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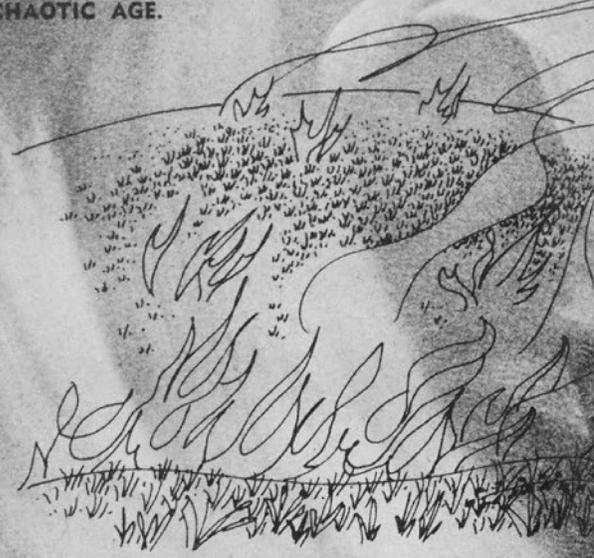
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# THE SUPERNATURAL- AND PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT



**I**N SPEAKING OF THE SUPERNATURAL in connection with prophetic fulfillment, we use the word in the general sense of “above nature,” “that which surpasses all that is human or ordinary,” “events that are possible only by the intervention of a superhuman power.”

There has never been a time when the Church needed the supernatural more than today, and this is because Satan is also working in the realm of the supernatural. His deceptive operations are deluding the entire world. As the end approaches, God and Satan will fight the greatest battle of all, and it will be a warfare in the realm of the supernatural.

Satan will have supernatural remedies for a world filled with violence and despair. Men will accept them, not knowing that they are deceptions. These phenomena will have great attraction for a desperate and chaotic age. The Scriptures sum up Satan’s operations with the words *deceive* and *mystery*. But the Holy Spirit will outplay Satan with His performance of spiritual gifts in the Church. “*Greater* is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Also, Jesus warned that in the end time Satan will use startling “signs” to capture the world mind; and when there is an increase of signs, there will also be an increase of supernatural activity. Signs do not deal with the ordinary but with the extraordinary, and they are increasing as the age-end approaches.

Prophetic signs have been developing for 19 centuries and have increased to a point where no generation has seen them *developing together* as we see them now. Today there is a world *system* taking shape that will fit into the entire prophetic structure.

The covenants deal primarily with Israel—both the land and people—and a study of these covenants is a study of the miraculous. All that Jehovah has been doing since His oath to Abraham are movements toward the ultimate realization of the covenant objective as described in the Book of Revelation. God’s favorite covenant-title of Himself is, “The God of Abraham.”

The history of Israel is a record of the supernatural. In crisis after crisis only a miracle saved them from disaster, as illustrated in the Six-Day War of June 1967. Jewish military leaders were quoted as saying the victory was possible because of supernatural intervention.

It certainly was won against overwhelming numbers and arms.

In Old Testament history, God sometimes let Israel’s enemies have the advantage—and then turned His forces against them. If Israel continues to stand against the powerful Russian-Arab alliance, then we shall know that God has made a new and important move toward covenant consummation.

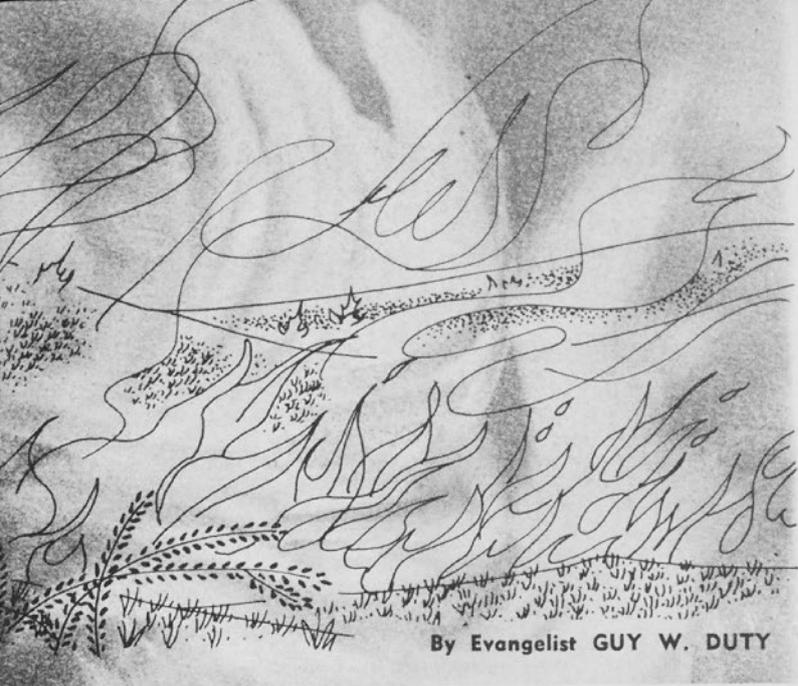
Paul said there is a future “fullness” for Israel to which they have never attained (Romans 11:12). Hundreds of prophecies are concerned with this fullness. The prophets added many details to the covenants, and the Covenantor is oath-bound to make good on every jot and tittle. This can only be supernaturally achieved. It will be exciting to watch and see how the God of Abraham, who so often unleashed mighty forces in the defense of Israel, will do it again.

Another vastly important area for prophetic fulfillment is the Mediterranean world. Whole blocks of predictions describe God’s judgments upon Israel’s enemies in these countries of Daniel’s image. When one considers Russia’s powerful military buildup in this central prophetic area, the human mind cannot conceive how God will bring His promises to reality; but the overthrow of these nations is one of the most important subjects in Biblical prophecy. Major events are now in the making there.

The New Testament was founded on covenants that God made with Abraham and David. The Messianic prophecies form the deep and broad bases of these covenants, and succeeding covenants were outgrowths and further developments of these two. They form the central theme of the Bible.

Only small parts of God’s promises to Abraham and David were fulfilled in their lifetimes, and miracles were necessary before even this was done. Much remains to be accomplished, and emphasis is given to the fact that it will be done.

Jesus, “the son of Abraham, the son of David” (Matthew 1:1), was born to fulfill the promises made to these fathers. At the births of John the Baptist and Jesus there were outbursts of prophecy with particular reference to these covenant promises. And there is frequent mention in the New Testament to the fact that the supernatural works of Jesus were done “that it might be ful-



By Evangelist GUY W. DUTY

filled." A nonmiraculous Christ could not have made realities of the promises. The prophecies, being themselves supernatural in that they were made so long ago, will require supernatural operations for their realization at the end of the age.

There are about 600 Old Testament quotations (from Genesis to Malachi) in the New Testament (besides numerous allusions), and much of this is unfulfilled prophecy. The part fulfilled was accomplished literally, and the unfulfilled part shall likewise be done literally. Covenant fulfillment has never ceased, and in the Scriptures the prophetic future is described as continually coming to pass.

God's redemptive plan, although conceived before the foundation of the world, is established upon the Abrahamic-Davidic covenants. "Salvation is of the Jews." So also is the kingdom of God (Luke 1:32, 33). This kingdom was taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Matthew 21:43; Luke 21:24). This is the time when the ingathering of the Gentiles into the covenants will be completed (Romans 11:25). Part by part, from all nations and in all generations, the Gentiles have been entering the Kingdom. God is under covenant oath to continue this Gentile plan until the "fullness" is attained. Through Abraham, God's blessings would flow to the ends of the earth and a worldwide family of spiritual sons. This was one of 11 far-reaching promises given to the patriarch. Only by the supernatural is this being accomplished.

The prophecies deal mainly with the Church, the land and people of Israel, the countries of Daniel's image, the overthrow of Satan and his antichrist system, and the establishing of Christ's eternal kingdom on earth. The scope and magnitude of these predictions require a supernatural operation never before seen by mortal man. As the end of the age approaches, God must work on a larger scale because of the large number of prophecies to be fulfilled. And this fulfillment will be by such a rapid succession of events that Jesus said it will be accomplished within the lifetime of a single generation. These events will be so fearful that Jesus warned His people to "be not terrified" (Matthew 24:34; Luke 21:9).

The relation of the Church to the end-of-the-age

prophecies has global importance. It is God's channel of fulfillment. The New Testament Church was launched with amazing acts of the supernatural, and to fully maintain its appointed mission to all nations it must never lose its supernatural character. There is abundant evidence in church history to show that when it did lose it, it ceased to be an instrument for fulfilling God's prophetic purpose.

A *natural* church is useless to God and it is helpless before a supernatural enemy. If the Church were only a human organization, it would have perished long ago in fiery persecutions. There were times of apostasy and oppression when only supernatural intervention saved it from extinction. God remembers that He is under oath to carry out His promises, and the true Church is an outgrowth of the covenants. Jesus said: "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The Holy Spirit will repeat His movements in the earth again and again until this Building is completed.

Because of a misconception about God's plans, some think there cannot be revival in times of falling away; but some of the greatest revivals have occurred in times of apostasy. Even in the Great Tribulation period, when apostasy reaches its climax, there will be a worldwide revival of a magnitude "which no man could number, of all nations" (Revelation 7:9-14). In all the history of revival was there ever such a harvest of souls before?

Christ's commission to His Church is to make disciples of "all nations . . . even unto the end of the world [age]" (Matthew 28:19, 20). This all-nations plan has far-reaching importance in the prophecies and it can be completed only by the Holy Spirit operating through the Church supernaturally. A *natural* church will never do it.

Present-day revivals and outpourings of the Holy Spirit in other lands are to effectuate this purpose and produce results for the completion of God's covenanted all-nations plan. What the "former rain" produced locally on Pentecost Day, the "latter rain" will cause to happen worldwide at the end of the age.

