

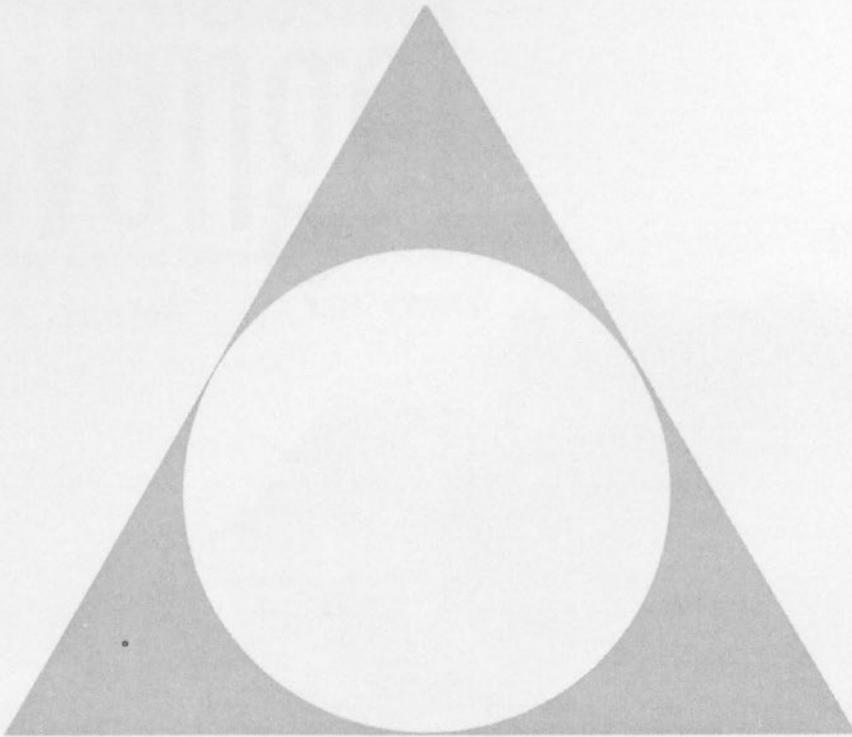
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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WHAT GOD

WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD is very important. Your concept of God will determine the way you live.

The heathen believe in cruel gods; therefore they live in constant fear. Some people believe God is very remote and always far away from them; therefore they live as they please. Others worship gods of war or goddesses of lust, and those who worship such deities are warlike themselves or give themselves over to lewd and licentious living.

But the Bible teaches us that God is holy. Look at the Old Testament. Job thought of God as a Judge; and if God is your Judge, you are the defendant. David thought of God as a Shepherd. And if God is your Shepherd, then you are a sheep. Isaiah thought of God as a King. And if God is your King, then you are His subject.

That is all true and wonderful. God is a King and He is a good King. God is a Judge, a righteous Judge. God is a faithful Shepherd. But when we look at the New Testament, we find something yet more wonderful. Jesus taught that God is our Father. Whereas this figure of speech is used in the Old Testament in relation to God, it is not emphasized there. It appears less than a dozen times in all 39 books of the Old Testament. But in the Book of Matthew the term Father in relationship to God occurs 43 times.

When we read Christ's sermon on the mount, the one word that stands out more than any other is *Father*. Seventeen times in these three chapters Jesus used the word *Father* in relationship to God. Ten times He used the phrase, "Your Father." Five times, "Thy Father." On one occasion, "Our Father." And in one instance, "My Father." Yes, it was Jesus who gave us the marvelous revelation that God is our Heavenly Father.

It is interesting to note that in the Gospel of John

the word *Father* occurs in relation to God at least 115 times! This is significant in view of the fact that John also said, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18).

Jesus talked so much about His Father that one of the disciples grew a bit impatient. He said to Jesus, "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us." And Jesus answered, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:8, 9).

I rode with a student 400 miles from Springfield to Iowa on a weekend tour. Soon after we had started down the highway, we became very quiet. The student broke the stillness by saying, "Do you know my father?"

I said, "I'm sorry; I've never met him."

"Oh, he's the most wonderful dad in the world," he said.

Stillness settled down again. We went on for some distance and at length he said, "You haven't met my father? Say, he's the best dad in the world!" And then he cited incidents in the life of his father. By the time we reached Iowa I had decided there was one person I wanted to meet more than any other, and that was the student's father.

Jesus talked about His Father so much that His followers were eager to see Him. How thankful we should be that Jesus came to reveal to us the true nature of our Heavenly Father.

When I was about four years old, a tragedy hit our home. During a rugged winter in Philadelphia the water in the pipes was freezing, and a widow who lived next door to us was in trouble. She asked my father to help. Out of the kindness in his heart he went next door and experimented with various methods. Finally in desperation he tried to thaw out the pipes by using flame. Inadvertently he used gasoline and there was an explosion. My father had third-degree burns over most of his body. The doctors did not think he would survive.

He was in the hospital for a long time, and I remember saying to my mother on numerous occasions, "Mother, won't you please take me to the hospital? I'd like to see my dad." She would decline in many different ways. But as the days went on, her heart must have softened, for she finally agreed to let me go.

When we reached the hospital, my mother and the nurse left me at the bottom of the steps while they went

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on up to the second floor. After they disappeared, I stood in that big hospital corridor feeling very lonely, just a little lad looking up all those white stairs, waiting for someone to appear at the top.

A few moments later three figures appeared. The first was my mother, and the second was a nurse, but that third individual—who was that! Was that a human being? He had white bandages all around him, like a ghost. There were just black holes where the eyes and nose ought to have shown. When I saw the specter of what I now know was my father, I threw up my little hands and screamed, "That's not my father; that's not my father; I don't want to go up there!" My mother had to hurry down the stairs and hustle me out of the hospital because I was making such a disturbance.

Whenever I remember that childhood experience, I think of the strange notions some people have about God. They picture Him in such a grotesque, peculiar way that they cannot worship and love Him. But oh, when Jesus came, He revealed the true nature of God. He taught us that God is our Heavenly Father whom we can love and worship and serve with reverence and devotion.

You know, most people carry little pictures of their loved ones in their wallets. Especially if they are going on a journey, they like to have some pictures of their family to take along. I carry around a little leather "wallet" and in it is a picture of my Heavenly Father. It's my New Testament. I especially like to read the Sermon on the Mount. It's a wonderful photographic album of my Heavenly Father, and from it I would like to show you just three little snapshots of Him.

HE IS OMNIPOTENT

I am so proud of the first snapshot. It is given in Matthew 5:45: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." That pictures the power of my Heavenly Father.

My Father is the God who controls the whole universe. I am like the little child who believes his father can handle any situation. You know, our children often exaggerate the intelligence or the strength of their father, especially when they are boasting before their playmates; but we can never exaggerate the ability of our Heavenly Father. He is all-powerful. There is no problem too great for Him. He can do anything.

One day I was musing and I wrote down a few lines of blank verse which came to me:

*I should be afraid; the scientists say I should.
They know about atoms and hydrogen bombs—I don't.
There's destruction by direct heat, and fire, and radiation,
and falling buildings;
And fellows like Einstein and Conant show how civilization
could be destroyed in a matter of hours;
And I'm not afraid.*

*I'm not afraid—my spirit says so.
It knows about my Heavenly Father—
His loving care, and providential guidance, and omnipotent
power to give everlasting life.
His Word says so. His Spirit makes me feel it is true.
Everything could be destroyed in a matter of hours.
But I'm not afraid.*

Hallelujah! Oh, what a God we have. He is able to control every situation.

HE IS OMNISCIENT

There is another snapshot I want to show you, and it tells us that He is all-wise. He knows everything. Four times in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus used such language as "Your Father seeth," and "Your Father knoweth." There is nothing hidden from Him.

The Negro spiritual says:

*"Oh, He sees all you do,
And He hears all you say—
My God's a-writin' all the time."*

When you were getting ready for church, God was watching you. He saw the hair that fell on your shoulder when you were arranging your hair. You didn't know it was there, but God did. His Word tells us (Matthew 10:30), "The very hairs of your head are all numbered"! He has an infinite knowledge about us!

Mother, when all the lights are out and everything is still in the house—when the problems of life are stirring within your heart and mind and you are troubled over your children or some other loved one—you are not alone. Your Heavenly Father is with you. He knows. Never a tear runs down the cheek of a saint without God's knowledge. He is at your side.

HE IS ALL-LOVING

I would like to show you just one more picture. In it
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you will see that God, our Father, is all-loving. It is found in Matthew 6:14: "Your heavenly Father will forgive you." With all His power and wisdom, God is able to destroy us and He would be justified in doing so. Instead He loves us and He uses His power and knowledge to preserve us! No wonder Jesus said: "When ye pray, say, Our Father, which art in heaven." Or, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" He loves. He cares. He forgives.

No doubt all who drive automobiles have had an experience similar to mine. As you ride along, suddenly you hear a little thump on the windshield or on the grille of the car, and you know a little sparrow has flitted across the highway and bumped into your car. It happened to me one day. A few minutes later I stopped the car, reached in behind the grille and picked up that tiny bundle of feathers. Immediately the words came to me, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father" (Matthew 10:29).

Our Father cares much more for us than for sparrows. There's a little doggerel that goes like this:

*Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."*

*Said the sparrow to the robin,
"I suppose that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."*

We have a Father who is kind and forgiving toward His children. I think the greatest story ever told is the story of a certain man who had two sons. The younger son left home and lived a wicked and riotous life. Eventually he came to himself, and when he realized how bad off he was, he decided to return home. He said to himself, "When I get home I'll ask my dad to forgive me, and I'll say, 'Dad, I know I'm not worthy to be your son; just let me be one of your hired servants.'"

The father still loved his boy, and he was watching for him, hoping he would come home. And when his

SHARING WITH GOD

PRAYER IS SIMPLY TALKING THINGS OVER WITH GOD. It isn't an involved struggle, gritting your teeth, and holding on forever. There is a place for persistence in prayer, but remember above all that God is your loving Heavenly Father. He wants what is good for you more than you want it. Why should it be hard to accept that truth? God doesn't want to see you hurt or suffer—although there are times when He allows it because it is good for you. He wants you to be a glowing testimony to His love and grace. So prayer should be that time when you share your thoughts, dreams, and secrets with God. Talk with Him—just as you would to your best friend.

—DICK CHAMPION, in *What's Mine...*

son was still a great way off, the father saw him, and ran to meet him, and threw his arms around him, and welcomed him home.

That's the kind of Heavenly Father we have. He is kind toward the sinner and is eager to forgive the penitent.

Friend, if you have not become a child of God, you are robbing yourself of the greatest heritage and the sweetest privilege that life can afford. Words cannot describe the blessedness of this fellowship with a loving Heavenly Father. No wonder John wrote, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

Do not come to the erroneous conclusion that all men are God's sons. Jesus did not teach that. He said to some, "You are of your father the devil." That leads us to conclude that you have either God for a Father or the devil for a father.

To sum up, may I remind you that I have shown you three snapshots: our Father is all-powerful, all-wise, and all-loving.

Charlie Welburn and a group of American GI's sloshed their way over the beaches at Anzio in Italy and up into the Italian peninsula. They came to a bombed-out city and as they marched through the streets, they saw a heart-touching sight. On top of one devastated house (nothing was left but rubble) sat a nine-year-old Italian boy, crying.

The GI's talked with the boy and learned that his father, mother, brothers, and sisters had been in this house when it was hit by a bomb, and all were killed! The servicemen took pity on the little fellow and decided to take him with them. They called him Tony. They taught him a few English words, gave him a pair of shoes, fixed up a little Eisenhower jacket for him, cut down an oversize garrison hat, and made him the mascot of their battalion.

Tony lived with the men for many days, until finally an order came down from the commanding officer which said, "All mascots and unnecessary equipment and baggage and personnel must be left behind. We are moving ahead to new battle stations."

Chaplain Welburn came to Tony that day and said, "Tony, this is the last day. At retreat tonight we'll have to say good-bye. We're going on to battle and we've been ordered to leave all behind. You'll have to go back to your village."

Little Tony manfully went about the duties of the day. The final hour came, the troops were reviewed, and farewells were spoken. Tony clicked his heels and made a little salute. Then he turned in military fashion and began to walk away.

But suddenly the little heart of a soldier turned back into the heart of a boy again; the little knees seemed to buckle; the little legs got wobbly. The shoulders bent over, and the little head drooped. Then little nine-year-old Tony turned around and ran back with open arms, tears running down his face. "I can't leave you," he was saying. "Chaplain, I can't leave you."

When I heard that story I thought of the times a Christian is tempted to wander away from God. Worldly attractions beckon. The carnal mind is lured from this direction, and from that direction. At such times my heart leaps up and says, "Father, I can't leave You. I must stay close to You, for Your love has won my heart."

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Iniquity Abounding

AS WE GO TO PRESS, the FBI has just released its quarterly "uniform crime report" and it is alarming indeed. It tells us that crime, as measured by the crime index, increased 17 percent during the first three months of 1968 over the same period in 1967.

Substantial crime increases were registered in each offense category with murder up 16 percent, forcible rape 19 percent, robbery 24 percent, and aggravated assault 13 percent. Burglary was up 15 percent, auto theft 17 percent, and larceny (\$50 and over in value) increased 19 percent.

The number of violent crimes (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) as a group rose 18 percent, continuing a trend that should frighten the most sanguine souls. The crime increase is sharpest in cities having 100,000 or more inhabitants, but even in suburban and rural areas the situation is extremely critical. That the U.S. is rapidly approaching a breakdown of law and order on a national scale is crystal clear. The nation is bound for chaos unless there is a great upsurge of moral righteousness.

A factor in the national problem is the actual encouragement of lawbreaking which has been given under the guise of allegedly justifiable civil disobedience. At its recent annual convention the National Association of Evangelicals pointed this out. "During recent rioting in American cities," it said, "it was reliably reported that police often stood by helplessly while acts of vandalism and looting took place before their eyes. In cases of criminal action the police often have discovered that painstaking investigative work is erased by courts which dismiss charges for the most trivial of technical reasons."

In a strong resolution the NAE deplored the fact that cries of "police brutality" are raised when officers take proper steps to maintain law and order; and it criticized church leaders who join civil rights groups to demonstrate in open defiance of the law instead of teaching people to obey the government.

Whether the U.S. will shake off the vipers of crime and other social evils now threatening its orderly existence as a free nation remains to be seen. The anticrime bill is a step in the right direction. Gun control laws will help. But when the courts show greater concern for the criminal than for the victim of his crimes, who can hope for public safety? When wolves are exonerated, what chance is there for the sheep? Those whose misguided sympathies tempt them to coddle the wrongdoers need to read the Bible which says, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

God's Book teaches that punitive action against lawbreakers is best for all concerned, but it is too much to expect sinful men to structure their society according to God's Word. Individuals who refuse to align their own lives with the Scriptures are not likely to pressure others into doing so. We can expect the permissive climate to continue. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," the Bible says. "Iniquity shall abound. . . . Perilous times shall come." This is the end-time picture painted by God's prophets. In view of this we cannot expect the world to get better. All the believer can do is to keep himself free from the worsening corruption—to let his light shine—and to exhort as many as possible to accept Christ and save themselves from the approaching judgment.

—R.C.C.



CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

By LeROY JOHNSON

IS THE GOSPEL RELEVANT to today's youth rebellion in the area of civil disobedience? First, I would like to show why I feel this question is pertinent.

