. Then came testimony time. One little girl after another stood to tell what Jesus had done in her heart, and how things had been different for her that day. Others joined the group, and they remained there praying until 7:30 p.m. This was repeated each day for the rest of that week.

As those who were saved became concerned for others, a general atmosphere of conviction spread over the orphanage. Everywhere Ruth went that week people would say, “Pray with me. I want to be saved.” Or, “Come and have a meeting for us, so that we can find the Lord, too.”

Gamilla, one of the workers, was sick most of that week, but the Lord sent girls to her. Gamilla received new wisdom and spiritual authority to deal with them. Khayria was one of the girls she helped. When asked whether

Children in the Middle East can be the means of bringing the gospel to their people.



she was saved, Khayria answered, "No, I've never known the Lord. For the past two days I've been in a fog, very concerned about my soul, and unable to study." Khayria, an adorable high school girl, was saved that day in Gamilla's room. Five or six more girls were saved in her room that week, and Gamilla had countless chances to deal with many others.

Habib Iskander had been confined to his house all week. Although the jaundice was fading fast and he was feeling stronger daily, he hadn't planned on going to the Sunday morning service. But on Saturday night the pastor came to say he must visit a village and to ask Habib to take the morning meeting.

Habib preached with a love and anointing his wife Ruth had seldom seen. The sermon was short, and then Habib gave an invitation for those to stay who wanted to know Jesus as Saviour. He then added, "Those also who'd like to be filled with the Holy Spirit may come forward and remain."

Alice went running to the altar. Alice is a very attractive, almost sophisticated young woman who before had seemed only nominally interested in spiritual things. That day Alice received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as did Oma Josef, Fathea, and Moza, and on Friday Hencina was baptized in the Spirit.

Hanna Tanious, a very brilliant boy, but also a terrific cutup and joker, had skipped school on Friday. One of the girls who had been saved the first Sunday had urged him that morning to miss school and to give his

heart to Christ. (How terrible it would be, she said, if he'd meet an accident on the way to school and be killed without a Saviour.) Hanna was gloriously saved. Habib discovered him praying in tongues. For two hours he prayed in tongues. Hanna became the Lord's wedge to open the way for the other boys.

After the Bible class on Sunday night, February 11, those who wanted to be saved or filled with the Holy Spirit were urged to stay, and about 40 remained. Several testified, and then Zaghloul, a university student who had been an agnostic in secret, told his story.

That morning he had been standing in the playground when Alice met him. She had just received the Holy Spirit, and Zaghloul noticed her usually perfect coiffure was anything but perfect. He could see that she had been crying.

Alice said, "Come with me, I'd like to say a word to you." When they reached the church she said, "I want you to come in and pray."

Zaghloul was terrified and made an excuse, but Alice was persistent. He finally agreed upon one condition—that no one would lay hands on his head and pray for him. However, Habib and others didn't know about this agreement, and they proceeded to lay hands on him. In a few minutes Zaghloul had poured out his heart to the Saviour.

Alice said, "Go ahead and ask for the Baptism." Zaghloul did, and received. He spoke in other tongues. Among other things, he said in English, "Salvation is today!"

After Zaghloul's testimony Biekalis, an energetic, lovable mischief-maker, and Nagi Gindi, a high school senior who didn't know how to walk without punching every boy he passed, were among those who were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The next morning at staff prayers Attiat and Noel were filled with the Spirit, and that afternoon the church was packed with children of all ages. (It seemed that God began dealing with the most notoriously rebellious, and with our dedicated staff members, before He dealt with the others!)

On Tuesday evening, Ibrahim Khalif came into the church. He is a 17-year-old who had been put out of the orphanage more than once for bad behavior. Gamilla went to him and talked with him. It took nearly two hours, for he seemed unable to pray, although he was in great agony; but he came through into a wonderful experience of the Saviour's grace.

He walked out of the church and met Hatour, who had been the cause of many problems. Hatour came in and tried to find a corner where he could be alone and confess all his sins to the Lord. Later he told over the orphanage loudspeaker how he had been stealing and giving the widows a hard time, and how Jesus had saved him.

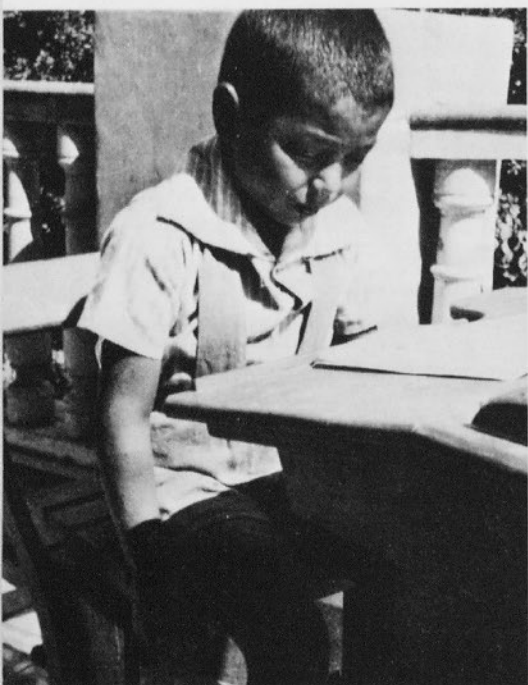
On Wednesday the widows, who live at the orphanage and help with the cooking and other household duties, had a meeting that lasted for hours. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled.

The revival continued and each day found additional members of the orphanage family being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. It would be easier now to count the non-Christians than to count those who are saved. Ruth estimated that 200 and probably many more have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

As Gamilla says of the revival, "They've been given a tremendous spiritual greediness. No one is satisfied with salvation alone."

Khayria, Zaki, Kamel, Zaghloul, Josef, Hanna, Neshet... these and so many others are strange names from the faraway land of Egypt. These names are now written in the Lamb's Book of Life because of the 1968 revival at the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage in Assiout, Egypt.

—Judith Bacon



Egyptian orphan children have found a home where they are wanted and loved. The revival at the orphanage started when three young girls received Christ.





OUR GREAT GOD

Sunday School Lesson for June 16, 1968

PSALM 33:1-22

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THERE IS NO TITLE to this psalm nor any hint as to the circumstances under which it was written. It is not ascribed to David, although he easily may have written it. It is preeminently a psalm of praise and thanksgiving for what God is and what He does in relation to His people.

A Call to Praise God (vv. 1-3). The author of this psalm used the last verse of the previous psalm as a key-note for this one. The word "rejoice," here used, means "shout for joy" (see Psalm 32:11). "For praise is comely for the upright" may be more understandable if paraphrased, "For it is only right and proper and fitting that those who are righteous shall be thankful to God and full of praise to Him."

"Sing unto him a new song"; that is, a song which comes fresh from the heart.

"Play skillfully with a loud noise." Old Testament believers considered loudness an indication of wholeheartedness. In our sophisticated age many frown upon loud music in worship and favor more quiet and restrained singing. Volume in itself may have little spiritual significance. However, we may be equally certain that there is a time to "shout unto God with the voice of triumph" (Psalm 47:10), as well as to "be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

The Goodness and Faithfulness of God (vv. 4, 5). How strange it is that men sometimes feel God's laws, God's will, and God's ways are arbitrary, harsh, and even evil! On the contrary, God's "Word" as mentioned here indicates His revealed will is good, wise, benevolent, loving, and governed by eternal principles of righteousness. "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"; that is, full of tangible evidences of God's goodness. All of the world's evils, all its griefs, and all its ugliness is traceable to the devil and his influence upon men (Matthew 13:28).

The Creative Omnipotence of God (vv. 6-9). God is to be praised not only for His goodness but also for His greatness, especially as demonstrated by His creation of the universe. "By the word of the Lord" has a double reference: first, to the fact that God spoke and by the creative power of His word formed the universe out of nothing, without the help of any other means; second, to the Word who is the Second Person of the Trinity (John 1:1-3).

The All-Embracing Sovereignty of God (vv. 10-19). If one judged by appearance, it would seem that evil forces are ruling in the affairs of men and that God's cause is a lost one. But not so! These verses declare the glorious truth that God is on the throne.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Here the Psalmist turned from the nations which knew not God to the nation of Israel, God's chosen people. Very happy indeed is any nation or group of people which has been chosen of God and is the object of His special care.

The blessedness of those who have God on their side is further reflected in verses 16-19.

"There is no king saved by the multitude of a host." The futility of human resources is contrasted with the sufficiency of God's power to intervene in behalf of those who trust Him. "A horse is a vain thing for safety," declared the Psalmist. If he were writing today he might put it this way: "An atom bomb is a vain thing for safety." It is God who rules the affairs of nations. "The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him." And it still is true that revival may forestall judgment.

A Call to Faith in God (vv. 20-22). The Psalm concludes, as it began, with an appeal for action—action in view of the considerations of God's nature and God's works as portrayed in verses 4-19.

"Our soul waiteth for the Lord." We do not delude ourselves into relying upon armies (v. 16), horses (v. 17), guns, planes, tanks, intercontinental missiles, and the strength of mere human leadership. The Lord is "our help and our shield." And because He is, we have reason to rejoice even in the midst of the fiery trial.

Again, we have reason to rejoice "because we have trusted in His holy name." Though "now we see not yet all things put under" His feet, we know such a day is coming. We are confident that God is moving toward the fulfillment of His eternal purposes and the establishment upon the earth of His everlasting kingdom under the rule of our Lord Jesus Christ.

REASONABLE REACTION TO IT ALL



CHILD EVANGELI NEWS



ABOVE: Children at North Pole, Alaska, listen intently to a story. LEFT: Evangelist Guy London paints a picture.

Children's Crusade at North Pole, Alaska, Draws Record Crowd

NORTH POLE, ALASKA—First Assembly in the heart of Alaska found interest increased daily as its 1967 children's crusade progressed.