The Church has a major part in the completion of God's prophetic project, and any church that does not see this is blind to God's will. When so much of everything is given to the harvest fields near home, and so little—or nothing—is given to evangelizing distant parts, it is a neglect of God's prophetic goal. This grieves the Holy Spirit and it is one of the reasons why He has departed from many.

When Jesus began His earthly ministry, He said concerning the prophecies: "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). And when He ascended to the Father, He handed over this ministry of fulfillment to His Church. Take the supernatural out of the Bible, and what would be left? Take it out of the Church, and what is left? Every member of Christ's Church is involved in the miraculous—from the new birth to the resurrection.

Satan is throwing powerful forces into the end-time battle against the Church. While we are improving our skills and methods to do God's work, let us remember it is necessary that we must also be endued with power from on high to conquer the enemy and do our part to help God "finish the work" (Romans 9:28). 

# Prayer in the White House

THE FACT THAT President Nixon, a Quaker, places great importance upon religious faith, was very apparent last month in the first few days of his administration.

He attended an interfaith prayer service at the State Department on inauguration day. He is one of the few presidents since George Washington to have a full-scale worship service as part of the official inauguration activities.

Then on his first Sunday in office the President had religious services in the White House for his official family. He and Mrs. Nixon reportedly plan to do this every Sunday when they are in town, with different pastors officiating. For the first of the historic services he invited Evangelist Billy Graham to preach.

Another significant event was the prayer offered by Billy Graham during the inauguration ceremony. The substance was somewhat similar, no doubt, to the prayers offered for the new President in thousands of churches the previous Sunday.

"Our Father and our God," the evangelist began, "Thou hast said, 'Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord.' We recognize on this historic occasion that we are 'a nation under God.' We thank Thee for this torch of faith handed to us by our forefathers. May we never let it be extinguished. . . ."

"The whole world is watching to see if the faith of our fathers will stand the trials and tests of the hour. Too long we have neglected Thy Word and ignored Thy laws. Too long we have tried to solve our problems without reference to Thee. Too long we have tried to live by bread alone. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping a whirlwind of crime, division, and rebellion.

"And now with the wages of our sins staring us in the face, we remember Thy words, 'If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

"Help us this day to turn from our sins and to turn by simple faith to the One who said, 'Ye must be born again.'

"So we pray, O God, as we enter a new era, that we as a nation may experience a moral and spiritual restoration. . . ."

"O God, our new President needs Thee as no man ever needed Thee in leading a people! There will be times when he will be overwhelmed by the problems at home and abroad that have been building up to the breaking point for many years. Protect him from physical danger. And in the lonely moments of decision grant him an uncompromising courage to do what is morally right. Give him a cool head and a warm heart. Give him a compassion for those in physical, moral, and spiritual need. We pray that Thou wilt so guide Richard Nixon in handling the affairs of state that the whole world will marvel and glorify Thee. . . ."

"What we pray for President Nixon we pray for Vice-President Agnew and members of the Cabinet. May they be given a wisdom and a courage that is beyond their own. Bless them as a team to lead America to the dawning of a new day with renewed trust in God that will lead to peace, justice, and prosperity.

"We pray this humbly in the Name of the Prince of Peace who shed His blood on the Cross that men might have eternal life. Amen."

Surely God will be pleased to answer these prayers if America's President and people alike will give Him the opportunity. Let us keep praying and expect God to send mighty, merciful answers.

—T.C.C.

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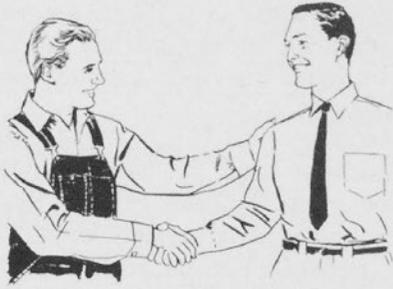
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# APPRECIATING ONE ANOTHER

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**O**UR GENERATION EXCELS IN SO MANY THINGS. Progress has been phenomenal. The past 50 years have witnessed unprecedented advances. A fair evaluation, however, reveals a serious lack of an important ingredient of life—a lack of appreciation.

This lack is not restricted to worldly people; it is very often evident in the church.

The word *appreciation* means “a just valuation,” “recognition of worth.” We need to meditate on this. Do we have the proper appreciation of God? Do we recognize how wonderful He is? We also need to cultivate an appreciation of His creation. If we love and appreciate Him, we should properly evaluate what He has created. Children often lack appreciation of their parents. Appreciation of them can be manifested by giving honor, respect, thanks, and by kind deeds. What a lack there is in this today!

Everyone should cultivate appreciation of those who are over them in the Lord. “We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake” (1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13).

## DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Those of mature years often find it difficult to appreciate the young. It is equally difficult for the young to appreciate the old. The fallen nature in man often makes the poor despise the rich and the rich disdain the poor. There is a natural gap between the educated and the illiterate.

But I know of no place on earth where people of such varied backgrounds—financially, educationally, nationally, socially, and physically—find so much in common as they do in the Church of Jesus Christ. Here those who are polished and polite recognize virtues in the ones who lack these qualities. Those who are weak or sickly find fellowship with the strong and athletic. The old and the young, the rich and the poor, the favored and the unfavored—all find a wonderful tie that binds them in Christian love. I never saw such love and such fellowship between all classes until I came into this Pentecostal Movement.

God’s love will give us an appreciation for all ages, all races, all nationalities. Let’s check up on ourselves if we lack appreciation for any person or group of persons. God created them all. God loves them all.

## DIFFERENT MUSIC

Some people dislike certain musical instruments. Psalm 150:3-6 certainly settles that this is simply personal prejudice. God has commanded that He is to be praised on all. Whatever instrument you play, play it unto the Lord, not just to man.

Music is a universal language. It is a way of expressing feelings, moods, emotions. It exerts a great influence on all people. More individuals have been inspired in battle by music than by speeches.

Music is a mood-setter. The special and the congregational songs should be in keeping with the theme of the service. When it is, the service is so much more effective.

There are different styles of Christian music. There are different tempos. Do not disdain any of them. Every one of them has its place according to the time and circumstances.

It is doubtful if very many people realize the importance of music. Martin Luther said, “Next to theology I give the first and highest place of honor to music.” Singing is a powerful method of teaching. Choruses and songs have been used to teach and inspire Christians in every generation. Advertisers have discovered that commercials are far more effective when they are sung. It is a shame when our little children these days know the cigarette and liquor ads but are not singing the gospel.

Apparently some people are not aware that certain music is of the wrong origin and has a degrading effect on the hearer as surely as the good music has blessing. What we sing affects us and our character more than we realize. Worthwhile music provides release from tension, discipline of mind and body, spiritual refreshment.

Chronometers measure time, cyclometers measure distance, speedometers measure speed—but there is no way to measure the *power of music!* Do we realize how important it is for us to fill our hearts and minds with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to the Lord?

## DIFFERENT SERVICES

Do we appreciate the different types of services that are conducted? In some people’s judgment the greatest  
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service is one when there is no preaching—a time when all the people praise the Lord and worship in unison. There are others who feel it is essential to have the preaching of the Word. Certainly God is not bound to our forms. Why not let our prejudice go and worship God in all types of meetings that are held for His glory!

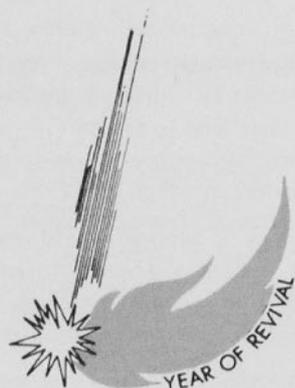
Some feel that the only worthwhile meetings are the quiet ones. Others think the service is valueless unless it is a shouting, emotional time. The calm, controlled, sedate, serene must learn to appreciate the emotional, and *vice versa*.

Some people enjoy only the evangelistic ministry. They are bored with the teaching ministry. Others “couldn’t

care less” for the evangelist. They appreciate only the teacher. But we need both! God has placed both in the church as His gifts to the Body (Ephesians 4:11).

## CONCLUSION

Oh, how much we miss by “sitting in the seat of the scornful.” How often we have grieved the Spirit! How often we have hindered what God wanted to do in our hearts in the service! Let us cultivate an appreciation for all people, for all ministries, for all styles of Christian music, for all services rendered unto the Lord. We will be far happier, far more blessed; we will please God far better when we learn to appreciate one another. 



# WHY NOT HAVE REVIVAL?

By ROBERT E. COLEMAN

**M**EN EVERYWHERE ARE SENSING that something is missing in the life of the church. We have a form of religion but no power. For most churchmen there is no thrill in personal devotions, no spring in the step, no shout in the soul. The joy of sacrifice is gone. Complacency is the norm.

Revival is our only hope—a God-wrought transformation in the inner man that reaches into the total fabric of our life and culture.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

No revival can come in our hearts until sin is out of the way. The great revival that came to the New Hebrides in 1949 is a splendid example. Led by their minister, a little group of earnest Christians entered into a covenant with God that they would “give Him no rest until He had made Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”

Months passed, but nothing happened. Then one night a young man arose from his knees and read from Psalm 24: “Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart. . . . He shall receive the blessing from the Lord.”

The young man closed his Bible and, looking at his companions on their knees, said: “Brethren, it is just

so much humbug to be waiting thus night after night, month after month, if we ourselves are not right with God. I must ask myself, ‘Is my heart pure? Are my hands clean?’ ”

As the men faced this question, they fell on their faces in confession and consecration. That night revival came to the town. The whole community was shaken by the power of God; and within a few weeks the revival had moved across the island, sweeping literally thousands of people into the Kingdom.