The Bible is often criticized as not being relevant. The vogue today seems to be to talk about the irrelevancy of the gospel, the irrelevancy of the church, the irrelevancy of religion. But the stand of the Christian has to be that if the Bible is the Word of the omnipotent, all-wise God, then the Bible has to be relevant to everything.

Also the question may be pertinent because of the many examples of civil disobedience we see today. We are living in the midst of some of the most widespread civil disobedience our country has ever seen. Look at the results of the tragic events related to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. And last October we saw the march of 50,000 people on the Pentagon. This mob, led by a few political activists (estimated at two or three percent of the crowd), almost took over the heart of the nation's military establishment.

Our generation is used to marches, protests, demonstrations, sit-ins, lie-ins, etc. The pattern seems to be peaceful demonstrations, and then more obstructionist-type demonstrations; and then more rioting—until the thing gets completely out of hand.

In many of these sit-ins, lie-ins, marches, and demonstrations, the demonstrators obstruct the legal and necessary functions of legitimate institutions such as schools, colleges, government agencies. Increasingly, people seem to be operating on the idea that men need only obey the laws they agree with; that the laws they disagree with

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Another part of the panel discussion will appear in next week's *Evangel*.

are bad laws, and they are privileged to disobey these.

Why do we see all this in America today? In an article in *U.S. News and World Report* (December 25, 1967), Richard H. Sanger, an acknowledged authority on the causes and patterns of political violence, lists three things all cooking at the same time in the United States that contribute to the unrest: (1) the Vietnam War—the sense of futility; the frustration that Americans, especially young Americans, are experiencing about it; (2) racial discrimination coupled with the economic gap between the races; and (3) the normal generation gap. The latter is as old as mankind, yet never has the under-25 group been such a large percentage of the population of America as it is today.

These three things all working at the same time have caused a lot of civil disobedience and unrest.

From a political science point of view, in a democratic society if one does not agree with the law, this is not justification for disobeying it. The majority may not always be right, but it is still the majority. In democracy this is the way we have to operate.

Whenever a man places himself above the law, he weakens the law and he weakens the protection of the law for himself and for others. By placing himself above the law, he opens the door for the wholesale defiance of law and order. We are seeing the evidence of this in America today. In a democratic society the fact that I do not like a law gives me the right to work through proper channels to change the law, but not to disregard it.

In history we can find many examples of civil disobedience. The Old Testament brings to mind some, including the case of the mother of Moses who hid him from the Egyptians. When the Egyptians ordered that the male children of the Hebrew families be killed, God instructed her to hide her child. The child was protected and became God's man.

Daniel was ordered to stop praying to God by the law

of Medes and Persians, and in spite of this he disobeyed. He was punished by the state, yet protected by God.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego refused to bow to the image as the king had instructed. They were thrown into the fiery furnace, but God protected them in their punishment.

In the New Testament, Acts 4:5-21 is an account of the apostles being arrested by the religious authorities of that day for disobeying them and preaching Christ.

In secular history we can find many other examples of civil disobedience. A classic would be the American Revolution. Were the American revolutionaries rebels or were they motivated by high Christian principles? Would these men fit the image of born-again Christians obeying God in their rebellion against Great Britain, or were they irresponsible rebels demanding selfishly the power to govern themselves? Or the French Revolution? The Russian Revolution? The religious wars of the Reformation? The Congo rebellion? History abounds with examples of rebellion and disobedience.

What does the Bible say about civil disobedience? Probably the most pertinent passage is Romans 13:1-7 where Paul said: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For [they] . . . are ordained of God."

Who was Paul talking about as the power in existence at that time? He was talking about the Roman emperor Nero. Nero, who was hardly a godly example. Nero, who lived a licentious, immoral, corrupt life. Nero, who persecuted the Christians. Yet Paul said that rulers are ordained of God.

Peter said: "Submit yourselves, for the Lord's sake, to every human authority. . . . For this is God's will: . . . silence the ignorant talk of foolish men by the good things you do" (1 Peter 2:13-15, TEV).

"Laws are made for lawbreakers . . . for the godless and sinful" (1 Timothy 1:9, TEV).

"Remind your people to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey them, to be ready to do every good thing" (Titus 3:1, TEV).

Do Paul and Peter condemn all civil disobedience? Is disobedience to authority always contrary to Christian teaching? Is government a divine institution? It would seem that God has set limits beyond which the government cannot go.

Gordon Clark, in his book *A Christian View of Men and Things*, seems to take the position that God sets limits beyond which even the absolute ruler cannot go. We have governments because man by nature is evil; and since he is evil, he needs the restraint of government. Thus government becomes a necessary evil. Before the fall of man, before the sin of Adam, there was no need for these restraints. St. Augustine in his work *The City of God* said, "Take a man as God created him at first, so he is neither slave to man or to sin." But after man fell, man needed a check.

Why do we have governments? Because without governments, man's evil nature would turn his freedom into license and maliciousness; so in that sense the government becomes a brake on man. It is needed because of man's sin.

Yet governments often abuse their power; governments often interfere with individual freedom; and this makes governments evil. Therefore, Gordon Clark says that
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YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



In our Sunday school class the question came up: "Does everyone have a guardian angel?" Can you answer this for us?

We know that angels "are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). But this does not mean that each individual has a guardian angel protecting and caring for him. Some have felt there is an angel for each person because Jesus said of children that "their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). And, since Paul charged Timothy "before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels," some have concluded that each congregation of believers has guardian angels (1 Timothy 5:21).

Our worship is to center in Christ, not in angels. "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind" (Colossians 2:18). Let us be content with the truth that, although angels are invisible and their presence is imperceptible to our natural senses, they do minister to us, or in our behalf, in times of need.

I heard a minister say the "Jesus Only" doctrine is a revival of Sabellianism. What is Sabellianism?

In early Christianity, following the time of the apostles, various doctrines arose as teachers tried to explain the nature of Christ. Sabellius introduced the doctrine that God is One and that He manifested Himself in three modes. In the Old Testament times, said Sabellius, God manifested Himself as Father. In providing redemption, He manifested Himself as the Son, Christ. After the Resurrection and Ascension, His mode of being was and is that of the Holy Ghost. This doctrine of a single person in the Godhead is contrary to the Word and therefore was denounced as heresy.

Some in our area are having house meetings, claiming they are receiving the anointing mentioned in 1 John 2:27: "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you." They believe they are receiving more than that which comes with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Do you approve of this?

John speaks of the anointing, and also of "an unction from the Holy One" (1 John 2:20). But these scriptures do not refer to some special experience given to a few and withheld from others. The Early Church received renewals of power (Acts 4:31), and such renewals are needed lest the Church lose its spiritual force. But when people get inflated opinions of their spirituality, this usually leads to fanaticism. Spiritual pride is very subtle. When believers devote themselves to seeking some new thing they are in danger of slipping over into the realm of false spirits.

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governments are a partial punishment for man's sin and a partial cure for sin.

Why do men rebel? Sometimes men engage in civil disobedience in their desire for material goods that have become success symbols in our society—things that are signs of the person who has it made. Yet through their existence, their unemployment, their ghetto-type life, these people find these success symbols unattainable. Rioting and looting have thus become an easy way to get things you want—not that any class of people is more greedy than the others. The desire for more, more, more is common to man by nature.

In an article, "Why Did They Riot?" in *Christianity Today*, (March 29, 1968), the statement was made that an estimated 80 percent of the loss in the Newark riots in 1967 was in liquor, clothing, furniture, appliances, things that are outward signs of material gain, signs of success. These are the things people were rioting to get because they could gain them through no other channels.

When civil disobedience is motivated by greed, selfishness, and avarice, it is sin. This is stealing—taking something that does not belong to you; and the gospel is terribly relevant to sin.

This is not to deny the gross inequities that exist in our society. But your freedom to have things does not allow you to take them from someone else. When civil disobedience exists because you are using your freedom and liberty for a cloak for license and maliciousness, then it is contrary to the teachings of the gospel. "Live as free people, yet without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness, but live at all times as a servant of God" (1 Peter 2:16, Amplified). In free America it is very possible for people to be so imbued with this democratic spirit, this free spirit, that this actually becomes a pretext for wickedness.

When a law conflicts with God's law, civil disobedience then becomes consistent with the gospel. "We know that the Law is good, if it is used as it should be" (1 Timothy 1:8, TEV). This suggests that law is not always used as it should be. If a government goes beyond its God-given authority, are we bound to obey it? If man is evil, this includes totalitarian rulers. Often they are more evil than the ordinary man because of the power they wield. If the totalitarian ruler is evil, it can be expected that he will issue laws that conflict with God's laws.

Jesus said, "Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." It seems to presuppose that not everything is Caesar's, that there are limits on the government's power—limits put there by God. When the government goes beyond this power and encroaches upon the conscience of man, then man is not obliged to obey the government. Peter's question in Acts 4:19 is very applicable here: "You yourselves judge which is right in God's sight, to obey you or to obey God" (TEV).

What is right in God's sight? Thus God's Word becomes the yardstick to determine when civil disobedience is right.

If we can obey the law and not go against the teachings of the Bible, then we are obliged to do so.

If obeying man's law would cause us to sin, then we are obliged to disobey man's laws.

Be sure the Bible becomes the yardstick and not your personal whims!

REVIVAL FIRES
SWEEP THE WORLD
WHEN "THEY"
THAT WERE SCATTERED
ABROAD WENT
EVERYWHERE PREACHING
THE WORD."



SPREADING THE PENTECOSTAL FLAMES

By J. ROSWELL FLOWER

Former General Secretary of the Assemblies of God (now retired)

IN JANUARY 1907 a visitor appeared in an afternoon meeting in a church in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the after-service, which always followed the regular meeting, opportunity was given for testimonies of salvation, healing, and other blessings received. The visitor remained and was invited to add his testimony to that of others.

The visitor, a tall man of prepossessing appearance, electrified the congregation by announcing that God was again pouring out of His Spirit in Pentecostal fullness and that he had experienced the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire similar to that recorded in the second chapter of Acts. The face of the stranger was radiant as he spoke.

He told of attending meetings in Los Angeles, California, where a Pentecostal revival was in progress and where numbers of people were receiving a spiritual baptism which was setting them on fire to witness for Christ. In this revival there was much prayer, he said, and believers were speaking and singing in other tongues. Miracles of healing were also common.

At the close of the after-service numbers of spiritually hungry people crowded around him for more information. It was decided that special services be held in the church where opportunity would be given for believers to seek for and receive this kind of experience.

Meetings were begun and continued for some days until the church authorities decided it would be best to conclude them. But the spark of revival was beginning to burst into flame, and arrangements were made for

tarrying meetings to be held elsewhere. It was not long until hungry Christians were receiving outpourings of the Spirit similar to those found in the Book of Acts, as described by the visitor.

The revival attracted the attention of the local newspapers. Reporters attended the services and wrote what they had seen and heard. A vacant church building was secured, and the crowds became so large that they could not be accommodated in the church sanctuary, but overflowed into other rooms in the church and out into the street. Even the mayor attended some of the services and afterwards told reporters these were simply old-time revival meetings similar to those he had known in his youth.

From all over Indiana and neighboring states people came to receive the heralded Pentecostal blessing. What was happening in Indianapolis was also happening in other parts of the country. Almost overnight the Pentecostal message was heard in Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, northeastern Ohio, and New York City. It was carried eastward across the sea to England, Norway, and Sweden. It was taken westward to China and India.

Ivey Campbell, a godly woman who had moved from northeastern Ohio to Los Angeles, California, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and soon felt she must take the message back to her people in Ohio, which she did. She was not a preacher, just a witness, but like hundreds of others she felt a definite urge to go to her relatives and share with them the blessing she had received. Her witness kindled a flame which spread through all that section of Ohio.

From Chicago, Marie Brown and Jean Campbell took the message to New York. They had a part in founding the old 42nd Street Mission which developed into the great church known as Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

G. B. Cashwell, a Holiness minister, took the message back to his people at Dunn, North Carolina, and from there all the southeastern states were reached.

Everywhere the revival was spread by witnesses rather than by ministers. Organized evangelistic meetings would follow, but even these meetings were promoted in many cases by laymen who formed bands of as many as a dozen persons. Meetings were conducted very informally, much leeway being given for the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Following a season of earnest prayer, a meeting might begin without any preconceived program and without any thought as to what member of the group would bring the message, if there was to be a message. But testimonies were given freely, and altars were filled with hungry seekers. Many Pentecostal churches were brought into existence in this way.

There was no denominational organization or official direction in the beginning. That had to come later and did come as the need for cooperative effort became apparent. Organizations were set up to enable churches to cooperate in world evangelism, schools, publications, etc.

From the very beginning there were manifestations of charismatic gifts, and this phase of the meetings attracted attention, but these were not the primary objectives of the movement. The appeal was to Christians who were already devoted followers of the Lord Jesus and who were

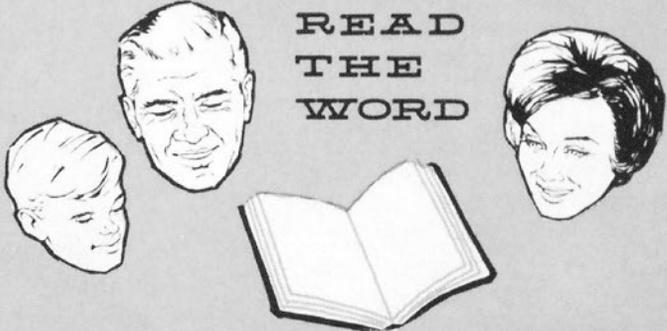
hungry for deeper spiritual experiences. And so when the message was received, meetings for tarrying before God and seeking His face were conducted.

Those meetings often produced seasons of heart searching and confession of weaknesses, shortcomings, and sin. But as the seeker went before God in humility and confession, the door was opened for marvelous manifestations of divine grace and power. To be filled with the Spirit, as the disciples were filled on the Day of Pentecost, became the primary objective of each seeker. A manifestation of spiritual gifts apart from a mighty filling with the Holy Spirit was considered to be a shallow experience. The fruit of the Spirit was expected to be in evidence. The exaltation of the Lord Jesus was the chief ambition, and there was a passion to love Him, worship Him, and make Him known to others.

The only thing that will satisfy the heart of the believer is to be brought face-to-face with Christ in living fellowship. A shallow life will never produce this. That was the purpose of the tarrying meeting, which has almost gone out of existence in the Pentecostal movement. Tarrying in prayer is a necessity if we are to submit ourselves to the guidance and anointing of the Holy Spirit. God wants to come down upon His people in power and will do so if we will spend time in His presence and will seek His face with this fixed purpose.

What would happen if the pastor were to announce to his people that we must have a new moving of the Holy Spirit if we are to fulfill God's purpose for the Church in this present age? Suppose he were to announce a meeting devoted to prayer and waiting upon God only, the objective being to seek God until He came down upon the people. Would the people respond to the challenge and stand by their pastor until the objective was achieved?

That is exactly what happened in the early days of the Pentecostal movement, and it is the answer to the need of today. We must seek the face of our Lord with the prayer, "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence" (Isaiah 64:1, 2).