Registered attendance reached 155 with an average of 99. This is the highest ever in such an

effort for the church here, according to Pastor Ralph Miller.

Realizing that more than 75 percent of the children come from unsaved homes, the crusade presented unrivaled opportunity for evangelism.

Some responded to the call of

the Spirit, giving their hearts to the Saviour. New inroads were made into the community as homes opened up to the ministry of the church.

Children's evangelist Guy London of Los Angeles captured the imagination of the North Pole residents through his talent as an artist. He also told action stories.

As interest grew, children brought friends. Parents became interested as well and came to see what was attracting the children.

Results are still being realized from the crusade.

Children at Air Base Enjoy Vacation Bible School

TINKER AFB, OKLA.—More than 170 children of military personnel attended the two-week vacation Bible school here directed by Chaplain (Major) Lemuel D. McElyea, an Assemblies of God minister.

Using regular Sunday school facilities, the children were divided

into four departments: nursery-kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high. Senior high youth served as helpers in the school.

The VBS included teaching sessions, music, recreation, and handcrafts. Some of the craft projects were making murals, burlap friendship cards, bookends, desk

sets, glitter plaques, wooden carts for candy or flowers which were distributed to shut-ins at the Tinker hospital.

Highlights of the school included a picnic and a missionary project of giving for the Salvation Army shoe fund. A special mimeographed paper was published the last day.

The commencement program gave the parents opportunity to view the progress of the children in Bible study, music, and crafts.

"These days in Bible school have helped us to follow in the footsteps of the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ," Chaplain McElyea stated in evaluating the school.



Bible Club Reaches 19 for Christ

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—Beginning with the interest of two girls, Mrs. Juanita Sherrill started a home Bible club here which has resulted in 19 boys and girls accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Recognizing a need for some type of ministry in the neighborhood, Mrs. Sherrill didn't know how to get started until two girls from across the street came to her door with items to sell. Asked if they would like to attend a Bible club, they said yes.

The Sherrills rearranged their garage to make room for the club. A couple of churches in the area donated benches, a visual aid board, and Bibles.

The purchase of additional Bibles has made it possible for each member to have one. The children are memorizing scriptures and learning the books of the Bible.

Several helpers have joined the Bible club effort. The children come from homes of six different church backgrounds.

Children and helpers at Bible Club in Spring Valley, Calif.



Church Gains Contacts Through VBS

PHILLIPSBURG, KANS.—First Assembly here reported a new family and several new children participating in the church program as a result of the 1967 vacation Bible school.

Pastor and Mrs. Jesse Shaw directed the school which enrolled 77 pupils. Ten workers helped make the two-week session a success. Average attendance was 50.

Several additional contacts were made through the VBS. The pastor anticipates even greater results as follow-up visits are made

FAR LEFT: Some children at Tinker VBS. LEFT: Chaplains H. B. Howard and L. D. McElyea.



TREASURE HOUR FOR PRECIOUS JEWELS

By MAXINE KIPP

OUR CONGREGATION had been cloistered behind the walls of a white frame church building just outside Damascus, Md., for far too long.

Though few in number our church families were faithful. We were grateful for their consistency but we longed to minister to more people. Last summer we found a way through story times we called, "Treasure Hours."

Three members of the congregation went around the neighborhoods where the Treasure Hours were to be held. They distributed free tickets to children. In some places they passed them out door to door.

Each Friday afternoon children gathered in the basement of the pastor's home to hear the Word of God attractively presented on their interest level. On Tuesdays the Treasure Hour convened in the laundry room at a mobile home park.

By the second week that room proved to be too small, so the group moved outside under a big elm tree.

To open each Treasure Hour the children sang the theme song, "I Have a Wonderful Treasure," followed by other choruses. This led into a worship period. They readily turned their thoughts to God in their refreshing simplicity.

Next on the program was a choice Bible story and a gospel object lesson, followed by an active Bible game time. On occasions handcrafts were an added feature. (The free-will offering amply paid for this.)

Usually the gatherings concluded with punch and cookies provided and served by interested parents.

Children affiliated with at least 10 different denominations as well as many unchurched ones attended the Treasure Hours. Several unchurched mothers came with their children and responded to spiritual appeals.

Some of our congregation felt we should not have meetings away from our church. However, this

experience showed us that a community approach overcame the barrier keeping people from attending churches outside their immediate locality.

After becoming acquainted, some were more willing to come into our services. This ministry reached twice as many outsiders as we had been reaching through our Sunday school. We are still contacting Treasure Hour prospects.

Facilities and teaching conditions in the Treasure Hours were almost as primitive as in Bible days, but the results in just one instance have made all the efforts worthwhile.

On a stiflingly hot July Sunday evening five of the Treasure Hour children knelt at the altar in our church—three junior boys and two primary girls. The Holy Spirit sweetly touched each of them.

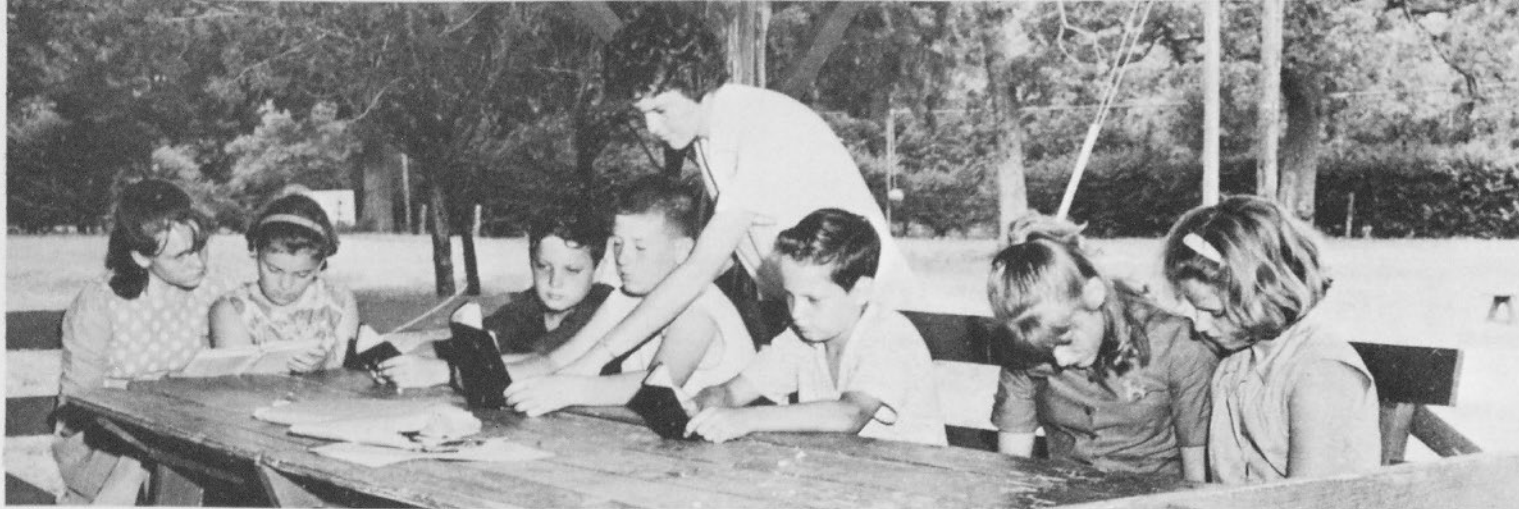
Salvation, with its joy of sins forgiven, showed in the glowing faces of these five and erased any doubts about the value of attempting to reach the community through its children.

The next week one of those primary girls, Robin, was crushed to death while playing near her trailer home. Her father had hoisted the trailer on hydraulic jacks to move the cement blocks from under it. The jacks slipped, and the huge trailer fell on Robin.

Her unsaved father could not be consoled. But we remembered her glowing face and knew she was the first precious jewel from the Treasure Hours to be gathered into the presence of Jesus.

The return of school and the severe Maryland winter forced the cessation of the story hours last fall. We feel compelled to start this summer with three groups instead of two.

We often think of Robin as we work in this outreach ministry. We now know for sure we could have been negligent in our service to the Master to have remained cloistered behind the walls of our tiny church.



Bible study class at the Oklahoma Deaf Camp. Special activities for deaf children are included in the deaf camps conducted in various areas of the nation each summer.

HOME MISSIONARIES ARE BUSY GATHERING

JEWELS FOR THE KINGDOM

By RUTH LYON

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "I see tomorrow rushing by on little children's feet." The hope of the churches of tomorrow in Home Missions Special Ministry fields lies in winning and training the children today.

"They shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up my jewels" (Malachi 3:17). Surely children are and will be some of His most precious jewels.

Home missionaries are seizing their opportunities to reach and win the children. And through the boys and girls they often reach the parents too. One Indian medicine man testifies he was led to Christ through listening to his children sing Sunday school songs and repeat Scripture verses and Bible stories they learned at the Assemblies of God mission. Gradually they built up his confidence in the missionary and his message. When trouble came to the home, the medicine man turned to the missionary for help and guidance.

Our missionaries use all of the common approaches to child evangelism: vacation Bible school, story hours, home Bible clubs, children's church, children's revivals, released time, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, and boys and girls camps. A missionary in Alaska has a "Bible Scouts" program, a service for young children, each Wednesday evening. Almost all American Indian, Alaskan, and deaf camps have special activities and services for the young—and many children accept Christ as Saviour at these events.

In addition some districts have special camps for Indian and Eskimo children. The foreign-language branches also have excellent camp programs for boys and girls. Teen Challenge centers have special outreaches for children, such as Bible story hours.

The following examples of child evangelism outreaches all took place in 1967.

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS

Robert D. Umphrey, missionary-pastor of the Graehl Assembly in Fairbanks, Alaska, took seven children to the district boys and girls camp at Wasilla. They all returned home saved and filled with the Spirit.