So every revival begins. God can use a small vessel, but He will not use a dirty one. An Achan in the camp will always have an influence for evil upon many others. Let us be sure that our hearts are clean. “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me” (Psalm 139:23, 24).

## PREVAILING PRAYER

When the channel is clean, the Spirit of God can flow through the believing heart in true intercessory prayer. Such prayer is wrought from hearts overwhelmed with the sense of unworthiness yet captivated by the knowledge of God’s forgiving grace. At first our cries for help may be faltering, but as the burden increases in intensity and scope, prayer becomes focused on the real need.

When revival was sweeping through Wales in 1904, a man who visited one of the meetings stood up and asked:

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"Friends, I have journeyed into Wales with the hope that I may glean the secret of the Welsh revival."

Instantly Evan Roberts, leader of the revival, was on his feet, and with an uplifted arm toward the speaker, replied: "My brother, there is no secret. Ask, and ye shall receive!"

That's it! Revival comes when God's people prevail in prayer. "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Jesus has promised: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do. . . . If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14; see also John 15:7, 16; 16:25, 26). The "name" of Jesus, of course, is just another way of expressing the person and work of the Master. To pray in His name is to pray in His character, to pray in His Spirit, to pray as Jesus Himself is praying as Mediator before the Father.

Seen this way, prayer implies our complete identification with the purpose of God. Jesus called out in the inner depth of human emptiness, "Not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 23:42; compare Matthew 26:39; Mark 14:36). His prayer was not passive submission to the Father, but a determined plea that God's will would prevail over all else. Prayer has its joys, and it always throbs with thanksgiving, but supremely it is seen in Jesus to be active conformity to the will of God.

Where this condition is fulfilled, nothing is impossible (1 John 5:14, 15). Whatever limits are imposed upon the power of prayer are entirely of our own making. We can go through all the forms of prayer, but until we actually want God's will to be done more than we want life itself, we are not in the spirit of prayer.

Such praying is never easy. It will make us face the cross. It will mean deep searching of soul and real sacrifice. When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, the burden of His mission was so great upon His heart that while He prayed "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground" (Luke 22:44). Prayer was indeed the sweat, tears, and blood of His ministry (Hebrews 5:7). Everything else was easy in comparison to His intercession before the Throne of God. The battle of Calvary was fought and won in prayer.

## THE WAY OF CONQUEST

So it is with every victory of grace. The weapons of this warfare are not fleshly, but are "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). As Sidlow Baxter put it, "Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons—but they are helpless against our prayers." Satan has already defeated us if we try any substitute. Believing, persistent, determined prayer is the only way of victory. "We can do more than pray after we have prayed," the godly A. J. Gordon has reminded us, "but we cannot do more than pray until we have prayed."

A little group of praying Christian businessmen in Charlotte, North Carolina, illustrate this principle so well. During the depression of 1932 they became greatly concerned about the spiritual and moral decay in their city. Believing that the situation called for an all-out evangelistic effort, they asked the ministerial association to undertake a united crusade, assuring the clergy of their support. However, the ministers, somewhat skeptical

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of this type of meeting, declined the request.

Though disappointed, the laymen still felt that God wanted to do something big in their city. Not knowing what else to do, they decided to call for a day of prayer. All who could were asked to come to a quiet, wooded spot on the outskirts of Charlotte and spend the day waiting upon the Lord. Twenty-nine persons responded to that first invitation. As they fasted and prayed, the faith of the men grew stronger. They prayed that God would be pleased to send a revival to their city and that it would spread over the state and out to the ends of the earth.

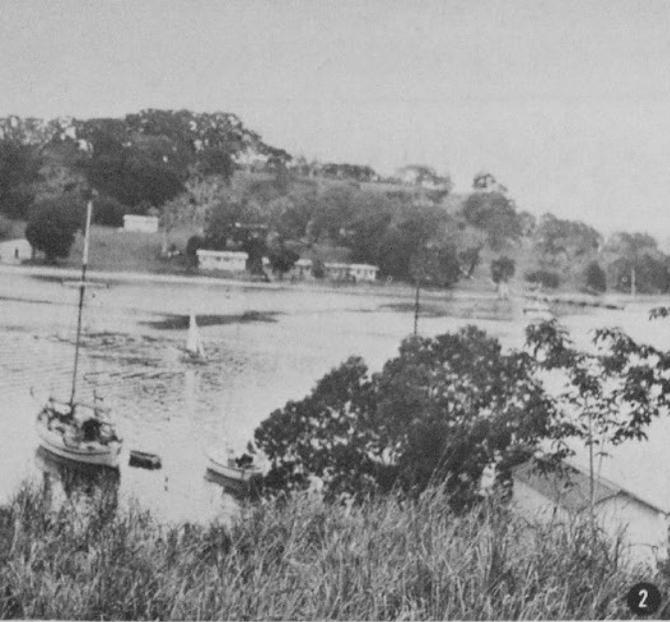
This time proved such a blessing that in the months following similar meetings were called. Two of these were held on the farm of W. Frank Graham, a dairyman and devout churchman, who shared the men's concern for revival. Particularly was he burdened for one of his own children, William, a teen-age boy who needed to come to grips with God.

Out of these repeated times of prayer the men felt led to sponsor an evangelistic meeting in the city. So they purchased a small tent and set it up for gospel services in the summer of 1933. This effort was so encouraging that the men decided to undertake a much larger crusade the following year. Mordecai Ham was invited to preach. Many difficulties were encountered in getting ready for the meeting, and several times it seemed as if it would never materialize; but the men persisted in their prayers, and finally in the fall of 1934 the Charlotte Crusade began.

What happened in that meeting is now well known. For it was there that the young boy named Billy Graham, along with many others, was converted. A spirit was ignited in his life which has blazed a trail for God around the world.

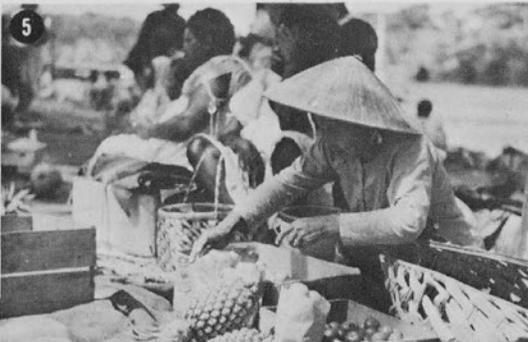
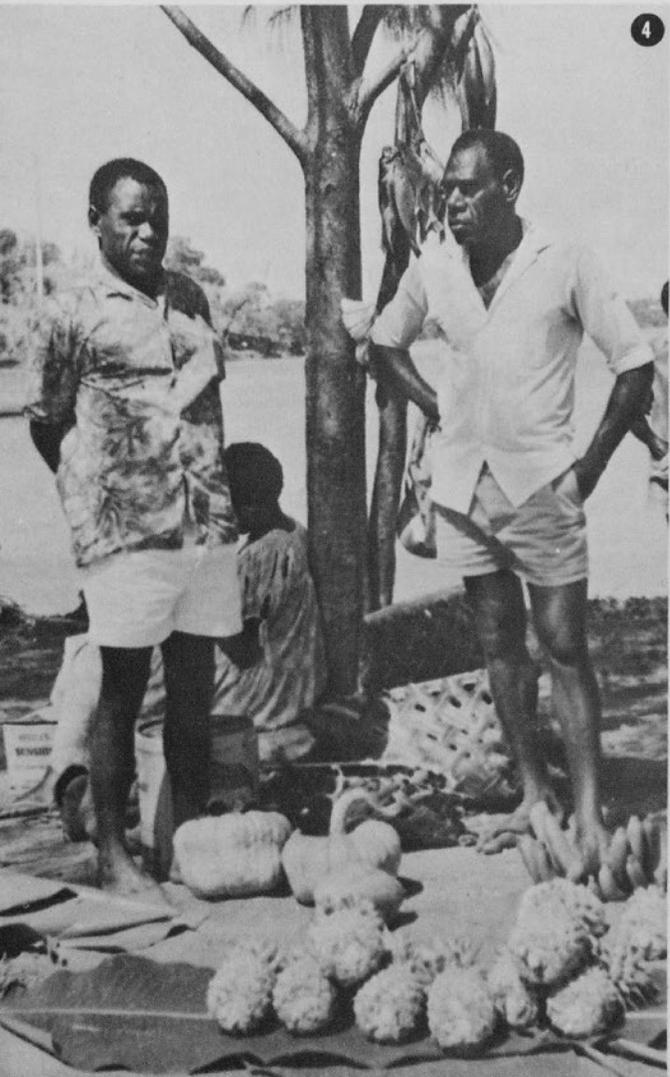
Yet when I see the tremendous ministry of this great evangelist and thrill at the way God has used him to challenge so many today with the claims of Christ, I cannot help but think of that little group of earnest Christian laymen along with Billy's dad down on their knees in the piney woods of North Carolina imploring God to show His omnipotence in a new way.

That is the way revival begins. It always starts in a prayer meeting as we seek first the Kingdom and commit our lives for God to use as He pleases. When we truly take sides with heaven and pray with Christ, inevitably there will be fruit (John 15:1-17).



# ACCORDING TO PLAN

By LAWRENCE R. LARSON / *Missionary to the South Pacific*



1. Pastor Williams (left) gives Bible instruction to two New Hebrides men. 2. This harbor scene is in Port Vila where a mission work has been started. 3. Pastor Williams prays for the people of New Hebrides. 4. The marketplace is a favorite meeting spot for people to barter over prices or talk about current news. 5. Fresh fruits for sale are displayed on mats. 6. Lawrence Larson (left) supervises the work in New Hebrides pastored by Mr. Williams. 7. These people at Port Vila have accepted Christ.



# THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ENTERS NEW HEBRIDES

*The Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department has just entered another new field—the South Pacific island nation of New Hebrides. Led by Missionary Lawrence R. Larson, coordinator for the Assemblies of God work in the South Pacific, the missionaries and national ministers in Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia are carrying out a well-planned strategy for spreading the gospel to all the island groups. In the following article Missionary Larson tells how they opened this new field.*

**W**E HAVE DEVELOPED a plan for pioneering missions in new countries and major areas of the South Pacific islands. For our report on the progress of the new mission in the New Hebrides Islands, we will use this Development Plan as our outline and explain how it has worked in New Hebrides through November 1968.

## 1. SURVEY THE NEW AREA

About a year in advance of our opening the New Hebrides field, we visited the area. An international airport serves the two major islands. We stopped at the capital, Port Vila, and also went to the second major island, Santo.

We reviewed the missions already working in New Hebrides and discovered that no Pentecostal mission was ministering to the capital or the southern islands. Many friends and members of our mission from other island countries are working in the condominium of the New Hebrides, and they welcomed our ministries.

## 2. PLAN A GOOD NEWS CRUSADE AND PRINT LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST LITERATURE

When many New Hebrides men who were working in Noumea, New Caledonia, began attending the English services there, Ronald Killingbeck was helping to translate some gospel tracts into Bislama (Pidgin English). Through this contact, many thousands of tracts were printed at Assembly Press in Fiji and sent to Port Vila. (A news item about the New Caledonia work appeared in the February 9, 1969, issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.)

We planned a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE, but projected costs were very high. We prayed, and GOOD NEWS CRUSADES funds came to the rescue.

## 3. ARRANGE FOR PERSONNEL

Many of the ministers and other

workers in Fiji showed a desire to go along to help open this new mission, but it was God who made the final decision. The Lord definitely called Fijian Pastor James C. Williams to this ministry. First Assembly of God in Suva, Fiji, will support this third Fijian missionary.

Then we needed an interpreter. The Lord answered prayer in supplying two for the initial crusade. Brother Loulou Manwo came from Noumea, New Caledonia, to help win his own people to Christ; and Brother Seru Naivika (a Fijian boat engineer) stayed in port for the duration of the GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.

## 4. TRAVEL TO NEW AREA WITH TEAM

First, on October 8 I went to New Hebrides for preliminary arrangements. A week later, Pastor Williams came from Suva, and the interpreters were on hand within a few days.

## 5. RENT CAMPAIGN HALL AND WORKERS' QUARTERS

A search for adequate quarters resulted in our renting a hall situated close to two drinking bars. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). Our aim was to reach lost souls with the good news.

## 6. DISTRIBUTE LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST LITERATURE AND ADVERTISE THE CRUSADE

For several days before the campaign began, we distributed evangelistic literature throughout the capital. Posters were made, and we displayed them at strategic locations. Personal invitations were given to many.

## 7. CONDUCT THE GOOD NEWS CRUSADE

About 100 decisions for Christ resulted from the first GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Port Vila, New Hebrides. Several New Hebrides men were filled with the Holy Spirit in these meetings. They were the first in this area to receive the Pentecostal experience.

The biggest attendance was from the New Hebrides people, but there were also Tongans and Fijians attending and making decisions for Christ. We consider this campaign a great help in opening this new mission.

## 8. BEGIN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS

Regular Bible study, prayer meetings, and Sunday services are now being conducted for these new converts. Already some have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and more are hungry for this spiritual blessing.

## 9. EXPECT GOD TO RAISE UP LEADERS

Some of the New Hebrides men

saved in Noumea seem to be good prospects for leadership of the church in coming years. Others in Port Vila are showing faithfulness as a prerequisite to usefulness.

## 10. TRAIN FUTURE MINISTERS

Two of the New Hebrides young men saved in Noumea plan to attend South Pacific Bible College in Fiji. Others also are interested.

So far our plans have been carried out through Stage 10. The *future* of the Development Plan calls for the following steps:

## 11. USE NEW CONVERTS

Spirit-filled believers will be used in outstation work and open-air witnessing.

## 12. BUILD A FIRST CHURCH BUILDING

A center built from mission funds and local labor will provide permanency.

## 13. SPREAD OUT FROM THIS CENTER

New villages and islands will be reached with a constant supply of Light-for-the-Lost evangelistic literature. Some of the new works are to be started by missionaries, but to be continued by local converts who become ministers and workers.

## 14. NATIONALS ERECT VILLAGE CHURCHES

These buildings will be erected in simple fashion, or the believers will meet in homes.

Church buildings in major centers will be helped by mission funds when possible.

## 15. PROMOTE A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR VILLAGE CHURCHES

This is the plan that is now in effect in the South Pacific islands. It is intended that intermediate supervisory control of missions in newly opened island countries shall be with the coordinator resident in Suva, Fiji, until more local sovereignty is warranted.

As coordinator, I am subject to the field secretary for the Far East, Maynard L. Ketcham, whose burden for reaching new Pacific areas inspires us all.

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# HOW FULLY DO YOU FORGIVE?

By ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI

**T**O ERR IS HUMAN," the adage goes; "to forgive is divine." Certainly all of us can recall hurts and grievances received in our lifetime for which there seemed to be no just cause. To bear these graciously and to love in spite of them is the mark of true spiritual maturity.

An unforgiving spirit actually hurts no one as much as the one who harbors it. The offender may be innocent of his offense or, at the worst, unconcerned about it; and the soul that cannot forgive is the one that truly suffers.

## FACTS OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is of such importance in the sight of God that He makes our salvation contingent upon it! The words of Christ cannot be taken lightly: "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: *but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses*" (Matthew 6:14, 15).

If your standard for forgiveness is simply a grudging acknowledgment of an apology, then you have no right to expect an abundance of mercy when you stand before God.

A young man with a Christian background became involved in false teaching and would have forsaken the true way but for his wife's prayers. Finally he found his way back to a church altar of repentance and met God anew.

As he arose from prayer, he faced the congregation. "There's something I must say," he began. Then he confessed a resentment he had held for some time. As he cleared his heart of the grievance, the power of God flowed in, and he was truly transformed. His willingness to forgive was the key that enabled him to enter into the benefits of God's grace and mercy.

From a practical standpoint, we can readily see how the poison of resentment can close the heart to the reception of any spiritual gift. An unforgiving spirit is a hindrance any way you look at it. Sooner or later its venom will spill over on others and color their thinking. The writer of Hebrews gave a clear warning about the root of bit-

terness that not only troubles the individual, but also can defile many (Hebrews 12:15).

## FORMULA FOR FORGIVENESS

Since human forgiveness plays such a vital role in the plan of God, we would do well to analyze the teachings of Christ so we may know the will of God.

The art of forgiving may be remembered by a simple acrostic:

F reely  
O penheartedly  
R epeatedly  
G enerously  
I mploringly  
V oluntarily  
E mbracingly

Looking closer to these principles of forgiveness, we see how they reflect the divine attribute of mercy.

*Freely.* Our forgiveness should be without reservation and should be "with the same measure" that we have been forgiven. The apostle Paul reemphasized this in Ephesians 4:32: "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

*Openheartedly.* Genuine forgiveness must come from the heart. Mere words are not enough. Unless the negative emotions toward the offender are reversed, true forgiveness has not taken place.

At the close of His Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-35), Jesus warned of the punishment that awaits "if ye *from your hearts* forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

*Repeatedly.* When Peter endeavored to set the limit of forgiving his brother at a generous "seven times," Jesus extended the limit to the unthinkable "seventy times seven"! By so doing He implied that forgiveness is not simply an act, but rather an attitude. To the Christian, forgiveness should be a way of life—an identifying characteristic.

*Generously.* Giving is closely linked to forgiving. Being generous involves turning the other cheek, lending with no thought of return, and giving another person the benefit of the doubt (Luke 6:27-37).

Often words alone cannot express the fullness of forgiveness. The father of the prodigal son did not attempt words of pardon. Instead, he called for the best robe, a ring, shoes, and the fatted calf. These were tokens of pardon and signs of forgiveness.

*Implovingly.* Forgiveness is given a prominent place in Christ's teaching on prayer. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:24, 25).

Certainly a clean heart is an asset to prayer. There is no better place to rid ourselves of ill will than in the presence of God. Hurts are soon healed when bathed in the ointment of intercession.

*Voluntarily.* When a Christian is asked, "Will you forgive me?" his reply should be, "I already have."

The best possible example of voluntary forgiveness was shown by the Son of God at the time of His crucifixion when He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

If we wait for an apology before we forgive, we may carry the wound forever. Rather, let forgiveness rise to meet the injustice the moment it occurs.

*Embracingly.* An embrace is a physical act of acceptance. Instead of finding harsh judgment awaiting him, the prodigal son found his father's open arms.

Many times Jesus employed a physical touch to convey reassurance of forgiveness and healing. Reaching out to the offender by means of a friendly handshake, a smile, or simply a warmth of feeling can do much to restore a broken relationship.

## FRUIT OF FORGIVENESS

While forgiveness for our own sins is one of the primary benefits of forgiving others, it is by no means the only one. A forgiving spirit can heal broken hearts, reunite families, bring revival to churches, and end inner and interpersonal conflict.

A forgiving spirit demonstrates that we are willing to allow God to perform His rightful duties as judge, rather than seeking vengeance ourselves. It speaks of a surrendered will.

God's example of forgiveness may seem beyond our ability to follow, but its only actual cost is to our pride. The smaller one becomes in his own sight, the easier it is to forgive others.

"For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). Jesus' teaching simply means we cannot defy the spiritual law of sowing and reaping. This is God's standard of measurement for forgiveness. To introduce a lesser standard is to cheat ourselves.

Only by making room in our hearts for others do we make room for God. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20). 

