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# THE MOTIVATION OF THE CHURCH

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**T**HREE THINGS provided the incentive, the stimulus, the provocation, the impulse, the motivation for the New Testament Church. These were an event, an enablement, and an emotion.

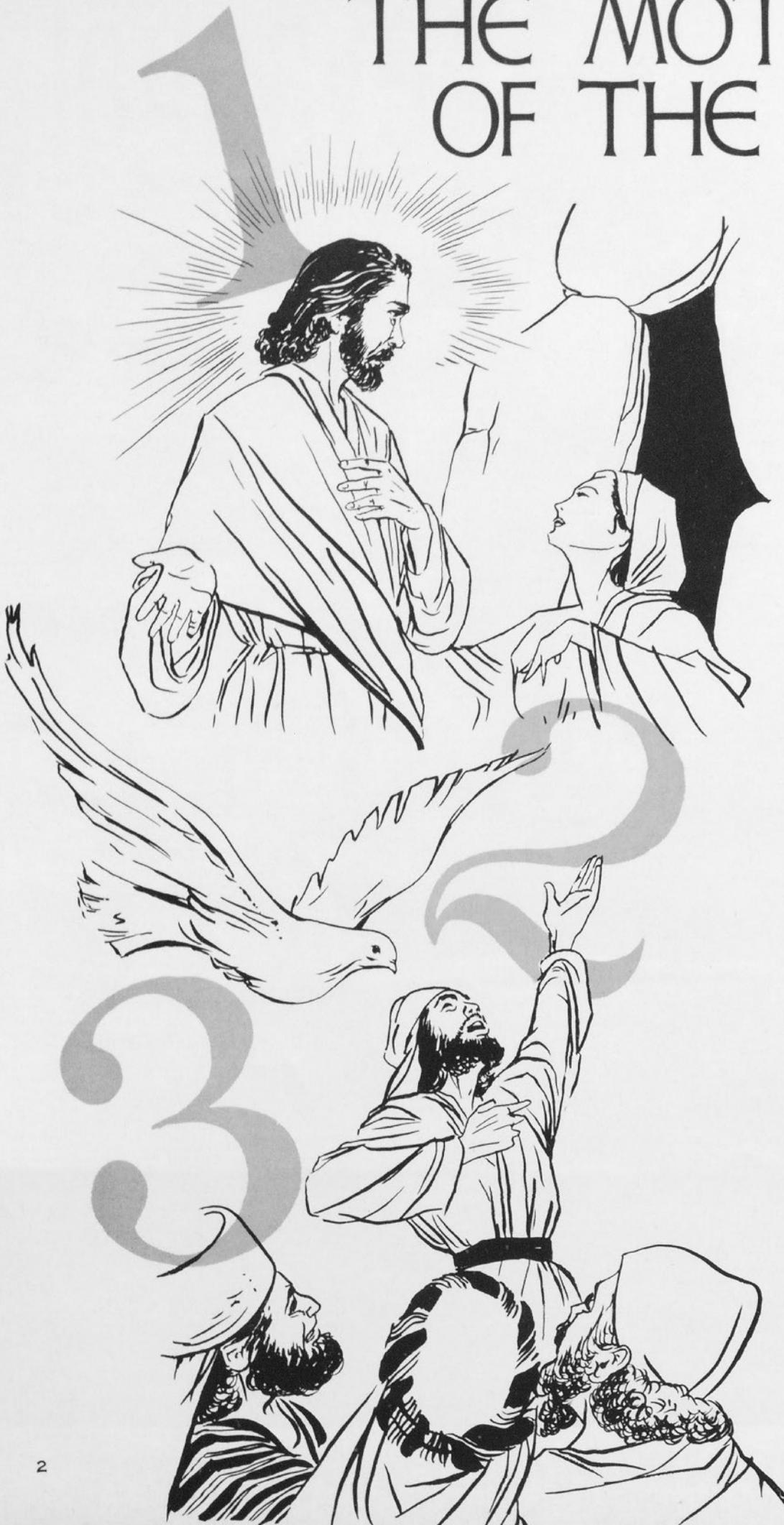
## AN EVENT

The event was the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Until Jesus was crucified and rose from the grave, His disciples did not understand what He meant when He said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." When He said to them, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," they did not comprehend because they were thinking in terms of an earthly kingdom. Their concern and their interest appeared to be on who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. "What will we get out of following Thee?" But after they saw Jesus die and rise from the grave, they did not show a great deal of interest as to what they would get in the Kingdom. But they, because of their love for Christ, were constrained to serve Him.

The enemies of Christ endeavored to destroy the New Testament Church. They crucified the Leader; but when they stopped one voice, thousands of voices took up the message. When they nailed one pair of feet to the cross, thousands of feet began to tread the trails of the world and tell men of the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ, His Son.

They put them in jail, but angels turned them loose. They brought them before authorities, but they testified of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and caused men to tremble on their thrones and cry out, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

Let your imagination go to that company of Christians huddled in the



Upper Room in Jerusalem. Jesus was gone! He had been crucified and buried, and it had been reported by several that He had arisen from the grave. Those disciples, behind locked doors and bolted windows, looked back; and when they did, they saw Calvary. The shock and the shame of it revived within them their hope in the Messiah. They thought His Kingdom had been narrowed to the dimensions of a grave, that His only throne had been six hours on a bloody cross between two thieves, but now it was reported that He was up and out of the grave and alive forevermore. They were confused.

And then as they looked within themselves, they saw inadequacies, fears, and jealousies. Impotence hung about their necks like millstones. But two things helped them in that critical hour. One was an event, and the other was a promise.

The event was that their Messiah had conquered death, hell, and the grave, and He had said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

The promise was, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

#### AN ENABLEMENT

When Jesus came to the disciples behind those closed doors in the Upper Room where, the Scripture says, "They were assembled for fear of the Jews," He greeted them saying, "Peace be unto you." And then "he showed unto them his hands and his side." It was at this time that Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And John adds so very significantly, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." That was the commission and the enablement; that was the calling and the empowerment; that was the task and, thank God, the equipment; that was the command and the authority to carry through that command.

Immediately upon receiving the Holy Spirit the disciples began witnessing. You cannot read the Acts of the Apostles without thrilling at the accomplishments made in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2, in Acts 3, in Acts 4, and right on through we

see, again and again, when they had prayed, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they gave witness with boldness.

In the Old Testament there are few exhortations to the believers to tell others about God. God did tell Ezekiel that if he failed to warn Israel, their blood would be upon his hands; but Ezekiel had the Holy Spirit upon him. In his day there was no widespread evangelistic fervor, no commission, no passion for souls, no love that loved unto death, no fire that burned to bring others to a knowledge of God.

Even among the disciples of Jesus before Pentecost there was no all-out effort to win the lost. Jesus sent out the seventy disciples, and they came back a great deal more enthused about the fact that devils were subject to them in the name of Jesus than the fact that souls were saved.

In the Old Testament, of course, the Holy Spirit only came upon prophets, upon priests, upon kings, and upon a few people who were called to a special ministry. But on the Day of Pentecost Peter stood up and said, "This Holy Spirit, this enablement, this power to witness is for all those who believe and repent—your sons and daughters, your old men, your young men and maidens, your children, your grandchildren, for Jews and for Gentiles. This is for you, your children, and all those that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

And with this glorious experience would come the responsibility of witnessing. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me." Jesus said that upon receiving the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations.

The story of the New Testament Church after receiving the enablement—that tremendous motivation—is that they went everywhere preaching; they spoke the Word of God with boldness. For the most part the disciples were ordinary men; fishermen and tax collectors. They were not prominent; in fact, they were unknown until they met Jesus. But when they met Jesus and were filled with the Holy Spirit, that made the difference. He filled their hearts and hurled them into the streets and byways, and their voices began to tell the glorious story of Jesus.

Rome lifted her fist and said, "You cannot preach." But they said, "We have seen and heard."

The ecclesiastical powers of that day said, "You cannot preach anymore in His name." But they said, "We must obey God rather than men."

They defied kings; they preached sermons; they went to prison; they died as martyrs; they shouted the message across the world; they shook the Roman Empire from center to circumference. They turned the world upside down. They had the motivation. They had the glory. They had the determination. They had the "go ye."

Now the remarkable part of this story is not the fact that they accomplished so much in such a short period of time without radio, without television, without the printed page, but that they even *tried* to do it! They tried because they had met the Master and had been filled with the Spirit and had been set on fire. They had the enablement; they had the motivation; they had the power.

We can measure our fullness of the Spirit by our desire to witness for the Lord. The fullness of the Spirit gives the motivation, the dynamics, the effectiveness, the vitality which will enable us to attempt great things for God.

#### AN EMOTION

A third motivation was an emotion. You must become emotionally involved if you are to win souls. You do not win souls by cold calculation or by good organization. You do not win souls with computers. All of those things might add something to your program in soul winning; but before you become a soul winner, you must become emotionally involved. You must have a love for souls. It is a spiritual work, and spiritual work involves the whole man—spirit, soul, and body.

We can never fulfill the Great Commission without a passion for souls. We must be motivated by the same spirit that led the Master to pause when He heard blind Bartimaeus, and when He looked in pity upon the man born blind.

We must feel some of the compassion that Jesus felt when He saw the needy, confused, hard-driven multitudes that were overcome with the mystery of life's meaning. The Scriptures tell us that "he was moved with  
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## How Shall We Vote?

ALL OF US ARE UNDER BOMBARDMENT with political propaganda these days. Whether we like it or not, we are exposed to seemingly endless claims and counterclaims of candidates for public office, and we find it extremely difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. Which men are sincere? Who is telling the truth? What party offers the best program? Which candidates are best qualified to fill responsible positions in county, state, and federal governments?

Our forefathers fought and died for the privilege of listening to political speeches and participating in the choosing of government leaders, but there are conscientious Christians today who seldom cast a ballot in general elections. They say, "I do not know enough about government matters to vote intelligently, and I really am not very interested. You know, my citizenship is in heaven."

True, but we Christians are citizens of earth also. We have a dual citizenship. If good people forfeit their franchise, evil men will determine the kind of government under which the churches will operate and the environment in which our children will grow up.

If we expect to be good citizens of heaven, Jesus said we will prove it by being good citizens here. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). Do we consider our earthly citizenship as "least"? Then we should be faithful to its responsibilities as well as to the duties attached to heavenly citizenship—and one of the responsibilities of earthly citizenship is to vote.

When the Jewish people were in Babylon, they could have held themselves aloof from civic affairs, but Jeremiah gave them this message from the Lord: "Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives . . . for in the peace thereof ye shall have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7). They could have said, "Our citizenship is in Judah, not in Babylon," but the Lord told them to do all they could for the welfare of the land in which they temporarily were living. They were pilgrims and strangers, yet they were told to be good citizens of Babylon.

The same is expected of New Testament believers. The divine command is, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:13) and one of the duties of citizenship is to cast a ballot on election day.

The question therefore arises, "How shall we vote?" No one can advise another, except to say it should be done prayerfully—and as intelligently as possible. Get as much information as you can. Mix it with sound judgment to the best of your ability. Pray for divine guidance—then go to the polls. The voter who prays for God to guide him has an obvious advantage over the nonpraying voter, regardless of his political acumen.

Pray before you cast your ballot, and pray afterwards. Pray before election day, and pray after the results are in—for our nation needs prayer. Laws are flagrantly broken; immorality is winked at; justice is scorned; drunkenness is tolerated. Rioting, lewdness, pornography, drug addiction, and other evils are met with little serious resistance. America surely needs God. Therefore we are exhorted that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). Pray, and vote—then continue to pray for those who are elected. This is the Christian's patriotic duty.

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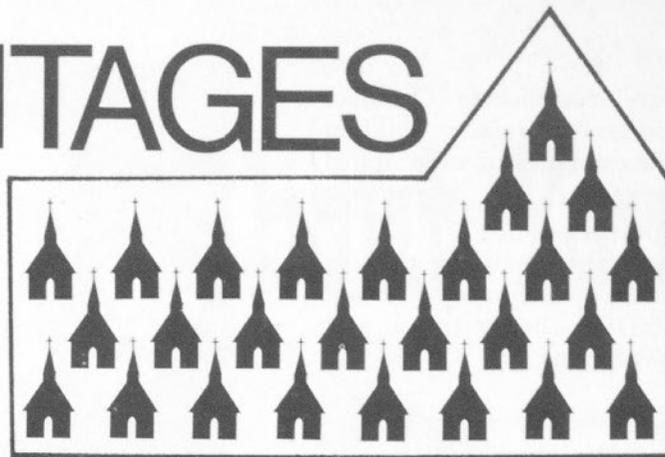
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# ADVANTAGES



# OF AFFILIATION

By T. E. Gannon / Assistant General Superintendent

**W**HY SHOULD OUR CHURCH AFFILIATE with the General Council of the Assemblies of God? I was asked this question several times while I served as a district superintendent.

The reasons I gave are listed below. They are not given in order of priority but they all merit serious thought.

## 1. A SENSE OF BELONGING

The Bible sets forth certain principles which should be considered. Romans 14:7 states, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." We as individuals were created with a nature that finds its fullest expression by associating with others. This principle can be applied to groups or churches as well as individuals.

An interesting analogy can be drawn from Deuteronomy 32:30. In this Old Testament picture we see one chasing a thousand and two putting ten thousand to flight. On this principle one can do five times as much in cooperation with another as he can do alone. We can apply this same principle to our churches.

Jesus applied this *strength-through-unity* principle in Matthew 18:19: "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father. . . ." Many of the greatest spiritual exploits are accomplished by association and united endeavor rather than by individual effort. Not only does this sense of belonging increase the effectiveness of the individual and church, but it lets each share in the rewards for the accomplishment of the united effort.