**READ
THE
WORD**

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14-21

Sunday	Jeremiah 39, 40	Thursday ..	Jeremiah 47, 48
Monday	Jeremiah 41, 42	Friday	Jeremiah 49, 50
Tuesday	Jeremiah 43, 44	Saturday	Jeremiah 51, 52
Wednesday	Jeremiah 45, 46	Sunday ..	Lamentations 1, 2

"He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding (Jeremiah 51:51).

OUR MISSIONARIES in West Africa are faced with a need that must be met immediately. Their children attending Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria, are now housed in temporary quarters until an Assemblies of God hostel can be built on property adjoining the school.

This need not only represents a material problem but also an emotional one. It burdens the hearts of our West Africa missionaries who must decide where their children will receive their education. Will it be in the States or on the field? Will it be in the mission home or at a boarding school? It is a decision to weigh carefully for it will determine whether the children will see their parents every day, during vacations, or only every three or four years.

Twenty-five of our Assemblies of God missionary families send their children to Hillcrest School in Jos. The school provides a balanced American curriculum with qualified teachers, competitive sports, and social activities. The children who attend Hillcrest have little difficulty fitting into a school program while on furlough in the States, and while on the field they are able to spend part of the year with their parents.

At Hillcrest it is necessary for each mission to provide housing for its own students. Plans have been drawn for a building that will accommodate 36 Assemblies of God children and houseparents to care for them. With this hostel for missionary children, moms and dads can be confident that Spirit-filled houseparents will be available when the children need that extra loving care and tenderness to help them on their way to maturity.

This dormitory home will cost \$40,000—a reasonable amount for a 34-room, two-story hostel.

If we were able to project ourselves across the vast Atlantic into Jos, Nigeria, and read the thoughts and deepest emotions of one of our missionary children, what might we discover?

ALL WE WANT IS A PLACE TO CALL HOME. NEARLY a thousand miles from Mom and Dad and no place to call my own. But I couldn't stay with them in our mission house—Mom could never teach me these high school subjects. Besides they're so busy counseling national pastors and taking the gospel to new areas,



Missionary Phyllis Wagner teaches a class of Hillcrest students.

A HOSTEL FOR THEIR...

HOME

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHILDREN URGENTLY NEED A DORMITORY AT THE HILLCREST SCHOOL IN JOS, NIGERIA

they hardly have time to even rest at the end of the day.

I didn't want to stay in the States this year either. That would mean I wouldn't see my parents for another three or four years. Why, I wouldn't even know them, if I'd done that.

No, this was the best choice. And Hillcrest isn't a bad place to stay. If only the Assemblies of God had its own special dorm like the other mission societies. I know they have plans; but plans do take money.

I imagine most people would rather give to take the gospel to headhunters than to educate missionary children. Reaching headhunters does seem more exciting. In fact, maybe someday I'll be a missionary to some tribe that has never heard the story of Jesus. But first I must have a good education. The Foreign Missions Department in Springfield would never appoint me if I didn't even graduate from high school.

Another mission group has shared

their hostel with us for the last few years. Now it's time for us to build. And how proud I will feel to live with the other Assemblies of God missionary children in our own home.

I'm sure if our friends back in the States knew how much this hostel meant to us, they'd give all they could. Why, if everyone did his share, it wouldn't take long to get enough money. All we really want is a place to call home—a place built especially for me and all the other A/G missionary students here at Hillcrest. That would really be great. 

**Offerings for
MISSIONARY CHILDREN'S
HOSTEL**

May be sent to:
**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802**

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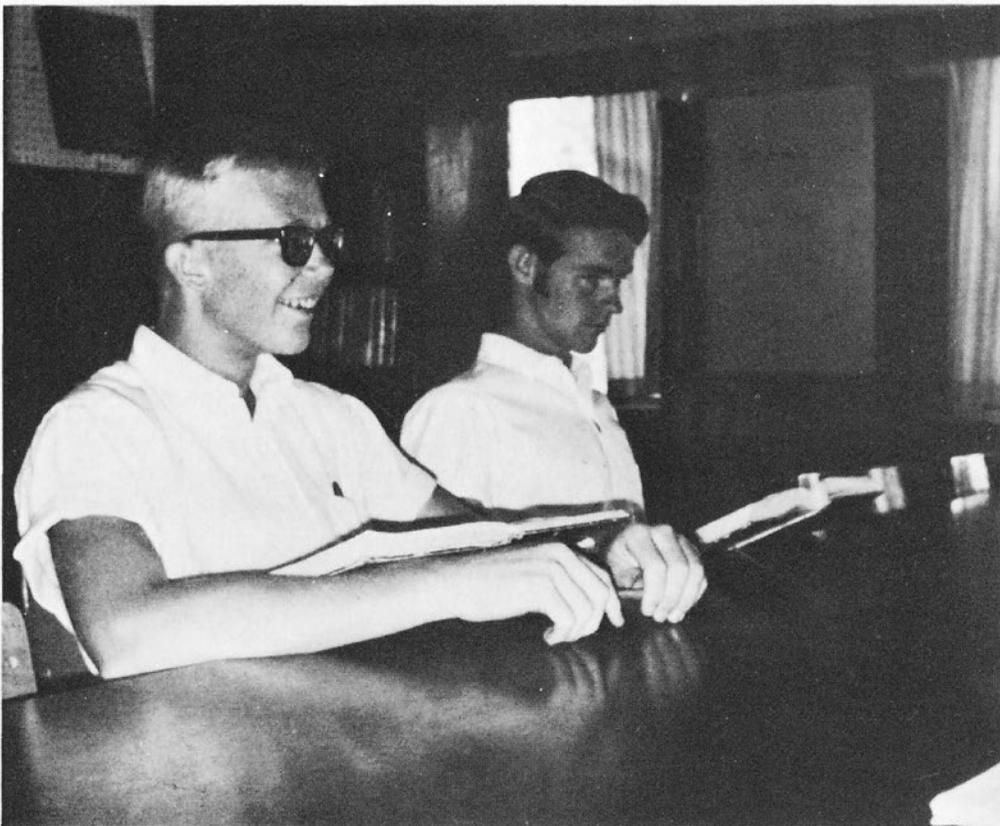
HOUSEPARENTS FOR HILLCREST SCHOOL

The Foreign Missions Department is currently seeking a qualified couple to serve as houseparents for the Assemblies of God missionary children at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria. They should be Assemblies of God laymen under 35, who are filled with the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the service of the Lord.

Write: **FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT** • Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue • Springfield, Missouri 65802



Hillcrest School serves missionary children from 10 evangelical missions. Life at the boarding school includes a balanced social life along with regular schoolwork. At right, E. L. Phillips poses with A/G children at Hillcrest during one of his field trips. These children are anxious for the planned A/G hostel to be built at Hillcrest. It will be home to our missionary children during their school years in West Africa.





WMC's—Vocational Volunteers



Beth Beckley, a vocational volunteer, has assisted in two churches in Virginia.

HOW MAY I BECOME MORE REALISTICALLY INVOLVED in the work of the Lord?" Consecrated women, not called to full-time ministry but eager to use their natural abilities and specialized training in the kingdom of God, are asking that question.

Members of the Women's Missionary Council know that carrying the gospel involves more than providing almost \$3 million annually for missionary outfits. They know that evangelizing the rapidly expanding population of the world will require not only concentrated effort by every minister, but also the time and talents of all believers.

There is a definite ministry for dedicated Christians engaged in secular professions who will establish residence in unevangelized areas, seek employment, and work with the missionary or pioneer pastor to strengthen the new congregation with their attendance, service, and financial support.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS SERVICE

Beth Beckley, Arlington, Virginia, is one who has proved what a help a Christian professional woman committed to God's will can be.

After graduating from Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now Bethany Bible College) and spending several years in pioneer and evangelistic ministry, Miss Beckley moved to Washington, D. C., to work for the U. S. Government.

There she became a member of Full Gospel Taber-

nacle and cooperated with the church in all its activities.

As she worked in the different departments, she became concerned about outlying areas of the city and nearby towns where there were no full-gospel churches. So, in 1956 Miss Beckley became associated with a small group of people to assist in establishing an Assemblies of God church in Arlington, Virginia.

Through these years Beth has helped the church budget with her finance. She has served as WMC president, Sunday school superintendent, teacher of Sunday school classes in three departments, and as chairman of the decorating committee for the sanctuary and educational wing of the new church building. She conducted the church's first vacation Bible School and has served as principal each succeeding year. Miss Beckley has assisted with the preaching ministry in the new pioneer work in Fairfax, Virginia, a home missions outreach of the Arlington assembly.

Claude Qualls, pastor of the church, says: "I want to express my appreciation for Beth Beckley's faithfulness in attendance and ministry, as well as for her gifts and talents that have been wholly dedicated to the Lord. Without such trained personnel, our church would not be able to meet its responsibilities."

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

Mrs. Ozella Stough, WMC member of Fayette, Alabama, is another professional woman who contributes

Mrs. Ozella Stough, Fayette, Ala., works with her special education class.



to the total ministry of the church. Mrs. Stough teaches third grade and a special education class on the elementary level in a public school. It has been said, "She teaches more by what she is, than by what she finds in the textbook."

In 1966 Mrs. Stough was named Fayette's "Woman of the Year" and commended for outstanding and dedicated services to the community "above and beyond duty." It is known that many children attending her classes have lunch money and good clothing only because of her kindness.

Her school principal says, "It is a pleasant experience to walk into her room. Her soft voice and mild manner, together with the smiles on the children's faces, tell a wonderful story. In all my years I have never had a better qualified, more dedicated, unselfish person on my staff."

Thirteen years ago, Mrs. Stough and her husband (now deceased) acquired a plot of ground in their home-

town and were instrumental in building the Assembly of God there.

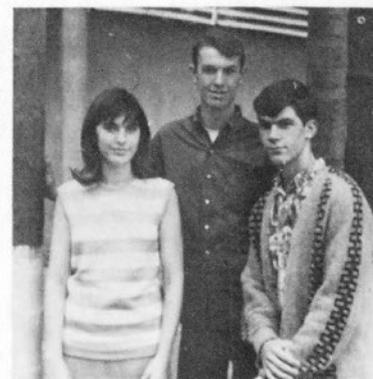
According to her pastor, Mrs. Stough has continually served the church in many capacities, lending leadership and finance to the ministry. She is known for her personal witnessing, visitation, and hospitality toward all involved in church or community activities.

MAPS, GUIDE TO WMC INVOLVEMENT

The Assemblies of God Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission has instituted a Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS) to offer dedicated Christians the possibility of vocational or short-term Christian service in America or in other lands. There are many vocational volunteer opportunities for YWMC's and single WMC members to locate and engage in their profession in areas where pioneer churches or missions are being established. Persons interested in such involvement may write the Commission for detailed information.

HOW SHALL WE KEEP WARM?

Roberta, Rodney, and Richard Hoover on a snowy day in North Dakota, before their family went to Brazil to serve as missionaries. At far right: the three teen-age Hoovers in 1967 about to depart from Brazil for North Dakota.



MOVE FROM SOUTHERN BRAZIL to North Dakota? How shall we ever keep warm?" The teen-agers of the Thomas R. Hoover family had bone-chilling memories of the time their daddy was pastor of a church on the wide, open plains of North Dakota.

The children had actually grown up on the mission field, but in 1967 the family faced a major problem. Annual school bills for the three young people exceeded \$3,000. It was evident that Richard, 18, and the 16-year-old twins, Roberta and Rodney, should return to the States for further education.

While the family discussed, "Shall we do it, or shall we not?" the Lord prompted friends in the town where the twins had been born to invite the two to share their home.

But the one big question mark remained: "How shall we keep warm?"

Mrs. Hoover writes, "Never let it be said that any Assemblies of God missionary mother is alone in the time of emergency. It is then we lean most heavily upon the goodness of the Women's Missionary Council. A letter to Mrs. B. C. Heinze, WMC president of our home district, North Dakota, brought the heartwarming message, 'The WMC's will do all they can. Send clothing sizes and date of arrival.'"

Mrs. Heinze fills in the next chapter, "I contacted the women's groups of the district through the *WMC Bulletin* and the *District Echoes* and explained the situation. Richard, the oldest, would need clothing and linens for his room at Trinity Bible Institute; Roberta and

Rodney would need warm clothing and incidental expense money.

"The groups who had adopted Richard and the WMC's of the Minot Assembly (where Brother Heinze is pastor) raised almost \$300 besides personal offerings that were sent directly to the young man for school expense. With a home already open for the twins, WMC's found little problem in providing the necessities (and extras) for them.

"I was thrilled at the *togetherness* expressed in the ready response of our women to the need of *their* missionaries."

On August 7, 1967, the three young Hoovers arrived in Noonan, North Dakota. The question mark about "How shall we keep warm," was soon erased. WMC offerings were waiting to buy warm winter clothing for the "thin-blooded" youths.

Roberta wrote her parents and younger brother in Brazil, "I have almost enough money for a winter coat and snow boots." Rodney added, "... two sweaters under a warm jacket, and still my teeth chatter, but I'm happy." From Richard in Trinity was the note, "WMC's in _____ sent me towels and bedding, those in _____ gave me \$80 for clothes."

Mrs. Hoover concludes, "How comforting to be able to entrust our children to our North Dakota friends. While our children's thin Brazilian blood thickens, may we say a sincere thanks to the WMC's who so completely answered their question, 'How shall we keep warm?'"



SOLOMON RECEIVES WISDOM

Sunday School Lesson for July 21, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

1 KINGS 3:5-15

IN OUR LESSONS FOR THIS QUARTER we return to the study of Old Testament history and center our attention upon the kings, heroes, and prophets of Israel. The first lessons deal with the life of King Solomon.

SOLOMON'S OPPORTUNITY

"In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." The young king, scarcely more than 20 years old, had just offered "a thousand burnt offerings upon the altar." What was the meaning of such colossal sacrifice? Solomon felt very keenly the tremendous responsibility which rested upon him and desired to seek God's help. God responded with a "blank check," leaving the young king to fill it in.

A man's prayers are an index of his character and the bent of his heart. Whatever Solomon wanted was his for the asking. How would he respond?

SOLOMON'S CHOICE

Consider the admirable qualities Solomon revealed by his reply:

1. *His gratitude.* Solomon thanked God for His goodness to his father David. He recognized that he himself

A WISE DECISION



had become king by the grace of God and was grateful.

2. *His solemnity.* Solomon knew his father had been a most gifted and versatile man. It would be hard to follow such a remarkable man. Furthermore Solomon was aware that the people over whom he would rule were *God's people* and that it was no light matter to be their king.

3. *His humility.* "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." How amazing and beautiful an attitude for a man in such a position! Most monarchs would have been puffed up with self-importance, but Solomon had a sense of his human inability. Absalom, the vain and foolish, *wanted* to be king; Solomon, the wise, trembled at the thought. The wisest, most godly leaders are conscious of their own deficiencies and of their utter dependence upon God.

4. *His unselfishness.* "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" What a noble desire this was! No hankering here after exaltation in the eyes of man! No catering to selfish ambitions! No prayer for material gain! Instead Solomon prayed for something intangible and eternal—something which would enable him to fulfill properly his divine calling—"an understanding heart" (that is, a "discerning," or "hearing" heart).

THE VALUE OF AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

Is it not true that about 90 percent of the trouble which arises between nations, families, and friends (and within churches) is due to misunderstanding?

1. *Understanding begets love for others.* The old familiar lines are indeed true—"We would love each other better if we only understood."