The Indian Kids Kamp of the Arizona District at

Prescott was a thrilling time with 140 lively youngsters enrolled. John McPherson, a Cherokee Indian evangelist, was the speaker. Attired in his Indian regalia, he made his nightly presentation interesting and meaningful to the children. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. They went home changed boys and girls, determined to live and work for God.

CHILDREN'S REVIVALS

The Holbrook Indian Assembly had an outstanding children's revival with Mrs. Kathleen Jennings. Nightly attendance averaged over 70. This meeting was the result of a burden Roland D. Hastie, pastor of the Mitchell, Nebr., Assembly of God, had for this mission. He had conducted revival services there some years before. When Mrs. Jennings was engaged in a children's revival in his church, he encouraged her to consider holding one in the Holbrook mission also, and God made this possible.

While she and her husband were conducting a revival at the McNary, Ariz., Apache assembly, Mrs. Leonard Sampier had children's services preceding each evening service. One night about two-thirds of all the Apache children in the village attended the service!

The Yerington, Nev., Indian assembly had a one-week youth revival which was sponsored by the First Assembly of God of Pittsburg, Calif., (William Younger, pastor). They registered 72 children for the Kids Crusade held in the mornings. More than half of the boys and girls accepted Christ as Saviour and 25 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Vacation Bible school is one of the most successful methods of child evangelism, but some of our home missionaries have not been able to conduct VBS due to the lack of materials and finances to buy them. This is most regrettable. Established Assemblies of God churches throughout the nation could help tremendously by providing VBS materials for Special Ministry churches. Names of churches and missionaries are available upon request from the Home Missions Department.

The missionary in a brand-new work at Tok, Alaska,

reported an attendance of 80 (including parents) at the VBS commencement!

Toward the end of a 10-day VBS at Point Hope, Alaska, the missionary invited the children to make decisions for Christ, following her flannelgraph salvation story presentation. Every one of the 31 children present came to the altar. After praying with them, the workers talked with the children about the importance of their decisions. Every child knelt to pray again, and tears began to flow.

After a time of prayer, the missionary dismissed the group but invited any who wished to pray longer or to talk with her further to come upstairs to her apartment. All 31 climbed the stairs with her—for more prayer! There was no hysteria; each child earnestly sought the Lord for himself for two hours. Then they went out to tell the villagers what had happened to them. The VBS attendance finally reached a high of 79, and there were only three workers! (Missionary Doris Fellows is grateful to churches in the Lower 48 states that provided handcraft and other materials for this successful school.)

The nighttime VBS conducted by Guy London of Redondo Beach, Calif., in the new Graehl Assembly in Fairbanks, Alaska, brought in 65 *new* children. Some parents began to come too! Attendance averaged 74 and more than 90 were present on commencement night.

At Point Barrow, Alaska, our northernmost assembly, VBS enrollment reached 125.

At the Navaho church in Shiprock, N. Mex., attendance reached 211. Some of the children walked miles to attend a VBS at Carrizo Chapel, an outstation of the church.

Mattie Patillo, WMC president of the Arkansas District, directed the VBS for Yaqui Indians in Guadalupe, Ariz. She was assisted by Agnes Stokes and Floy Avants, also of Arkansas. The school enrolled 110.

The Newcomb, N. Mex., Indian VBS was a one-week course with all-day sessions. Workers served the noon meal to more than 40 children every day. The Melvin Lloyds of Artesia, N. Mex., had charge and personally furnished the handcraft materials. The teaching staff, except for Sister Lloyd, was Navaho. Some of the parents have started attending the church since the VBS.

OTHER APPROACHES

A number of home missionaries conduct released-time classes in the government boarding schools or at their missions. Rose Chase, missionary at Farmington, N. Mex., writes that interest in her boarding school released-time classes is increasing, and one boy was saved recently.

The Don Johnsons of Winslow, Ariz., are conducting religious instructions classes three times a week in the Indian schools. These classes present wonderful opportunities for reaching boys and girls with the gospel.

Two students from Southwestern Bible College, Waxahachie, Tex., (Linda Rickerd and Carolyn Walthall) held a Children's Crusade for the Indian Mission in Prewitt, N. Mex. Attendance averaged 75.

One worker among American Gypsies conducts a yearly VBS. Others also minister to children, as well as to adults.

Heeding Jesus' admonition to "despise not one of these little ones" (Matthew 18:10), home missionaries will continue their child evangelism efforts this summer. Please pray that many "jewels" may be gathered for Christ's Kingdom as a result.



TOP PHOTO: These Indian children responded to the invitation to accept Christ at the children's crusade in the Indian Assembly, Daggett, Calif. The Robert Caudles of Tulare, Calif., were directors.

CENTER PHOTO: A successful children's revival was conducted by Mrs. Kathleen Jennings (standing at the left) in the Holbrook, Ariz., Indian Assembly. Eugene Herd is pastor.

ABOVE PHOTO: Yaqui Indian children attending the VBS in Guadalupe, Ariz., are ready to return home. Mrs. Mattie Patillo, WMC president of the Arkansas District, was director.

LOWER PHOTO: Thirty-one children of this VBS group in Point Hope, Alaska, gave their hearts to the Lord.





YWMC EMPHASIZES TRIFOLD DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY

WE PRAISE THE LORD for the opportunity of ministry afforded the young women of our church through the program of the Young Women's Missionary Council," write Mrs. Burchfield and Mrs. Bezzerides, YWMC advisers at First Assembly, Santa Rosa, California.

YWMC is a stepping-stone from Missionettes to adult WMC membership. Senior high school girls, having completed the Missionettes achievement program, find in YWMC a challenge to continue their interest and activity in the missions outreach of the church. Young college and career women are attracted by its offer of interesting opportunities for personal development and Christian service.

Design for Living, the YWMC training program offers a variety of studies and activities to help young women mature *physically, socially, and spiritually*. Besides Bible lessons, the text includes subjects related to personal appearance, physical and cultural development, and vocational interest. The entire program aims at helping the young lady develop a well-rounded Christian life.

While YWMC members work at attaining specific goals for themselves, they develop a natural trifold outreach as they minister to the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people in their own community, home missions, and foreign missions.

Hi-Y group at West Seattle Assembly, Seattle, Wash., where Harry Ayers is pastor. Mrs. Rosie Church and Marlene Champion are advisers.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Rosie Church, adviser of the Hi-Y group at First Assembly, West Seattle, Washington, writes:

"I want to tell you what happened at our first slumber party held in March. Thirteen girls were present, including a hippy who had just recently been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Another girl had just been saved and delivered from narcotics. We decided to have a prayer meeting, and oh, how the power of God fell upon us! Four girls received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, including the girl who had recently been delivered from drug addiction. It was a second Pentecost! Many of the girls said they had never been in such a service. We are thanking and praising God for His goodness to us and are praying this blessing will reach out to other lives.

"These girls are all teen-agers. I believe an experience of salvation and the infilling of the Spirit are the answer for our youth today. There is nothing that can satisfy and thrill like Jesus Christ and His power."

TRIFOLD MINISTRY

There are several organized YWMC groups in the Tennessee district. One of the Y projects this year was to

Pastor Jay Alford and the Y's of First Assembly in Madison, Tenn., proudly present the wardrobe which won first place at the district convention.



The Y's of Valley Park, Mo., hold wedding gifts presented to Jan Maser (standing in front), their adopted missionaries' daughter. Inset: Jan and her fiance' Andy Shetley.

outfit Tammy Webb, daughter of the Robert Webbs, missionaries to Nigeria. Each Y group brought the garments it had made to the district council. The Y's at Madison were awarded first prize for the lovely wardrobe they had made for Tammy. Mrs. Gene Jackson was Y adviser at the time but is now helping her husband open a home missions church at Hendersonville. Mrs. Joyce Williams is the new Y adviser at Madison.

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There is a sequel to the story of the Valley Park, Missouri, Y's which was published in the April 14 issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Late in April the Y's invited Jan Maser, their adopted missionaries' daughter, and her fiancé Andy Shetley to visit Valley Park once more before their wedding. The Y's planned a lovely shower and invited Pastor and Mrs. John Eller and members of the congregation to join them. Jan and Andy received many lovely and useful gifts. They are both overwhelmed by the love and concern shown them by the Y's and the entire church at Valley Park.

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Y's of First Assembly in Santa Rosa, California, minister at Plumfield Villa, a home for emotionally disturbed children. These children, ages 6-9, come from broken homes.

At Christmas the Y's took stockings heavy with gifts, candy, and homemade cookies. On the birthday of each child the girls take a large cake and ice cream so the children can have a party. This Easter the children enjoyed an egg hunt after listening to one of the Y's tell a flannelgraph story on the first Easter. The response of these children toward love is so heartwarming.

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The Hi-Y's of West Seattle (mentioned above) were wonderfully blessed, and that blessing is reaching out to others. The group has adopted Darrell Wood, an MK attending Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington. They have also adopted two young men from the South Haven Nursing Home who are cerebral palsy victims. One of these boys woke up one night speaking in tongues. This was a real surprise to all of the nurses because Chuck can't speak very well. He said the language just poured out for about an hour. Chuck loves the Lord and enjoys

Y's at First Assembly in Santa Rosa, Calif., model the uniforms they designed and made. Sponsors are Mrs. Barbara Burchfield and Mrs. Betty Bezzerides. Their pastor is A. Watson Argue Jr.



Jeannie Balestrini, a Y from San Leandro, Calif., is given special recognition at the first district Y convention.

Christian fellowship, so the Y group provides transportation for him to attend every Sunday night service and all the youth activities of the church.

A Y FIRST

The first YWMC convention to be held anywhere took place at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California, where Clyde Henson is pastor. Many Y's came from all over the district. Their advisers and pastors and other friends were also present. Mrs. Goldia Anderson, district WMC president, and her staff had planned a wonderful day.