## 2. A MARK OF IDENTITY

A name can have great value. It also can be detrimental, but if it is a *good* name it is an asset. The advertising world knows the advantages of establishing "name brands." In this generation where the populace is constantly on the move and where there are so many isms and schisms, one needs guidance to develop and maintain a Christian testimony. God has so blessed the Assemblies of God that its influence has penetrated many

circles of society and the name is well known throughout the religious world. It is most helpful to a Christian who might feel discouraged and lonely to know he is a part of a fellowship of sterling believers. By the same token, there is a measure of strength for a small struggling church in being associated and identified with larger churches.

In metropolitan areas one church cannot fully meet the need or become widely known to the community. But 10 or 20 or more assemblies united under a common banner can make themselves known and take their message to the whole city.

In this age of mobility many move away from their home churches. They look for another church of "like precious faith" in their new surroundings. If they can find another of the same affiliation, they are assured of receiving the same doctrinal teaching, and they know what kind of training their children will receive.

## 3. FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING

Fellowship is a two-way street. A well-developed, properly organized church can find a great ministry in sharing its blessings with the smaller undeveloped church. It provides a way whereby the strong can bear the infirmities of the weak (Romans 15:1).

## 4. ENLARGED INFLUENCE AND MINISTRY

No one person or church can fulfill the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15). But together, organized as one body, we can more fully accomplish our mission in today's world.

If each local church tried to set up its own foreign missions program, it would prove disastrous. But an international movement can place effective workers on a given field in a minimal period of time. This is done through cooperation with those who have a knowledge of the various cultures, climates, economies, and languages of foreign lands. This speeds the light of the gospel to unevangelized fields more quickly than would an individual church effort.

Providing chaplains to minister to those in the mili-

tary, publishing sound literature, establishing Christian colleges, and unifying our efforts for training children and young people are only a few examples of what united effort can do.

#### 5. A VOICE IN CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Those who fill places of leadership to carry out the program of the church are chosen by the vote and voice of the membership. Every affiliated church has a part in selecting the officers, and in shaping the policies and program of the Movement.

How can we refuse this involvement when we are dealing with the souls of men? We must implement a program which will perpetuate the Pentecostal testimony and safeguard our own children and the succeeding generations, if Jesus tarries, from spiritual loss.

#### 6. CONSERVATION OF RESULTS

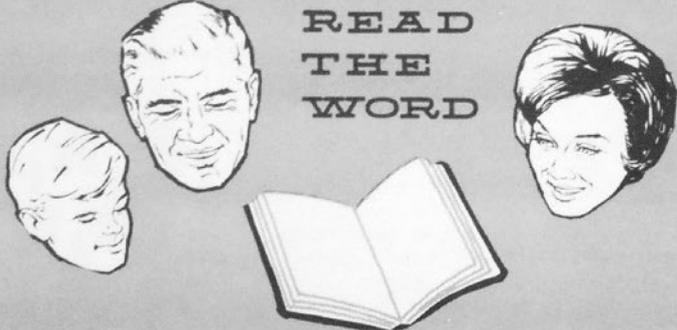
Time, money, sacrifice, and effort are invested in every church that is built. Our concern should not be confined to our brief span of life. Being part of a national organization gives a measure of assurance that the work for which it was built will continue and the fruits of the labor will be preserved. A national organization also provides a means of protecting the pulpit from those who would subvert the mission of the church.

#### 7. A SCRIPTURAL PATTERN

It is evident that God is the author of organization. Every part of His nature and creation is orderly. The placement of the stars and planets reveals order. The schedule of the seasons is a comprehensive demonstration of organization.

Paul admonished the church, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). He also wrote: "God hath set . . . in the church . . . governments" (1 Corinthians 12:28). *Governments* literally means organizers, administrators, or those who can get others to work together. While the Scriptures do not spell out how this is done, we cannot disregard the provision He has made for government.

Certain guidelines and official positions or leadership ministries are identified in the New Testament and should be recognized. With this in view the founding fathers of the Assemblies of God met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914. They sought to create a bond of fel-



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**"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10).**

lowship for those of "like precious faith" whereby they could, under the guidance of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, conserve the results of evangelism. To do this they had to understand the needs of foreign fields, comply with state and federal governmental regulations, organize ministerial schools, and sponsor publishing interests, among other matters. Thus a great and growing fellowship of Pentecostal believers came into being 54 years ago.

The churches of the Assemblies of God invite others to join their fellowship. Individuals will find many advantages in affiliating with an Assemblies of God congregation. Similar advantages may be gained by local congregations who desire to affiliate. We firmly believe such a course will enable both the individual and the church to be most effective in serving God. By joining hearts and hands we can accomplish many things together that cannot be done apart.

## The Church is Not a "Bless-me" Club

**W**E MUST CONTINUALLY BE REMINDED of the true nature of the Christian Church on earth.

It was never intended to be a refrigerator to keep a few selfish saints from spoiling. It was never intended to be an ambulance dragging along behind, picking up the wounded, making spiritual bandages, and soothing hurt feelings.

The church is not a gallery of art where Christians, as finished statues, are set up for display. It is not an assembly of sages, either.

Above all, it is not a convention to which each family merely sends a delegate.

The church is meant to be a mighty army under the divine banner: "Holiness unto the Lord." Every hour of every day this army is meant to be preaching, teaching, and ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The church is meant to be out on the front line, sometimes getting hit squarely in the face, but always leading souls to Christ.

The church is a hospital for sinners; it's a school for the unlearned and imperfect; it's a training camp to mold men in the pattern of the perfect character of Jesus Christ.

The business of the church is not to furnish hammocks for the lazy, but to offer well-fitting yokes to enable men to pull life's load.

—L. THOMAS HOLDCROFT, in *Craig Chapel Bulletin*.

# What About You?

**H**ERE IS A QUESTION that should bring Christians out of their hiding, much like the challenge that caused Elijah to speak out in the days of Ahab. When an articulate voice was needed to declare God's righteousness to a decadent age, Elijah answered the call. In the royal palace at Jezreel and on the mount of Carmel, his voice sounded the clear word of judgment, then of challenge, as he turned his nation back to God.

In today's world of crisis and change, a clear voice with apostolic certainty is needed to proclaim the principles of divine truth in relation to patriotism, morality, and religion. Can God depend upon you for a ringing testimony of truth in an hour when the nation is weighed in the balances and found wanting?

Upon what premise can a Christian build a case for Christ and His Church when compromise and man's theories rather than God's truth are so prevalent?

A cornerstone of enduring worth is that of Christian responsibility. The fact that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12) makes the individual's responsibility clear. As a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), each Christian is responsible to the Church. As a witness of Christ in the world (Acts 1:8), each Christian has a duty to his generation.

Christ is depending upon each member to speak out for Him. Only cowards will evade Christian obligation. It is easy to de-emphasize patriotism and let someone else worry about national security. It takes no courage at all to shrug one's shoulders and say with Ogden Nash:

"Why did the Lord give agility,  
If not to escape responsibility?"

What a pity if this attitude of irresponsibility creeps into the Church. Jesus said, "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:38).

The name of Martin Niemoeller stands as a white pillar of marble amid the brutalities and suffering of the Nazi concentration camps because a sense of Christian responsibility bound him to Christ in Germany's dark hour. Like the apostles who stood before the Sanhedrin and testified, "We ought to obey God rather than men," he stood and spoke out when a voice of truth was needed in Luther's fatherland.

The Bible teaches that human government "is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:4). Christians are to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). If I cannot be loyal to an earthly ruler without disobeying God, then my conscience and the Holy Spirit bid me to testify with the apostles and Martin Niemoeller, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

The second stone of strength upon which I rest my case for Christ is the joy in victorious Christian living. This life has been enriched by God's truths and spiritual ex-



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periences that give me a sense of fulfillment, an awareness of destiny, and a hope for eternity. It is not like the kingdom of corruptible, material things that some men are building today. Christian character, as Augustine reminds us, builds a life of spiritual possession and true power. I can say from a lifetime of experience with Christ, that patriotism, morality, and religion based on Bible principles are rich, rewarding, and real.

As a partaker through divine grace of Christ's nature, I am possessed inwardly with His morality. His virtuous life on earth was characterized in Hebrews 7:26 as "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners."

On the premise of my Christian responsibility and the fact that I am personally a partaker of Christ's divine life, I can speak out confidently for Him. My testimony in this hour of crisis may give someone else the courage to also speak out and to become an example for others to follow.

# WHY I BELONG TO THE CHURCH



By **ARNOLD T. OLSON**

**S**OME TAKE THE POSITION that church membership is not important. Others will go further and declare it is not even Biblical.

The reasoning goes something like this: since church membership is not essential to salvation, and if one is already a member of the universal church of Christ and a part of His body through faith, local church membership is superfluous—a man-made idea.

Such conclusions reveal a limited understanding of what the Bible has to say about the Church and the believer's relationship to it. Scores of Scripture verses can be quoted to show that (1) there is a universal Church; (2) there also is a local church; (3) there are fellowships of local churches; and (4) there were people in New Testament times who were a part of the local church and others who were not.

There are also a number of practical reasons for belonging to a local church. These reasons are listed here in the form of a personal testimony since the necessity of church membership must be a conviction of the heart.

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## I. I BELONG TO THE CHURCH AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The blessings which have come to each of us through the church of Christ in the community and at large are beyond counting.

1. It was a local church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that sent the first missionaries.

2. It was the church through a dedicated and educated group of scholars that gave us the Bible in our own language.

3. It was the church that, through the centuries, fought for the sound doctrine and at the cost of many lives brought the faith down to our generation.

4. It was the church that first established our schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, and other benevolent institutions.

5. It was the church that preserved the institution of marriage and safeguarded the home against the many influences which would destroy it.

6. It was the church which sponsored the Sunday school class where many first heard about Christ outside the family circles.

7. It was through the witness of those in the church that most of us were led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

One need but make a list of the benefits which are ours through the efforts of those associated with the organized church and place the list alongside the list of benefits from those who separate themselves from the fellowship of other believers in such groups to be convinced that the former far exceed the latter.

No amount of sacrifice, no endless hours of service can adequately repay the church for what it has meant to me. If for no other reason, I belong as an eternal expression of gratitude.

## II. I BELONG TO THE CHURCH AS A CONFESSION OF FAITH.

How can we interest others in Christ if we say we have faith but refuse to fellowship with others of like precious faith? How effective will be our praise of the Saviour when by our actions we ignore His church upon the earth and bite the very hand which brought us the message of the Redeemer?

A believer speaks to another about the things of the blessed Book. He exalts the Christ who loved the Church and gave Himself for it. Then the listener asks, "What church do you belong to?" The believer scornfully replies, "I don't belong to any church." He implies that though he is just a sinner saved by grace, he cannot find anyone with whom he can fellowship in the gospel.

There are three main ways by which we can witness. The first is by confessing Christ through baptism. The second is by confessing Christ with the mouth. The third is by taking one's stand alongside others of like precious faith in the fellowship of a local congregation.

## III. I BELONG TO THE CHURCH AS AN ADMISSION OF NEED.

Some think they are too good for the church. They see only the flaws of its members and the shortcomings of the work it attempts to do. Attendance at the synagogue service on the sabbath day was a regular habit of Christ. He did so even though He was fully aware of the hypocrisy on the part of some of the members.

Others refrain from joining because they feel they are not good enough for the church. They labor under the false impression that one must reach a certain stage of perfection and maturity before being eligible. Some congregations may put prospective members on probation. This tends to create the impression that church membership is a reward rather than a refuge. Christ places no one upon probation. There is no waiting period between initial faith and regeneration. Christ added to the Church on the Day of Pentecost such as were saved that very day.

I join the church, not because I am a mature Christian, not because I am perfect, not because I have earned admission, but because I need the fellowship of believers. I am weak and in need of strength; ignorant and hungering for knowledge of the Word; lonely and longing for the fellowship of people with like interests and problems. All of this I find as I pray, walk, worship, and work with other Christians in my local church.

To join a church is a public admission of need. It has been well said that the church is not a gallery for the better exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for education of the imperfect ones, a nursery for the care of the weak ones, a hospital for the healing of the wounded ones.

When one joins the church as an admission of need, he does not wait for some delegation to plead with him. Rather, he knocks and cries, "Brethren, I am so weak that I cannot stand alone; so please help me, open the door and let me in."

#### IV. I BELONG TO THE CHURCH AS A DEDICATION TO A TASK.

The task of making Christ known is an endless one. It is beyond the ability of a single individual. It involves many things:

The training of workers.

The printing of Bibles and Bible literature.

The sending forth of workers.

The support of missionaries.

The erection and maintenance of church buildings.

The establishment of new gospel centers and congregations.

In the local congregation there is the teaching of the child, the guidance of the youth, the strengthening of the adult, the ministry to the sick, the evangelizing of the lost, the confirming of the young believer.

There is all of this and much more. No one person can do all of it. To each is given a small part in the great program. I thus pool my efforts with those of the many—teaching but a few, supporting financially in part, praying daily in the closet and weekly in the fellowship, singing one part in the four-part harmony, giving a word of testimony as part of the message going around the world. Dedicated to the task of making Christ known, I am determined to reach as many as possible. This I do through my membership in my church.

My tithe might not be adequate to support fully a single missionary, publish a single Bible, finance a single translation, build one Sunday school room, erect a church building. But by adding mine to that of the many others these tasks can be accomplished. My testimony in the community can reach, at best, just a few, but by joining with the others I can make an impact for Christ which will be felt there and around the world. 

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*In the May 19 issue of The Pentecostal Evangel you said that Isaiah 4:1 ("seven women shall take hold of one man") probably would be the result of war (Isaiah 3:25). Why not give it a spiritual meaning, such as running after false cults?*

It is well to draw spiritual lessons from the Scriptures, but not at the sacrifice of literal truth. Through spiritualizing Biblical truth people may wander in a maze of opinions and sometimes into complete fantasies.