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*In 1 Samuel 20:5 David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat." The new moon is spoken of again in v. 18. What was celebrated in the new moon, and how was it celebrated?*

The new moon marked the beginning of months in Israel and it was to be observed as a holy day. Special sacrifices were to be offered (Numbers 28:11-15); there was to be a blowing of trumpets (Numbers 10:10); no secular work was to be done (Amos 8:5); and the tabernacle (later the temple) was to be opened for public worship (Isaiah 66:23).

*What was the "way of Cain"? (Jude 11).*

Probably the way of Cain that Jude had in mind was Cain's belief that man can be saved by self-effort. Cain toiled and cultivated the ground, then brought an offering of the fruit of his labor, the product of his toil.

Many of our day mistakenly follow this way of Cain, trusting that through church membership, benevolence, and other activities they will merit divine favor and get through the pearly gates.

Acceptable worship results from faith in Christ, not in self-merit. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Salvation is the gift of God, the result of a divine work wrought in the human life. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Ephesians 2:10).

*How can you teach that Christians are not under the Law when John plainly says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law"? (1 John 3:4).*

Man is saved by grace through the redemption provided by the sacrificial death of Christ: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). The Law can condemn but the Law cannot save. Only faith in Christ can save.

But believers in Christ are not lawless. They acknowledge that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). It can be fulfilled only by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, through faith, not in the Law as a saving medium, but in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Paul explains fulfillment of the righteousness of the Law as follows: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:3, 4).

*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.*

# TEAM EFFORT IN ILLINOIS DISTRICT BUILDS CHURCH IN UNIVERSITY CITY

**D**ISTRICT OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS, the mayor, and many friends, together with the local congregation, bowed their heads as the prayer of dedication was offered:

"Lord, we dedicate these pews, this piano, this pulpit . . . we offer this building to You and to Your service for the increase of Your Kingdom. For Jesus' sake. Amen."



**Pastor Richard Foth and family.**

For Pastor Richard Foth and all who labored with him to erect this church in Urbana, Illinois, it was a moment of triumph. But two of the members who had played important parts in starting the church were not present. Gerald Zeedar, a member of the board, had been killed in a tragic automobile accident just one week earlier, and his wife Carol was lying in a hospital in critical condition.

Both Gerald and Carol Zeedar graduated from Evangel College. They went to the twin-city of Champaign-Urbana to teach—Gerald in the Champaign high school, and Carol in an elementary school. Together with four other young people—Mr. and Mrs. Larry Green, Bob and Dwight Wickersham, all students at the Uni-

versity of Illinois—they prayed earnestly that God would raise up an Assembly of God which would minister to the university population.

In 1965 they began holding meetings. John Elrod was their pastor for six months. A nucleus of 20 persons was formed and they met in rented quarters. After Brother Elrod's departure the pulpit was filled by visiting ministers.

Then one September day in 1966 there was a meeting with E. M. Clark, district superintendent, and Wayne Kraiss, home missions director for Illinois. Out of this meeting there emerged a master plan: "If this group of students and young married couples will pledge a certain amount of money each month to support a pastor, the Illinois District will back it with every resource it can offer."

Soon afterward, the district appointed Richard Foth as pastor. Within a matter of days Brother and Sister Foth, together with the Zeedars and the four students already mentioned, were itinerating among the Illinois churches enlisting prayer and financial support for the new project.

Everywhere the response was heartening. On Home Missions Day, offerings were received in many churches throughout the district to help purchase three acres of property in a choice location near the university. Several months earlier, Glad Tidings Assembly in Loves Park had pledged \$1,000 toward purchase of the property. The district WMC's gave the Foths access to their commissary in Carlinville plus a generous contribution of \$3,000 from their Penny Parade fund. The Men's Fellowship in Section One pledged over \$1,000. Pastor Foth's alma mater, Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California, contributed \$600. And numerous churches put the Urbana Project in their missionary budgets. Of paramount importance, prayer was offered daily by hundreds of interested persons across the nation.

With this tremendous team spirit, how could there be anything but success? On July 20, 1967, ground was broken and four months later the first service was held in the new building.

From the beginning, the church has experienced a continuous growth and is becoming one of the substantial churches of the district. Attendance reached a new high at the special Easter program in charge of Carol Zeedar, the church's director of music. Having majored in music at Evangel College, Carol was able to attract many people from the university who appreciated fine music and who had talent to contribute to the church program. The Sunday school has about 25 enrolled in the college class.

Pastor Foth has high praise for the young married couples and students who were responsible for getting the Urbana Assembly of God started. In an age when many college youth are running wild and casting off all moral restraints, it is good to know there are Christian young people who are zealous for Christ and His Kingdom.

The architecture of the church is tasteful and inviting both inside and out. The red-brick building, 36 by 80 feet in size, is of Colonial design with the traditional steeple. The interior is modern with Colonial touches throughout, including the walnut-panel doors. Downstairs there are Sunday school facilities, nursery, and a two-bedroom apartment presently used by the pastor's family.

According to a study made recently by a national commission on urban planning, Champaign-Urbana will be the fastest-growing area in Illinois over the next eight years. The population already is nearing 100,000. There are large manufacturing plants and other industries, but the greatest "industry" is the university with its 30,000 students and faculty of 12,000. It offers a tremendous foreign missions outreach, boasting of some 1,200 foreign students on campus.

Situated on the leading edge of this rapidly growing



The sanctuary has a seating capacity of approximately 200.

community, within easy walking distance of the university's married student and faculty housing area, the new church has a great opportunity to build for God. Pastor and Mrs. Foth and the congregation intend to make the most of it. On September 9 they opened a child-care center called Kiddie Kountry in the church fellowship hall. This center has a state-licensed capacity for 25 children with 22 enrolled already. It offers a way of reaching new families and ministering to children—and it is proving to be a financial blessing to the church as well.

God is blessing the church. Since the dedication of the building, a good number have been saved and three have been filled with the Holy Spirit. The pastor reports there is a spirit of revival throughout the congregation. He says attendance is double what it was a year ago.

The new Urbana Assembly ministers in an area near the Illinois University.



# THE CENTER POINT STORY

By LESLIE W. SMITH

**W**HEN A SCHOOLTEACHER-PASTOR decides it is time to give up his teaching and devote his entire time to pastoring his three-year-old assembly in the suburbs of a great city, you can be certain he is sold on his church's potential success.

Well, Ernest Pettry has done just that. He is now pastoring full time in the rapidly expanding suburb of Center Point, Birmingham, Alabama—a community that boasts a new junior college and numerous housing developments.

This is not only a success story; it is also a how-to-do-it story epitomizing the value of the team spirit between local assembly and district efforts. Certainly no grass has been allowed to grow under the feet of Pastor and Mrs. Pettry, trustees Crain, Seale, and Williamson, and the Center Point congregation.

**The framework of the new sanctuary takes shape. The new building is connected to the old one.**



**This five-room house was remodeled to serve as the first chapel for the Center Point Assembly congregation.**

When District Superintendent T. H. Spence dedicated the beautiful new auditorium, he said, "Brother and Sister Pettry accepted the challenge of this vast residential area. . . . They have witnessed a very substantial growth, and a wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit on their church. I personally feel this new assembly has the potential of being one of our largest churches in the Birmingham area." And his prediction is coming true.

A recent report from Pastor Pettry says, "On December 1, 1968, our church observed its third anniversary. It was a time of great rejoicing as we looked back and counted the blessings of God. We believe the Center Point story is an example of what can be done for God when His people are faithful to the call and vision He has given them. . . ."

This pioneer effort began in 1965 when a prayer meeting was held in a local school building to determine the course of a small nucleus of believers living in Center Point. For the lack of a pastor and a place to worship, the prayer services died. This seemed like failure, but the believers continued to pray individually—and the idea of a church in Center Point continued to live. Prayer was being answered. At the October 1965 Birmingham Sectional Council, Ernest Pettry was appointed by the sectional home missions committee to spearhead



the opening of a church in Center Point. At the same time, three trustees were appointed to help in securing property and to work with the pastor under district supervision.

By November 1965 three acres of property were acquired in the very heart of this residential community of 20,000. A five-room house was remodeled quickly into a small chapel and a three-room Sunday school. Seating capacity of the chapel was approximately 45. Providentially there was a one-room log cabin on the property which would become an ideal meeting place for Royal Rangers and a junior Sunday school class.

The small chapel was a good beginning. It was nicely furnished and air-conditioned. Announcement was made that December 1, 1965 would be opening day.

For the first service 29 people came. The evening services also were well attended, and from the very first there was evidence of God's blessings upon the work. Several families in the community took an active interest in the new church.

Soon there was talk of enlarging the building. However, after meeting and discussing the matter, the congregation decided in favor of a completely new building to permit growth and to give the church an image of permanence in the community. Blueprints for a building

("The Conqueror" design) were obtained from the National Home Missions Department, paid for by the district Sunday School Department.