A group of missionary students from Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, were there to give their inspiring testimonies. Beth Johnson, Karen Lindvall, and Doris Dillingham spoke of the lands where they have lived with their missionary parents.

Mrs. Angeline Tucker, national WMC representative and author of the materials for the Y program, was afternoon speaker and also spoke at the banquet.

Y's representing the various groups throughout the district were asked to give their testimonies. Jeannie Balestrini of San Leandro was given special recognition for her service and devotion.

The banquet at the El Dorado Inn was lovely. Gary Vian played his violin during the meal. Suits, coats, and dresses suitable for wear at work, school, and church were displayed. A recently married girl modeled her wedding gown for the girls. The closing devotional was a time of blessing and deep consecration.

Each girl present seemed grateful for the privilege of taking part in this first district Y convention.



Pastor Waymon Rodgers prays with Colonel Harland Sanders.

HIS FACE IS A TRADEMARK

1968 SUMMER SOUL-WINNING MINIATURE TESTIMONY

AT THE AGE OF 65, when most men are seeking a comfortable rocking chair, Colonel Harland Sanders was starting to make his fortune.

Ten years later he discovered Christ as Saviour, an experience that completely overshadowed his phenomenal success in promoting his franchise idea, "Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken."

The life story of this remarkable businessman, whose face today is a trademark, is highlighted in Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward's new booklet, *Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life*.

To be used in conjunction with *Revivaltime's* annual summer soul-winning emphasis, the booklet is the fourth in a series based upon the lives of great Americans. Previous miniature booklets have featured J. C. Penney, nuclear rocket scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun, and Holiday Inn executive Wallace E. Johnson.

According to Lee Shultz, national radio secretary, hundreds of local churches and thousands of individuals participate in *Revivaltime's* summer soul-winning emphasis, distributing full-gospel literature as part of an active personal ministry.

Information for this year's miniature booklet was gathered during a personal interview with Colonel Sanders in Louisville, Kentucky.

Raised on a diet of cornbread, cottage cheese, and sorghum molasses, Harland Sanders is just the kind of man you would expect a Kentucky colonel to be. Writes Brother Ward: "The Colonel is one of the most affable, bighearted, willing persons you will ever meet. To shake his hand is to like him immediately."

But as the evangelist-author begins to weave the story of the Colonel's life, it soon becomes obvious that this man, reaching toward 80, is not just an ordinary, likable fellow. He made his fortune after a financial collapse that would have left most men beaten.

"He had put several years of backbreaking work into a small motel and restaurant business a mile and a half north of town," says Brother Ward. "Suddenly the state decided to move the highway seven miles west of town. It left Sanders high and dry, facing economic strangulation."

"Refusing to give up, he loaded his car with what he could salvage by way of capital and started out to sell his franchise idea which today bears his name and picture coast to coast."

When the Colonel was five years old, his father died. Of necessity the lad began learning an art that someday would make him famous. Reminiscing, he says, "I did the cooking, and Mom did sewing for the neighbors. When I was seven, I baked my first bread. I cared for the two youngest while Mother worked."

By the time he was 11 young Sanders was working as a hired hand at \$4 a month, handling plow teams as ably as grown men. Evangelist Ward writes: "It was back-breaking work, but it built a strong body. The Colonel retains it today. Even now he rises at 4:30 and works a 14-hour day."

By 40, the Colonel had tried his hand at a lot of things—blacksmithing, running ferryboats, railroading, selling—and he reached a decision that one thing folk had to do was eat. He decided that was where he would sharpen his talents.

The next 25 years were an ordeal of struggle, of temporary successes, and frequent agonizing failures. But God continued to watch over the aspiring businessman through many personal struggles and even close calls with death. The Colonel used to say, "The Lord kept me on earth either to use me or punish me." Today he knows why.

As the Colonel grew older, he discovered that financial gain does not bring inner happiness. Nor can it be found by simply attending church. Brother Ward states:

"He was doing everything his church had taught him to do. He tithed. He was particular about that. He had always been the preacher's friend. Many a struggling congregation and impoverished parsonage benefited from his generosity. He had heard thousands of sermons. *But he never met Christ personally.*

"You can be lost in church. Oh, yes, you can! *Ask Colonel Sanders!*"

All his life the Colonel tried to live by principles of decency, hard work, patriotism, and a high standard of morality. But it was not enough. There remained an inner void.

Then one day someone had the courage to walk up to Harland Sanders on the street and give a friendly word of invitation to attend special evangelistic services. Pastor Waymon Rodgers, Evangel Tabernacle, Louisville, Kentucky, remembers how it happened:

"I saw him come in. You couldn't miss him in a crowd, with his white suit and identifying white beard and full head of hair. I knew God was going to do something special that night. I felt it immediately. Our people had been praying.

"As Evangelist McDuff moved into the service, I left the platform and sat with the Colonel on the front pew. The invitation began. He raised his hand for prayer. There were tears.

"I said, 'Colonel, let's get down on our knees and talk to God.'

"He replied, 'I hardly know what to say.'

"Let's start with the sinner's prayer—'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

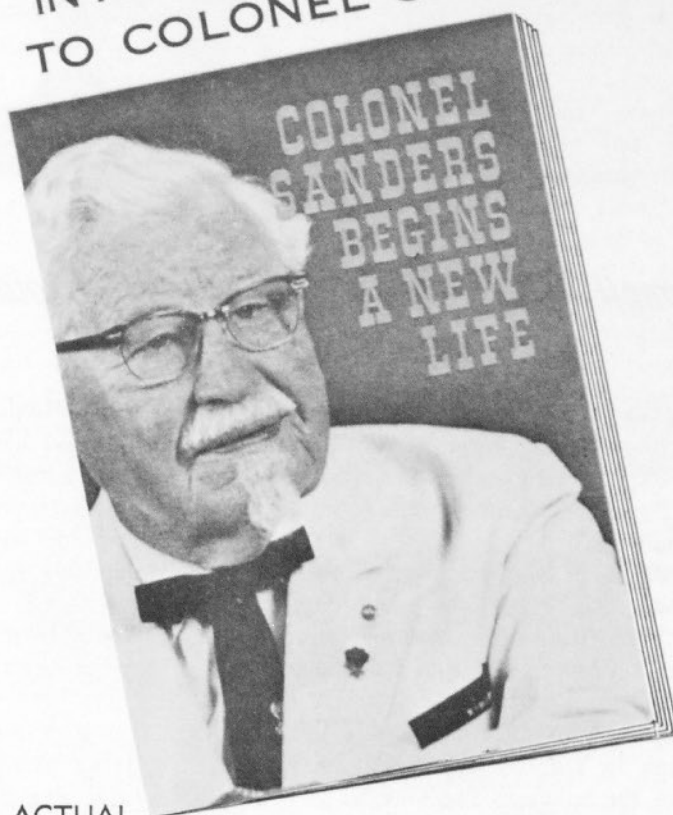
Writes Brother Ward: "Pastor Rodgers will always remember how the Colonel's problem tumbled out. A stain, stubborn and shameful, had fastened itself to this successful man's life. *He wanted to be free from cursing.* It festered his ordinary conversation; he was never free from it. It marked him."

Pastor Rodgers recalls the moment of the Colonel's conversion. He says, "Suddenly, the Colonel lifted his head and looked at me; he told me that it was the first time he had ever experienced the presence of Christ within his heart. A moment or two later I suggested that we talk to God together about his problem of cursing. He said, 'Pastor Rodgers, we don't need to do that. Christ has done that already.'"

Here is what Colonel Sanders said to Brother Ward in Louisville: "You can join the church; you can serve on committees. You can be baptized and receive communion; you can become the superintendent of the Sunday school—and not be saved. I know. It happened in my life. There I was—I didn't have enough spiritual power in life to keep from cussin'. I know there is an experience of salvation. It is my personal experience today. I know I am right with God. I know my sins are pardoned."

Today Colonel Harland Sanders knows that God saved his life many times for a purpose. He is using his testimony and his resources to fulfill that purpose—influencing other lives for Christ.

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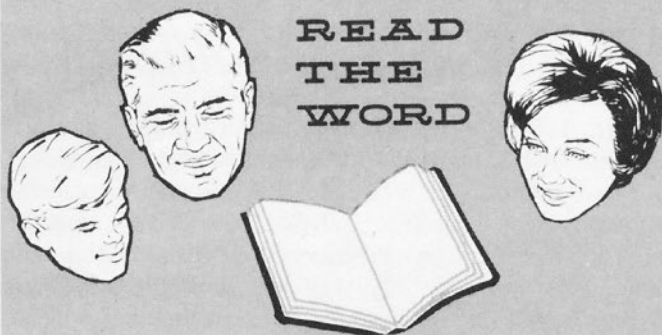
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"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding" (Isaiah 40:28).



Why I Plan to Attend the Council on Evangelism in St. Louis, Missouri August 26-29, 1968

AFTER READING RECENT ARTICLES IN *The Pentecostal Evangel* about the Council on Evangelism, I would like to express why as a Bible school student I plan to attend.

From its beginning the Assemblies of God has stressed evangelism. I was elated to learn that the Fellowship had felt lead to conduct an extensive study of evangelism and ask afresh, "How can we best reach a lost world?"

To me this says that we have not lost the fervor of the Great Commission that has motivated us from the beginning.

As a North Central Bible College student facing graduation in 1969, I will have the privilege of being thrust into the harvest. The success of my ministry may depend upon how well I am informed about how the hearts of men and women can be reached with the gospel in this fast-moving world.

I plan to be there—to be informed and to be blessed.

—OSCAR L. JOHNSON, Minneapolis, Minn.



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HOW A BOY RECEIVED THE BAPTISM

By Evangelist ARTHUR F. BERG

IT WAS 57 YEARS AGO last January! I was a boy of 14—but let us go back a few years before that.