*We are being told we must call God by Bible names, such as El, Yaweh, etc. Is this correct?*

If we were speaking Hebrew, it would be well to use such Hebrew names for God. But since we speak English, it is well to use titles understood by English-speaking people. Some seem to think it is a sign of superspiritual knowledge or deep spirituality to get off on some trail such as this. Let us remember that "the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power," and stay on the main road. It is holiness of life and devotion to God that are important.

*Since God has provided healing for the body, is there a place in God where a person might live free from all bodily afflictions?*

Some have said that, as Moses was preserved physically, so might we be if we believe (Deuteronomy 34:7). The Bible teaches, however, that our bodies are mortal, which means subject to death. Paul spoke of his body as a "body of humiliation." Its weakness at times embarrassed him. He spoke to his "infirmities" of the flesh. As an auto grows old and breaks down, so will our bodies. This mortal body groans for immortality where sickness, pain, and death will be no more.

*Who is the woman in Galatians 4:27 who has many more children than she who has a husband?*

Paul quotes this from Isaiah 54:1, and then applies it to Hagar and Sarah. Please read the full passage, Galatians 4:21-31.

Hagar represents Mount Sinai where the Law was given; she and her children are in bondage. Ishmael, her son, represents those under the Law.

Sarah represents grace; her children are the sons of the free woman. Isaac, the child of promise, represents those who are saved by grace and not by the deeds of the Law.

Since the presence of Hagar and Ishmael brought contention into Abraham's household, the bondwoman and her son were cast out. "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free" (verse 31). "Ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14).

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



## BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF **Alaska Home Missions**

By B. P. WILSON / Superintendent of the Alaska District



**T**HE GENERAL PICTURE of Alaska ministry is most challenging. People are assuming more responsibility in their own churches and reaching out to native churches. They help with labor, finances, personnel, and ministry. More churches are giving missionary offerings.

Phillip Hatch of Seattle, Wash., recently arrived in *Aniak* to pastor our church. This is his first pastorate. The flood did much damage there, and Brother Hatch is repairing property and completing the parsonage that has been under construction for some time.

The Roland Perettis have been ministering in *Angoon* since the departure of Eva Wright. They have completely remodeled the church building and living quarters to accommodate a much larger crowd. Brother Peretti has a very effective ministry. Transportation has been a serious problem, for only on rare occasions have they been able to get out of the village for fellowship with other missionaries.

The missionaries at *Barrow*, the Darrell Redfearns, are having a successful ministry in this far-north Eskimo village. The church is strong and is fast progressing toward becoming self-supporting. The population of Barrow is rapidly increasing. Because of the oil business and military activity in the area, it has a potential of becoming a very large village. The church likewise has a potential for ministry that has not yet been realized.

Ambrose Leavitt, who was born in Barrow, has taken the work at *Beaver* and is laboring under handicaps. He has to get his wood by manpower and is urgently in need of mechanically powered machines. Brother Leavitt has a promising ministry ahead of him.

Missionary Robert Lantz of Ft. Yukon has just com-

pleted a church building at *Birch Creek*. Bill Bresko and Larry Gray, interns from Northwest College, Kirkland, Wash., assisted him. The building has been erected under the most adverse circumstances, with very little outside aid.

Brother and Sister Lantz have had a most successful ministry in *Ft. Yukon* and have gained the confidence of the people through their ministry there and at *Stevens Village*.

The Robert Umphreys have built a *new work* in *Fairbanks*, called Graehl Assembly, in a very short time. They averaged in the 40's in Sunday school attendance during their first year. The Umphreys have been a blessing, and others have given valuable help from time to time. During a revival several were saved and some filled with the Spirit. At the close the church raised enough money to send the evangelists to three of the smaller villages on the Yukon River.

Eva Wright has been ministering in a new work at *Kake*, and some of the Alaska brethren have helped considerably with volunteer labor and other contributions. The Ketchikan and Kodiak churches have joined hands to help build a church in Kake.

Ned Nusunginya, recently ordained at the Alaska District Council, is pastor at *Kaktovik* on Barter Island. He has had an outstanding ministry among the people and is recognized as an excellent leader. Sidney and Beverly Williams, who were schoolteachers there, were a great help to the work. They are now teaching in Wainwright.

The pastor at Haines, Roy Randall, also ministers at *Klukwan*. Since Brother Randall provides much of his own support and has the responsibility of the Haines church, he finds it difficult to pastor the two churches. Another worker is needed.

The John Covlasky family moved to *Kotlik* to start a work there. They have shipped their 12- by 50-foot trailer to this village for living quarters and to serve as chapel until other arrangements can be made. The Ken Andruses are assisting in this effort and at other places in the area.

At *Larsen Bay*, a comparatively new work, the Harry E. Coffmans have been repairing the building which has been purchased for a church and living quarters. Interns



Reindeer in corral at roundup time, Stebbins, Alaska.



A winter view of a street in the village of Stebbins, Alaska, showing how the snow drifts in around the homes. At right, an Eskimo home is almost covered by snow.



from colleges, who proved to be a great blessing, assisted them in the summer.

At *McGrath*, tragedy struck in the home of the Jack Wardens when their son was killed in an airplane accident. The fire-fighting aircraft crashed and burned in the mountains. Although the Wardens have worked under adverse circumstances, they have had a good ministry in this area.

The Gordon Olsons have been exemplary missionaries in their faithful labors in *Minto*. They have suffered many discouragements, yet have remained steadfast and have left an unmistakable witness in this village.

The missionaries at *Nenana*, the Richard Rutledge family, have suffered many setbacks through fire and flood and other discouragements. They have risen above all this with the help of God and the generous aid of the brethren. The Rutledges faithfully do their best to point the lost in the area to Christ.

Brother and Sister Paul E. Bills have gained the confidence of the public in *Nome*, and attendance is increasing in their services. This has been a difficult field, but with much prayer and dedicated ministry the anticipated harvest of souls will come.

After a successful ministry in *Point Hope*, Doris Fellows is going to Wainwright as pastor. The Fred Cruses of California are assuming the Point Hope pastorate. Sister Fellows won many to the Lord in Point Hope, and many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This has been a great victory for the Lord.

The Alvin Capeners are undertaking the establishment of a new church on *St. Paul Island*, which is probably the most western site in the United States or in the Western Hemisphere for an Assemblies of God church. It is one of the Pribilof Islands, a group of four islands in the Bering Sea. The Pribilofs are approximately 300 miles north of the Aleutian Chain and 300 miles off the west coast of Alaska. (This is the Capeners' sixth pioneering venture in Alaska. They have built several churches. These good missionaries are presently on furlough.)

The Billy Williamses continue to minister at *St. Michael* and *Stebbins*. Taking care of two stations makes their work difficult, but they are doing their best to reach souls in both places.

*Stevens Village* has been without a missionary for several months, but soon the K. W. Thomsons will arrive to carry on the work. In the meantime, the young people from the Fairbanks and North Pole assemblies

have been flying out and helping in the services over Sunday. This has been a great source of encouragement to our people in Stevens Village.

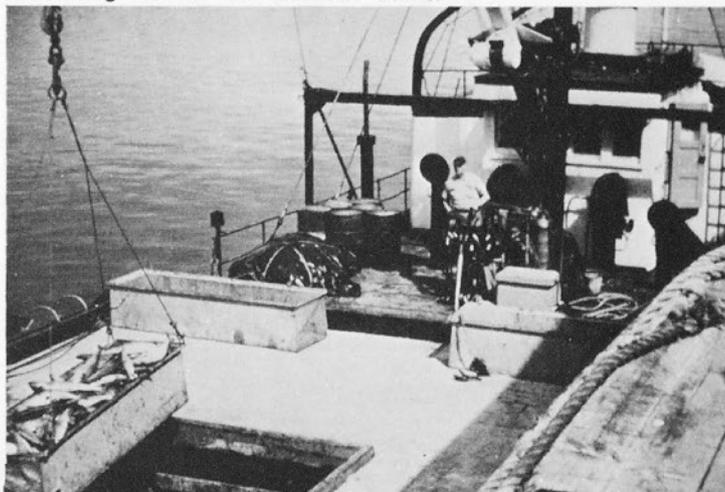
During the past few months, the work at *Wainwright* has been cared for by the local brethren who have ministered to their own people and will continue to do so until Doris Fellows arrives about the first of November. The Eric Pahls formerly had a most successful ministry in Wainwright.

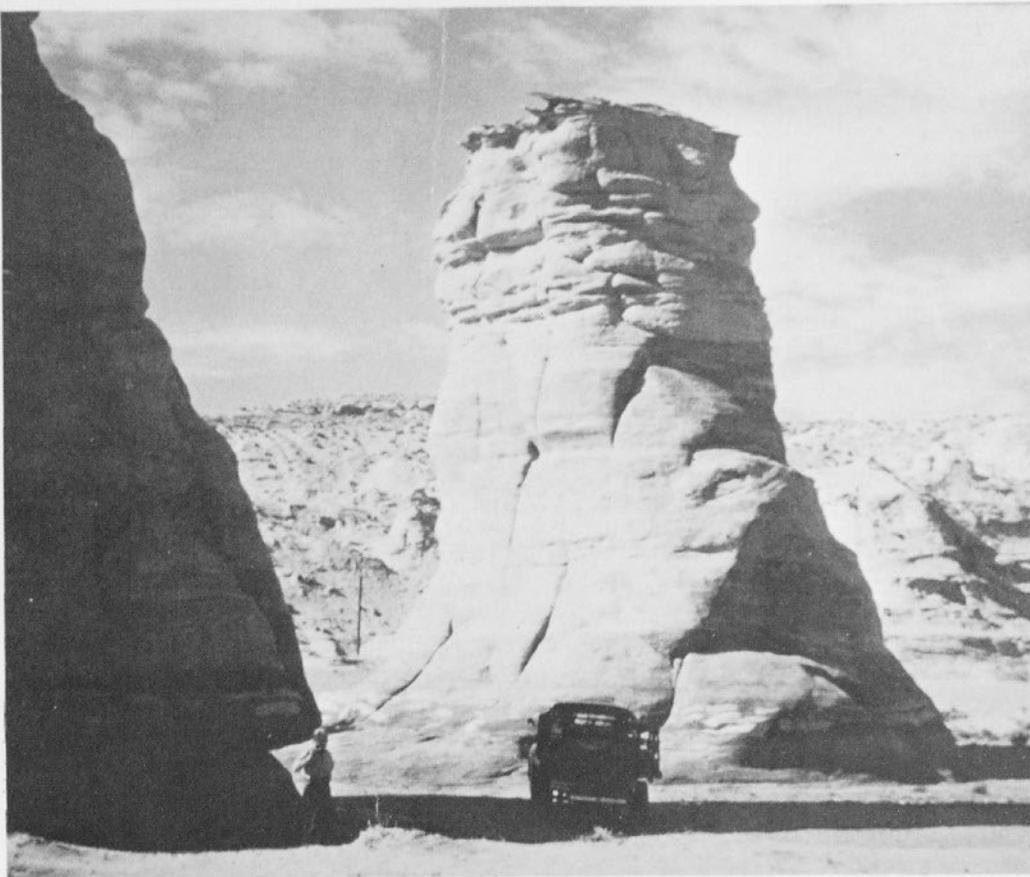
Donald Von Wald has labored faithfully for several years at *Yakutat*, but he will be leaving soon and will be replaced by the Fred Coys. We hope before long to be able to secure property and build living quarters and a church there. The Alaska District is presently gathering funds through the Minuteman program to assist in this work.



Eskimos dipping candlefish at Barrow, Alaska.

Unloading fish at the Cordova docks.





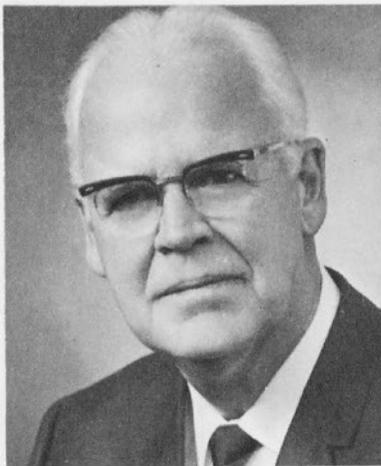
A typical scene in the Indian country of the Southwest.

**T**HE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT of the Assemblies of God has been engaged in evangelizing the American Indians for the past 25 years. More than 100 churches have been established on 70 reservations and in communities where large concentrations of Indian people are found. During these years of ministry the gospel has been brought to *many* thousands of our American Indians.

According to the most recent statistics, there are over half a million Indians living on 300 reservations scattered across the nation. The amount of evangelical work being done among them, apart from the Assemblies of God missionaries, is very limited.

It was my privilege a few weeks ago to travel with J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District, to visit 30 of our mission stations among the Papago, Yaqui, Hopi, Maricopa, Navaho, Pima, and Apache tribes in Arizona and New Mexico.

The missionaries serving these



# I VISITED THE INDIAN RESERVATIONS

By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT / *Executive Director of Home Missions*

Apache Christians, in their colorful dresses, stand beside the Indian Assembly in San Carlos, Ariz.



This hogan serves as one of our Indian Assemblies on the Navaho Reservation. The Indians come by horse or pickup truck.



churches are dedicated people with one objective: to make Christ known to these Americans who inhabited our land before the white man came.

It was thrilling to hear an Indian woman testify how the message of Christ the Saviour, brought to her reservation by our missionary, had resulted in her conversion and that of her alcoholic husband. This message had come when she had given up hope because of demoralizing habits that bound her family.

With shining face she stood and praised God for the transforming power of the gospel which had made a new man out of her husband, and had changed her own life and that of the entire family.