2. *Understanding banishes criticism.* We are harsh in our demands upon others and in our estimates of them because we lack proper understanding of their background, temperament, opportunities, etc.

3. *Understanding enables one to provide spiritual help.* Hundreds of times, both publicly and privately, I have thanked God for choice men and women of God, possessors of understanding hearts, to whom I have been able to go for help in times of spiritual difficulty.

HOW TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

1. *We must understand ourselves,* seeing ourselves in the light of God's revelation of Himself. The man to whom the Holy Spirit has granted such a revelation will not have the cold, contemptuous, self-deceived spirit of the Pharisee.

2. *We must remember that our knowledge is limited* (1 Samuel 16:7). When tempted to pass judgment, let us remind ourselves, "There is always one more fact in everybody's case that I do not know."

3. *We must look for the good in others.* One cannot understand a person by looking only at his faults any more than he can understand an elephant by looking only at his trunk!

4. *We must walk in the Spirit.* The Holy Spirit is the "spirit of understanding" (Isaiah 11:2). To be filled constantly with the Spirit is the best way to develop sympathy and sensitiveness to other lives. This will enable us to understand and present to them the only answer—the unlimited love of God!

1 4³ 2 4 **FOUR THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW**

FOUR THINGS EVERY PERSON needs to know if he would receive the gracious salvation of Christ are clearly presented in the Bible. If you have not been "born again," you owe it to yourself to take notice of these truths.

1. YOU NEED TO BE SAVED.

Yes, everyone needs to be saved. You may have thought that no one needs to experience the New Birth except those who commit murders, rob banks, or run off with their neighbors' wives. But the fact is that you need salvation too, though you may not have done any of these things.

For whom did Jesus Christ die on the cross? The Bible says He "died for our sins." For whose sins? The murderer's sins? The adulterer's sins? Yes, certainly for the sins of people like that. Murderers and adulterers can be saved. Jesus died for their sins, but He died for *your* sins too. The Bible says He takes away "the sin of the world" (John 1:29) and again in 1 John 2:2 it states that He cancels "the sins of the whole world."

The Scriptures declare that "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). There is not a perfect man or woman on earth. Little sins can keep a person out of heaven as surely as big sins if they are not forgiven. Christ offered atonement for all sins, including the sins of the respectable people as well as the crimes of the wicked. You need to be saved.

2. YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.

If a man is bound in chains, he needs someone to bring a key and set him free. If he is drowning, he needs someone to rescue him. This is the predicament of every unconverted person. You will perish in your sins if you do not have a Saviour. You will remain bound by the chains of habit until you ask Him to set you free. You cannot save yourself and escape the judgment of God. That is why Christ came—to seek and to save sinners.

A number of years ago a Pullman car caught fire and a well-known physician burned to death. At the inquest one of the porters testified that he thought all the passengers were rescued from the burning car. He said he looked in and could not see anyone, but for fear there should be someone still asleep, he shouted, "Is there anybody in here? If so, save yourself." The doctor was evidently in a deep sleep, perhaps unconscious from the smoke, and quite unable to save himself.

Your predicament is similar if you are unsaved, for you cannot save yourself; but unlike the physician, you are getting the message in time. If you call upon the Saviour, you will be saved. Salvation is by His intervention, not by your own good deeds, for the Bible says it is "not of works, lest any man should boast."

3. YOU CAN BE SAVED THROUGH CHRIST.

There is One who can save you! It is Jesus Christ, God's only Son. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not treat us the way the porter treated the sleeping passenger. He did not call out to us from His throne in heaven, "Poor sinners, you are in great danger. Save yourselves." No, He personally came down to earth to save us. "He loved us and gave himself for us." He died, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

4. YOU MAY BE SAVED IMMEDIATELY

God wants you to know that you may be saved today. Sin is too treacherous to entertain another moment. Life is so brief; death is so final. God says He wants you to be saved immediately. His Word says, "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

These are the facts. The gospel will not help you unless you act upon it. Why delay a single minute? Confess to God that you are a sinner. Tell Him you need to be saved. Ask His forgiveness for your sins and resolve by His grace you will be the kind of person He wants you to be. You may know without delay the pure joys of salvation and the perfect peace that comes with the assurance of forgiveness of sins.

The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Now is the time to settle the matter of your eternal destiny by receiving Christ as your personal Saviour. 



WHY IS THE CHURCH INTERESTED IN MY WRITING A WILL?

- 1** Will-making is a matter of values. Making a will is, in reality, spending money. The way a person spends his money is often an accurate clue to the kind of person he is.
- 2** Will-making is an opportunity to testify to one's faith. Even the most practical-minded estate planners recognize that making a will is basically a spiritual matter.
- 3** Finally, will-making can be a source of tremendous financial strength for Christian causes of every kind. Unmeasured dollar resources will be channeled to support Christ's Church when it becomes general practice for every member to write a will and to include in it, proportionate to his ability and situation, a bequest for Christian work.

TO: **DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802

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Please send me complete information on making a Christian Will.

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NERVOUSNESS AND PRAYER

IT IS POSSIBLE for Satan to burden us nervously in prayer, creating a feverish anxiety to tabulate answers to our petitions, bringing about a condition of things where the spiritual poise of the soul becomes shaken and restlessness takes the place of quiet confidence.

Let us guard against rush in the prayer life, against the device of the enemy to drive and push us, either to act without prayer or to pray without quietness of spirit.

Let us watch that we do not get out of touch with the Holy Spirit in His constant aim of making the finished work of Christ effective against everything in us on which Satan can operate.

—GORDON B. WATT

WHEN THEY PRAYED

ELIJAH PRAYED, and God sent fire from heaven to consume the offering and the rude altar he had built in the presence of God's enemies.

Daniel prayed, and the secret of God was made known to him to the saving of his companions.

Jesus prayed at the door of the tomb of Lazarus, and the one who had been dead four days came forth.

The thief prayed, and Jesus assured him that "today thou shalt be with me in paradise."

Paul prayed, and hundreds of churches were born in Asia Minor and Europe.

Peter prayed, and Dorcas was raised to life to have added years of service for Jesus Christ.

John Knox prayed, and Bloody Queen Mary said that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than she feared all the armies of Scotland.

John Wesley prayed, and revival came to England, sparing her the horrors of the French Revolution.

Jonathan Edwards prayed, and revival came to Northampton when more than 50 thousand people joined the churches.

Take heart and avail yourself of the greatest privilege this side of heaven. Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible.

—BILLY GRAHAM in *Teach Us to Pray*; © 1956 by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

UNANSWERED YET?

*Unanswered yet? the prayer your lips have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years?*

*Does faith begin to fail, is hope declining;
And think you all in vain those falling tears?
Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;
You shall have your desire sometime, somewhere.*

*Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered;
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted,
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock;
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done sometime, somewhere!"*

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

OF PRAYER AND BEES

WHEN JOHN CROMPTON came home to England from the tropics, he was ready to settle down. He planted an orchard, but the trees bore no fruit. He had prayed about what he should do; and now that the trees were unfruitful, he wondered if he had missed God's plan.

One day a friend mentioned that the nearest apiary was two miles away; since the trees bloomed in early spring when the weather was cool, the bees could not come so far—thus the lack of fruit.

John Crompton had not wanted to deal with bees, for he had been stung by large ones in the tropics; but he got a hive, intending to let the bees keep all the honey in return for "helping his fruit along." To his surprise he became interested in bees. He added several hives; and while the trees bore wonderful fruit, the bees produced delicious honey.

Crompton studied the bees and wrote a book about them, called *The Hive*. He had prayed only that his orchard might bear fruit, and God answered that prayer by opening the door to a larger sphere of usefulness.

When we pray for something, we should not be surprised if the answer is larger than our prayer. We serve a God of infinite resources and wisdom far beyond our own.

—KATHERINE BEVIS

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

TIME IS PRECIOUS. There is really so very little of it that we should earnestly endeavor to put it to the best possible use.

Ordinarily one would suppose we have more time now than in former years, but it seems that we have less. Strange, isn't it, that in this modern era with so many labor-saving and time-saving devices, we have less time than our forefathers?

From my own experience I have learned that I must *take* time to pray and wait on God. If we put off prayer until all of our many tasks are finished, there will be very little time for prayer because there is so much to do. So we must *lay hold* of time—we must *take* it.

Take it away from something else, if that need be. But take it you must, or you will never have it. Do not wait for someone to give it to you. Take it.

There are 60 seconds in every minute; 60 minutes in every hour; 24 hours in every day. These seconds, minutes, and hours pass before us in a continuous parade. Reach out and lay hold of as many as you can and use them to enrich your soul by waiting on the Lord, by communing with Him in the secret place of prayer.

Take time to pray!

—JOHN H. BOSTROM

ATION ON PRAYER

NOTHING COMMONPLACE IN PRAYER

WE SHOULD NEVER GIVE WAY TO THE SUGGESTION that prayer is or can be ordinary. There is nothing ordinary in any true prayer. To pray is to redeem any day from commonplace. To have one quick, flashing view of God makes common time sacred.

If we pray mechanically or by rote, or if prayer be the mere repetition of words which have never passed through the heart, then I wonder not that men have become weary of prayer and should long for it to cease. But when we truly realize the nature and scope of prayer, and when the heart beats sympathetically through the whole compass of communion with God, there can be nothing commonplace in prayer.

—JOSEPH PARKER

CHRIST PRACTICED PRAYER

PRAYER WAS MORE IMPORTANT to our Lord than His teaching and healing ministry; for although great multitudes came to hear and be healed, He withdrew Himself into the desert to pray (Luke 5:15, 16).

Miracles were not as important to Him as prayer; for instead of working miracles to deliver Peter, He said, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32).

Neither rest nor sleep was as attractive to Jesus as prayer, for "in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Often He communed with His Father all night in prayer (Luke 6:12).

In recruiting workers He regarded prayer as more important than either money or machinery. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

And once these laborers had been chosen, Jesus regarded prayer as a more necessary part of their equipment than the ability to preach. He often taught men to pray, but we have no record that He ever taught men to preach (Matthew 6:5-15).

Prayer was more important to our Lord than any other ministry, for He "ever liveth to make intercession" for us (Hebrews 7:25).

The earthly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (Luke 3:21), continued in prayer, and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34). Likewise, His heavenly ministry (John 14:16; Hebrews 7:25).

What an example He has set for us. "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

PRAYING TO DISTURB THE HEAVENLIES

CHRIST SENT OUT THE SEVENTY, two by two, on a mission of evangelizing in every city and place where they went; but He did not go with them. He must have been back somewhere praying for them. Evidently that had something to do with the success of their mission, for their own prayer lives were not capable of it.

Christ held them up in prayer until they learned to pray. After Pentecost, their prayer lives would be different. Now He was sustaining them.

Because of their success, they came back flustered. He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

This is a real truth we find in revival work. Something begins to happen in the heavenlies. We like to be down to earth and speak of sin issues and say that, when they are righted and God is faced, revival begins. But along with sin issues there are Satanic issues in the heavenlies which are also met.

The more one travels around, the more he finds that certain cities have certain atmospheres. Satan has a stronghold here and another one there. There is a Satanic power that must be broken over the very atmosphere of a place.

In certain communities during times of strong revival, I have thought almost incessantly of this passage of Scripture. I remember one place in Norway, a wicked place; yet when the power of God broke through, we could just feel God in the very atmosphere of the town. A Satanic stronghold was broken—and suddenly, too—by the Holy Spirit. And back of it was the prayer that had been answered, similar to that of the Lord when He sent the seventy out and they had success. Back of them was His prayer life. . . .

If we want to break through in the hard places, we must get down to learning our prayer lessons. The spiritual forces can be met only by prayer. We must be strong in the Lord and put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6) so that we may withstand the forces against us. If we learn the secrets of prayer, there will be no place in which we cannot succeed. God will give us the victory and success through prayer and through Christ.

—ARMIN R. GESSWEIN, in *Prophetic Word*.

THE FOOLISH THINGS I SOUGHT

*I thank Thee, God, for my unanswered prayers—
The foolish things I sought Thou hast denied;
The palace where I prayed I might abide—
For selfish ease, release from earthly care—
Relief from warning pain which I should bear;
For honors, riches, preferment, and pride—
The world's applauds like the rolling tide—
The purple robe of fame for me to wear.
How fatherly Thou art. How childish I!
Complaining for the sweets that do me harm;
No good thing dost Thou ever me deny,
All dangers fend, and soothest each alarm.
O God, my earth-desires are full of snares;
Forgive, and do not answer all my prayers.*

MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY

By RAYMOND T. RICHEY

AND HE SPAKE A PARABLE unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

These are days when we need to read this verse and read it and read it again. On our knees before God, we need to ask Him to make it real in our lives.

Men ought always to pray. Men ought to pray when the sun shines, and the birds sing, and the flowers bloom; when the heart is happy and all's well with the world. Men ought to pray when the fullness of the blessing of God is unspeakable and full of glory; when there is plenty of food in the cupboard, the bills all paid, and money to spare.

Men ought always to pray. Men ought to pray when the clouds gather and the rain descends in torrents; when the birds have hushed their song and the flowers no longer bloom; when sorrow lays its crushing weight on the heart and all's wrong with the world.

Men ought to pray when it seems that God has forgotten to be gracious; when the soul seems bleak and barren; when the flour bin is empty; when the house rent is past due and there is no money to meet the pressing bills; when the job is gone and there is no other in sight.

Men ought to pray when health is gone and hope is gone and friends are gone and money is gone and everything is gone—for God is not gone. He is ever near. He never changes.

Men ought always to pray. Ah, how little we have realized the imperativeness of this command of our Lord. For it is a command. You remember He said with reference to certain things the Pharisees had done, "These things ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone." For our Lord to say "Ye ought" should be sufficient to provoke an "I will" from the heart of every child of His.

Men ought always to pray. In every circumstance of life, under all conditions.

How are we to pray? In faith. Our Lord said, "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them [literally, believe that ye have received them], and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

How are we to pray? With fervor. We are told that fervent, effectual prayer availeth much. Now the dictionary tells us that *fervent* means "ardent in feeling; fervid"—and the word *fervid* means "burning with zeal or eagerness." So then, the prayer that avails with God is the prayer that comes from a heart burning with zeal or eagerness for the advancement of His kingdom, with a hunger for the salvation of souls, with a consuming desire to see the church of the Lord Jesus Christ quickened and restored to her first love.

May God help us in these days to remember the words of the Lord Christ: "Men ought always to pray."

"And not to faint." How prone we are to faint. The heat of the day is oppressive; the load we bear is heavy; the sorrow is great. The oppression seems too much for us. Ah, child of God, do not faint under the load. The road may be rough; the burning sun may beat upon your weary head; your soul may be parched with thirst; but "be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Reap the harvest of the prayers that have forced themselves from your aching, well-nigh breaking heart, the prayers that winged their way to the loving heart of a Father who knows and understands, the prayers that would not be denied, when you believed and, in the face of every untoward circumstance, counted, "God is faithful."

Men ought always to pray!

RAYMOND T. RICHEY WITH THE LORD

RAYMOND T. RICHEY, 74, of Houston, Tex., went to be with the Lord April 22. Brother Richey was one of the most widely known ministers in the Assemblies of God. He was ordained to the ministry in 1914 by Elders Arch Collins and E. N. Bell.