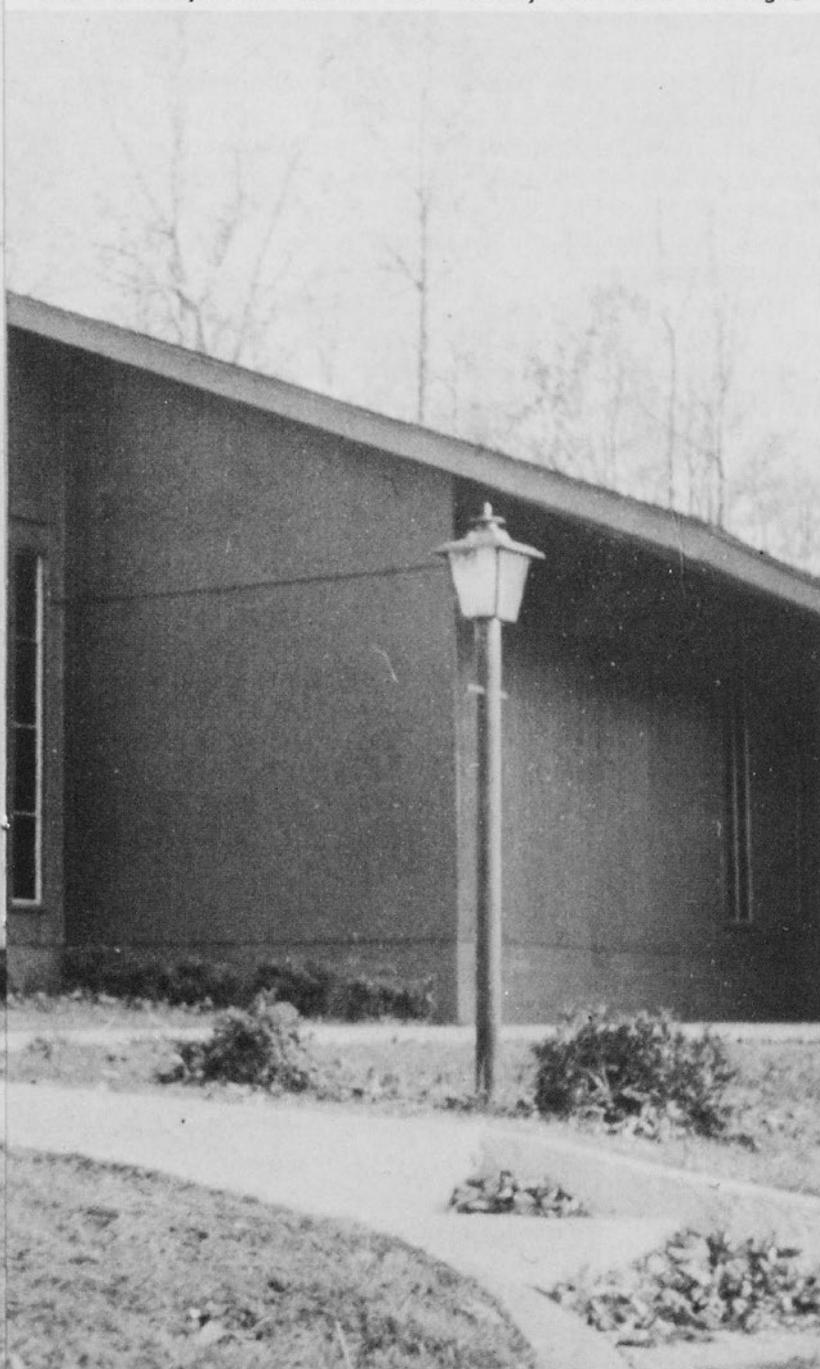
Immediately construction on the building commenced, for the people had a mind to work. The entire three acres were beautifully landscaped and graded free of charge to the church. And the work on the building was donated by the men of the congregation.

On the second anniversary, the new building was dedicated complete with wall-to-wall carpeting, black walnut wall paneling, matching pews and pulpit—at a cost of only \$12,000. The total value of both buildings and property amounted to \$45,000.



Interior view of the walnut-paneled sanctuary.

New sanctuary of the Center Point Assembly in suburban Birmingham.



The third anniversary saw the church completely self-supporting, making it possible for Brother Pettry to resign his schoolteaching position to become full-time pastor. Last July, the church was officially affiliated with the Alabama District and General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Of course, the most rewarding gains of Center Point Assembly are in the spiritual realm. In recent months several souls were saved in the regular services, and others in revival meetings. There is an average attendance of 10 each week at the CA services. Their annual Speed-the-Light contributions amount to \$200 or over.

One point of achievement was when the Sunday school attained the Silver Crown status. It hopes to win a Gold Crown in 1969. The average attendance was 42 in 1967 and 46 in 1968.

No end of expansion is in sight for this suburban community. Several tracts of land are being developed for home sites and still others on the drawing boards. The three-year-old Jefferson State Junior College stands just two miles from the church and has an enrollment of 3,000 students. Erwin High School has 1,500 students, Erwin Elementary 1,200, and Center Point Elementary 1,100. A new junior high school has just been completed. School officials, civic leaders, builders, and merchants all agree that Center Point is one of Alabama's fastest growing residential areas. An inviting harvest field indeed.

Pastor Pettry says: "We at Center Point Assembly rejoice for the challenge and opportunity we have to reach the many thousands of unchurched in this area."

Without doubt this report can be duplicated many times throughout our constituency. It is harvesttime in America! There have never been greater opportunities—thousands of towns without a full-gospel witness. Are you doing your part?



# LORD, SEND A REVIVAL



Ed Cole, Men's Fellowship director for the Northern California-Nevada District (left) and General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman explain the use of the graphic witnessing guide in visitation evangelism.

SOMETHING EVERY EVANGELIST HAS LONGED FOR" was one phrase used to describe the Seminar for Evangelists which convened in Springfield, Mo., December 19-21, 1968. For many evangelists the seminar provided the spiritual impetus they desired for launching into 1969, the Year of Revival.

Since the evangelists occupy such a strategic position in the total ministry of the church, the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission planned this seminar for their special benefit. The days were packed with spiritual inspiration and heartwarming fellowship.

Over 150 ministers, mostly evangelists, from 28 states, including Hawaii, registered for the seminar.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent and seminar chairman, gave the keynote message entitled, "Council on Evangelism—Now What?" Gene Scott, research director for the Committee on Advance, shared with the evangelists the continuing work and thinking of

the committee since the Council on Evangelism.

Each morning and afternoon was devoted to two sessions. In each session there was a speaker followed by a panel discussion of the topic.

Topics for discussion on Friday included, "Biblical Perspective of the Evangelist," by Evangelist W. Glenn West; "The Multiple Ministries of the Evangelist," by Ed Cole, Men's Fellowship director for the Northern California-Nevada District; "The Evangelist in the Inner-City Church," by Thurman Faison, pastor of a new inner-city church in Chicago; and "Every Church Can Support an Evangelist," by Illinois District Superintendent E. M. Clark.

After a fellowship dinner on Friday evening, Harry Myers, pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa, Okla., presented the pastor's viewpoint on "Preparing the Church for Revival," and Evangelist Don Cox presented the evangelist's viewpoint. Wesley Hurst, home secretary

## OVER 150 EVANGELISTS

*Three-Day Meet  
Provides Spiritual  
Launching into the*



A fellowship dinner on Friday evening was one of the highlights of the seminar. Good food and a pleasant setting provided a relaxed atmosphere for a time of fellowship with other evangelists and pastors. Food and lodging for the evangelists were provided by the General Council. Evangelist and Mrs. Charles A. Fairfield (right) of East Tawas, Michigan, added a light touch to the dinner with a song offering a tribute to evangelists.



# ATTEND S SEMINAR

## *in Springfield ual Impetus for e Year of Revival*



Panel discussions took place after each session of the seminar. Here Evangelist Paul Olson, Minneapolis; Evangelist Paul Hild, Minneapolis; and Pastor Harry Myers, Tulsa, Okla., discuss the multiple ministries of the evangelist.

of the Foreign Missions Department, then spoke on "Revival on the Mission Field."

The Saturday sessions dealt with the following topics: "The Evangelist—Motivator for Soul Winning," with Sam Jordan, president of National Action Crusades Council, as the speaker; "A Visitation Plan for Outreach," by Ed Cole; and "Literature in Evangelism," with C.W. Denton, coordinator of Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission and seminar coordinator, as speaker.

Commenting on these sessions, Evangelist Larry Griswold of Newton, Iowa, said, "The content and program of the seminar were excellent, and I feel the participating brethren did a wonderful job." Other evangelists made similar statements.

The seminar concluded on Saturday noon with Communion and a total commitment service led by Brother Zimmerman.

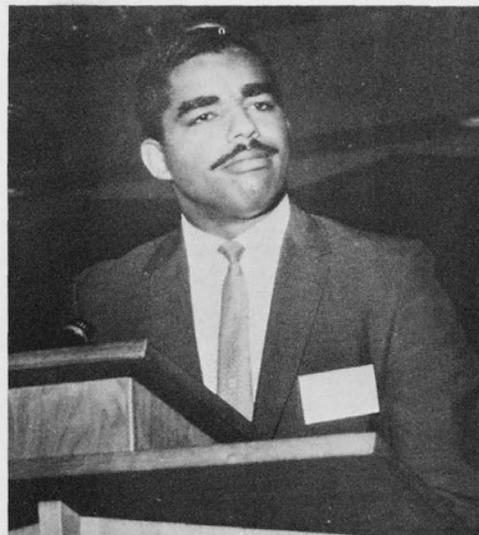
In evaluating the seminar, one evangelist stated, "I

have felt the need of this for 15 years. I feel now that we are appreciated and that we belong."

Evangelist Stanley Brock of Mississippi later wrote, "I went to the seminar needing a sense of direction and I am praising God that I found what I was looking for."

During this seminar the need was expressed for pastors and evangelists to meet to discuss ways of increasing the effectiveness of the total evangelistic program of the church. Plans are being made for such a meeting to be held the day the General Council begins in Dallas, Texas, August 21, 1969.

In summing up the Seminar for Evangelists, one evangelist reflected, "I feel this session has provided a renewed motivation toward revival. The objective approach provided a free and fresh atmosphere for discussion, and the emphasis on the leadership of the Holy Spirit was greatly appreciated. The seminar has helped us interpret our role as evangelists in the proper perspective." 



D. L. "Sam" Jordan (left) president of the National Action Crusades Council, spoke at one of the sessions. Thurman Faison (above), pastor of a new inner-city church in Chicago, presented the challenge of inner-city evangelism.