After the service she and her husband were introduced to me as the presidents of the WMC and Men's Fellowship groups, respectively. Her husband is now the Indian interpreter for services in that church.

Other Indian friends also gave inspiring testimonies in practically every service in which we participated during those eight unforgettable days among the Indians.

After these experiences on the reservations I am more convinced than ever that Indian missions do pay. These converts who worship in our

Indian churches further attest, by their daily lives, that they have been transformed by the power of the gospel.

At one of the weekend camp meetings where I was privileged to preach, the *ramada* (similar to a brush arbor) was crowded with Papago Indians. I listened to their testimonies as they told of the power of the gospel to break habits and to change lives. The enduement for service that accompanied the baptism in the Holy Spirit in their lives fulfilled Acts 2:17: "I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh."

I observed that in most cases our Indian work is growing. New missions are opening, and older congregations are enlarging their facilities in order to reach more people with the message of Christ.

In order to accelerate and expand evangelism among these Indian tribes, the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., has been established. This Institute is now training Indian Christians to be ministers and evangelists. Its graduates are laying the foundation of an indigenous Indian church as they carry the gospel to their own people.

This school, which has outgrown its present facilities, has been in existence for 11 years. It operates under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department and a board of directors made up of officers, pastors, and laymen from six of the southwestern districts of our Fellowship.

A 10-acre site has been purchased in northwest Phoenix to erect a new and larger AIBI. This will enable it to enlarge its training ministry to accommodate the increasing number of Indian converts who are responding to the call of the Lord to "go preach the gospel."

Thirty young Indian men and women were enrolled as the fall term opened. This number taxes the present school to capacity, so the need for expanded facilities is urgent.

At least \$150,000 is needed for the first phase of the development of this new campus. The door is open now to reach these hungry-hearted people with the only message that can transform their lives. Attitudes are changing; time is running out; and what we do must be done quickly.

Persons interested in helping may contribute to the *American Indian Bible Institute Fund* of the National Home Missions Department. 

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# I'M GLAD JOANNE WAS PERSISTENT

By ANNE SANDBERG

JOANNE SAT IN FRONT OF ME in the high school study hall during my senior year. We became acquainted over her curiosity about the little book in which I daily made notations.

"That's my diary," I explained, "and I'm writing about my troubles."

And so Joanne Modder (now Mitchell) began talking to me about Someone who could help.

Receiving divine aid was a factor I could accept. But because I was a Catholic and was totally unenlightened about a personal relationship with Christ, I was at first unreceptive. I listened, but mostly argued.

Newly converted herself, Joanne was not experienced at witnessing, especially to someone difficult to convince. But she talked to me almost every time we met, until sometimes I wanted to flee at her approach. Nevertheless, if I avoided her, she would hand me letters in school. Her witness was persistent—between classes, after school, on the way home, and even over a dish of ice cream (a sacrificial offering from her meager after-school earnings) she would talk to me about spiritual life.

Steadfastly I withstood and argued, refusing to admit, even to myself, that my heart was beginning to hunger for an experience with God.

The real change in attitude came when my friend gave me a New Testament and extracted a promise that I would read it daily. At first it seemed

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dull and cryptic. But as I read on, I began comparing its teaching with those I had received. The great variance surprised me, and I began to wonder about what I had formerly accepted as unalterable truth.

But instead of admitting anything to Joanne, I continued to argue. She persisted in reasoning, praying, inviting me to her home, and finally to her church.

My first impressions of her church were unfavorable. The contrast between the Pentecostal service and Catholic worship was too great. Apparently Joanne was not discouraged by my lack of enthusiasm. After every service I attended, we would stand on the street corner and debate.

At last I was convinced that I should accept the Lord. Then I offered another argument: I was too young. I wanted my fun first; I would be saved later. But Joanne, knowing the hunger of my heart—which by this time was beginning to show—was undaunted by my continued rebuffs.

Many times I was at the point of surrender but held out. One day as we were walking through the corridors of high school, Joanne said, "Why not accept Him right now? I know you want to."

I pondered a moment and then said, "All right, then; I will."

That decision marked the turning point. There were many subsequent battles, spiritual struggles—in all of which Joanne acted as spiritual guardian—until one day I came into a close and joyful fellowship with the Lord.

Throughout the years I have made many friends; but none means as much to me as Joanne, whose persistent witness brought me into this glorious Christian life.

**T**HE MOUNTAINS FELL TODAY! The heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

An unspeakable dread and fear are everywhere. As disciplined editors should, we will write calmly, as if we ourselves were not terrified. Death is rampant. We are resigned that the end has come. We write with the full knowledge that these words may never reach you.

It is not that we did not have ample warning. There is no one to blame but ourselves. The One before whom we now must stand had solemnly, patiently warned us. But the Word of God had gathered dust in our homes, had been conspicuously absent from our pulpits, had become merely another reference book in our theological schools.

Now the meaning is tragically plain: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:12). So God warned us in the Bible. With an inexpressible sense of grief and shame, we confess that we scoffed with others who thought themselves wise.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof" (Isaiah 24:1). We have lived to see that moment—we who laughed. "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:17).

We have seen the stars from the heavens fall upon the earth, just as green fruit falls from the fig tree when its branches are shaken by a strong wind. Earthquakes such as men have never before known have destroyed great cities. Unnumbered millions have perished. There is panic among those who live.

Last night the moon was as red as blood. Today there is a foreboding darkness throughout the land—almost as if the sun had hidden its face behind a veil of sackcloth from the scene that is unfolding upon the earth.

People of all classes now stand before the Great White Throne. There is no escape. We have seen them—kings and men of fame; rich men and mighty military leaders; men of inter-

# THE MOUNTAINS FELL TODAY



By TOM WATSON JR

national political power—as they hide themselves in the caves and in the rocks and plead with the mountains to fall upon them. "Hide us!" is their cry with almost a single voice as they seek to escape from the wrath of God.

We await our turn without hope. Too late now to say we should have known who Jesus really is. Too late to wish we had believed. Too late to thank those who tried to press upon us His claims. In His mercy He has taken them to Himself, that they might not know the horror and the hopelessness of this our last earthly experience.

Too late now to trust the Son of God as our Saviour from sin. He stands before us a Righteous Judge. He writes no more. The last name has been added. "Whosoever [is] not found written in the book of life [is to be] cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

The mountains fell today. The end has come.

We have no word of comfort to give you.

Together—we are doomed!

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Thank God, if you are reading these words, it's not too late! The day of the Lord hasn't yet come. God is giving you one more warning. The Bible says in Acts 17:30, 31: "God . . . now

commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Christ Jesus) whom he hath ordained."

As you read this message, all the marvelous invitations and promises of God are still yours for the taking. Listen to the words of Christ Himself: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. . . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. . . . I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:9, 10, 28).

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*In my lifetime I have neglected God and rejected His Son. Now, before God, I come acknowledging my sin. As best I know how, realizing that Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again, I now repent and trust God to forgive me, and I commit my all to Him. I take the gift of eternal life. I thank Him that He is now my Saviour, and as He helps me, I shall gladly tell others of Him.*

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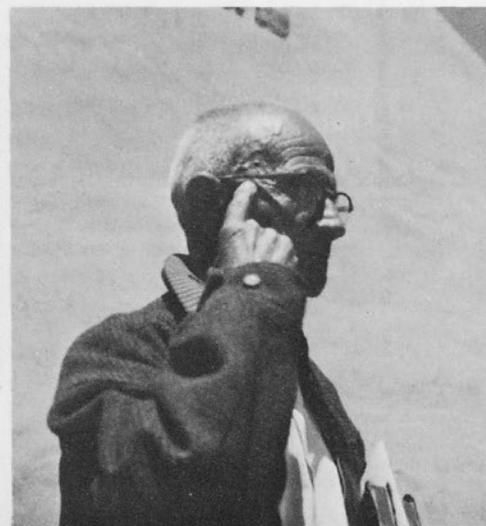
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# WITNESSING IN



TOP & LEFT: Young people hand out Light-for-the-Lost literature to people on the street and in their homes. ABOVE: Ladies' group is accompanied by "Diamonds of the King." RIGHT: Speed-the-Light sound vehicle was used to announce the meetings. BELOW: This man was healed of cancer in answer to prayer.



During this past summer Missionary Walter Kornelsen and a team of young people conducted an evangelistic ministry in Mexico. They received excellent cooperation from local authorities and were able to carry out an effective Christian witness.

The following report is by Doug Metzgar of Midland, Texas, who has since enrolled at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, to prepare for missionary service.

**I**T ALL BEGAN when we were in a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Panama and received an invitation from Mexican Assemblies of God Superintendent Guillermo Fuentes to hold evangelistic campaigns in his country.

The Lord confirmed that we should go to Mexico by supplying a group of people to work with us. La Puente Bible School, near Los Angeles, Cali-

fornia, volunteered to send a group of students to serve as soul winners, altar workers, and musicians. Our quartet was made up of Jim Peña from Idaho, Ben Delavan from Uruguay, Pedro Peliwiski from Argentina, and Isaiah Sánchez from Monterrey, Mexico.

I was in charge of the amplifiers, projectors, and the setting up of all the equipment.

The first campaign began in Mexicali, where *Hermana* (Sister) Garza is the pastor. Among the highlights of this campaign were the testimonies of the local young people who discovered that they too could have a ministry of door-to-door witnessing. The team, together with the local young people, would meet for prayer every evening before starting out.

Light-for-the-Lost literature was a tremendous asset to these campaigns.

There is no substitute for personally handing out good Christian literature.

Many of those invited during the day came to the campaigns. Later they came to the altar to accept Christ as Saviour. There the Spanish-speaking members of the team were of special help because they knew the language and circumstances of the people.

Every night for 30 minutes before the campaign started, there was a soul-winning class to help the workers overcome any problems they would encounter.

The illustrated lectures by Missionary Walter Kornelsen—using candles, chemicals, ropes, magnets, and flowers—made the plan of salvation interesting and easily understood to all.

In San Luis, Pastor Jose Hernandez happily reported that we had reached 10,000 people with the plan of salvation.

One elderly man heard about our San Luis campaign and came from 300 miles away, expecting God to heal him of a skin cancer the size of a silver dollar on his temple. God honored his faith and healed him.

In Guadalupe, where the pastor is José Acosta Zamara, a total of 9,000 people came to the meetings. The entire area was reached, and farmers came from miles around. Even the local priest attended the services several nights.

God blessed in a precious way because the Guadalupe church put forth special efforts. Each night a different department furnished the music. A trio called *Los Diamantes del Rey* (The Diamonds of the King) was a tremendous blessing, and the anointed interpreting by David Bustamante bridged the gap between English and Spanish.

As we sold hundreds of Spanish New Testaments and handed out thousands of Light-for-the-Lost tracts, we experienced an open door for our ministry in Mexico. Echoing the feeling of many, one police officer said, "We like what you are doing. You are helping our people." 

# MEXICO



ABOVE: Quartet from La Puente Bible School ministers during the Guadalupe campaign. BELOW: The evangelistic team takes time out for refreshments. Doug Metzgar at right.



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# Jesus' Rejection at Nazareth

Sunday School Lesson for November 3, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 4:14-30

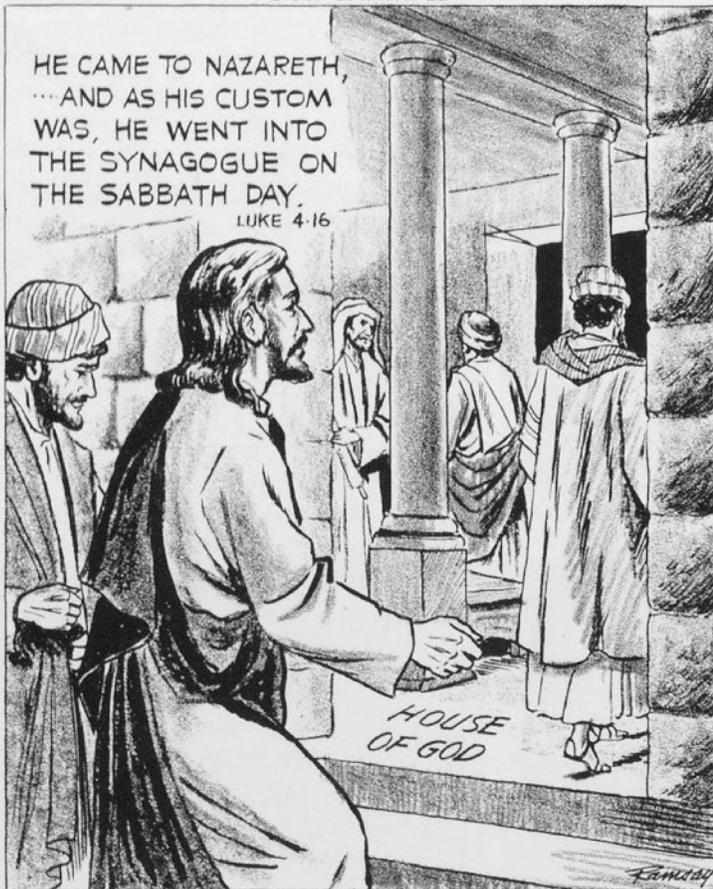
## THE RETURN TO NAZARETH (vv. 14-16)

1. *The power of Christ.* "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (v. 14). The power of the Holy Spirit had come upon Him at Jordan at His baptism, *anointing* Him for His public ministry. In the power of the Spirit He was *led* into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. In the power of the Spirit He *overcame* Satanic temptation and settled great issues, pertaining to the motives and methods which were to characterize His ministry. Having thus overcome, He returned to Galilee and began to minister with power.

Every temptation faced and overcome strengthens the believer and facilitates the Spirit's flow in and through his life. If Christ was dependent upon the Spirit, how much more are we!