He was founder of the Houston Evangelistic Temple and served as its pastor for many years. In addition to this, Raymond T. Richey was an evangelist used of the Lord in a most miraculous min-

istry to inspire faith, and literally thousands were healed and led to Christ in his campaigns. His ministry among servicemen also met with outstanding success.

Brother Richey is survived by his wife, Eloise, and a daughter Rae Marie Hulme whose husband, James W. Hulme Jr., is a pastor in Houston.

The funeral was in Evangelistic Temple, Houston, of which W. A. Wilkerson is now pastor. Approximately 1,000 people attended. All



the pallbearers were ministers who either had been led to the Lord by Brother Richey or had gone into the ministry from Evangelistic Temple.

In addition to this, the choir was

filled almost completely with ministers and ministers' wives whose call to the ministry to some degree at least resulted from contact with Brother and Sister Raymond T. Richey.

The South Texas District was represented at the funeral by Superintendent W. S. Graham, and Assistant General Superintendent Bert Webb of Springfield represented the General Council. A number of other ministers participated in the funeral service.

IT'S JUST WHAT YOU NEED—
AND HE HAS IT FOR YOU.



BY VIOLA JACOBSON BERG

YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A SPECIAL GIFT He has selected to give you today. Are you going to meet Him so He can give you this very personal present?

Maybe it's extra grace for a trial He knows is coming your way. Maybe it's strength to face the temptation He knows Satan is about to put in your path. Perhaps He just wants to tell you how much He loves you and hear you say you love Him too.

But He wants you to stop your hectic, busy pace for a little while and draw yourself apart so you can hear His voice.

In this noisy hubbub of our world it is hard to find a quiet time to worship the Almighty. How can we expect God's voice to be heard over the traffic noises, the television, the scream of the jets? Even chiming clocks and the constant singing of a canary can keep us from concentrating for a quiet time with Him.

But He has invited us to come, and the rewards are great for the sincere and diligent seeker. "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9).

Physically how tired we get; how barren of soul we gradually become from the many demands of life. We can have help in both of these areas by taking time out to sit at Jesus' feet—to feed upon Him, the Living Bread, and to drink of Him, the Water of Life.

We have the promise that our strength shall be renewed if we wait upon the Lord. We shall mount up with wings as eagles; we shall run and not be weary; and we shall walk and not faint. (See Isaiah 40:31.)

God created man for Himself, and the human heart is lost until it finds its rest and fulfillment in God. After man has found Him and is at peace with Him through Christ, he is complete and happy only in God. Man must seek His presence as a joy, not as a duty. Through His Word and through prayer man can have the closest, most precious communion—as an obedient child with a loving father.

Only as we seek Him thus will He share His glories with us and give us deeper and fuller glimpses of Himself. The rewards for taking the time to be still before Him are some of the sweetest we shall ever enjoy this side of heaven. He is just waiting for us to come into His presence so He can reveal Himself. To the degree that we are willing to open the eyes of our souls to see His most excellent glory, to that degree will we receive the special gift He has for us today.

JULY 14, 1968

"PRAYER LINKS" FAR EXCEED GOAL—

OVER 8,400 AGREE

MORE THAN 8,400 INTERCESSORS have linked together in a mighty chain of prayer for the spiritual success of the Assemblies of God Council on Evangelism to be held August 26-29 in St. Louis.

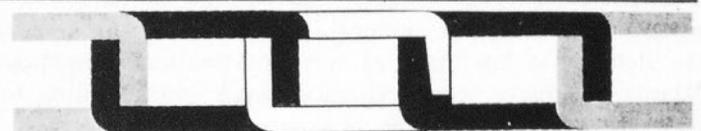
The goal of at least 1,000 "prayer links" mentioned in the May 19 *Evangel* was quickly surpassed as God's people all over the country responded, both individually and as churches, to the call to prayer.

Informed of the response, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman expressed his personal conviction that "this is one of the divine confirmations that God is going to move in the Council on Evangelism in a very definite way."

"It should be a great encouragement to all of us," he continued, "because it speaks of the spiritual hunger and willingness on the part of our constituency to become actively involved in the burden for renewal and evangelistic outreach."

Each participant has received a special bookmark as a reminder of his commitment to share in the prayer burden for this historic meeting.

August 11 has been designated as a National Day of Prayer for the Council on Evangelism. Let every assembly and member join in prayer especially for God's moving at the Council on Evangelism.



I'll form a link

IN THE CHAIN OF PRAYER FOR EVANGELISM

The links of prayer will form a mighty fence to hold back the forces of evil. Will you help? Send the coupon below to register your intention of being a part of the Chain of Prayer. Each person returning a coupon will receive a letter describing the Council on Evangelism prayer needs and a Bible marker to serve as a prayer reminder.

Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission
1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802

YES, I WILL PARTICIPATE in the Chain of Prayer. I will form a link of "two or three" who will endeavor to meet two or three times a week to pray for evangelism:

- for the Council on Evangelism in St. Louis, August 26-29
- for a personal burden for souls
- for a new commitment to evangelism by every member of the Assemblies of God
- for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in today's troubled world

My name

Address

City State Zip

OTHERS WERE GIVING THEIR REASONS FOR BEING AT DR. KING'S FUNERAL. I WONDERED WHY I WAS THERE.



EYEWITNESS AT A FUNERAL

By L. CALVIN BACON

THE VOICE ON MY CAR RADIO took on an ominous tone as it gave out the startling news: "The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has been assassinated!"

Details were sketchy. It had happened in Memphis where the Negro leader had gone to further the cause of the garbage collectors.

Then I learned that violence and fires had broken out in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

I was hundreds of miles away from Atlanta, my home. I wondered what violence might erupt there since it was also Dr. King's hometown. The safety of my wife and children became uppermost in my mind. I hurriedly brought my business affairs to a close and headed south.

Twenty-two hours later I was home. A heavy pall hung over Atlanta. Streets were deserted. One of the city's better-known citizens had been murdered.

Sunday church services were tense. Negro callers had threatened that our church would be burned to the ground following the funeral. Faith Memorial Church has stood as a landmark at the crossroads of downtown Atlanta for many years. All races have found healing for soul, mind, and body here.

Our people went to prayer. Our Tuesday morning and evening services were canceled due to the unrest, but saints of both races were on their faces before God.

The day of the funeral arrived. Reports came of further violence across the nation, but Atlanta remained calm. People were praying and staying inside. My wife and I were at the church to keep it open for those who came to pray.

I had an urge to go down the street a couple of blocks to the Ebenezer Baptist Church where the funeral service was to be held. I had no idea such throngs of people would be there. Police estimated the crowd at more than 150,000.

I was unable to get inside the building but stood with the thousands outside where I could hear the service over the church's loudspeaker.

While waiting for the service to begin, I talked to several people nearby. One, a young Negro lady, had driven from New Orleans as a representative of her group. She hadn't slept for two days.

L. Calvin Bacon is one of the pastors of Faith Memorial Church, affiliated with the Assemblies of God, Atlanta, Georgia. Ralph Byrd is the senior pastor of this church.

Because bus service had been suspended, some had walked many miles to be there.

A well-dressed woman was angrily answering a reporter who had asked why she had come. I began to wonder what I was doing there. I had told my wife I was going to write an article about it. But I had never done anything like that before; I am a pastor, not a reporter. So was this really the reason?

I began to react to my own feelings about Dr. King and what he stood for. I can't say I fully agreed with his "nonviolent civil disobedience." Nonviolence, yes; but I wasn't sure that our definitions were the same. Civil disobedience, no; I knew the Scriptures stated that we were to submit to our rulers.

Yet I knew that the American Negroes had not been treated right. For years I have felt that we have done more to evangelize the black African than we have the black American.

The crowd began to surge, and my chain of thought was broken. We were being pushed back so the ancient farm wagon could be backed into place for the casket.

Mahalia Jackson's booming voice began the closing song. We had been standing in the hot Georgia sun for several hours. The two brown mules were hitched up to the old green wagon.

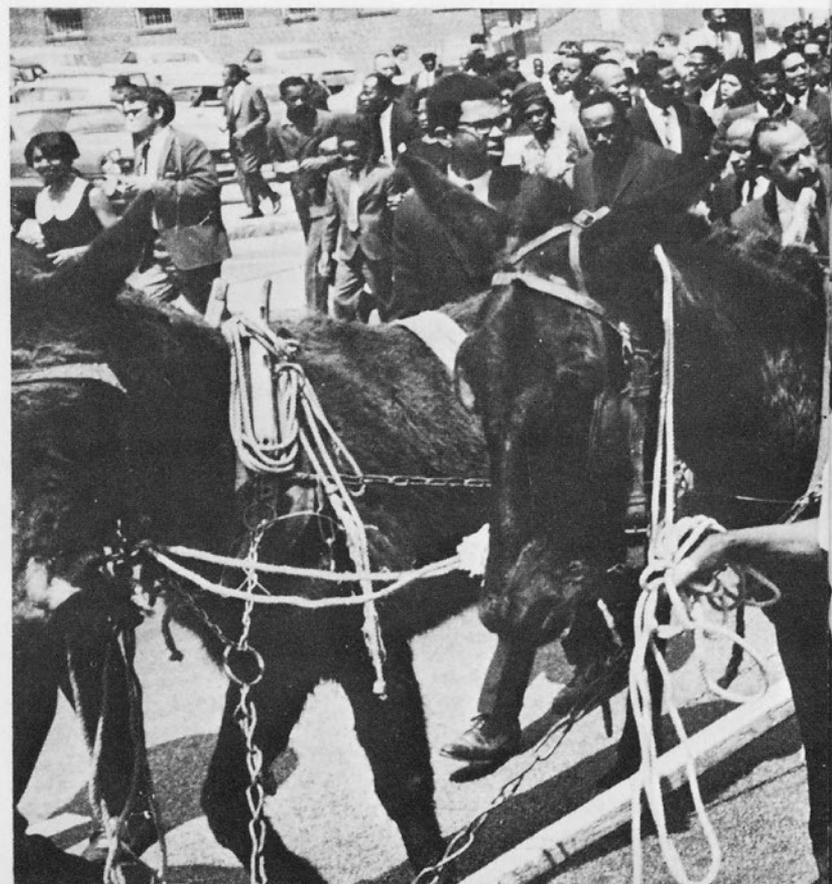
Then silence from the building. A feeling of awe swept over the crowd. The shining African mahogany casket was carried out and placed on the wagon. The balky mules began to move.

Then a fevered sensation replaced the silence. The crowd began to seeth and heave.

Almost miraculously a narrow path opened down the center of Auburn Avenue, and the cortege began.

In the turbulence I had been pushed to the heart of the street in front of the church and found myself locked arm in arm with men on either side to keep the pathway clear.

Down the four-foot path came notables of our nation and from around the world. The political figures and



the sports personalities I could recognize from the newspapers; others were identified by those around me.

Then, quicker than it started, it was over. No one seemed to have a sense of direction. People were moving every way at once.

I turned toward the now silent church with the wreath hanging over the door and wondered. Just wondered. Why all the trouble? How long will such violence last? Who is responsible? What is the solution?

The crowd began to gain its reason and fell in line down the avenue in a final tribute march. I made my way to my car and drove back to our church.

As I drove along, verses from the sixth chapter of 1 Timothy kept coming to my mind. When I got back to the church I read it:

"Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed."

The chapter spoke of godliness with contentment as being great gain. It spoke of the evil caused by those who are "doting about questions and strifes of words."

And I noticed that it concluded with a warning to those who have prospered materially that "they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God." And Paul had instructed "that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

I had wondered why I went. I now had a clearer understanding—and a new appreciation for God's Word and its ability to show us the root and the solution to our problems.

Civil rights legislation and government spending cannot, I believe, meet the basic needs of the ghettos, but the gospel can.

Perhaps the day is past when whites can minister directly to blacks. They tend to distrust the whites because of the way they have been exploited by them. But



PHOTO BY GUY HAYES—"ATLANTA JOURNAL"

Crowds stood outside Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta during the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

if we whites cannot minister directly to the American Negroes, surely we can support qualified Negro ministers who will provide some of the spiritual leadership they so desperately need in this crisis hour.

Historically the Negroes have depended on their ministers for leadership. But many of their ministers are now preaching social revolution instead of the gospel of Christ's saving power. I pray that all who love God and who love all the people of the world may find some way to help our black neighbors spiritually—through gospel preaching and Bible teaching.

While we deplore the violence that racial unrest has brought to our land, we who know the Lord and His Word must recognize that the spreading revolution and lawlessness are a part of divine judgment. Sins of omission are just as serious in God's sight as sins of commission. The sooner we repent and begin to show our Christian love toward all our fellowman, the better it will be for America.

But what we do must be done quickly.

In the funeral procession Dr. King's casket was carried on an old wagon drawn by mules.



PHOTO BY NOEL DAVIS—"ATLANTA JOURNAL"

Revivaltime

TESTIMONIES

FROM ACROSS THE NATION AND AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA

Thank God for your radio ministry. It brought me to my knees before Jesus when I prayed for Him to take over my life.

Since receiving the Lord my whole life has taken on a new meaning. I have stopped smoking, drinking, and living a life of sin.

RICHARD MOSIER
Highland, California

DELAWARE

I have listened to *Revivaltime* since 1963—both here at Dover, Delaware, and during my travels with the Air Force. I have heard your broadcast almost all over the world as I travel around.

I am on a flight crew in Military Airlift Command and spend about 12 days a month on the road.

TSGT. M. J. RUSH JR.
Dover, Delaware

INDIANA

Since the last time I wrote you, I have found the Lord. He has wonderfully saved me!

MRS. WANDA DODSON
Indianapolis, Indiana

MINNESOTA

When listening to your service on the radio I found my God. I was in sorrow and had a great burden to bear. You made me feel more secure.

MRS. MARTHA CREEMAN
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MONTANA

I asked you to pray for my husband years ago. Now at the age of 65 he is saved. Thank you, Brother Ward.

MRS. GLEN MITCHELL
Glendine, Montana

NEW JERSEY

As I listened to *Revivaltime*, I renewed my faith in God. I was a backslider and I thank God that I realized my wrong in time to be lifted up in His mercy once again.

CYNTHIA BOMEN
Pitman, New Jersey

OHIO

I have been listening to your broadcast on the radio for some time now. The things you speak about are very impressing to me. I also love to listen to all your beautiful hymns that are sung all during your program.

I used to go out with this boy—he was not the same religion as I am. I am a Roman Catholic and I believed very strongly that you should go to church on Sunday. He is a Protestant and he doesn't follow his religion. I found that very strange and told him he should go to church.

One Sunday evening I asked him to take me to his church. It impressed me very much. I did not understand at all at first, but since I have been listening to your

broadcast, I understand much better now. I would love one of your books, *Is It True—Once Saved, Always Saved*. It would help me an awful lot.

FRANCES LARAMEE
Bedford Heights, Ohio

PENNSYLVANIA

Praise His name, God is answering our prayers. He has put my husband and me on our knees. The doubts and unbelief are leaving; the light is starting to shine through.

MRS. LEONA BUTTS
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

SOUTH CAROLINA

Though I am a Baptist minister, I listen to you and your splendid program with great blessing and delight. Your Spirit-filled messages stir my soul. Please pray for me, for I truly hunger for a closer walk with God and yearn to be filled with His blessed Spirit.