## PRECOUNCIL SEMINAR FOR EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS

Thursday afternoon  
August 21, 1969  
Adolphus Hotel  
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# SPARED... BY GOD'S DESIGN



Highlights from an exciting biography of BRUNO R. FRIGOLI by "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. WARD

**G**OD COMBS HIS PREACHERS FROM EVERY VICISSITUDE of life. You will never find on earth a more colorful organization of personalities than you find in a fellowship of God's servants. *Their testimonies of God's redeeming power are more effective and more thrilling than any fiction ever written.*

Take, for example, the dramatic story behind Bruno Frigoli who now serves as superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Bolivia.

Bruno knew obedience as a military man. He had been an officer assigned to command Italian troops keeping the escape route open for Mussolini around Lake Como as the dictator tried to escape to Switzerland. *They were elite troops.* By then, however, Mussolini's nerves and will to command had been shattered, and he suspected everyone. He chose to escape by an unguarded road, was betrayed, and fell into the hands of Italian partisans.

The death of Mussolini ushered in the hour of retribution for everyone identified as a Fascist. Communists were in command, and the shadow of death was everywhere.

Bruno and 13 other officers were crowded into a narrow cell. Quickly the number began to dwindle. *Executions were the order of the day.* Their Communist captors had long memories for those who had hunted the mountains and searched their hideaways. Communist justice was summary. It was conducted at rifle point.

*Twelve out of the 14 were liquidated,* and Bruno Frigoli felt that at last death had caught up with him. And after death, what? He could not come to terms. He had always dismissed God; there was enough hypocrisy in the world without adding religion. But he was going somewhere; and if not to heaven, then *where?*

When Bruno's last cellmate, a Catholic chaplain, came to trial, he took the opportunity to speak for Bruno. He told the court how the young officer had tried to comfort a condemned prisoner's widow, and that after living in the cell with him for months he was convinced that Lieutenant Frigoli could not be a brutal killer without conscience—that he was only carrying out orders.

Something changed the attitude of the prosecutor. It

seemed that Bruno Frigoli had been called back from eternity. He heard the almost unbelievable words from the judge: "Cleared. Not guilty! *You are free to go.*"

Where could he go?

His home was gone. His father had been executed. There was no work for former Fascist officers.

A friend finally gave him a job of sorts. The pressure was relentless. Anonymous phone calls and threats upon his life dogged his steps. The police never stopped trailing him. It was almost hell on earth. He had to leave Italy. It was the only way.

Slowly, painfully, miraculously he scraped together enough for an inexpensive passage to the Argentine, South America. Perhaps there he could be beyond the grasp of the police and the communists.

After arriving in Argentina he soon found employment. His education had been detailed and thorough, and he had been trained to command. He was 22—*an old 22.*

In a few years Bruno felt that destiny was pulling him toward Bolivia. His wife's family purchased a sawmill in a booming frontier town along the border. Bruno became manager. A daughter had been added to the family—it was time for Bruno Frigoli to settle down.

Materially, his needs were met. Spiritually, he was a *wanderer*, a soul without an answer. He buried himself in a round of activity—sports, social life, drinking, work. But nothing satisfied.

One night, during a momentary lull in an uproarious celebration Bruno had been leading, a drunken foreman at his side pulled a revolver and pointed it into the air to add to the excitement. The gun failed to discharge. Puzzled, the foreman lowered it to see what was wrong, still pulling the trigger. Suddenly the gun began to fire, spilling bullets in every direction. The man standing on Bruno's left fell dead. Another on his right was wounded, and another standing behind him—but *he was untouched.*

Once again Bruno Frigoli escaped a Christless eternity. Little did he know that he was reaching toward the turning point of his wandering, meaningless life.

It came about in a strange way. *He literally lost his shirt!* And the circumstances led him to God.

Here is how it happened:

This article is a condensation of *FRIGOLI*, C. M. Ward's biography of Bruno R. Frigoli, superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Bolivia.

Driving from the city of Santa Cruz toward the jungle, Bruno slung his army shirt over the back of the seat. After several hours of driving, he reached back to look for the shirt. It was gone. He was angry and puzzled. How could it have disappeared?

The shirt itself was unimportant, but in the shirt's pockets were his documents and billfold.

Just then he saw a cloud of dust on the road ahead. When he had flagged down the vehicle, it proved to be a truck driven by an American woman, with another at her side. He introduced himself and explained his problem. His lost shirt was probably lying on the road between there and Santa Cruz. If the *señoritas* would be so kind as to watch for it, he would be in their debt. And would they mind keeping it until he could return to the city?

The women introduced themselves. They were Pearl Estep and Flora Schafer, Assemblies of God missionaries, working in Santa Cruz.

"How shall we get it back to you?" they asked. Then they suggested, "We could take it to the church, and you could pick it up there."

When Bruno arrived at the church on the next Sunday morning the service had begun. He waited until it was finished, then found the missionary in charge, Everett Hale, and asked him about the shirt. He was told that the women had not returned. Then the missionary added, "Why don't you come to tonight's service and ask them about it?"

Bruno did. He was not impressed by the service. The Bolivian preacher seemed to stumble. The piano playing was poor. And worse—the girls had not found the shirt.

The shirt was never returned, but for some reason Bruno Frigoli kept coming back to church. Sometimes he went alone. Sometimes he went with his brother-in-law, Leonardo. They did not know what exactly drew them.

On Good Friday, 1954, a visitor preached. He was a Swedish Pentecostal Salvation Army captain. Bruno and Leonardo were there to hear him. The captain preached a simple, gospel message. He told the story of the Prodigal Son.

Bruno Frigoli remembers what went through his mind: "I was thinking that Leonardo was that Prodigal Son."

It hadn't occurred to Bruno that he himself fitted the role even better. He was sure his brother-in-law needed help. Then the captain continued, "If *you* yourself are a prodigal son, won't you come to the front and let us pray for you?"

Bruno nudged Leonardo and said, "Why don't you go?"

"You go yourself," Leonardo replied.

The next step was the right one. "Let's go together!" The two stood, headed toward the front, and knelt.

Exactly one year after his conversion, Bruno was in the city of La Paz at a church service. God met Bruno at that service and baptized him in the Holy Ghost. That same evening, back in Santa Cruz, his wife Tilly felt an unaccountable urge to attend church. That night she was reconciled to God.

From then on Bruno and Tilly knew but one passion—to bring others to Christ. First he served as a Sunday school superintendent, then he pioneered a new assembly at the edge of the jungle. He asked himself repeatedly,

"Am I doing enough?" Should he remain a businessman or step out in faith into full-time service?

Then tragedy struck.

The Frigolis were taking their pastor home. A careless driver had parked his car on the road just over the brow of the hill. It was a deathtrap—there was no warning. Tilly was killed. Bruno was seriously injured.

Bruno returned to Italy by air—on a stretcher. There he placed his three children with Tilly's parents. Slowly, painfully, Bruno regained mobility. Then he returned—alone—to Bolivia.

The years that followed were demanding years. He drove himself. He buried himself in evangelism. He knew deep despondency. He longed for his family. *But his faith held.*

Once again he knew that God had spared him for a reason.

Soon he became a full-time pastor. His love for the Word grew along with his ability to preach it. He reached out from his pastorate in Santa Cruz to open Sunday schools in 12 areas surrounding the city.

While taking further training in the United States he married Fran, a missionary-nurse whom he met while she served in Bolivia. She soon became all that he had prayed God might provide—a wonderful mother to his children. They regathered the family from Italy and settled again in Bolivia.

Then they were called to direct the work in Bolivia's largest Protestant church—La Paz Evangelistic Center.

Today Bruno Frigoli thinks of what he might have been had not the gospel reached him. He thinks of the lonely death of Ernesto (Che) Guevara, slain at the age of 39 in the Bolivian town of Higuera. Guevara dedicated himself to spreading revolution through the Americas. He believed a day would come when what he helped to happen in Cuba would happen everywhere. He was *wrong*.

Bruno Frigoli began with a revolutionary idealism. The world he sought was the world that Benito Mussolini preached. So his life might have ended like Guevara's. Instead, he found a gospel that continues "to save to the uttermost," and a Master whose cause is above all others.

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# REVIVAL AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

By BRENTON L. OSGOOD

*Speed-the-Light Field Representative*

**G**OD HAS WORKED SO MIRACULOUSLY in my life, and my heart is just bubbling! God's Word means so much more to me now."

"Never have I experienced such an anointing on my life."

Sounds like revival, doesn't it? These are expressions from only two of the hundreds of young people who participated in the Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) witnessing program last summer. In small communities and large metropolitan areas; in local, sectional, district, and national programs, young people are taking a clear-cut gospel witness to thousands of homes.

One of the characteristics of the revival which is re-

corded throughout the Book of Acts was the emphasis on evangelism. Paul reminded the Ephesians: "I... have taught you publicly, and from *house to house*, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, *repentance toward God*, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20,21). This house-to-house method was one of the major avenues of New Testament evangelism, and it certainly must have perpetuated revival then, just as it does today. Genuine spiritual revival is essentially a personal thing, and only people can experience and perpetuate it.

Someone has said, "The more concerned Christians are about witnessing, the more they need the power of the Holy Spirit. The less concerned, the less they will sense their need for the Spirit." Youth who have participated in AIM learn to rely on God's power and guidance *personally*. Each participant is ministering at the battlefield. His words can bring life, and his personal relationship to Christ is constantly exposed. He makes himself vulnerable for the cause of Christ.

The spiritual results of AIM are exciting. Thousands of people have been saved, churches have received a new surge of spiritual fervor, and participating Christ's Ambassadors have been infused with new love, faith, vision, joy, and devotion.