2. *The hometown of Christ.* "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up" (v. 16). What memories must have filled His mind! With what eagerness and longing He must have come there to minister. Yet rejection awaited Him.

## OUR EXAMPLE



3. *The custom of Christ.* "As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day" (v. 16). Although He had recently experienced great things and enjoyed a successful ministry, He felt it necessary to attend the synagogue services. No spiritual experience exempts any believer from the need of faithfully assembling with other believers (Hebrews 10:25).

## THE SYNAGOGUE SERMON (vv. 17-19)

1. *The invitation.* It was customary, when notable visitors were present in the synagogue, to invite them to read the Scripture and give a sermon. Since Jesus was a hometown boy who had become famous, He was accorded the invitation.

2. *The text.* "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (v. 18). Probably Christ chose this passage deliberately instead of following the prearranged reading for the day. He read, of course, from Isaiah 61:1, 2.

"Because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel" (Luke 4:18). God has not anointed us with His Spirit simply to make us happy, but to enable us, as Charles Finney once said, "to fasten saving impressions upon the minds of men." In verse 18 we have: Christ the Evangelist—"to preach the gospel"; Christ the Physician—"to heal the brokenhearted"; Christ the Liberator—"to preach deliverance to the captives"; Christ the Revealer—"recovering of sight to the blind."

The Church is commissioned to duplicate the blessed ministry of Christ described in these verses (see John 20:21). And it is evident that only a supernatural ministry (in the power of the Holy Spirit) will perpetuate Pentecost and enable the Assemblies of God to meet the challenges of our times.

"To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (v. 19). A comparison of the text in Isaiah with Luke 4:19 reveals that Jesus stopped before completing this passage. Because He had come to proclaim God's grace and to offer men the blessing of God's salvation, He did not read, "... the day of vengeance of our God." We are living still in an age of grace. However, the "day of vengeance of our God" may be very near!

## THE REJECTION OF CHRIST (vv. 20-30)

These verses describe one of the great tragedies in Christ's ministry. He was rejected by those who were His familiar friends! And why was He thus rejected?

1. *He claimed to be the Messiah,* the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures.

2. *They stumbled over His lowly origin.* "Is not this Joseph's son?" How could the Messiah be the son of a poor village carpenter!

3. *They became enraged at His nonsectarianism.* His reference to Elijah and Elisha, instead of suggesting to them that charity begins wherever human need is found, suggested only that Gentiles could be admitted to God's kingdom—and this thought they could not tolerate.

What began as admiration and wonderment changed to skepticism and incredulity; then there was uncontrolled anger and violence. "And all... were filled with wrath, and rose up... and led him unto the brow of the hill... that they might cast him down headlong" (vv. 28, 29). But this was not to be. By miraculous intervention, God preserved the rejected Nazarene that He might die on a cross and thus save all who would come to Him.

# THE MOTIVATION OF THE CHURCH

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compassion." This expression reveals a kind of sympathy that does not exhaust itself in sentiment but issues in action. Jesus did something about it.

Only shallow souls and shallow minds can look upon sinning humanity with any kind of detachment and aloofness. A Spirit-filled Christian must be moved by the situation that prevails in our world today with wars and lawlessness and immorality and hypocrisy all around us. How can we be complacent? How can we sing and shout and dance about, and do nothing about a world that is perishing?

Love is not only an attitude; it is a concept. But love is more than that. It is more than a theory, more than an emotion. It is a program. It is an action. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

There are three approaches to Christianity—all necessary and essential as a whole, but unsatisfactory by themselves.

There is the *intellectual approach* to Christianity. Now a reason must be given for the hope we have. We must be rational and logical; we must be proper, correct, sophisticated, and even cautious.

Then there is the *emotional approach*. Our spiritual life must be emotional. I don't believe there can be any encounter with Jesus Christ without some kind of emotional reaction. Now I did not say hysteria, but I said emotion. There is nothing wrong with emotional sermons, emotional songs. There is nothing wrong with emotional worship. It is not even wrong to give emotionally on occasions. The harm is done when we live entirely by our emotions and are controlled by our emotions, when we have passion with no program, when we have feelings but no plans, when we have heart but very little head.

The third approach is *action*. It is the will of God that the intellectual approach and the emotional approach be reflected in our action. Our will must be brought into subjection to the will of God—not a passive will, but an active will to get on with doing the work of God and fulfilling the Great Commission.

When Jesus said to Peter, "Lovest thou me?" three times, Peter said,

"Thou knowest that I love thee." And to paraphrase what Jesus really meant, "If you love Me, get on with the work you are supposed to be doing. You don't need to express to Me your love in platitudes and in sermons and in songs, but feed My sheep; get some action into your expression of love."

There is a healthy emotion attached to the doctrine of the cross of Christ. We are told that when Luther stood looking at the painting of Christ, he cried out with the deepest emotion, "My God, my God, for me." Macaulay was so upset upon seeing the slaves of Africa that he was unable to sleep for days and nights. William Booth, when he saw the drunks in the gutters of London, was unable to eat or sleep for a week or two. These men felt deep emotion—and then they shook the world.

The movements of the world are heart movements to a great degree. Out of the heart are the issues of life. The movements of the world in most cases have been launched and carried through by men who felt keenly. God grant that we shall feel a genuine love for a perishing world.

May this be a dynamic church at work in winning the lost to Christ, and in ministering to the distressed and the discouraged, and offering strength to the weak.

May this dynamic church send out its young men and women to preach Christ at home and abroad. May our purpose be to evangelize the world. May we be a lighthouse to those in darkness, a gateway to heaven, a bulwark of the faith of our fathers, an anchor that holds in days of apostasy, a haven for the distressed and the discouraged, a source of bread for the hungry, living water for those that are athirst, an oasis for those in dry places.

May our church be the fear of hell, and the wonder of heaven, the open enemy of decay, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a friend to the friendless, a shelter from the storms of life.

May our church be "the house of God" to the crowds that throng the city streets; to the carefree youth who with joyous feet dance through the world; to the masters in the realm of thought; to the lonely hearts by men forgotten; to all, may the Assemblies of God be "the house of God." 



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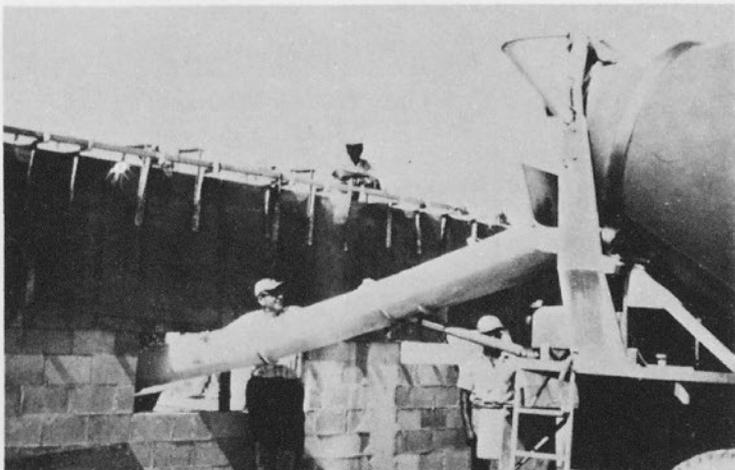
# MAPS PROJECT GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

**T**HERE IS A NEW CHURCH ON GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND!

When the Port authority of Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, granted a 99-year property lease to Missionary Robert E. Ferguson last year, the island officials required that he construct a \$40,000 Assemblies of God church within one year's time.

It seemed an impossible task. First, Missionary Ferguson did not have \$40,000. And, second, there was no nucleus of Assemblies of God people on that island to build such a church. With no money and no workers the prospects did not seem good.

But that was last year, back before the first MAPS (*Mobilization And Placement Service*) teams had gone out on missionary construction projects. As soon as the MAPS leaders knew about the need on this Atlantic island, just 78 nautical miles off the coast of Florida, they saw that this could well become the pilot project of the new program. Soon the plans were set for the first MAPS team to begin construction of the new church in December—right on the schedule demanded by the Port authority.



Workmen pouring concrete during the construction of the Assemblies of God church in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island.

The supervisor for the operation was Gordon Weden, our first construction missionary. As he prepared to go to Freeport, the MAPS office sent out an appeal for volunteer builders to help with the undertaking. The response from Assemblies of God men was gratifying, and soon a team of laymen and ministers was pouring concrete on Grand Bahama Island.

That was *Stage One* (reported in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, March 10, 1968). The deadline to begin construction had been met, and the foundation was laid. Now Missionaries Ferguson and Weden had to go into months of itinerating in the States to raise the necessary \$40,000 and their personal missionary support.

When the time came to begin *Stage Two*, Missionary Ferguson and his family returned to Grand Bahama Island on June 1, and Gordon and Bernice Weden joined them on June 11. Over the following three months they were assisted by teams of MAPS volunteers who completed the new church on September 4—well ahead of the deadline set by the local authorities. The dedication will take place about January.

Fourteen MAPS volunteers participated in the second stage of the construction. These men—carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, and other construction workers who donated their time and talents to this missionary ministry—each worked an average of two weeks on the project.

During the summer, Bernice Weden served as cook for the MAPS teams, and the Florida WMC's contributed finances for the food. This helped to cut the cost for the men and gave them home-cooked meals—an important item for hard-working men putting up a church on a subtropical island.

MAPS can now stamp *Mission Accomplished* on its pilot project. The volunteers are thrilled with their involvement in an important foreign missions operation; Missionary Robert Ferguson is deeply grateful for the generous assistance of the MAPS teams; and Construction Missionary Gordon Weden is seeing the fulfillment



Construction Missionary Gordon Weden has found a rewarding ministry in building for God. He is grateful for the help of MAPS.

of his lifelong dream to use his building skills for God on the mission field.

MAPS Representative John V. Ohlin said recently, "The next MAPS project will be in Costa Rica, where volunteer teams will construct an additional building for the Assemblies of God Bible school, now operating in very crowded quarters. The two-story structure, measuring 38 by 82 feet, will contain a radio room for the preparation of taped gospel programs, classrooms, a library, rooms for married students, and a chapel seating 350."

Gordon Weden will again be the construction supervisor; Missionary Bill Brooke is the resident missionary in charge of the project; and MAPS volunteers will do the building.

This will be a return trip for the Wedens who have been in Costa Rica five times before. He has done considerable construction work on the Bible school there, as well as putting up a missionary residence. Until the new project begins early in 1969, they will travel in the United States to raise pledged support for their special and important ministry.

The Costa Rican Bible school is located in the town of Moravia, just outside the beautiful capital city of San Jose—set like a jewel in the picturesque mountains of Central America. MAPS volunteers will not only work on the construction project, but will have the thrilling opportunity to participate in weekend ministries in the central plateau region of the country.

The MAPS program is a unique and interesting type of missionary involvement. Skilled and general workers are now being sought for the Costa Rican and other future projects.



Carpenters, masons, electricians, painters, and other construction workers are now being recruited for the COSTA RICAN PROJECT. Early in 1969, another MAPS team of volunteers will travel to the Central American republic of Costa Rica to build a two-story structure for the Assemblies of God Bible school. Men interested in participating in this important mission-field project may use the form below to contact the MAPS office.

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**LOWER PHOTO:** Norman Correll, secretary of National Christ's Ambassadors Department, congratulates the first-place winners of the Bible Quiz finals. The team, representing the South Central Region, is from Bethel Assembly of God in Arlington, Tex., where Charles E. Savage is pastor. **LEFT PHOTO:** Second-place winners in the Bible Quiz represent the Great Lakes Region. They are from the Assembly of God in Columbia, Ill., where R. H. Davis is pastor.



**Donna Baker (left) and Beth Walker are first-place winners in keyboard ensemble. They attend First Assembly in Duncan, Okla., and represent the South Central Region.**

**Winner of the keyboard solo is Rachel Di-Musto of Calvary Temple, Royal Oak, Mich., representing the Great Lakes Region.**



## BIBLE QUIZ, TALENT SEARCH WINNERS NAMED

By **CHARLES REED**

*Promotions Coordinator  
Christ's Ambassadors Department*

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Excitement mounted as the time approached for the finalists in the 1968 Teen Talent Search and Bible Quiz to be announced in the evening rally at Central Assembly here on August 20.

For two days young people had competed. The Talent Search contestants had concluded competition and were waiting to hear whether they had won in their division.

After the first-, second-, and third-place winners were announced, the top two in each category performed for the large crowd assembled. Trophies were then presented by Norman Correll, national secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department.

Because of the round-robin system used in the Teen Bible Quiz finals, the first- and second-place winners had already been determined.

Bethel Assembly in Arlington, Tex., came through as national champions winning six out of seven quizzes. They represented the North Texas District and South Central Region.

The Assembly of God in Columbia, Ill., won second place, representing the Illinois District and the Great Lakes Region.

A short demonstration quiz was held in the rally to show the two teams in action.

A first this year was the special recognition given to the individuals who accumulated the highest total score in Bible quiz

competition. Judy Purcell was the highest scorer, Claudette Dacus second highest.

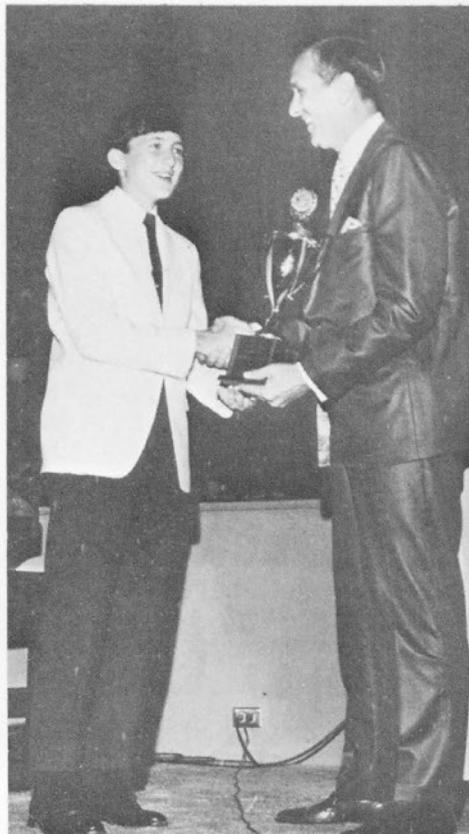
Contestants in both Bible Quiz and Talent Search were not only competing for trophies, but also scholarship awards of \$200 to \$450 each. Hardy Steinberg, national secretary of the Department of Education, represented the Assemblies of God colleges and announced that all first-place winners were eligible for the scholarships.