I was reared in a Christian home by a very godly mother. We were members of a church in Minneapolis and every Lord's Day found us in church and Sunday school. My mother was a very ardent believer in Divine Healing.

A number of dear people, including my mother, were hungry for the deeper things of God. They had heard of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in California, and wrote to Los Angeles asking for someone to come to Minneapolis with the glorious message. Two ministers came. Mother attended the services held by these men of God, and was indelibly impressed and convinced of the power of God.

But it was not until a revival in 1911 that I gave my heart to Jesus and was filled with the blessed Holy Spirit. The following brief description of that revival I take from a book, *Historical Sketches of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle*, published 37 years ago.

"Brother Durham of Chicago, Ill., was on his way to the West Coast. He came to Minneapolis; then, deciding

HEALED OF MULTIPLE AILMENTS

IN APRIL, 1966, God instantly healed my wife La Verne of a hiatus hernia and several other ailments.

She had spent three weeks in the hospital with severe chest pains caused by the hernia. The doctor sent her home, advising me to give her certain pills for the relief of pain. This was the only way she could rest comfortably. She could not turn and lie on her stomach, and had to sleep propped up on pillows.

We were attending Central Assembly of God in San Antonio, and our good pastor, Brother L. L. Norville, had prayed daily with my wife at the hospital. Some of the people of the church also prayed and fasted for her healing.

Two days after La Verne's release from the hospital, I was kneeling by her bed in prayer at about 3:30 a.m. She had a vision of Jesus on the cross, and tried to reach for Him but could not move for the pain. She kept trying, and within a few moments the vision vanished and

to take a different route to the coast, he remained eleven days. Oh, what glorious days; days of heaven on earth. What unity; what love; it was indescribable. Hearts were melted together in the love of God. Love that knew no fear; love that sought out the unlovely one; love that could not see the mote in a brother's eye. This love of God that passeth all understanding soon gripped the hearts of the children. They, too, felt the presence of God in the midst of the people. Parents who had difficulty in getting their children to attend church before, now found it difficult to get them to go home. Every night the altars were filled with men, women, and children seeking God. A great number were saved and about 25 were filled with the Holy Spirit. In the following summer a large baptismal service was held in the Mississippi River, where over 30 followed the Lord in baptism. This included many children." *I was one of those children!*

How God did wonderfully bless! No one spoke to me that 22nd day of January, 1911, to go forward to the altar. But when the altar call was given, the convicting power and pull of the Holy Spirit was so strong, so irresistible, that I found myself at the altar weeping and praying my way through to a definite experience of old-fashioned salvation.

The same night I continued in prayer until suddenly all heaven seemed to open upon me. Its glory enveloped me; its beauty enthralled me, and I seemed to be lifted out of this world, out of self, and into the very presence of our Heavenly Father and of Jesus our blessed Saviour. Glory to Jesus! How the waves of glory did roll over my soul like a mighty sea!

Oh, what comfort; oh, what peace and glory—could I contain it all? And then—I trembled as a tree shaken in the fall wind. How long would it continue to blow, and surge, and move through my physical being?

"Blow on, Thou mighty, rushing wind;
Comforting, divine;
Till every corner Thou hast filled;
And I am wholly Thine!"

I learned to yield as my "tree" continued to tremble, and

she realized she was healed. She removed the pillows, rolled over onto her stomach for the first time in three weeks, and went to sleep.

She got up the next morning about 9:30 and did the housework. The following day she went to church and testified to God's healing power.

When she was healed of the hernia, God healed her eyes of astigmatism at the same time. He healed a thyroid condition too.

She had a fungus infection in her ears for several years and had to use medication frequently. This also was healed; and a growth completely disappeared from under her right ear.

Truly this was a miracle from God in response to prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:20, 21). Since that time we have seen others healed also as God's people have prayed and fasted and believed.—Weldon Hall, Rogers, Ark.

(Endorsed by Leonard L. Norville, pastor at Central Assembly of God, San Antonio, Tex., where the Halls formerly attended church.)

there He came, in the midst of those heavenly, glorious breezes—the Holy Spirit Himself! He had complete control, and oh, what exultant, exuberant glory flooded my soul as I began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave me utterance. Every member of my being was submerged in a glorious Baptism—the vocal organ, the tongue, being the last member to surrender.

I was, most certainly, conscious of God's dear people about me praying and singing those wonderful and inspiring songs. I can hear them yet—"He's coming in, He's coming in; the Holy Ghost is coming in; Lord, I believe; Lord, I receive; the Holy Ghost is coming in"; and "Oh, Lord, send the pow'r just now," etc.

A *revival*—yes, a revival! It was a revival principally among the children. Children here, children there, children everywhere filling the entire altar. That was over 57 years ago and I am still enjoying the blessing—still preaching—still pressing on to deeper depths and higher heights in Christ Jesus.

WAYS TO GIVE

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The Christian recognizes that, in making a will, he has an opportunity to complete his stewardship, to exercise responsibility over the last of his material resources, to safeguard his dependents, and in so doing to further his confession of faith, to show his gratitude and obedience.

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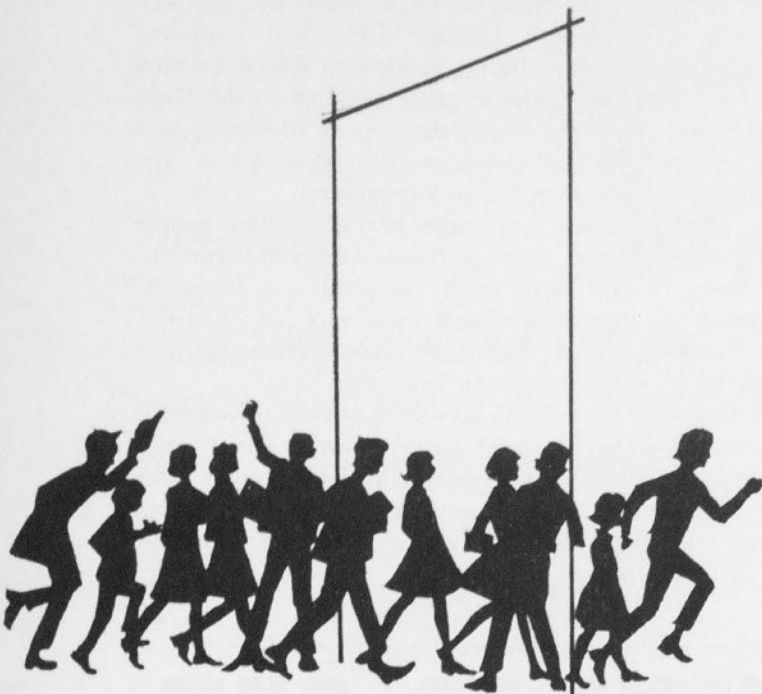
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OPEN DOORS TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE

IN A RECENT CHAPEL SERVICE at Hillcrest Children's Home a young man stood to witness for Christ. His face was radiant as he expressed his gratitude to the Lord for bringing him to Hillcrest. One could not help noticing his words: "I was alone in this world, but the Lord brought me to Hillcrest where I found open doors to a new way of life."

Yes, that is the purpose of the Assemblies of God child-care ministry—opening doors to a new way of life for homeless, neglected, unloved children. Through the ministry of Hillcrest and Highlands Children's Homes, the Lord is setting before homeless children open doors which lead them to love, limitation, laughter, and learning.

LOVE

Every child in the world is hungry for genuine *love*! Because of the concern and kindness shown by the friends who support and sponsor the children and because of the love shared with them by the staff, each child in our Homes finds himself face to face with the real meaning of love. It becomes more than just an empty word.

Dedicated staff members who have compassion and demonstrate a strong spiritual example, open a door for the children at Hillcrest and Highlands to find the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. As they enter this door, they are introduced to a true Friend. Many of the chil-

dren formerly knew nothing of the Lord except as they heard His name used in profanity. To find Him dear to the heart in a personal way is truly a new way of life.

LIMITATION

One of the prerequisites for being a true Christian is found in this statement of our Lord: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." The boys and girls at our children's homes find that *limitation* imposed through rules provides a feeling of security, a means of guidance for their lives, and an opportunity to develop self-discipline. This opens a way of living profitable in this life and also the life to come.

LAUGHTER

Solomon told us, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Many children who arrive at Hillcrest and Highlands are sad, lonely, despondent. The circumstances under which they formerly lived produced these conditions. But as they make their adjustment, they soon become aware that these Homes offer pleasant surroundings, wholesome activities, and fun-filled recreation. This brings laughter to the heart and a smile to the face. Yes, an open door to happiness!

LEARNING

Life is not complete without *learning*. Our Children's Homes are dedicated to the task of training. Our charge comes from Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Each child is given training in every area of life—spiritual, mental, social, and physical. It is most rewarding to see the development as each child begins to learn the ways of the Lord and the ways in which he can prepare himself for a better life. It is a privilege to offer each child an open door to learning.


Jesus revealed God's attitude toward children: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Jesus rebuked His disciples when they did not show the proper concern, thus indicating His desire to see each child have every opportunity to fulfill his individual destiny.

When Jesus wanted to feed the multitude and the disciples had no money for bread, Andrew said to the Lord, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" Jesus received what the child had to offer. He blessed it and shared it with five thousand hungry men plus women and children. This is a picture of what God can do with a life totally submitted to Him. He can take what seems insufficient and inadequate and use it to bless many others. He sees each child, not as he is, but as he can be.

There are many children in the world who are waiting for open doors to a new way of life.

June 9 is Children's Day in the United States, and we feel very keenly that as members in the Assemblies of God we have a spiritual obligation to the children entrusted to our care. We ask you to pray for this child-care ministry.

We are grateful to those who, in the past, have sent special love gifts to help care for needy children at Hillcrest and Highlands. Without friends to support the work, this ministry would surely fail. Highlands and Hillcrest are ministries of the Department of Benevolences.