CARROLL THREATT
Hopkins, South Carolina

TEXAS

Although we differ somewhat in doctrinal belief (we belong to a church of another denomination), we consider Brother Ward our radio pastor, and *Revivaltime* is really a blessing to us. We look forward to it each Sunday!

MRS. D. MEYER
Abilene, Texas

WASHINGTON

I am the minister of education at the Assembly here and would like to tell you how much I appreciate your broadcast over KGDN.

I am to report for service in the Army. Wherever God leads me, I hope I will be able to enjoy your broadcast there. I know how much I appreciated it while on missionary internship in Liberia, West Africa.

I will be remembering you, your staff, and your broadcast in my prayers.

DONALD R. MENZIES
Woodinville, Washington

ALASKA

The majority of the lost and needy most likely to profit from your Sunday evening program are not likely to write and thank you, so I do it for them. I am referring to the multitudes of natives in villages scattered about this vast state.

Your program may not show much fruit in the way of increases on church rolls or letters from this area, but such fine seed will surely bear fruit for the invisible kingdom of God.

ELWIN D. EDDY
North Pole, Alaska

BARBADOS

I am thrilled with this broadcast, and Brother Ward happens to be my favorite radio speaker. It was through his ministry on *Revivaltime* that I was challenged to leave the ministry in the Methodist church and become a Pentecostal minister. Thank God for men like him, and I really pray that God would continue to bless his ministry on the radio.

R. OWEN LOCKHART
Barbados, West Indies

CANADA

Your messages have meant so much to me. I am a denominational minister who has been filled with the Spirit. This experience has brought rich blessing to my own heart, but it has also brought a measure of persecu-

tion from my denomination. They would be happy to be rid of me. Please pray that the Lord will open up a door of ministry for me. I am believing Him to do this.

NAME WITHHELD
Shelburne, N. S., Canada

INDIA

Thank you for your messages which mean so much to me. Everytime you speak the presence of the Holy Spirit, His touch, and voice are unmistakably felt. I have experienced this over and over again, and I felt I must write and tell you about it.

Just imagine, you are so many miles away from here; and yet whenever you give the call to prayer and ask us to kneel down by our radios, there is instant connection—fellowship between you and us listeners. What a wonderful thing! At such times I often wish I could see you in person, but it seems this will be possible only after the Rapture.

MRS. NALINE RAJ
Rewa, M.P., India

PAKISTAN

I am a young Norwegian missionary and I am so happy that I found *Revivaltime*. And thank you very much indeed for the messages and for all the programs. They are such a blessing to me. I have been longing and praying for the baptism in the Holy Spirit for several years; and when I listen to your programs, this desire is strengthened. I think I cannot manage without it anymore, Please pray for me.

MARTA IRENE ERIKSROD
P. O. Pulhat, Dinajpur
East Pakistan

THAILAND

I am very interested in your broadcast which comes to me right in the jungle, about 100 miles northeast of Bangkok, from the radio station of a Thai Army anti-aircraft unit.

I would be most obliged if you could send me any of your printed matter that might be of interest to me, in addition to those I have recently heard mentioned in your broadcasts.

I am a retired journalist, doing some personal research on religion and philosophy.

MANAS MANASAPUTR
Khaeng Kol, Saroburi
Thailand

TONGA

Our small family here in the Tonga Islands have just finished listening to your radio broadcast over the local radio station, ZCO. We have become steady listeners.

One thing I especially enjoy about your sermons is that they always contain so many interesting illustrations that beautifully emphasize the many truths you speak of.

I also want you to know that your integrity and good will have influenced a great many people here to either dedicate or rededicate their lives to Christ.

PAUL E. WOLFGRAMM
Pangai, Haapai
Tonga, Friendly Islands

VIETNAM

Just a note of thanks from the men in Vietnam. It is a great inspiration to hear your broadcast. The men asked that I write this letter of appreciation for all of us.

PFC. T. E. KOEFKORN
USMC, Vietnam

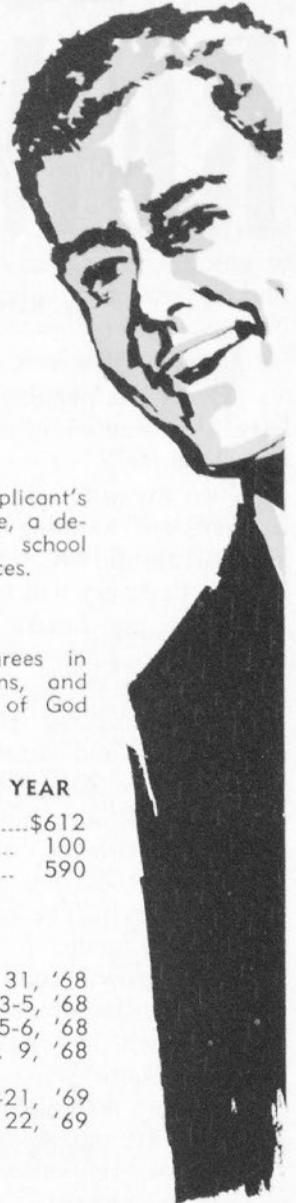
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Residence halls open	Aug. 31, '68
New student orientation	Sept. 3-5, '68
Fall semester registration	Sept. 5-6, '68
Classes begin	Sept. 9, '68
Spring semester registration	Jan. 20-21, '69
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FAITH REWARDED

By KENNETH L. CANFIELD

NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO, is Ohio's fastest growing city. Its population is nearly 30,000. Residents also have the benefits offered by the nearby larger city of Cleveland.

When my wife and I were married in North Olmsted in 1956, our wedding reception was held in the Masonic Hall. Little did we realize then that we would be going back to that very hall to pioneer a church! But God began to burden our hearts for North Olmsted, and we conducted our first service November 7, 1964, in the Masonic Hall.

What an exciting experience it was to see the numbers grow slowly and steadily until one day we reached the grand total of 20 people. Currently our Sunday school is averaging 44, and church attendance is about 65.

Coupled with the outstanding cooperation of our neighboring churches, our people laid the foundation of our present church. The experience of seeing souls saved in the services further inspired us in our venture of faith.

Steady growth continued; and although sometimes we were a bit discouraged, we reminded ourselves that the Church itself had originally been started by just *one* man—the Lord Jesus Himself! Soon there were 12 disciples. Then followed the memorable Day of Pentecost and its outstanding results. And discipleship has been the pattern ever since. This astonishing growth was due to *faith with works*.

So we persevered and eventually the Masonic Hall facilities became inadequate. We started special prayer services for a new building and church home, believing God to answer.

The North Olmsted congregation continues to grow. Plans for a new church building are underway.



The Kenneth L. Canfield family.

Soon a local minister called to tell us about some property which was for sale. We were all excited—but were equally disappointed to learn its price was far beyond our financial capacity. However, I felt impressed to leave my calling card with the owner.

About three months later, after a nonproductive period of site-seeking, I suddenly felt I should revisit the previous property. Imagine my surprise when the owner said, "I was just thinking of you!" I wondered what she meant.

"This house is far too big for me now that I'm alone," she continued. "Would you still be interested in buying it?"

I hesitated. The acreage was large and expensive-looking. It seemed to expand with every second. Before I could reply, the owner made an amazingly low offer. I knew at once I could not possibly refuse it and that God's guiding hand must certainly be behind it. God had indeed answered prayer!

Now that the property was within our reach, the district Home Missions Department immediately granted us \$1,000 from Speed-the-Light funds. Then we received gifts from the following neighboring assemblies: Painesville, \$500; Calvary Assembly (in Euclid, a suburb of Cleveland), \$350; and Bedford, \$100. In addition, we received gifts from the district WMC's and from sectional funds. The district *loaned* us another \$1,400. Also the Assembly of God in Painesville gave us \$100 a month the first year and is continuing this pledge for the second year.

The property, which includes the house and two acres of land, cost us only \$22,500 and remodeling the house for church services \$2,000.

The auditorium seats 70. The basement and upstairs houses the Sunday school. We owed \$16,000 on the mortgage and \$1,400 to the district, but our own people have contributed \$3,000 which has been applied to the mortgage.

We are now in the new church property. The Lord has abundantly supplied our needs. We have not only tripled our growth and finances, but have also purchased the "Gideon" Home Missions blueprints in anticipation of erecting a new church on the property this summer if possible. The new church will cost approximately \$75,000. Our God, who has provided for us in the past and rewarded our faith, will also provide for the future.

God has placed us strategically in the center of what is soon to be a thriving residential metropolis, with freeway added. Continue to pray with us that we may bring many souls into His fold in this community.





Doris Fellows

AN UNUSUAL PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING IS OCCURRING IN THIS ALASKAN VILLAGE.

NEW HOPE AT POINT HOPE

By DORIS FELLOWS / *Missionary-Pastor, Point Hope, Alaska*

ONE WEDNESDAY MORNING a young woman suffering from a severe toothache knocked at the parsonage door in Point Hope, Alaska. I invited her in and prayed for her. As the woman stood quietly praising the Lord for touching her, she suddenly burst into tears and raised her face to heaven. From her lips poured a heavenly language as she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The following Sunday night this woman's husband was at the altar worshipping the Lord. We prayed with him. His last words of English were, "Oh thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah!" Then for over an hour he cried, sang, and praised God in another tongue.

And the spiritual tide in this remote village of Alaska has continued to rise. A revival which began in December 1967 with the young people and children from 10 to 14 years of age has swept this community. Adults and children alike from all faiths have responded to full-gospel ministry.

What blessings our young people receive as they pray for one another and see the Holy Spirit poured out upon one group praying at the back of the church or upon an individual worshipping alone at the altar. Some are even filled after leaving the church for home.

An Episcopal minister, who held a four-day meeting in the local Episcopal church, gave his testimony of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Then he invited those who wanted this experience to come forward for prayer.

Though the old-fashioned Pentecostal manner of praying as we know it was not as evident in these services, the Spirit was nonetheless manifested. The altars were filled with hungry souls seeking the Lord. I counted at least 28 praying in tongues around the altars during the meetings, but it was impossible to get an accurate count. Included in those filled during this series of meetings were the local missionary priest and his wife, as well as the native priest and his wife.

A young couple whose home was on the rocks turned in desperation to the Assemblies of God church they had vowed never to enter and there found Christ real. As they prayed through the early hours of the morning, they were reunited and established a Christian home.

I often counsel and pray with those who come to me when all other hope is gone. For instance, one Saturday night a young girl poured out her heart to me until 3:30 a.m. Sunday night she returned for more counsel and prayer.

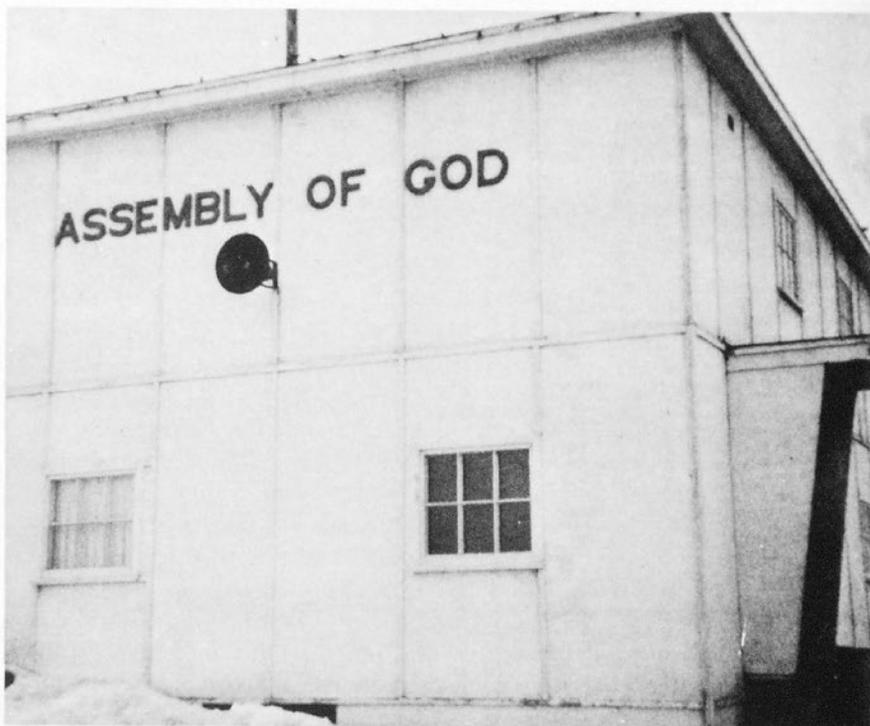
And at 5:30 a.m. a 21-year-old woman found Christ as her personal Saviour.

How wonderful it is to see the joy on the face of one who has just discovered the love of Christ is a personal, individual gift.

Due to a growing interest by the people of the town, we have been conducting morning prayer meetings and Bible study. These sessions have been a great blessing to the new converts. Since the beginning of the present spiritual move, four have been saved and 13 have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit of those who regularly attend our service. And the end is not yet!

This is a changed village! The manifestation of the Spirit to so many has made a great impact upon this small community.

The Scriptures relating to the Holy Spirit, especially Acts 2:4, 39, have new meaning—a new hope—for the people of Point Hope.



ABOVE: The Eskimo Assembly in Point Hope. LEFT: The Eskimo people welcome the boxes of clothing sent to them by the WMC groups. "Clothing Day" is especially anticipated. Some of the boxes contain yards of material and sewing notions to provide colorful dresses which the women wear over their parkas.



Miss Sigman in her room at Bethany Retirement Home.

ONE OF A SERIES IN WHICH MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES AT BETHANY RETIREMENT HOME, LAKE LAND, FLORIDA, SHARE SOME OF THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCES.

BETHANY PROFILES

By NANCY VERNA SIGMAN

TWICE IN RECENT YEARS I felt the Lord was calling me Home, but each time the thought of others unsaved caused the summons to be lifted, and I was restored to continue seeking the lost.

I was born on a farm near Hamilton, Missouri, on August 15, 1881. Owing to the talent the Lord had given me I felt I should make art my lifework. I first took a course in art history and ornamental design. Following this I studied for a year under an art teacher from Paris at Liberty College in Liberty, Missouri.

I then attended the Art Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, and for four years took eight different courses of art study, including life and portrait painting, under John Douglas Patrick, who painted the masterpiece, "Brutality."

My first employment was with an engraving company in Kansas City, but because of contracting typhoid fever I worked only for a few weeks. In 1910 I went to Chicago and attended the Art Institute of Chicago, taking special training in public school drawing and china. Then for five years I taught art in the Missouri Wesleyan College while also studying Bible, piano, voice, and expression. A nervous breakdown in 1915 forced my resignation at the college.

In 1923, still in poor health, I attended a divine healing campaign in Kansas City. God healed my body. Friends informed the evangelist that I was an artist, so after an interview I was asked to illustrate his magazine and also his sermons and songs with colored chalks.

As the blessing and anointing of the Lord rested upon this ministry, I felt the call of God to use my talent for His glory and joined the Walker Evangelistic Party. One outstanding campaign was held in a Kansas City tabernacle seating 6,000. The campaign continued for two months. Hundreds were saved and healed as the mighty power of God was manifested. The party then moved on to Joplin, Missouri, where for a month in a large tent scores were saved and healed.

In 1926-27 I served in a number of campaigns in Missouri and Iowa. And in 1928 I received a call to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to assist in pastoral duties in the Full Gospel Tabernacle of C. S. Osterhus of World's Faith Missionary Association.