The thrill of hearing teens use their talent under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the demonstration of knowledge gained through Bible study, electrified the atmosphere. One could feel the excitement.

And the best part was that no one lost. Everyone who competed felt he was a winner! This was the common attitude expressed by the contestants.

One Bible quiz coach wrote, after returning home: "I wish to thank you for the way the national Bible quiz competition was handled. Even though our team did not finish high in the standings, it was a real blessing to be in Springfield for this event. It has given our kids a tremendous desire to make the finals again next year.

"I think this is one of the best programs our national department has ever developed. I have just completed my fourth year of coaching a Bible quiz team, and think it is great."



Angela Muldrow of Trinity Assembly, Elizabeth, N. J. (Northeast Region), wins first place in vocal solo.

Rusty Robinson (Gulf Region) of Calvary Temple, Springfield, Mo., receives trophy for first place in instrumental solo.

TOP: First-place winners in the instrumental ensemble are Patti Lee (left) and Linda Larson of Gospel Tabernacle in Minneapolis, Minn. They represent the North Central Region. ABOVE: First-place winners in the vocal ensemble also are from the North Central Region. They attend the Assembly of God in Willmar, Minn.



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## HEALED OF ALLERGY

I HAVE PROVED to my joy that our heavenly Father is still on the throne, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Recently I developed an allergy which caused the skin under my chin to become irritated. The whole area became red and constant moisture seeped through the pores.

The druggist told me I would have to discover what I was allergic to. At his suggestion I purchased some ointment which I used for three days. But I was allergic to it and became ill.

I tried other ointments and antiseptic powders but nothing helped. This continued for two weeks.

After a church service one evening my pastor asked me how I was. I told him I was just fine except for the allergy. He responded, with a tone of authority, "Sit down, and I will pray for you right now." When he finished he surprised me by saying that in the morning I would be all right.

The burden was lifted; it was no longer my problem. I did not put anything more on the irritation or even look at it.

When I awoke from a good night's sleep, I went to the mirror and discovered the effected area was dry. Some dead skin had already fallen off and the remainder flaked off during the day, leaving a smooth natural skin without a scar.—Mrs. Lottie Reeves, Spokane, Wash.

*(Endorsed by Pastor B. P. Birkeland, First Assembly, Spokane, Wash.)*

## BLEEDING ULCERS HEALED

AFTER MY SALVATION, I was healed so my operation was cancelled.

In 1967 I had been in the hospital three times with bleeding ulcers. Each time I received three units of blood. The last time the doctor told me if I had waited until morning I would have died.

When he released me from the hospital, he placed me on a strict diet. This was to build me physically so I could have an operation; all arrangements were made.

On July 9 I gave my heart to the Lord. My pastor and Christian friends prayed for me, and the Lord Jesus healed me. When I went back for an X ray, the doctors found only scar tissue. Now I eat anything and I have gained weight. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! —Art Utterberg, Ketchikan, Alaska.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Bill Alsup, First Assembly, Ketchikan, Alaska.)*

## DELIVERED FROM FEAR OF CROWDS

I THANK GOD that I can now enjoy the fellowship of church attendance.

A few years ago I was filled with fear whenever I was in a crowd. I finally had to stop going to church because of it.

My church prayed for me, and God answered their prayers. I was again able to go to church.

Last year I attended a convention where there were over 5,000 people present from many Pentecostal churches. I walked into that service and did not have any fear of being in that huge crowd.

Jesus healed me, and I praise Him.—Mrs. Drusilla Rogers, San Diego, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Lloyd J. Marlow and D. R. Norman, pastors of Encanto Assembly, San Diego, Calif.)*

# MIRACLES IN NOVEMBER

**S**TARTLED, THE MAN sprang from his bed. He stood listening for a footfall, or some other clue to his sudden awakening. He heard nothing except the subdued moan of the November wind.

Trembling in the eerie silence, the man sensed an invisible Presence. A fragment of memory flickered: "Then came Jesus, the doors being shut."

Amazement riveted his body motionless, but his mind raced—raced across the miles to a modest house in Berlin, Pennsylvania. His wife's tear-stained face swayed before him, and for a moment he thought he heard the sobbing of two little children.

"Oh, my God! What have I done!" he cried aloud; then collapsed, sobbing in remorse.

It took two days before the prodigal husband finally mustered the courage to telephone his wife and humbly request another chance.

Twelve days later his happy wife wrote to *Revivaltime* expressing her joy: "I want to thank those who prayed for my husband at the World Prayermeeting. He had left us six months before and was living in sin. But God dealt with his heart so strongly on Sunday night, November 19 (World Prayermeeting Day), he decided to come home."

Scores of intercessors received this woman's heart-breaking plea for prayer. Somebody touched heaven for her, and God's answer was immediate.

"I want to tell you that God answered one of my requests even before the Sunday when a great many prayers went up," wrote Mrs. Martha Butler of Ferguson, Missouri. "I had been suffering severe pain, so I wrote to *Revivaltime* for prayer. On the Friday before World Prayermeeting Sunday, the pain stopped."

She added another testimony, "I also requested prayer for my grandson to get a job. Early Monday morning his phone rang, and he was called to work at good wages."

*Revivaltime* has learned that many prayer groups begin regular intercession before World Prayermeeting Sun-



day, and others report that the prayer lists are brought before the Lord by concerned individuals for weeks, even months.

It may have been an intercessor in Carrabelle, Florida, who accepted the burden to pray for an injured young man in Niles, Michigan. He had been unconscious for seven weeks, and doctors held out no hope.

"Within three weeks after your Prayermeeting this boy was home and doing fine," wrote Mrs. Wilma Evans. "Even though his family does not know the Lord as their Saviour, they admitted his miraculous recovery was an answer to prayer."

Perhaps it was at the Prayermeeting in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, that someone effectively brought the case of a Kansas woman to the attention of the Great Physician.

"My mother-in-law was healed from hives a few days after your World Prayermeeting," wrote Lee Schaich. "She was troubled with hives for several months and saw the doctor several times and took medicine to no avail. A few days after November 19 the hives began to fade away until completely gone."

There is an element of *immediacy* in the Gospels. "Immediately their eyes received sight" (Matthew 20:34). "Immediately the fever left her" (Mark 1:31). "Immediately she was made straight" (Luke 13:13). "Immediately the man was made whole" (John 5:9).

This same immediacy carries into the Book of Acts. "*Immediately* his feet and ankle bones received strength" (Acts 3:7). "And he arose *immediately*" (Acts 9:34).

Testimonies from World Prayermeeting demonstrate that Jesus has not changed, and that we can receive Book-of-Acts answers to Book-of-Acts intercession!

Remember, "prayer was made without ceasing" when fellow believers needed God's help (Acts 9:5).

New Testament miracles depend upon New Testament compassion!

Elsie Vogasar of Dickinson, North Dakota, experienced a New Testament-like miracle when a sympathetic person prayed for her with God-given compassion:

"My trouble was circulatory—the flow of blood back to my heart was sluggish and a 'hole' opened up in my right ankle where I had previously had a staphylococcus ulcer. I suffered great pain in that area. My doctor put a cast of medico-bandages on my ankle and leg. When I returned to the doctor a month later and he removed the bandages he found they were soaked with blood which had been discharged from the deep hole in the ankle.

"The doctor applied another cast. The second month and also the third month I returned to the doctor. Each time the bandages around the ankle were soaked with blood. I suffered sharp pains in the ankle several times a day during those months.

"Finally, I decided to send in a prayer request for healing of my trouble. On the second day after World Prayermeeting all my pains in the ankle disappeared, never to return again.

"I kept my appointment with the doctor. He removed the bandages and found no blood had been discharged, and the deep hole in the ankle was filled with flesh—only a little scar showed where it had been."

This testimony from North Dakota reminds us of another healing mentioned in Luke 8:44—"Immediately her issue of blood stanch'd."

Already hundreds of requests are pouring into *Revivaltime* for this year's great prayer service on November 17. The theme—"The Lord Will Answer" (Joel 2:19)—has inspired hundreds to expect miracles.

More prayer groups are urgently needed. The Women's Missionary Council and Men's Fellowship are helping the Radio Department recruit praying believers, but more must respond if every burden is to be adequately borne before God.

The deadline for registering your group in this great prayer effort is November 8. An airmail letter can still reach *Revivaltime*, if you mail it today.

We believe hundreds will trace their miracles to November 17, 1968. And you can be a part of those miracles!

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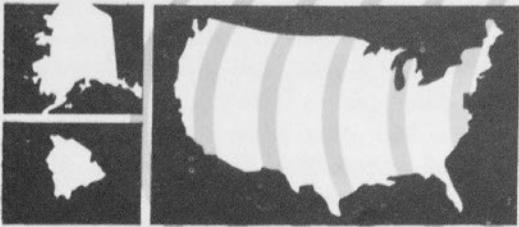
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# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

## "HOLD OLD CITY CHURCHES" IS CONSENSUS AT SEMINARS

AT THE RECENT COUNCIL on Evangelism in St. Louis, several seminars emphasized one point: when congregations relocate in the suburbs they should *hold the old church buildings for inner-city evangelism.*

The seminar, "Evangelism in a Changing Society," moderated by Richard Dobbins, especially emphasized this point. Following the presentation by the speaker, Floyd Thomas, the panelists (Richard Mohrman, Robert Sites, and Gunnar Jacobsen) faced many questions from an eager audience. It was agreed that opportunities for inner-city evangelism were never better.

In answer to a pastor's question, "What if your church is *forced* to move out...?" Brother Thomas advised, "Move out to the suburbs, but make sure your property is available to the district; hold the old church building for inner-city evangelism."

This same matter was brought into focus in several other seminars during the Council, where over 7,000 Assemblies of God members registered.

In the seminar on "Opening New Churches," the panelists (Everett Cooley, James Mayo Sr., and Robert Schmidgall) and delegates actively participated in the discussion following the presentation by

E. E. Blythe, speaker. In addition to his statements concerning inner-city evangelism, James King, moderator, further stated: "The focus of attention keeps coming back to the importance of vision on the part of the pastor, congregation, section and district, with total commitment and involvement... Our discussion has also brought out the need for reevaluation of our concepts—personal and collective—in relation to our responsibility as outlined by the Great Commission. It has emphasized the importance for making a willing sacrifice to help 'thrust forth' laborers into the harvest. The involvement of more lay workers in opening new churches has been strongly recommended."

## SAGC LANGUAGE OF SIGNS ON TELEVISION

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—Under capable leadership of Karen Crews, instructor of sign language at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, the *Signs for the Harvest* deaf choir recently presented several selections on a TV variety program in Louisiana. They were told they would only have a "spot"; but after the emcee heard the group they were asked to sing four times. While interviewing Miss Crews the emcee received a note from the station requesting that she interpret the next commercial into the sign language. After the program, the station manager issued a special invitation for the choir to return sometime and take the entire program!

## DETROIT TEEN CHALLENGE DEDICATES ITS BUILDINGS

DETROIT, MICH.—Detroit Teen Challenge personnel recently concluded a week of dedication rallies held throughout the state of Michigan. This week of special events was climaxed by the formal dedication of all Detroit Teen Challenge buildings, including an office building, a men's home, and three women's homes. Everett D. Cooley, superintendent of the Michigan District, was the dedication speaker.

The five Michigan rallies drew large crowds. Staff and converts, numbering over 30, traveled in a car caravan to each meeting. The nightly programs consisted of testimonies, special music, and pictures explaining the Detroit opera-

tion. Herb Meppelink, director, brought a challenging message each evening. Many responded to the altar call.

Objectives of the rallies were: (1) to provide an evangelism outreach, (2) to acquaint more people with Teen Challenge ministry, and (3) to raise funds for expansion projects. Brother Meppelink believes the goals were reached and the rallies were successful enough to consider planning a similar outreach next year.

This summer Detroit Teen Challenge welcomed 22 Bible college students to its staff for an intensified evangelism outreach. Students had the experience of carrying the gospel into some of the

roughest areas of Detroit. They took Christ to the ghettos, the housing projects, and neighborhoods where policemen had been murdered a week before. The gospel went to streets where mugging was common.

On several occasions students watched narcotics agents pick up people to whom they had just witnessed. These Spirit-directed youth took a message of peace to a city that only last year was torn by rioting.

The results of this concerted summer effort were significant. At the end of nine weeks, 267 souls had accepted salvation through Jesus Christ. Workers witnessed

to and prayed with 513 others. Thousands were contacted via literature.

The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was phenomenally displayed. Victory reports by the staff in the morning chapel services indicated that those to whom they witnessed would begin to weep or tremble as they were confronted by the claims of Christ.

Another summer project was ministry at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit which drew 13,000 people. For nine days the Teen Challenge staff ministered to as many passersby as possible at their attractive A-frame building on the fair grounds. What a privilege and thrill it was for workers to lead 45 to an experience of salvation and new dimensions for living in Christ.

On dedication day, Detroit Teen Challenge personnel stand outside the Teen Challenge office with E. D. Cooley (second from the right), superintendent of the Michigan District. The others are (left to

right): Thomas Trask, secretary-treasurer; Herbert Meppelink, director; and Kenneth Norcross, president. At right a Teen Challenge rally is in progress in a high school auditorium.