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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

In Excellent Taste

Just received the March International Edition. The cover showing bright awning and little bird is great—colorful but without being gaudy, and in excellent taste! The *Evangel* is always enjoyed but I felt I must write and express thanks for this issue.

PASTOR ALLEN GROFF
First Assembly
Granite City, Ill.

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The Proper Attitude

Thank you for printing the article, "The New Neighbors," by Nancy Jones, in the February 25 *Evangel*. I do not believe it is our business to become involved in civil rights marches and demonstrations, but we must take a Christian attitude in every situation of life. This article clearly pictures for us what this attitude should be.

VICTOR TRIMMER
Wichita, Kans.

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Correction, Please

I enjoy *The Pentecostal Evangel* very much and have been a reader and subscriber since 1938.

In the March 24, 1968, issue (page 19) you have a "Tree of Bible Facts." This is very good, and I enjoy the wealth of information. However, there is an error regarding the shortest verse in the Bible. It is John 11:35, not John 1:35 as you have.

I am sure many people will cut out this article and keep it for future reference.

FRANK MAZMAN
Fresno, Calif.

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Deliverance Recalled

Thank you for publishing my article, "Peace in the Day of Trouble," which told how God delivered us from the prison camp in the Philippines just when the enemy had planned to execute us. I have received several letters from friends who read the article.

One friend in Minneapolis said he took this copy of the *Evangel* to church in order to read sections of the story to his fellow deacons, as it was his turn to lead devotions in their meeting. During the reading of the story one of those deacons became quite excited, as it seems he was a G.I. in one of the tanks that rescued us!

RENA BALDWIN LINDSAY
Lakeland, Florida

New Driftwood Mural

For many years I've been reading the *Evangel* and it has been a great blessing; but I found the cover of the April International Edition very distasteful. This driftwood mural of "Resurrection in the Cross" may be "art" (I do not know, for I am not an artist) but I think it is an insult to my wonderful Saviour.

This ugly, dead, discarded flotsam does not make the lovely, living Christ more real to me. It makes me sad to look at it, and even a little sick.

Your cover pictures which I like best are the photos of people and beautiful scenery.

A READER IN MONTANA

That horrible Romish crucifix on the cover really shook me. Since when do we Pentecostals need a crucifix "to make God more real," as the title of the article said?

The front cover of that issue seemed to contradict the back cover which carried a fine article on "Cheap Crosses."

You see, I was once an ardent Roman Catholic. When I received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour I came home and threw every crucifix, statue, rosary, etc., into the garbage can.

The priests used to tell us the purpose of all the religious paraphernalia in the Catholic Church was to inspire people to be holy and to pray; but since I am saved I now have the Word to inspire me and I don't need any driftwood crucifix (or any "cross of nails" either) to encourage me to worship my wonderful Lord.

A READER IN MICHIGAN

Editor's Note: The mural is made entirely of driftwood in its rough state, without any cutting or carving, and that is why the human figure is grotesque. However, it should be understood that the figure does not represent Christ. As explained in the article on page 8 of the same issue, it represents a man ascending out of an open coffin. (Christ, being a Jew, was not buried in a coffin.) The article plainly says, "The figure of a man wrapped in a robe is superimposed on the front of the cross. From the position of the flowing robe as well as from his feet and hands it is obvious that he is ascending heavenward from the grave."

The mural, disliked by some, admired by others, represents a new art form. Like all modern art, it is highly controversial. The first impression gained by many viewers is that the mural is a crucifix. This erroneous and unfortunate impression is due to the position in which the ascending figure is positioned against the empty cross.

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Wars and Riots

I am still lifted by your excellent editorial, "How Wars Are Won" (March 31 *Evangel*). It talks of the most serious problem of our day. Nothing can avail in Vietnam until God is brought on the scene. He is the only one able to make wars cease (Psalm 46:9).

It is also recorded in the Word, "He maketh peace in thy borders" (Psalm 147:14). God can make the riots stop. America is in a downdraft because the Lord is ignored and the Christians are in a prayerless stupor.

The *Evangel* has been coming to our home from the beginning. It is the best Christian periodical I know. The short salvation messages on the back page are greatly appreciated. These are good for unsaved members of the household who will not read the paper through.

MISS EDNA M. KERNS
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Articles on Israel

I pass my *Evangels* on to a Methodist friend who in turn gives the copies to other Methodist friends. They became eager readers as a result of your articles on Israel. I hope you will publish more of these informative articles.

MRS. J. D. DAVENPORT
Missoula, Mont.

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Likes the Artwork

I want to congratulate you on the beautiful artwork and your imaginative layouts.

As an artist of many years experience, it does my heart good to see Christ's church using all the modern resources and talents available.

VIOLET FRIEDEL
Rockaway, N.J.

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Memorization of Scripture

I was especially interested in the comments in the December 31, 1967, issue of the *Evangel*, on "The Modern Versions." I want to commend you for taking this stand.

One relevant point I have never heard brought out is the fact that almost all Bible memorization is from the King James Version.

MARILYN AFFELDT
Fresno, Calif.

Editor's Note: Scripture memorization is one of the practical ways

by which we hide the Word in our hearts and plant it in the hearts of our children. Memory work is not always a conscious process. Each time a Scripture is read or repeated in family devotions, by a Sunday school teacher, or by a minister—in the same version—it is engraved a little deeper in our memories. But if different versions are read in the various situations, the benefit of constant repetition as a factor in memorization is lost.

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Sharing the Evangel

I enjoy the *Evangel*. It is a great blessing to me. When I feel down in spirit, I can always find something in it that lifts me up. I never throw away a copy, but pass them on to friends.

MRS. VIRGINIA BRUCE
Altavista, Va.

I appreciate the standard of holiness our brethren have kept in the *Evangel* messages through the years.

Back in the 1920's I used to order bundles of *Evangels* and sell copies on the street for two cents each. I still give out *Evangels*.

In 1962 I had to give up this much-loved ministry for a time. I fell and injured my back, and X rays showed the vertebrae in my lower spine were crushed. I suffered greatly until one night our pastor, D. G. Council, prayed for me. God healed me that night. Since then I have been active in WMC, distributing *Evangels* and tracts in rest homes and hospitals, and helping in other ways. I am past 71, and so thrilled about what God has done for me. I was ordained nearly 40 years ago, and still preach now and then.

MRS. IRENE HODGES
Kaufman, Texas

I have been unable to attend church or to get out to distribute tracts and *Evangels* since breaking my hip on my 71st birthday a year ago.

Over the years in WMC work I made many things on which I painted or embroidered portions of Scriptures, but I never made quilt tops. Now that I am shut in, the Lord has helped me to get a little portable typewriter. I have kept busy this past year typing Scriptures on quilt blocks made from pastel sheets. I have completed 10 tops, typing many of the Psalms, and a great deal of the New Testament.

On one top I have the entire Book of Revelation. This has helped to keep my mind stayed upon God in these troublous times, and I hope the quilts will be a blessing to others.

I don't know what I would do without the *Evangel*.

MRS. W. E. NICOLL
San Bernardino, Calif.

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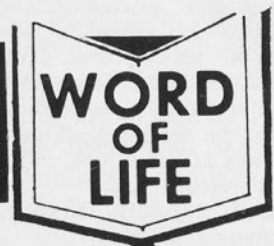


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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

FORT COBB, OKLA.—Bethel Assembly here rejoices in the Lord for a three-and-a-half-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. James Hale of Grand Prairie, Tex.

The Spirit moved in a marvelous way from week to week. Some 16 persons were saved or reclaimed, and six were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was excellent. Pastors and members of other local churches visited and showed an active interest in the campaign.

Sunday school attendance at Bethel Assembly has seen a substantial growth lately.

—Rex Barnes, pastor

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PRYOR, OKLA.—Lone Chapel Assembly enjoyed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Ogdon and family. There were 14 saved and 16 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Several were re-filled with the Spirit.

—Cecil R. Pearcey, pastor

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MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—At least 120 persons responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their Saviour at Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle here. A number were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Rich-



Stewart Robinson (left) and Pastor Dale Coffman pray for the sick during the DeKalb County Crusade. Mr. and Mrs. Holt (above) stand with Brother Robinson. Mrs. Holt, who had been confined to a wheelchair, was healed during the crusade.

ard Owens of Wilmington, Del., was the evangelist for the crusade which was originally scheduled for two weeks but continued for five.

Each Sunday night and often during the week the church building was filled to capacity. As the news of what God was doing spread through the church's daily radio broadcast and the personal witness of the congregation, many visitors from other denominations attended, with as many as 40 first-time visitors in one service.

The church held a follow-up

rally, and 23 new converts testified of their salvation.

—H. M. Strickland, pastor

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DE KALB, ILL.—The old high school auditorium was the setting for a countywide evangelistic crusade with Stewart Robinson, pastor of Calvary Temple in Springfield, Mo., as evangelist. Calvary Temple of De Kalb, a pioneer church, sponsored and directed the crusade.

God met the needs of many persons. Thirty were saved, many

were healed, and eight were delivered from the tobacco habit.

The crowds increased nightly with nearly 400 attending the final service.

One lady who was under constant medical care was instantly healed. Another lady who had been confined to a wheelchair was healed as Brother Robinson prayed for her.

One young girl who was saved was also called into full-time Christian service.