I attended an Assemblies of God camp meeting in 1930 at Princeton, Missouri. Here I realized that God had a deeper experience for His people—an experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A few months later in my home I received this experience. With a newfound anointing I pressed forward in the Lord's service.

I painted my first large painting (6 by 8 feet) in 1935 with the theme taken from Revelation 19:11: "Armageddon." The next year I painted the "Rapture" from 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

I then went to California where I continued in evangelistic work. I illustrated for Raymond T. Richey in Angelus Temple, and one of the paintings was hung in their gallery. While I was in California, the Lord gave me three more large paintings: "Two Roads," "Four Horsemen," and "The Holy City" with messages on each of them.

I attended the 1939 General Council in Springfield, Missouri, after which a co-worker and I traveled in the Midwest. Two years later I painted a "Portrait of Deity" for our church. This painting now hangs in the Prayer Chapel at the Assemblies of God Headquarters in Springfield.

In the early 40's, I traveled in the Ozarks using my painting in preaching the full gospel. A number were saved and baptized.

The chalk illustrations I have made of songs and sermons would number in the thousands, and many thousands of tracts have been sent through the mail by radio evangelists. God alone has the complete record, and I will not know until the books are opened and the rewards

This painting by Miss Sigman hangs in the prayer chapel at the Assemblies of God Headquarters in Springfield, Mo.



given out the joy which will be mine because I had some little part in their redemption. I then will praise and magnify my Lord throughout all eternity.

I want to praise God now for His gifts. He gave me a special gift for portrait painting by which I might have received plenty of this world's goods, but by His wisdom He led me into gospel illustrating.

I have passed my "three score and ten," so it can't be long, and may be soon, when I shall be "crossing the bar." But it will only be a shadow before entering that glory world with Jesus. Will you come and go with me to my Father's house?

* * *

NOTE: In 1967, Miss Sigman (at 86) could no longer care for herself alone in Hamilton, Missouri, where she had made her home the past several years. Because of her physical and financial needs the Benevolence Committee made provision for her to transfer to Bethany Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida. At this writing, she had just come through an operation for cancer.

Bethany Retirement Home has become a real haven of rest for our ministers who have needed help and care in their sunset years. Remember next Sunday, July 21, is Bethany Retirement Home Day. *Please plan now to share because you care!*

STRENGTH RESTORED THROUGH ACT OF FAITH

WHEN MY HUSBAND AND I were operating a gospel mission in Chicago, I had an afternoon Bible study once a week for the women in the area. One day at noon, just two hours before the study was to begin, I suddenly became very ill. It seemed my breath was taken, and I was so weak and exhausted I felt I would die.

I had been reading the story of the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead and, as always, had thrilled to read Christ's words, "I say unto thee, arise." Now He spoke this command to me.

His words penetrated to the inner recesses of my being, and I felt a little of His life-giving power. But I was also conscious of a strong suggestion that I simply lie there and die. I recognized it was from the enemy.

A second time the Lord spoke the same words. The battle raged, and in my weakness I hesitated, hovering in the valley of death by disobedience.

In His longsuffering mercy, the Lord spoke the third time, "I say unto thee, arise."

This time I felt He would not speak again, and I said, "Yes, Lord, I will." I arose instantly, although still very weak and shaken. My husband questioned whether I was able to go to the Bible study, but I went and gave the Bible lesson with no evidence of weakness.

The weakness returned when I reached home, but after resting I attended the evening service at the mission. I reminded my husband that we had taught the people of God's power to heal, and that if I stayed home because of illness it might be a cause of stumbling to them.

No sooner had I said these words than I was instantly as well and strong as if the above had never happened. How glad I am that Satan is a defeated foe because of Calvary. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Hilda Rovik Lindal, Colorado Springs, Colo.



Let's Make This Chapel a Reality

The old prewar tabernacle was never meant to be a permanent chapel for Central Bible College. It was built very quickly as a temporary interstate camp meeting tabernacle, and for some time was used for that purpose.

Now, over 30 years later, it is in a state of constant disrepair. Not only is the building obsolete, inadequate, and unsightly, the extreme cost of making all the necessary improvements would be like building a completely new structure. The cost would be exorbitant—and then what would we have: *the same old building*. Actually, to erect the new proposed Ernest S. Williams Chapel would be more economical in the long run.

Don't you think it's time CBC had a new worship center? Of course you do.

To date a considerable amount has been contributed toward our target figure of \$350,000.00. But we can do better. May we encourage all our churches and friends of CBC, after considering the above reasons for building, to come to our aid now.

Certainly our Assemblies of God ministerial trainees need this beautiful adequate worship center—a living tribute to a living leader: Ernest S. Williams.

We know we can count on you to make it possible for us to break ground and begin the erection of this lovely contemporary chapel, real soon.

PRESIDENT OF CBC
3000 North Grant Avenue
Springfield, Mo. 65802

Yes, I am convinced that CBC needs this new chapel. I am sending the enclosed gift, not alone for this purpose, but to honor a real leader and friend of our young ministerial trainees—Ernest S. Williams. This is my vote to "Get on with the Job."

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CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg
NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

STUDENT WITNESSES POWER OF GOD'S WORD

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—During her senior year at North Central Bible College, Joyce Kiser discovered the tremendous power of the written Word of God.



Three years earlier, Joyce had lost her billfold in a department store in a city near her hometown of Clinton, Ind. She had been saving money for Bible college expenses; the wallet contained \$80.

Shortly after discovering her loss Joyce met her pastor and related the incident to him. Together they prayed that if it were not God's will for the wallet to be returned, He might use it for His glory. In the wallet were several cards from a Scripture promise box, a "Chicken" tract, and other religious items.

Recently Joyce received a letter from the lady who had found the billfold, stating she would like to

return it. She also wrote that she began attending church as a result of reading the tract and papers in the wallet. And now she had accepted Christ as her Saviour.

When Joyce went to the woman's home to pick up the wallet, the woman testified with tears of joy: "Thank God for the tract and papers concerning Christ. I

read them so often and then decided to go to church. Now my conscience is clear."

At just the time Joyce needed funds to pay her school bill, the Lord graciously supplied her need with the return of the \$80. In addition she had the joy of knowing she was instrumental in the salvation of a soul!

NCBC STUDENTS EXCEED MISSIONARY GOAL

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Students at North Central Bible College exceeded their missionary offering goal of \$3,333.33 at the 1968 missions convention. Total receipts were \$4,273.93.

The yearly goal had been set at \$12,700. By May 15, more than \$18,000 had been received.

The convention theme was, "Seize Me, Lord."

Convention speakers were: John Mazurek, Chile; Victor Hedman,

This poster depicting the main theme of NCBC's missionary convention was augmented each evening by wall displays showing the subthemes.



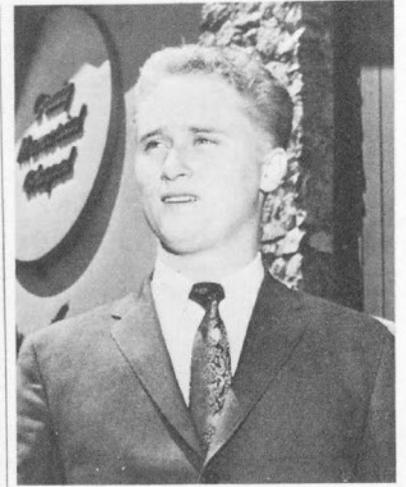
Argentina; Richard Cunningham, Togo; James Bryant, Upper Volta; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lund, Malawi; Virginia Turner, Ghana; and Wesley Hurst, home secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Mo.

Response to the nightly ministry of the missionaries was outstanding. Many of the students allowed God to seize them; they prayed for hours after services were concluded.

Subthemes of the convention were: "Seized," "Shaken," "Shackled," "Set Apart," and "Sent." Missionaries presented the "Shackled" theme by a "Prisoner's Diary." They related their call and presented the work of their individual fields.

A mock television program, "Bold Inquiry," was given twice during the week. From a "dock" located in the center of the chapel, students interviewed missionaries.

This year's objectives of prayer and personal involvement reached a climax during the convention. Students participated by praying, fasting, and planning and preparing booths which featured the various lands and peoples represented by the prayer bands.



Stanley A. Way, BBC commencement speaker whose subject was "God's Message for a Troubled Generation," emphasized genuine repentance as the scriptural prerequisite to salvation and called Christians to again bring a message of repentance to this generation.

BBC STUDENT SPEAKER GAINS EXPERIENCE

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Stanley A. Way of Fremont, Calif., commencement speaker for the Bethany Bible College class of 1968, has had a fruitful ministry during his student days. He gained practical experience while working under the auspices of the San Francisco Teen Challenge Center.

For the past year he has conducted weekly evangelistic services (with a Pentecostal emphasis) at San Quentin prison. Allowed up to two hours each Sunday evening, he has preached to as many as 100 men in a service.

At least 20 conversions have

BOYD HALL DEDICATED

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Dedication ceremonies of Central Bible College's newly-constructed Frank M. Boyd Hall, a married students' apartment building, were held here on May 2.

Frank M. Boyd, Santa Cruz, Calif., spoke to the students and guests at the 8:40 a.m. chapel service. Brother Boyd was the school's first principal.

Following his message the congregation adjourned to the building site. Acknowledgement of guests, a tribute to Brother Boyd, and a brief history of Frank M. Boyd Hall were given.

Gayle F. Lewis, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The \$200,000 building covering 12,400 square feet was completed in January 1968. Each of the 22 furnished apartments consists of a bedroom, bath, and kitchen-living room combination. Each of the two floors has a study lounge, and the building has laundry facilities.

The brick and Douglas fir exterior harmonizes with other buildings on the campus.

Brother Boyd served CBC from 1923 to 1929. He returned to the school in 1932 as dean of men and instructor, serving until 1934. Later, from 1947-63, he taught courses in Biblical prophecy.

From 1947-58, Brother Boyd was director of the Berean Bible

Institute, a correspondence school of the Assemblies of God. He has written numerous textbooks. Still

active at 84, he travels from city to city giving series of lectures on prophecy.



Seated on the deck of the new CBC apartment building listening to Frank M. Boyd are (left to right): Ralph W. Harris, retiring Alumni Association president; M. B. Netzel, general treasurer; Gayle F. Lewis, former General Superintendent; J. Roswell Flower, honorary general presbyter; Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent; Donald F. Johns, CBC dean; Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent; and Bartlett Peterson, general secretary.

been recorded as well as numerous healings. Opportunity for regular counsel with the inmates is also granted.

The faculty selected the young man as representative of his class on the basis of academic achievement, spiritual maturity, and general ability.

The new graduate desires to invest full-time efforts in the Teen Challenge-San Quentin ministries.

HAL HERMAN CHALLENGES SCC STUDENTS

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Missionary-evangelist Hal Herman was speaker for the annual spring missionary convention at Southern California College here.

The convention theme was, "By Calvary Compelled." Goals were twofold: to attain greater dedication of students to reach the lost with the gospel, and to receive pledges to expand God's work at home and abroad.

Brother Herman challenged the students with his own testimony. He started his career as a newsman, worked with General Douglas MacArthur during World War II, and later had a promising and profitable position as publicity agent for Hollywood stars.

God called Brother Herman to the ministry through a vision of Christ. He stated that his former success never brought the satisfaction he has realized in 15 years of preaching God's Word to a lost world.

He urged the students to use the little time there is left to work in the ripened harvest fields.

The convention theme was effectively implanted in the hearts



Hal Herman addressed the students at Southern California College.

of students, and they responded by seeking God's will for their lives.

SAGC PRESIDENT HEADS ASSOCIATION

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—Blake L. Farmer, president of Southwestern Assemblies of God College here,



was elected president of the Texas Junior College Association at its annual meeting in Houston.

The association is composed of 58 junior colleges, 35 of which are state-sponsored and 23 are private colleges.

Dr. Farmer has served as vice-president of the association for the past year. He was a member of the board of directors of Texas Junior College Board Members and Administrators for the three previous years.

ARTHUR GRAVES RESIGNS ADMINISTRATIVE POST

LAKELAND, FLA.—On May 1 Arthur H. Graves, president of South-Eastern Bible College, submitted his resignation due to poor health. It was accepted with regret.

He had served the past three years and had previously been president from 1946-55.

Of the three-year term Brother Graves is concluding, T. H. Spence, chairman of the Board of Directors, stated:

"The Board was most grateful that Brother Graves was able to serve during this period. His life and dedication to the college have greatly enriched the lives of faculty members and students. Through the students his influence has extended wherever they have gone. "It can be said of him as it was of David, he has 'served his own generation by the will of God.'"

Under Brother Graves' leadership, SEBC enrollment reached an all-time high of 543 for the 1967 fall semester.

In September 1967 the college

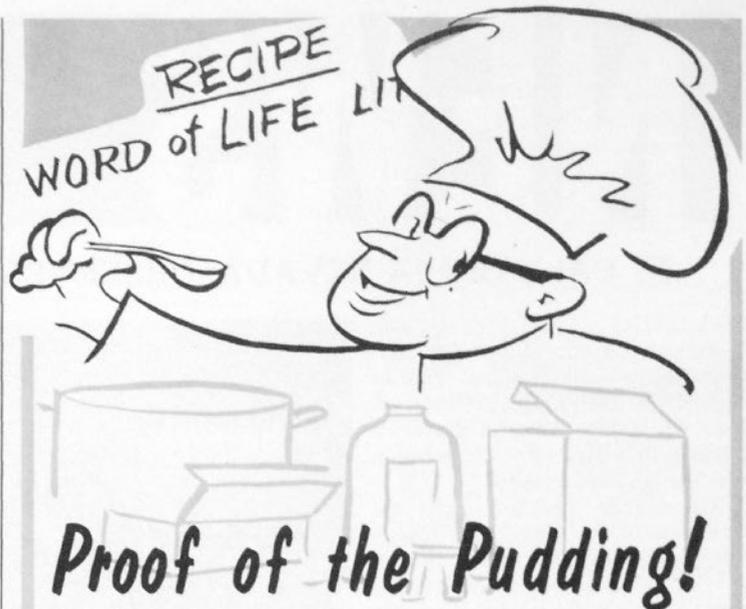


Arthur H. Graves

began an expansion program by purchasing the 13-acre site of the headquarters and campgrounds of the Peninsular Florida District. The acquisition doubles the size of the campus and provides space for future building.

The retiring president has served pastorates in Texas, Virginia, and New York. He has spoken in camp meetings in 19 different states.

James D. Brown, Mobile, Ala., has been named the new president.



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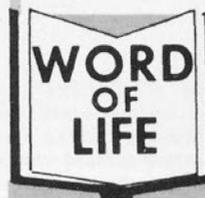
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

N. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA OBSERVES GOLDEN JUBILEE

OAKLAND, CALIF. — The Northern California-Nevada District held its 50th annual district council in the Civic Auditorium here in March. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman was the featured speaker.

All district officers were returned to office. They are: Joseph Gerhart, superintendent; Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent; and William O. Vickery, secretary-treasurer.

There was a youth rally Tuesday evening with David Wilkerson, director of New York Teen Challenge, as speaker. Some 6,500 jammed the auditorium, one of the few times it has been filled for a religious event. Several hundred young persons responded to the altar call. Jim Argue, the district C. A. president, presided.