Les Smith, national representative and promotions coordinator of the Home Missions Department (right), and Ruth Lyon, promotions editor, talk with visitors at the Council. In the right photo, three Teen Challenge directors (Bob Bartlett, Don Wilkins, and Don Ansohn) assist in the Teen Challenge section of the Home Missions exhibit.



### MANY COUNCIL DELEGATES VIEW HOME MISSIONS EXHIBITS

THE HOME MISSIONS EXHIBIT at the Council on Evangelism in St. Louis drew a great deal of interest

as evidenced by the hundreds who visited it daily.

Many of these stayed to view

the Teen Challenge films which were shown at intervals by Teen Challenge personnel. Don Wilkins, director of St. Louis Teen Challenge, with the help of other workers, set up the Teen Challenge dis-

play and coordinated booth activities. A number of young people to whom Teen Challenge workers had witnessed on the streets came to the booth and made decisions for Christ.

On Tuesday evening, the Teen Challenge directors presented a dynamic 15-minute program of music and testimonies in the demonstration area of the exhibition hall.

The St. Louis Deaf Choir also presented two songs in the sign language in the demonstration area of the exhibition hall on Tuesday afternoon. Harry Brotzman, coordinator of the deaf and blind ministries, directed the program and was vocal soloist. His wife Joyce was pianist. Interest was high as people crowded around to listen and observe.

The Brotzmans and other deaf workers interpreted the Council services in a section reserved for the deaf.

### BRANCHING OUT ON THE FLORIDA GOLD COAST

AFTER 42 YEARS of pastoral and pioneering ministry Norman Spong has again obeyed the pioneer call.

He had left his pastorate in Somerville, N. J., in the fall of 1967 to go into retirement in Boynton Beach, Fla. However, when he saw the great need for churches in many towns on the "Gold Coast," Brother Spong went to work to help meet the need. The district officials asked him to take the budding congregation at Boca Raton and establish the church. He accepted the challenge

—the church was set in order and immediately incorporated.

Construction of a new edifice is being planned. The district WMC's contributed \$500 toward the new work and the National Home Missions Department granted the church \$1,000. The new building will cost approximately \$100,000, and will seat 230.

Boca Raton, a city of 25,000, is a strategic location for a strong Assemblies of God church. In the surrounding area of six to 10 miles there are 75,000 people!



Founding members and officers of First Assembly, Boca Raton, Fla., display the plans of the proposed new church building. They are (left to right): Henry Boozer; William Freytag; E. F. Croft; E. L. Lutz; Henry Wollers; Philip Modder; Fred Laury; Al Sutura; Glenn M. Horst, presbyter; and Norman T. Spong, pastor.



Christian Church John 3:16 in The Bronx, N. Y., one of the 189 churches of the Spanish Eastern District, recently set a new attendance record with 1,303 in Sunday school. Their previous record one year ago was 1,290. They are (left to right): Louis Robles, Sunday school superintendent; Ricardo Tañon, pastor; Ralph Toledo, general Sunday school secretary; and Peter Rios, associate pastor.

## HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



Mrs. Musgrove

#### New Appointee

Mrs. Lillie S. Musgrove of Ganado, Ariz., has received Home Missions appointment to the American Indians. At the present time she and her husband are in charge of the Indian work at Ganado, having succeeded Oscar Pitts. Sister Musgrove received her minister's license from the Arizona District in July.

#### Reappointed

Gerald S. Lee, former missionary to Alaska, has received re-appointment to that field. Brother Lee serves the church at Wrangell. He was an appointed missionary in

Alaska from 1958 until statehood. Much of Brother Lee's time is spent in conjunction with the Wrangell Institute where he ministers to Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut people. The local church has a mixed congregation with a predominance of Indian members.

#### Correction

In the September 29 issue it was reported the Thomas Koons family had taken the pastorate at Chandler, Ariz. It should have read *Chambers, Ariz.* The Harold McCarty's are pastors of the San Tan Indian Assembly in Chandler.

**A.I.B.I. STUDENTS HELP NEW INDIAN CHURCHES**  
PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Students of the American Indian Bible Institute gave grants of \$200 each to the Maricopa Indian Assembly and

the Fort Defiance Navajo Church which is presently under construction. An A.I.B.I. freshman from the Fort Defiance community is being trained for service among his people.



Bethel Assembly in Guilford, Conn., recently dedicated a new colonial structure to the Lord. Pastor Dan Mariano and his wife Judie are shown at right.



## SPIRIT OF REVIVAL PERMEATES CHURCH SINCE DEDICATION

GUILFORD, CONN.—The congregation of Bethel Assembly recently held services to dedicate their new facilities to the Lord.

David W. Flower, Southern New England District superintendent, brought the dedicatory message. Several city officials were present for the services.

A month-long prededication crusade was held with several ministers, evangelists, and musical groups participating.

The church started 12 years ago in the home of the Guilford police commissioner. During the past four years the congregation has worshiped in the courtroom of the Town Hall.

God's blessings were upon the congregation, and many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit while worshiping in these temporary locations.

The new 36- by 80-foot brick-veneer building is of colonial structure. The air-conditioned sanctuary has seating for 250. The new facil-

ities include seven classrooms, fellowship hall, baptistry, and nursery. The church has wall-to-wall carpeting, stained-glass windows, and features a handcarved dove over the baptistry. A focal point for the exterior is the fiberglass steeple which, in traditional New England fashion, contains the church bell.

Since moving into the new building, the church has continued to grow. Attendance has reached a high of 101 at Sunday school and 137 at church.

The church sponsors a child day-care center known as Kiddee Kollege which is approved by the state.

Dan and Judie Mariano have been pastors of Bethel Assembly since 1962. Pastor Mariano says: "A spirit of revival and soulwinning has permeated our midst since the dedication, and we are seeing a breakthrough in evangelism to the denominational churches of our area that causes us to rejoice and continually give God praise."

## WITH CHRIST

CHARLES E. DECKER, 51, of Kantner, Pa., went to his eternal reward on June 30, 1968. Brother Decker was ordained by the Eastern District in 1955 and served as pastor of the church he founded in Kantner. He is survived by his wife Twila and one son.



KELLEY WIGFIELD, 61, superintendent of the Potomac District since 1956, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 2, 1968.



Brother Wigfield had served as a sectional presbyter in the Potomac District for 13 years before his election as superintendent. Ordained in 1936, he served pastorates in Alton, N.Y., Edenton, N.C., South Norfolk, Va., and Green Ridge, Md.

Funeral services were conducted at First Assembly in Alexandria, Va., on September 6. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, brought the message.

Brother Wigfield is survived by his wife Grace and two sons.

ROBERT L. KINSLOW, 61, of San Bernardino, Calif., recently went to his eternal reward. Ordained in 1941, Brother Kinslow was a member of the Arizona District. He engaged in evangelistic work (1951-1956) and was a missionary-evangelist to the Indians (1958-1961). He also served pastorates in Kansas, Mississippi, Arizona, and Michigan. He is survived by his wife Hazel and five children.



ALEXANDER LINDSAY, 86, of Lakeland, Fla., went to be with the Lord on March 8, 1968. An



ordained minister of the Assemblies of God since 1917, he was a member of the Southern New England District. He served as a pioneer pastor in Ontario, Canada; a missionary to India for six years; as an evangelist; and as a pastor in North Adams, Leominster, and Chelsea, Mass., Scranton, Pa., and Fredonia, N. Y. He had been a resident of the Bethany Retirement Home for several years. He is survived by his wife Rena, one son, and three daughters.

CHARLES TRUMAN DAVIS, 57, of Clinton, Ky., went to be with the Lord on Aug. 15, 1968. Brother Davis was ordained by the Kentucky District in 1946 and served pastorates in Arlington and Clinton, Ky. He also served as a district presbyter for 20 years. He is survived by his wife Lucille, one daughter, and one son.



JAMES E. RASMUSSEN, 89, of Spokane, Wash., went to be with the Lord on Aug. 24, 1968. One of



the earliest leaders of the Northwest District, Brother Rasmussen had a long and fruitful ministry. He pioneered and pastored the church in Kalispell, Mont., and then served as pastor in Spokane, Wash., for 25 years. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Northwest District for seven years and was a general presbyter for 20 years. He is survived by his wife Anna and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Archie F. Bursch, an ordained minister of the Northwest District.

GEORGE W. CLEMENT, 72, of Kingston, Pa., went to be with the Lord on May 15, 1968, after 45 years of active ministry. Brother Clement began preaching in 1923 and affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1931. An ordained minister, he was a member of the Eastern District. He served the Lord as an evangelist and pastored churches in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife Helen, a licensed minister who has succeeded him as pastor in Kingston, three children, and eight grandchildren, one of whom (John E. Arnold, Cincinnati) is an Assemblies of God minister.



OMER JARRELL, 74, of Siloam Springs, Ark., went to be with the



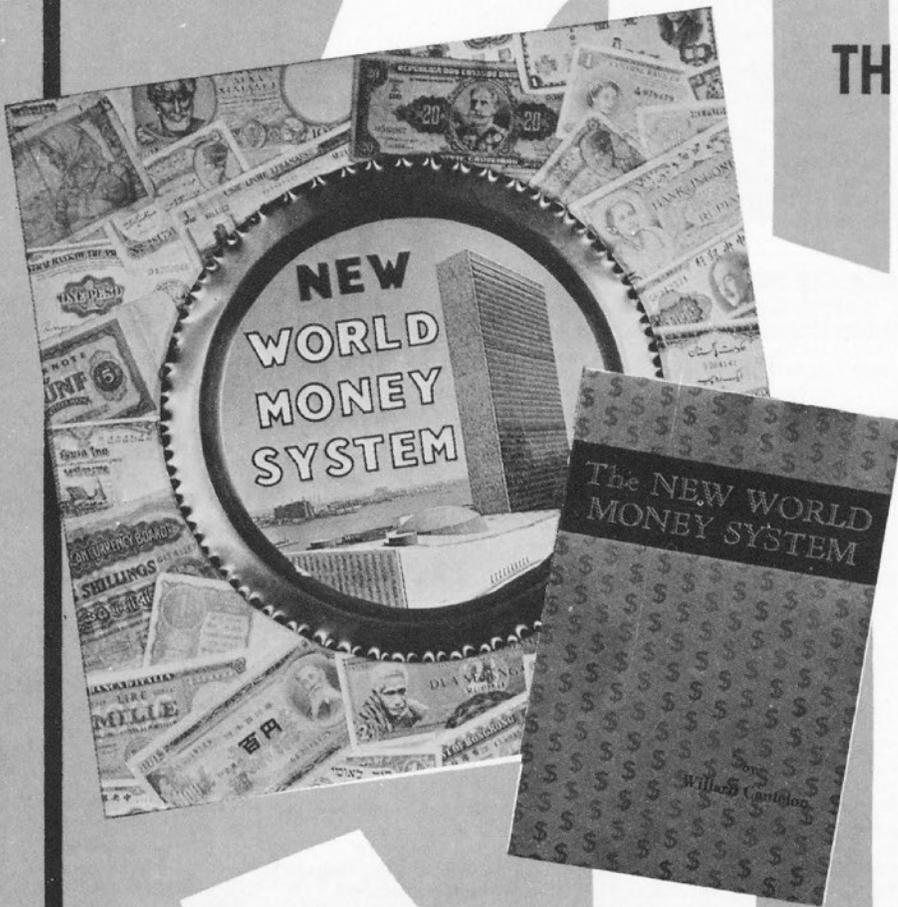
Lord on August 21, 1968. Brother Jarrell, ordained in 1924, was a member of the Arkansas District. He served as an evangelist and also held pastorates in Berwind, W. Va.; West Fork, Huntsville, Rogers, Green Forest, Springdale, and Siloam Springs, Ark. He was sectional presbyter for several years. He is survived by his wife Ethel.

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MINERAL, WASH.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed meetings with Evangelist Cecil Grice of Orting, Wash. The church was richly blessed through Brother Grice's anointed ministry in song and sermon. The presence of the Lord was felt around the altars each evening.

—Clyde Sofie, pastor

BISMARCK, MO.—Evangelist Glenda Byard of Fredricktown, Mo., recently concluded a series of meetings at the Bismarck Assembly. Eight were saved, several were healed, and six baptized in the Holy Spirit, including Baptists and Methodists. Seven were baptized in water during the meetings.

—Charles Leathers, pastor

### CALIFORNIA CHURCH PRODUCES HAND- WRITTEN BIBLE



Pastor and Mrs. Sapp of Wilmington, Calif., with the hand-written Mark Sapp Memorial Bible.

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—After 18 months of writing, the members and friends of First Assembly here have copied the entire Bible.

Designated "The Mark Sapp Memorial Bible," it was named in honor of the son of Pastor and Mrs. Roy Sapp who passed away at the age of nine in 1965.

The Bible consists of 4,540 pages, written by 322 people. The writers ranged from a five-year-old girl to an 85-year-old woman who passed away before it was completed. One lady was presented with a gift Bible because she copied a total of 456 pages.

Enclosing the 4,540 pages are two wooden covers made from monkeypod wood brought by Pastor Sapp from Hawaii.

The front cover, carved by E. Richard Pickens, depicts a theme from Mark 6:2, "What wisdom is this?..." It was chosen because Mark's mother happened to copy the particular page that began with those words.

The completed Bible is 8½ inches thick and weighs 32 pounds.

## NEW FACILITIES DEDICATED BY LOUISIANA CHURCH

WEST MONROE, LA.—L. O. Waldon, district superintendent of the Louisiana District, was the principal speaker for the dedication services of the new Luna Assembly of God here recently.