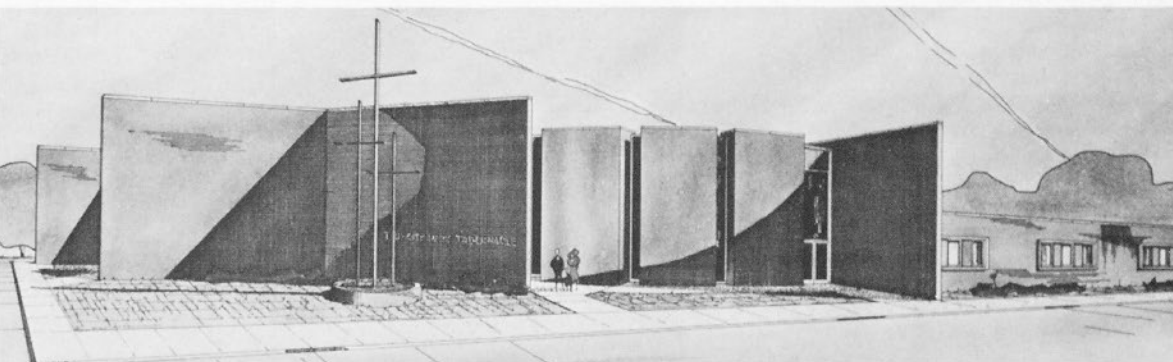
—R. Dale Coffman, pastor

ILLINOIS CONGREGATION DEDICATES \$375,000 EDIFICE

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent, was the principal speaker for services dedicating the new Tri-City Park Tabernacle here.

Also participating in the services were E. M. Clark, Illinois District superintendent; K. D. Baker, pastor of First Assembly, Sioux City, Iowa; Donald D. Partney, mayor of Granite City; Raymond Troyer, president of the Quad City Ministerial Association; and other civic leaders.

Construction of the \$375,000 edifice with seating for 1,100 persons, began in late 1966. The burgundy brick exterior is accented by three lighted crosses in a circular dais near the main entrance. The interior is decorated in harmonizing shades of burgundy and white with pews upholstered in gold fabric. The auditorium is fully carpeted in deep red.



Architect's drawing of the new edifice of the Tri-City Park Tabernacle. Photo at right shows the interior of the church and the congregation during the dedication.

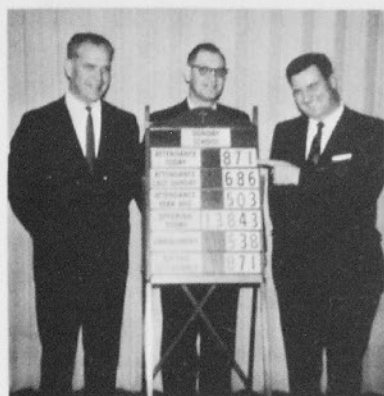
Facilities include 14 master-size classrooms; offices for the pastor, youth director, secretaries, and Sunday school officials; a fellowship hall accommodating 300; modern kitchen and nursery.

Other special features include a bride's parlor, a living suite for visitors, prayer chapel, library, and conference room.

Lloyd Shoemaker is pastor of Tri-City Park Tabernacle.



ST. LOUIS, MO.—Berea Temple here broke all previous Sunday school attendance records with 871 present on Easter Sunday. The church also promoted a soul-win-



Berea Temple, St. Louis, Mo., broke the Sunday school record with 871 present on Easter Sunday. Shown in the picture are (left to right): Assistant Superintendent Graham, Pastor W. N. Sachs, and Superintendent Payne.

ning effort for the entire church during March and April. More than 100 persons were saved.

—W. N. Sachs, pastor

ABINGTON, MASS.—Glad Tidings Assembly here was blessed during two recent weeks of special services.

The evangelist for the first week was Lyle E. Curtis, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District. One evening 25 boys attending Royal Rangers accepted Christ as their Saviour. Many of them come from a Roman Catholic background. On Sunday morning a Catholic mother was saved.

The preaching of the Word of God blessed and edified the people. Many received a refilling of the Holy Spirit.

The Lloyd Portins were the evangelists for the second week. Their music was a blessing, and Brother Portin's messages were a help to the church. Several more teen-agers and adults were saved under their ministry.

Glad Tidings Assembly has been experiencing steady growth. For

TEACHERS NEEDED IN ALASKA SCHOOLS

THERE ARE SEVERAL vacancies for teachers in Alaska public schools. Vocational volunteers can be of inestimable service to our Assemblies of God churches. Salaries offered are attractive. If interested, write immediately to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802. School officials are attempting to fill these positions now.

the past six months the Sunday school has been 45 percent higher than the year before. Last fall the church launched a witnessing and literature distribution crusade to reach 10,000 homes in the community for Christ. This is yielding remarkable results. Several new families attend regularly.

—Robert J. Lundstrom, pastor

JACKSON, MICH.—Ten persons were saved and at least 12 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during recent services at First Assembly here with Evangelists Bill and Verna McPherson. Attendance was excellent with many first-time visitors.

A real spirit of revival was in the church even before the meeting began. About 75 people have come to the Lord in the last year and a half, and attendance has more than doubled. First Assembly is planning to erect a new and larger building.

—Roy F. Hilton, pastor

\$12 Million in 1967

WORLD MINISTRIES GIVING INCREASES

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Giving to world ministries in 1967 by the 8,506 Assemblies of God churches in the U. S. exceeded \$12 million for the first time in the Fellowship's history.

The new mark is nine percent or \$1.2 million more than in 1966 when about \$11.2 million was contributed.

Programs underwritten by Assemblies of God world ministries funds include foreign missions, home missions, Bible schools, benevolences, radio, literature, and other evangelism efforts.

Foreign missions giving, annually the recipient of the largest contributions, rose about nine percent from \$7,660,106 in 1966 to \$8,349,806 last year. This total included general foreign missions, \$6,385,506; Women's Missionary Council, \$803,038; Speed-the-Light, \$761,

151; Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, \$238,633; and Light-for-the-Lost, \$166,478.

A further breakdown shows total giving to home missions was \$1.27 million; Revivaltime, \$680,123; district ministries, \$727,635; Bible schools and colleges, \$356,056; and servicemen's ministries, \$55,232.

The top five districts in giving for 1967 were Southern California, \$1.06 million; Northern California-Nevada, \$748,386; Northwest, \$564,068; Eastern, \$357,242; and Oklahoma, \$313,104.

Leading churches in world ministries contributions were Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., \$53,877; Calvary Full Gospel Assembly, Inglewood, Calif., \$42,698; First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz., \$39,268; Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, \$36,226; and First Assembly, Binghamton, N. Y., \$34,788.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ariton	Bethel	June 16-30	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Gene Casey
	Montgomery	First	June 16-23	Don & Dixie Cox	Charles Wilson
	Prichard	A/G	June 5-9	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	James C. Kofahl
Ark.	Cotter	A/G	June 9-23	Salisbury-Secrease Team	Francis Hurst
	Mt. Pine	A/G	June 9—	Hazel Burns	W. B. Clark
Calif.	Beaumont	A/G	June 16-30	Bill Murphy Party	A. K. Moore
	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	June 9-23	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	S. E. Bowler
	Fremont	First	June 17-21	Irene Abrahamson	Leroy Cloud
	Richmond	¹ Full Gospel	June 16-21	Christian Hild	E. B. Adamson
Colo.	San Pedro	First	June 12-23	Tommy & Esther Lance	Ralph Salzman
	Boulder	First	June 19-July 1	Ernie Eskelin	Glenn Kelley
Conn.	Thornton	¹ Full Gospel	June 17-23	Loyd & Patsy Singley	R. G. Chaffin
	Groton	Calvary Temple	June 11-16	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Joseph Stanley
Dela.	Selbyville	A/G	June 12-23	James L. Snyder	Jay V. Ruth
	Bascom	A/G	May 29-June 9	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	J. G. Henderson
Fla.	Chipley	First	June 9-16	Travis & Mrs. Corder	Carl Hodges
	Ft. Myers	Northside	June 9-23	Randall A. & Mrs. Walker	V. L. Clark
	Haines City	Faith Temple	June 16-21	Gladys Voight	James Cain Jr.
	Jacksonville	Riverside	June 18-30	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	J. D. Stevens
Ga.	Lynn Haven	First	June 12-23	David & Trig Scruggs	T. C. Earnest
	Sebring	First	June 16-30	"Little Joe" Peterson	C. A. Arnold
	Brinson	Calvary	June 12-23	Nettie Parham	W. H. Judah
	Rome	First	June 12-23	Kenneth I. & Mrs. Wright	Claude Collins
Ill.	Carmi	First	June 9-16	Harry & Mrs. Melvin	Everett Lee
	Carlville	¹ Children's Camp	June 17-21	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	D. F. Hussey, Dir.
	Oak Park	Bethel Temple	June 19-30	E. A. Manley	Ed. Hartman
	Odin	A/G	June 19-30	Clifford L. Minton	R. L. Farquhar
Ind.	Quincy	Faith	June 9-23	Doyle Jones	George Lee
	Evansville	West Side	June 12-23	The Singing Lunsfords	John Pastore
	Gary	First	June 17-21	Dedelow & Friederici	Robert Rieben
	Kingsford Hts.	Full Gospel	June 10-14	Dedelow & Friederici	Jerry Parritt
Iowa	Terre Haute	² Armory	June 11-16	Sunshine Party (Thum)	John Smith, Chm.
	Des Moines	¹ Berean Chapel	June 17-23	Knouse-Stovall Team	David Houghton
	Topeka	Glad Tidings	June 16—	Patsy Ruth Allen	L. L. Ammons
	Topeka	First	June 19-23	Wesley F. Morton	Clare Rose
Ky.	Wichita	First	June 11-16	Wesley F. Morton	J. Derald Musgrove
	Wichita	Central	June 16-23	Howard Rusthoi	M. M. Brewer
	Owensboro	Calvary	June 18-30	I. D. Rayborn	Dwight Edwards
	Alexandria	First	June 9-16	Jerry "Danny" Rogers	C. E. Gilbert
La.	Crowley	¹ First	June 9-14	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	D. W. Brecheen
	Sanders	A/G	June 16-July 14	Mark Monasmith	Billy R. Lowery
	Baltimore	Bethel Pent.	June 17-23	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	D. W. Hare
	Lawrence	A/G	June 4-9	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Mrs. Helen Wight
Md.	Lynn	¹ First	June 9-14	Eddie Cooper	Timothy Adams
	Natick	Wellesley Park	June 18-30	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Harold Beesley
	Bad Axe	A/G	June 4-16	Ray C. Eskelin	David Flynn
	Caro	¹ A/G	June 9-14	Paul & Mrs. Anderson	Guy W. Trower
Mich.	Caro	A/G	June 17-23	Paul & Mrs. Anderson	Guy W. Trower
	Dowagiac	² High School Aud.	June 18-23	Sunshine Party (Thum)	Charles Verness, Chm.
	Livonia	A/G	June 5-9	Olshevski Musical Team	Michael DeKonty
	Monroe	A/G	June 18-23	Ray C. Eskelin	Eldred Jukuri
Miss.	Shepherd	¹ Oil City A/G	June 17-23	Carl E. Gammel	Arthur Austin
	Brookhaven	First	June 12-23	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	Jimmy Whitney
	Crosby	A/G Tabernacle	June 18-30	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	Clark Gage
	Detroit Lakes	A/G	June 11-16	James & Beulah Pepper	M. E. Culbertson

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOMECOMING—June 16 at First Assembly, Sumter, S. C. Special speakers morning and night and a singspiration in the afternoon.