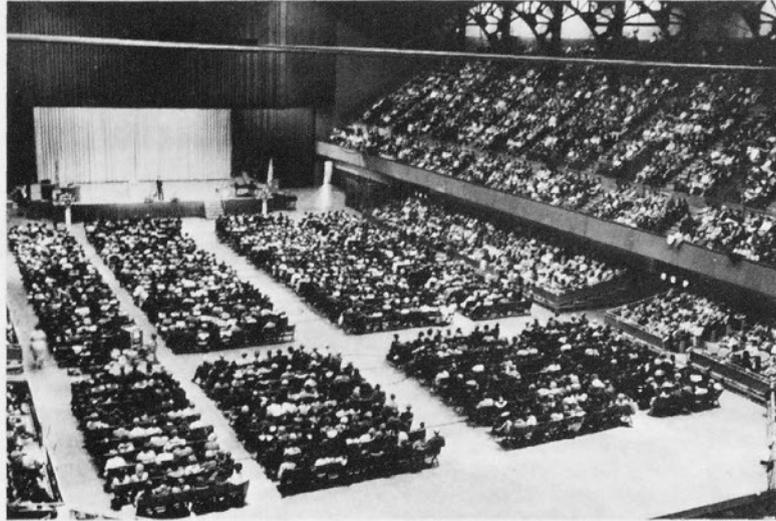
J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department, spoke to delegates at the Men's Fellowship Victory Banquet.

Victor Trimmer, Wichita, Kans., was the speaker at a home missions banquet.

Marion Ravan, field representative for the National Sunday School Department, spoke to a Christian Education luncheon on Thursday.

Nora Lam was the WMC Day speaker on Tuesday.

Theme of the council was "Arise



David Wilkerson spoke to 6,500 people at the youth rally during the 50th annual district council in Oakland, Calif.

and Go," featuring the verse, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." To emphasize the theme Superintendent Gerhart's annual report highlighted victories of the past 50 years and urged delegates to believe God for greater victories in the future.

The report included a survey of what was accomplished during the past year. It showed that World Ministries giving was \$1,043,076 making the district second in the nation.

The desired 10 percent increase in Sunday school growth is being

reached. Last year there were some 939 new Sunday school members in the district. BGMC giving was also up over the last year. Boys and girls gave over \$10,000 for missions. Berent Knutsen is district Christian Education director.

There was much C. A. activity in the past year. Youth Missions Mobilized witnessing teams visited 1,796 homes and recorded almost 100 definite decisions for Christ. The 1968 YMM teams will be going to San Jose, Costa Rica; and to Elk Grove, Calif. In giving to Speed-the-Light the district was

fourth in the nation with a total of \$34,918.

Men's Fellowship and Royal Rangers groups grew during the past year. District men gave \$18,000 to Light-for-the-Lost. E. L. Cole is MF director.

The district's Women's Missionary Council received \$400,000 in cash and new material for missionaries' needs. The YWMC, Missionettes, and Prims programs are operating in many churches in the district.

Besides being in charge of the WMC's, Goldia Anderson is also head of the district Benevolences committee. Last year the Northern California-Nevada District ranked fourth nationwide in Benevolence giving.

District activity in both home and foreign missions was most encouraging. Last year three new missionary families left the district for foreign service and four families are preparing to leave this year. District home missions has a "new look" and a desire to extend its ministry. Ruben A. Wilson is director of the World Missions Department.

The Northern California-Nevada District was organized in 1918 at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. R. J. Craig was the first chairman. Succeeding chairmen or superintendents were Mark Draper, J. Paul Thommen, R. J. Thurmond, L. R. Keys, W. T. Gaston, Leonard Palmer, and Joseph Gerhart.

NATIONAL SECRETARY RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM SAGC

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—During the commencement exercises at Southwestern Assemblies of God College on May 23, the college conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree upon Hardy W. Steinberg, national secretary of the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.

Dr. Blake Farmer, president of the college, made the presentation and read the following citation:

"Because of the some 30 years of ministry you have given to the Assemblies, the scholarship demonstrated in your various written work, your capable leadership as a church administrator, and your significant contribution in Christian education, upon the recommendation of the faculty and the approval of the board of directors,

it affords me intense personal pleasure to confer upon you the degree of doctor of divinity, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining."

The award was the second of its kind in the 40-year history of the college.

Brother Steinberg has served pastorates in Texas, Wisconsin, and Illinois, and has been an instructor at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. He also was president of Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Ill., from 1949 until 1954 when it amalgamated with CBC.

He was appointed to his present post in 1959. He is also editor

Hardy W. Steinberg (left) received an honorary degree from President Blake Farmer during commencement exercises at Southwestern Assemblies of God College.

of *Paraclete*, quarterly Assemblies of God journal concerning the person and work of the Holy Spirit.



SHAFTER, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here just closed a successful meeting with Evangelists Mary Branham and Pauline Steele. The Lord was present in every service to save, fill, heal, and make people conscious of His soon coming.

—J. W. Dollins, pastor

OWENSBORO, KY.—The people of Calvary Temple here were very free in worship to the Lord during a recent meeting with Evangelist Jimmy Merritt of Garland, Tex.

Ten persons were saved or reclaimed, 12 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 10 were refilled with the Spirit. Six persons joined the church.

Attendance was excellent considering bad weather conditions.

A revival spirit has continued at the church. Just recently five young people were baptized in the Spirit.

—Dwight Edwards, pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Alabaster	¹ Ala. District	July 15-19	Joel Palmer	Nelson White, Chm.
Ariz.	Eloy	² Bethel Temple	July 14-28	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	R. B. Little
Ark.	Springdale	Glad Tidings	July 21—	Branham & Steele	Don Smothers
Calif.	Pomona	³ First	July 14-19	Christian Hild	R. Dwight Brown
	Visalia	Southwest A/G	July 9-21	Marion & Sandra Beach	E. L. Surratt
Colo.	Denver	First	July 14-21	J. Don George Team	V. J. Crews
	Durango	A/G	July 3-14	Norman Jones	J. W. Carlile
Conn.	Willimantic	A/G	July 15-26	Eddie Cooper	Norman Suhl
Fla.	Bagdad	A/G	July 19-28	Edgar M. & Mrs. Davis	Charles Lee
	Plant City	Springhead A/G	July 21-28	S. P. & Mrs. Bostic	Thomas Capps
Ga.	McDonough	Lorraine	July 14—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Kathryn Burdett
	Milledgeville	First	July 14—	Johnny Edwards	Daniel Gatlyn
Idaho	Bellevue	⁴ S. Idaho Dist.	July 22-26	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Martin Sumner Jr.
	Twin Falls	A/G	July 14—	Arlis & Mrs. Thrasher	Blane Russell
Ill.	Bethalto	A/G	July 17-29	Ernie Eskelin	B. P. Bell
	Carlinville	¹ Illinois Dist.	July 15-19	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	D. F. Hussey, Chm.
Ind.	Jerseyville	A/G	July 23-28	Phil & Dave Hastie	Roland Hastie
	Beech Grove	Faith	July 21-28	Watters-Parri	James P. Monson
Iowa	Des Moines	Berean Chapel	July 9-21	Wesley F. Morton	David Houghton
Kans.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	July 14-21	Ken Krivohlavek	Paul F. Bryant
	North Topeka	Faith	July 14—	J. W. Henegar	O. W. Hollis
Ky.	Ewing	Blue Licks Camp Grove	July 13-20	Ken & Gloria Kashner	C. V. Gentzler
	Owensboro	⁵ High School Aud.	July 21-28	Quentin Edwards	Dwight Edward, Chm.
Md.	Cumberland	¹ Central A/G	July 14-21	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Frank Fratto
	Marshall	A/G	July 14-19	Stiver-Larson	Thomas Byrtus
Minn.	Staples	A/G	July 14-28	Neale & Mrs. Sheneman	Verlyn Nelson
	Centralia	A/G	July 21-28	Gladys Voight	Kenneth Norris
Mo.	Crocker	A/G	July 15-28	Howard Young	Billy Hill
	Marshall	First	July 14-19	Gladys Voight	Warren La Rose
Ohio	Potosi	A/G	July 14-21	Tom & Mrs. Waggoner	Roy Bennett
	Kenton	A/G	July 14-21	Doug & Judy Maners	Gary Lentz
Okla.	Lorain	⁶ Broadway	July 14—	R. L. Beavers	Keith Smith
	Loveland	Branch Hill	July 15-21	Paul & Donna Wright	Thomas L. Hughes
Okla.	Broken Bow	First	July 14-28	I. D. Rayborn	W. G. Baker
	Oklahoma City	Evangel	July 16-21	John & Robert Stephens	Floyd L. Poag
Oreg.	Tulsa	Carbondale	July 14-28	F. C. Cornell	H. D. Pieratt
	Salem	First	July 17—	Thomas Ming Sr.	A. H. Barton
Pa.	Ambridge	⁸ A/G	July 9-14	Carl E. Gammel	Eugene Petroski
	Dillsburg	A/G	July 15-21	Buchwalter-Brosey Team	J. Daniel Brendiar
Pa.	Duquesne	³ First	July 15-21	Carl E. Gammel	Charles Marvin
	Lancaster	⁷ First	July 12-19	B. Harold Conant	James E. Morris
S. C.	Littleton	Bethel	July 17-28	Don & Sharon Parker	Samuel A. Garrett
	Nicholson	A/G	July 14-28	James L. Snyder	Theron Roush
Tenn.	Tyrone	First	July 17—Aug. 4	Basell-Brown Team	A. Wm. Kyler
	Rock Hill	First	July 10-21	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Charles Quinn
Tex.	Ashland	First	July 7-21	Dennis Thrasher	Alvin Bates
	Denison	East Side	July 14—	N. B. Rayburn	L. H. Finney
Tex.	Freeport	Velasco	July 16-21	Mike & Linda Murdock	O. H. Dockray
	Houston	⁹ Shady Oaks	July 21-28	Lloyd Bates & Danny	Billy Sanders
Tex.	Kerrville	South Texas Dist.	July 15-26	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Charles Johnson
	Longview	⁸ Longview	July 7-21	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Houston Brumit
Wash.	Maydelle	A/G	July 21—	James E. & Mrs. Hazelton	B. Greer & R. Anderson
	Mesquite	First	July 14-19	Patsy Ruth Allen	Hulon Hood
Wash.	Sherman	Calvary	July 21-26	Patsy Ruth Allen	M. R. James
	Tyler	Rose Center	July 8-21	Doyle Jones	B. J. Mikulek
Wash.	Cle Elum	A/G	July 15-19	Bill L. & Mrs. Laney	Daniel Young
	Renton	A/G	July 21—	Tanner Team	John Tappero
W. Va.	Seattle	Calvary	July 21-28	George Holmes	Marcus Gaston
	Vancouver	Bethel	July 24-28	Franks Party	Sam McGill
Hawaii	Weston	A/G	July 15-28	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Frank J. De Polo
	Lihue, Kauai	A/G	July 21-Aug. 4	Henry Culbreth	Wm. Ashpole

¹Youth Camp
²Youth Crusade
³Children's Crusade

⁴Children's Camp
⁵Union Meeting

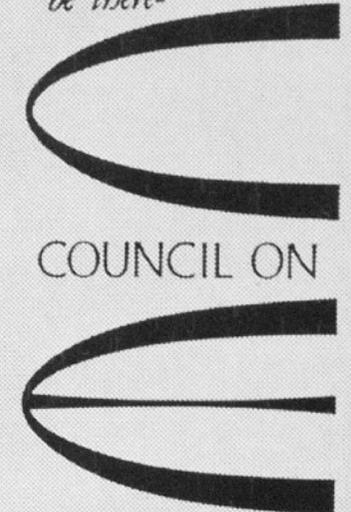
⁶Adult Camp
⁷Witness Invasion
⁸Tent Meeting

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40TH ANNIVERSARY

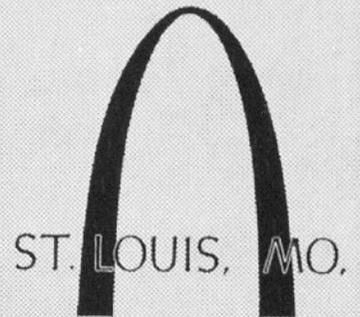
40TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES and pastor's 5th anniversary—July 21 at First Assembly, Eufaula, Okla. District Superintendent Robert E. Goggin speaking in the morning, and former pastors speaking in the evening.—by Paul Spinden, pastor.

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ORDER RESTORED

By ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI

HOW DID YOU FEEL when you heard about the rioting in our nation's capital in April?

We watched the telecasts in fascinated horror, almost unable to grasp the idea that this was reality—for it was only 60 miles away!

The presence of military power and authority was necessary to quell the destructive activity. A curfew was enforced. Thousands of arrests were made.

When after several days of tension the troops were withdrawn, we felt a great relief! We welcomed the report, "Order has been restored."

How often the human heart, seat of emotions, thoughts, and desires, resembles a riot-torn city! The Bible puts it this way:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

"Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:1-3).

Inner conflicts work like a poison to the soul and can destroy the whole body. Recent studies have proved the ill effects of emotional tension on physical and mental health. Thoughts can definitely produce changes in the body.

Doctors at the University of California, Los Angeles, Brain Research Institute, have investigated the functions of the hypothalamus—the brain segment that controls primitive reactions to anger, fear, hunger, sex, temperature, and other basics. They discovered a pathway from the hypothalamus to the pituitary gland.

The front lobe of the pituitary gland produces a hormone family which governs the thyroid, which in turn controls the pace of the body mechanism in using fuel. It also yields another chemical that stimulates the adrenal glands to release cortisonelike secretions which have many profound effects connected with stress and blood pressure.

Thus when the mind is in turmoil, the body may soon follow suit. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," Solomon stated (Proverbs 23:7). Science is yielding to the wisdom of God's Word.

Researchers also suspected that emotions of hopelessness were somehow involved in women who had cancer

of the reproductive organs. Psychological tests were given to women predisposed to this disease. Predictions of which women would be afflicted, based on a study of their emotions, were better than 75 percent accurate!

At times our rioting emotions are the result of personal disaster—heartache, broken plans, unresolved questions. Night and day they rage, disrupting sleep and filling the mind with fear and torment.

The question, "Why?" is often the igniting flame that sets the entire being ablaze with conflict. Selfish desires produce frustrations and hostilities. Selfpity is quick to hurl bombs of vengeance at all who pass by—usually those who love us most.

When the inner peace is interrupted, Satan takes advantage of the chaos as he moves in to loot the soul of its spiritual treasures. Faith is the first prize he snatches. Joy is another. Love, being the most valuable gem of all, is certain to go. In its place he leaves the smoldering ashes of hate and resentment.

While the cost of recent riots sweeps into the millions, the cost of inner discord is incalculable.

The fires of uncontrolled temper can ravage the personality, leaving scars for a lifetime.

Unbridled passion has toppled many a promising future, corroded marriages, and wiped out reputations.

In the end the destruction may be eternal: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:37).

Armed troops are useless in bringing the secret thoughts of the heart under control. A greater Presence is necessary. Only the Son of God Himself can conquer these elements of destruction.

*When Jesus comes, the tempter's power is broken;
When Jesus comes, the tears are wiped away.
He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory,
For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay.**

When His presence is recognized, the powers of darkness fade into the background.

The divided personality is made whole.

The conflicting emotions are subdued.

Order is restored.

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