The building, plus furnishings, parsonage, and land is valued at \$80,000, but indebtedness is only \$20,000 for which the congregation thanks the Lord.

Facilities include a sanctuary with seating for 250, with an overflow room which will seat an additional 100. There is also a 10-room educational building, kitchen, nursery, choir room, and Sunday school offices in the new facility.

The exterior and interior of the building are of beige oak brick construction. Laminated beams, indirect lighting, gold carpeting, and cherry oak pews complement this construction.

On the day of the dedication, 153 were present in Sunday school with approximately 300 attending the dedicatory services.

M. Leonard Sapp is the pastor.



## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Floral	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 3	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Lowell Philp
	Leeds	A/G	Nov. 4-17	Billy & Cherrie Cotton	Joe A. Luker
Ariz.	Globe	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 10	Chas. O. Hudspeth	Robert P. Fox
Ark.	Hampton	First	Oct. 27-Nov. 1	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Alvis Dickinson
	Walnut Ridge	Midway	Nov. 5-17	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Lehman Rorex
Calif.	Anderson	First	Nov. 5-17	Star Thomas	Jim Logan
	Dixon	A/G	Nov. 5-17	Ralph Cranston	Manuel Smith
	Escalon	A/G	Nov. 5-10	Paul & LaVonne Clark	R. A. Wilson Jr.
	Farmersville	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Norman Jones Family	James Donaghe
	Long Beach	<sup>1</sup> Guiding Light Tab.	Nov. 3-8	Christian Hild	Edgar W. Phillips
	Richmond	Full Gospel Temple	Nov. 3-17	Lee & Bonnie J. Krupnick	E. B. Adamson
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	Oct. 27-Nov. 1	Christian Hild	Clyde Henson
	Sacramento	Glad Tidings	Oct. 30—	Thomas Ming Sr.	Gerald Baser
Colo.	Cope	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Richard Field	T. D. Shreffler
Conn.	Middletown	Faith Church	Nov. 5-17	George DeTellis	Bolton Bangs
	Salem	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	R. D. Boyer
	Crestview	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	John & Dolores Franklin	S. L. Breland
	Jacksonville	Bethel Temple	Nov. 3-17	John & Faith Stallings	Clyde Wasdin
	Panama City	Bayou George	Nov. 4-10	Jerry & Ann Johnson	B. F. Holland
	Panama City	Hiland Park	Nov. 4-10	Randall A. Walker	Fannie Hutchison
	Tallahassee	First	Nov. 5-17	E. A. Manley	Kenneth Claycomb
Ga.	Tarpon Springs	First	Nov. 5-17	R. L. Beavers	Glenn Babcock
	Savannah	Central	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Barry & Mrs. Bugala	Cameron Stanton
	Toccoa	<sup>2</sup> Faith Memorial	Oct. 27-Nov. 8	Victor Etienne	Earl Stuckey
	Aledo	<sup>3</sup> A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Carl E. Gammel	Jerry Goodrich
Ill.	Elmhurst	<sup>3</sup> Bethel	Nov. 5-10	Carl E. Gammel	Wesley Butler
	Olney	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Wallace & Carol Joice	Richard Peterson
	Peoria	Central	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Chas. & Judy McKnight	Fred Ball
	Sorento	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 10	Howard & Mrs. Young	Paul Chamless
Ind.	Anderson	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Arthur & Anna Berg	Lloyd Wead
	Kokomo	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Charles E. Crank	Cecil J. Enochs
	Terre Haute	Chamberlain's Chapel	Nov. 6-17	"Little Joe" Peterson	James A. West
	Council Bluffs	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Neale & Ida Sheneman	Allan Ullestad
Iowa	Des Moines	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Keetah Jones	Charles Crabtree
	Newton	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Don & Dixie Cox	Hilton Griswold
	Shenandoah	Full Gospel Tab.	Nov. 4-17	Larry & Coleen Griswold	A. R. Sorenson
	Dodge City	First	Nov. 6-17	Paul E. Morris	L. R. Bilhimer
Kans.	Fredonia	A/G	Nov. 5-17	Roy Tregenza	Warren Goble
	LeRoy	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	O. M. Rayborn
	Pratt	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Jeremiah Hanley
	Louisville	Trinity	Nov. 5-10	W. Glenn West	O. Curtis Davis
Ky.	Versailles	First	Nov. 5-17	Fairfield Party	John W. Davis
	Grantsville	Maranatha	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Don & Sharon Parker	Wm. K. Ferguson
Md.	Revere	Parkway	Nov. 6-17	Harold Brumback	Thomas Brubaker
Mass.	Battle Creek	Pennfield	Nov. 3-17	T. H. Spence	Jack Honeycutt
Mich.	Boyne City	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Wesley & Mrs. Wibley	J. Harold Evans
	Melvindale	Mamre	Nov. 3-10	Ray C. Eskelin	Wm. Meszaros
Minn.	Duluth	<sup>4</sup> Glad Tidings	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	David E. Dean	Rowland Deans
	Minneapolis	Bethel	Oct. 27-Nov. 10	H. B. Kelchner	Robert Hanson

## \$130,000 BUILDING DEDICATED IN IOWA

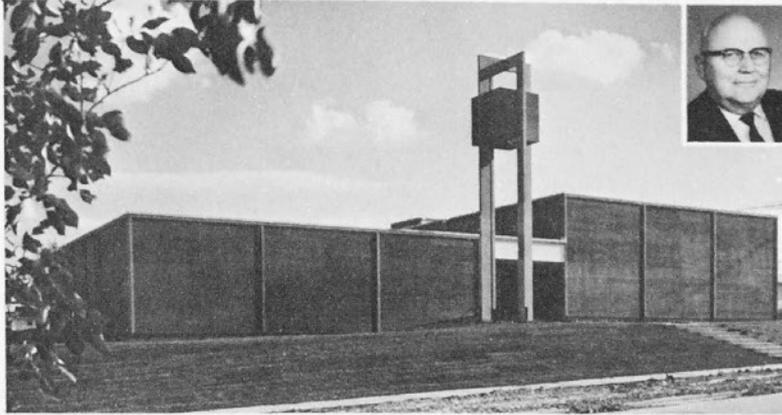
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—First Assembly here recently dedicated its new church to the Lord.

Participating in the dedication services were T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent and a former pastor of the church; Stanton Johnson, Iowa District superintendent; and General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman, who brought the message.

The air-conditioned building contains 13 classrooms, nursery and kindergarten, fellowship hall, offices, kitchen, and a sanctuary seating 300.

Valued at \$130,000 the building has rough-sawn redwood paneling interior which is complemented by olive green carpeting. The exterior is enhanced by a bell tower. Fred R. Gottwald is the pastor.

These new facilities of First Assembly in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were recently dedicated. Fred Gottwald (inset) is pastor.



GRANITE FALLS, WASH.—Cedar Springs Bible Camp near here has just concluded its third successful summer. Growing crowds of young people and adults have been blessed by the ministry of such men as Willard Cantelon, Jack West, and Arne Vick.

This year a new swimming pool was added to the facilities. The 100-acre site is being improved by contributions of members of a "Sponsors' Fellowship."

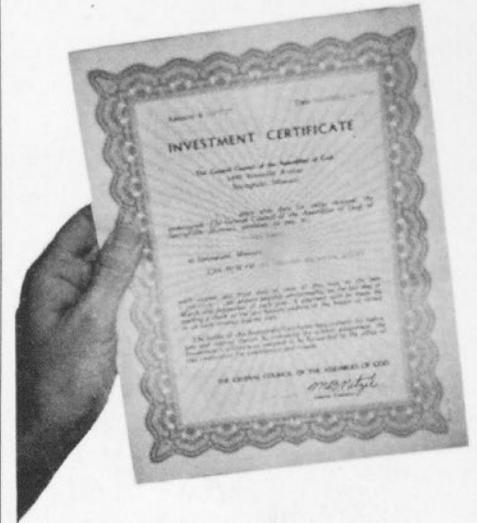
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—Eugene Born, *presbyter, Northwest District*



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	Minneapolis	Fridley	Nov. 1—	The Tanner Team	G. Mark Denyes
	Windom	A/G	Nov. 5-17	Paul & Ilene Anderson	Kenneth Bruzelius
Miss.	Columbus	Calvary	Oct. 28—	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	T. M. Wiginton
Mo.	Bridgeton	A/G	Oct. 13-27	Howard & Mrs. Young	Thomas Canter
	Herculaneum	First	Nov. 3-17	Dean & Mrs. Heady	Herman Richardson
	Kansas City N.	First	Nov. 6-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	R. A. McClure
	St. Louis	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 3-10	Ward & Mary Popejoy	C. F. Hembree
Mont.	Glasgow	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Paul Hild	A. A. Kirkpatrick
Nebr.	Lexington	A/G	Nov. 3—	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	Clinton Thompson
N. H.	Dover	A/G	Oct. 17-27	Anthony Pagano	Robert Olberg
N. Mex.	Alamogordo	First	Nov. 6-17	The Singing Lunsfords	Tommy Crider
	Clovis	First	Oct. 30—	Tommy & Esther Lance	Melvin Sasse
N. Y.	Bayshore, L. I.	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	John & Esther Hamercheck	Eugene Benjamin
	E. Northport	Gospel Church	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Roy & Mildred Johnson	James Steffens
	Elmira	Pentecostal Tab.	Oct. 17-Nov. 3	George & Evelyn Butrin	John Bedzyk
	Franklin Square	Bethel	Nov. 6-11	Darrell Mitchell	Albert Andreasen
N. Dak.	Scranton	A/G	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Marcus Bakke
Ohio	Canton	Bethel Temple	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Paul R. Olson	Robert Graber
	E. Liverpool	First	Nov. 5-17	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	James W. Miller
	Warren	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Ernie Eskelin	Philip Wannemacher
Okla.	Vinita	First	Oct. 20-27	Richard Field	Jack M. Wilson
Oreg.	Brooks	<sup>3</sup> A/G	Oct. 27-Nov. 1	Charles Senechal	Robert Swope
	Brooks	A/G	Nov. 3-8	Charles Senechal	Robert Swope
	Coquille	First	Nov. 6-17	James & Beulah Pepper	Claude A. Malan
Pa.	Carlisle	Bethel Tab.	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	J. B. Woolums	John Castellani
	Connellsville	Calvary	Nov. 6-17	Stanley MacPherson	Charles Dale
	Indiana	First	Nov. 5-10	John Masto	Nate Killian
	Monroeville	A/G	Nov. 6-17	Olshevski Musical Team	James Leake
	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 6-17	George & Evelyn Butrin	LaVerne Clute
	Titusville	Chapmanville	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Norman Bradney
Tenn.	Bristol	Glad Tidings	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	A. A. Anderson	John Thrasher
	Knoxville	<sup>5</sup> Scott St.	Oct. 21—	Manfred Polk	Joe W. Miles
Tex.	Ballinger	Bethel Temple	Nov. 3-17	Salisbury-Secrease Tm.	O. T. Killion
	Baytown	Trinity Tab.	Nov. 5-17	I. D. Rayborn	J. J. Krimmer
	Beaumont	Victory	Nov. 6-17	Glen Shinn	B. H. Clendennen
	Dallas	Urban Park	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Don & Dixie Cox	R. Wayne Brashear
	Houston	Heights	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	I. D. Rayborn	Kenneth Barney
	Huntsville	A/G	Nov. 6-10	E. R. Winter	Joe B. Barnes
	Odessa	First	Nov. 3-17	Winferd Mack	M. D. Williams
	Pineland	A/G	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	Doyle Jones	A. V. Walters
	Pt. Lavaca	First	Oct. 27-Nov. 3	E. R. Winter	J. Curtis Carlin
	San Angelo	First	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	Tommy Barnett	Ted Vassar
	Van	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Thomas R. Calk	E. K. Carter
	Waxahachie	<sup>6</sup> University	Oct. 20-30	B. Harold Conant	R. L. Davis
Wash.	Cathlamet	A/G	Oct. 15-27	Franks Party	Wesley Hobkirk
	Oak Harbor	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Franks Party	Calvin White
	Redmond	A/G	Nov. 5-17	Jerry Minton	Richard Strum
W. Va.	Fairview	Jakes Run	Nov. 5-17	Paul & Donna Wright	Earl Sims

<sup>1</sup>Youth Crusade  
<sup>4</sup>Deeper Life Crusade

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Thou art coming, O my King!  
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In Thy glory all-transcendent;  
Well may we rejoice and sing;  
Coming: in the opening east  
Herald brightness slowly swells;  
Coming: O Thou glorious Priest!  
Hear we not Thy golden bells?*

*Thou art coming, Thou art coming;  
We shall meet Thee on Thy way;  
We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee,  
We shall bless Thee, we shall show Thee  
All our hearts could never say;  
What an anthem that will be,  
Music rapturously sweet,  
Pouring out our love to Thee  
At Thine own all-glorious feet.*

*Thou art coming; at Thy table  
We are witnesses for this;  
While rememb'ring hearts thou meetest  
In communion clearest, sweetest,  
Earnest of our coming bliss;  
Showing not Thy death alone,  
And Thy love exceeding great,  
But Thy coming, and Thy throne,  
All for which we long and wait.*



*Thou art coming; we are waiting  
With a hope that cannot fail;  
Asking not the day nor hour,  
Resting on Thy word of power,  
Anchored safe within the veil.  
Time appointed may be long,  
But the vision must be sure;  
Certainty shall make us strong,  
Joyful patience can endure.*

*Oh, the joy to see Thee reigning,  
Thee, our own beloved Lord!  
Every tongue Thy name confessing,  
Worship, honor, glory, blessing  
Brought to Thee with one accord;  
Thee, our Master, and our Friend,  
Vindicated and enthroned;  
Unto earth's remotest end  
Glorified, adored, and owned!*

—FRANCES R. HAVERGAL