—by Donald G. Cox, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

WILEY F. BISHOP, 63, of Sequin, Tex., went to be with the Lord January 7, 1968. Ordained to the ministry in 1932, Brother Bishop was a member of the South Texas District. He served the Lord as an evangelist and as a pastor in Sequin. He is survived by his wife Ruby and three children.

CESARE AVIGNONE, 78, of Bronx, N.Y., went to his eternal reward January 21, 1968. Ordained in 1939 by another denomination, Brother Avignone affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1940

and was a member of the Italian Branch. He served as a pastor in Newark, N.J.; Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.; and in New York at Bronx, Amityville, and New York City. Brother Avignone also pastored for 18 months in Florence, Italy. He is survived by his wife Frances and four children.

ROLLAND A. MURPHEY, 72, of New Castle, Pa., went to his eternal reward March 2, 1968. Ordained in 1951 by the Montana District, he served as a pastor in Montana at Culbertson, Opheim, Ridgway, and Fairfield. For four years Brother Murphey ministered to the Blackfeet Indians at Browning, Mont., and built the first church there. He is survived by his wife Mary Ethel and two sons.

GEORGE W. DICKERSON, 42, of Coolidge, Ariz., went to his eternal reward January 20, 1968. Ordained in 1957, he was a member of the Arizona District. Brother Dickerson served as an

evangelist and as a pastor in Purcell, Okla.; Diboll and Dallas, Tex.; and in Coolidge. He is survived by his wife Virginia and three children.

FRANK A. TALIA, 67, of Union, N.J., was called into the presence of the Lord after many years of gospel ministry. He was ordained in 1938 by the Italian Pentecostal Assemblies which later became the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in New Jersey at Newark and Union. He is survived by his wife Mildred.

MINNIE BENTLEY, 78, of Russellville, Ark., went to be forever with the Lord February 23, 1968. Licensed by the Arkansas District in 1943, Sister Bentley served as an evangelist and assisted her husband in the seven churches he pastored. She is survived by her husband Tom, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, four sons, and one daughter.


STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Mo.	Elmer	A/G	June 18-30	Wallace & Carol Joice	Charles O. Blankenship
	Farmington	First	June 12-23	Woodrow Oxner	J. W. Allen
	Florissant	Evang. Assembly	June 17-23	Howard Young	Vern Stoughton
	Kansas City	Maple Park A/G	June 3-7	C. O. Blankenship	Lee Calhoun
	Kansas City	Maple Park A/G	June 9-23	Keetah Jones	R. A. McClure
	Kennett	First	June 23-July 7	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Gordon Zercher
	O'Fallon	First	June 9-23	Ruth E. Reece	Tom Jackson
	Springfield	¹ Evang. Temple	June 17-23	Jerry & Karen Stroup	Ralph Kay
	Valley Park	First	June 17-23	Roy H. Tregenza	John Eller
	Billings	¹ Parkhill	June 16-21	Charles Senechal	Robert Ross
Mont.	Columbia Falls	A/G	June 12-23	Thomas Ming	Lawrence Plumley
	Conrad	A/G	June 4-14	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Wells H. Gage
	Deer Lodge	A/G	June 18-30	George Holmes	C. H. Jackson
	Missoula	Glad Tidings	June 23-28	Charles Senechal	W. A. Redmond
Nebr.	Beaver City	A/G	June 16-21	Kathleen Jennings	Larry Hessler
	Elizabeth	¹ Trinity	June 16-21	Eddie Cooper	Jesse Owens
	Mt. Holly	¹ A/G	June 22-28	James & Mrs. Occhipinti	James Occhipinti
	North Rose	Glad Tidings	June 18-30	Ken & Gloria Kashner	C. J. Williams
N. Y.	Somerdale	Full Gospel	June 18-30	Walter Schell	Phillip G. Barnard
	Warrensburg	¹ Pentecostal Ch.	June 16-21	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Kenneth Maranville
	Valdese	A/G	June 10-16	Tom & Betty Whidden Jr.	Elwood McCleary
	Minot	A/G	June 18-23	James & Beulah Pepper	B. C. Heinze
N. D.	Big Prairie	¹ Ohio District	June 17-21	Paul Hild Party	Talmadge R. Rachels
	Canton	Bethel Temple	June 11-16	Paul Hild	Robert M. Graber
	Harrison	Harrison Ave. A/G	June 19-30	Charles E. Crank	W. R. Russell II
	Massillon	First	June 4-16	Doug & Judy Maners	Carl E. Ladd
Okla.	New Rome	A/G	June 21-28	Harold Conant	Don Bressette
	Weston	A/G	June 2-9	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Jerry Green
	Muskogee	First	June 10-21	N. B. Rayburn	S. J. Colburn
	Sentinel	First	June 10-28	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	Paul Williams
Pa.	Brave	¹ A/G	June 17-23	Paul & Donna Wright	David M. Glunt
	Philadelphia	Frankford Gos.	June 4-9	Walter Schell	James Donald
	Reading	¹ Glad Tidings	June 17-23	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	Anthony Mayeski
	Shippensburg	A/G	June 12-23	Dave & Jan Olshewski	Howard Garmon
R. I.	Providence	Trinity	June 11-16	George DeTellis	Larry McNeil
	Knoxville	Scott St. A/G	June 9-21	Knott-Olson Team	Joe Miles
	New Tazewell	Bethel	June 23-July 5	Knott-Olson Team	Cecil Falley
	Bonham	A/G	June 16-30	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Bill Pryor
Tex.	Cleveland	Hi-way Taber.	June 19-30	Fisher-Cheek Team	H. Travis Freeman
	Fort Worth	Seminary South	June 16-21	J. Don George Team	R. Kenneth George
	Fort Worth	Bethel	June 23-30	N. B. Rayburn	Victor Ostrom
	Lindale	First	June 12—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	J. R. White
Wash.	Odessa	Southside	June 2-7	Jerry "Danny" Rogers	W. M. Bozeman
	Perryton	² V.F.W. Bldg.	June 19-30	Glen & Faith Shinn	William Harrell, Chm.
	Seagraves	First	June 2-16	Fisher-Cheek Team	Albert Owen
	Chelan	A/G	June 16-21	Bill & Myrna Laney	James R. Stevens
Wis.	Edmonds	¹ Grace Temple	June 9-14	Christian Hild	L. Ben Dickson
	Delah	A/G	June 10-16	Bill & Myrna Laney	Ralph G. Thomas
	Waupaca	First	June 9-16	Wesley Wibley	Don Upton
	Waupun	A/G	June 18-23	Wesley Wibley	Ross Simmons
Wyo.	Wautoma	A/G	June 7-9	Wesley Wibley	John Wibley
	Torrington	A/G	June 16-30	Neale & Mrs. Sheneman	J. E. Overstreet

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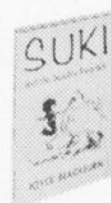
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). This is the answer from the Scriptures.

You may ask, "Must I not do something? Isn't a good work all I have to do before I can be saved?"

The Scriptures again answer, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:29). Why do you suppose God repeatedly tells us to believe? The reason is that there is nothing you could do that would put away your sins or make you fit to enter the presence of a holy God.

There was only One competent to do this—the Lord Jesus Christ. He has done it. "He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26).

Can you, friend, do anything to add to the redeeming work of Christ? You, who are a sinner? No! Only the holy and eternal One could do this. It had to be accomplished by the sacrifice of Himself. His blood had to be shed. "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

Christ died on behalf of our ruined and sinful condition. He pitied us when we were without strength; He redeemed us by shedding His precious blood; and now He "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Hebrews 7:25).

Again, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOST?

NOTHING! ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! You are lost already! What must the prisoner in the cell do to be condemned? Nothing! Why? Because he is condemned already. He need not commit another crime; sentence has been passed.

Neither need you add another sin to the long, black list charged against you. Your judgment is already certain. "He that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). The verdict of God has gone forth, and you are "condemned already." A terrible position!

But thank God, that sentence is not yet executed! You are still within reach of a royal reprieve. You may still repent and be saved. You may still be cleansed from all sin by the blood of Christ. The closing moments of salvation's day are not entirely gone. There is still time—and God is still waiting to welcome you home if you will only call upon Him.

"Thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help" (Hosea 13:9). "Destroyed!" Yes, the Word of God says so.

"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (2 Corinthians 4:3). A person is either saved or lost. God recognizes no middle ground. What an awful condition! Lost, though not in hell! Lost, though conscious of your guilt! Lost, though surrounded by mercy! Lost, though for years you may have been a professing Christian. Baptized, a church member perhaps—yet lost!

Are you lost? Do not rest a minute until you are sure you are saved. God says, "To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7).