Lee Paino, pastor of First Assembly, Alameda, California, reports that many things are happening as a result of a district youth witnessing "invasion" in his town: "We have seen two hippies receive Christ as their Saviour as a direct result of the invasion. Five families have been attending our Sunday school because of the witness in their home. Two very wonderful young couples have made First Assembly their home because of the young people and the follow-up efforts. Our Sunday school attendance has grown from 60 to 150 since the invasion."

Pastor Paino reports also that in the first four weeks that followed the invasion, 15 were saved, 12 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 10 were baptized in water!

"After seeing what the young people had accomplished, the adults of our church were challenged to make the important follow-up contacts," Pastor Paino continued. "The spark the young people ignited in the hearts of our adults has not died in the months that have followed."

This is not an isolated case, but an example of what can happen when young people are challenged to dedicate their time and energy to Christ and they are given an opportunity to put that dedication into action.

Jim Argue, district CA president of Northern California-Nevada, has made some observations about the importance of their district's door-to-door witnessing program:

"First of all, it gives the young people thorough training in a technique of sharing Christ with others.

"Second, they have an opportunity to test that technique by getting out on the streets in door-to-door witnessing.

"Third, team members can share their mistakes, victories, fears, and triumphs with each other. They share a time of prayer which is the major emphasis on the first evening of the effort. God has never failed to meet with us with a supernatural outpouring of His Spirit. In every invasion each member of the team has re-



# HOW LOLITA FOUND CHRIST

By GLORIA MILLER

**I**N 1963 A YOUNG COUPLE with three small children moved next door to us in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I wanted to be friends with the attractive red-haired mother and prayed I would be able to witness to her about the Lord.

Many times I arose and began my busy day only to have the Lord speak to my heart and urge me to drop my housework and go see Lolita. Often I found her weeping, de-

ceived either the Baptism or a wonderful fresh touch of the Spirit in the first prayer meeting.

"Fourth, before each witness session we have another prayer meeting moderated by the Holy Spirit. Some of the most thrilling experiences in Youth Missions Mobilized (the district name for the AIM program) come in these prayer meetings. The Holy Spirit often directs the entire team into a time of intercessory prayer, or sometimes a volume of praise and worship. At other times spontaneous singing and utterances in tongues and interpretations are given by these teen-age team workers who have never been used in this way before. The Holy Spirit accomplishes fantastic things during these seasons of prayer!"

Don Logan, D-CAP of Louisiana, reports this interesting incident: Some witnessing CA's came to a home where hippies were living together. After a lengthy discussion the hippies agreed to come to the church with the CA's, saying that if they could sense the presence of God, they would respond to Him. By the time the group reached the church, the other CA's had returned and had taken time out to eat lunch. Of course, they immediately joined in the prayer meeting which lasted for some time. God's Spirit moved in such a mighty way that the hippies did respond. They soon had their hands raised and with tears streaming down their faces asked Christ to come into their lives!

At least three things are accomplished when young people make a united concentrated effort to witness door to door.

First, the community is always affected, and the impact is a lasting one. People who have never heard the gospel are given the opportunity. Usually many people are brought to Christ.

pressed, and nervous over her mounting problems.

During these times we would read the Bible and pray together. But each time that I asked her to accept Christ as her Saviour, she would protest, "I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to live a Christian life if I made that step."

My answer was always the same, "Leave that up to God."

Finally Lolita accepted my invitation to attend church with me. Months later she went to the altar and gave her heart to Jesus. She listened as I told her she should follow the Lord in water baptism but she kept putting it off.

The day came when we were to move to Texas, and Lolita and I said good-bye with tears in our eyes, for we had been neighbors and close friends for three years.

Soon I received a letter from Lolita telling me she had been baptized in water. She wrote of the change in her life and the joy in Christ that was hers. She told how glad she was that I had witnessed to her of the Lord.

Two years had passed since we last saw each other when one evening our telephone rang. It was long distance from Albuquerque with the sad news that Lolita had been killed in an automobile accident.

My sorrow faded to joy as God's peace surged through me and I realized she was safe at home in heaven. I received a clipping of the accident, and there were six little words in the obituary which told a beautiful story. "She was a Sunday school teacher," it said. 

Second, there is a tremendous impact on the rest of the church. As youthful testimonies are given, the zeal and enthusiasm of the witnesses spread.

Third, without a doubt, the greatest personal accomplishment is in the life of the individual witness. Those who participate can never be the same. In local, sectional, district, and national witness programs scores of young people have been directed into lifetime ministerial and missionary service. Many of them are preparing right now for that service.

One team member stated, "The last two summers with AIM have drastically changed the course of my life, my thinking, and my very personality. I have felt a definite call to the mission field."

Another put it this way, "Words cannot express the change in my life because it was not something merely external, but instead it is the whole inside of me that has changed!"

When facing sin-bound, spiritually dead, and eternally lost people, a Christian youth realizes his own inadequacy and utter dependence on God. The result is usually a personal revival. As the CA draws close to God for divine wisdom and power, hidden sins are exposed and repented of. He has a fresh determination to follow Christ's example. Thus, witnessing can be a key to revival as well as a result of revival!

Young people have always played a vital role in the revival of the Church. This era is God's time for a dynamic ministry that takes all of us out of the church building and into the streets to persuade the lost to come into God's fold. Young people are willing to share their faith in Christ with others when given an opportunity. When there is a challenge and the opportunity, it can mean revival! 

# EXCHANGE DAY

By VONNIE McCLURE

**D**URING A SALE in the boys wear department of a large store I noticed a happy exchange. A young man approached the clerk and handed her two worn, wrinkled flannelette shirts. About the same time the floor manager walked up and said, "Even exchange!"

The unsatisfactory merchandise was replaced with something new in fulfillment of a guarantee. Soon the young man went happily on his way with two new shirts to replace the worn, unsatisfactory ones.

Those who are Christ's at His coming will have a blessed exchange day also. At that time something worn and unsatisfactory will be traded in for something new and lasting, according to the terms of the guarantee in God's Word. And that new merchandise will never age or need to be replaced.

The eighth chapter of Romans is very valuable to the Christian because it assures us of our stand in Christ. It tells us we are: uncondemned (v. 1); freed from sin and its consequences (v. 2); made righteous by God's love as we walk in the Spirit (vv. 3, 4); recipients of life and peace (v. 6); quickened by the Holy Spirit (v. 11); and blessed with the Spirit of adoption which enables us to call God "Abba, Father," a term of endearment (v. 15).

Because we are joint-heirs with Christ, we are also called upon to suffer as He did so that we might be glorified together with Him (v. 17). The apostle Paul quickly informs us, however, that a day is coming when the temporal burdens of this life will be exchanged for gifts of eternal worth. God has promised it and He will fulfill His own guarantee.

Have you ever contemplated what will happen on that great exchange day?

## **SUFFERINGS WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR GLORY (v. 18)**

Mental anguish, emotional strain, and physical suffering often complicate an otherwise victorious life in Christ. Job wished to escape such anguish and cried out in the midst of trial: "Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!" (Job 14:13).

Thank God, soon the time of the devil's temptations will be over. Until then, as we call upon the name of the Lord, we are helped in our difficulties. Job progressed in faith until he could exclaim, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). His faith in God in the midst of Satan's onslaught caused him to testify to the integrity and power of God. This should be our attitude when going through suffering.

Jesus, our Example, experienced suffering of every kind. He felt the anguish of soul that can come only

when one is deeply misunderstood and continually rejected. "He was cut off out of the land of the living" (Isaiah 53:8)—a vivid description of His suffering.

Suffering in the natural usually distorts, but suffering for Christ's sake is always coupled with transforming glory. Each sincere Christian experiences great glimpses of God's glory, but there remains a greater glory.

On exchange day we will receive abundant, permanent glory in place of suffering. I like to think of this glory as that great unfolding of God's nature and personality. Included will be a complete revelation of the cost of the redemption Jesus purchased for mankind. We experience a foretaste of glory divine now as we look in the face of Jesus in times of close fellowship. "Now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

## **EARNEST EXPECTATION WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR MANIFESTATION (v. 19)**

We earnestly desire to see the Lord, just as a wife longs for her husband's return at the close of day. She has prepared a delectable dinner; and as dusk approaches, she strains to hear him coming. Yet he tarries; so she goes to the porch and peers through the growing shadows, longing to catch sight of him.

Suddenly the family car rounds the corner, and soon he is at the door. There is a manifestation of their love as they kiss.

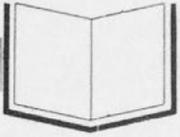
The bride of Christ has been toiling through the day, longing for her Beloved's return. In the growing dusk of this age He shall return.

Then will be manifested the exact condition of our spiritual nature. Maybe you have failed God, and no one knows it but Him. Or perhaps, unknown to others, you have resisted temptation and have overcome; this also will be manifested. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

## **VANITY WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF HOPE (v. 20)**

Without the Lord this life is empty and vain. Hope came through Christ. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). All who trust His grace may have a second chance at life.

Plunged into vanity and guilt by virtue of being a member of the human race, I was plunged once again when I accepted Christ as my Saviour—but this time it was submersion into hope. Hope in God helps us through our trials and helps us look unto Jesus in complete ex-



# GOD DIRECTS MEN'S LIVES

By GLEN B. BONDS

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).*

**O**NE REASON THIS IS MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE is the challenge it presents. It is one of the greatest promises in God's Word by which to live.

In order to qualify and receive this precious promise, I must be classified as one who loves God. "To those who love God . . . everything that happens fits into a pattern for good" (*Phillips*). Nothing happens to us by chance if we love God.



There have been times in my own life when I could not see the good in what was happening. But there have been far more times when circumstances have proved this scripture to be true.

I recall an important decision I had to make a few years

ago that changed the entire course of my life and my wife's. This decision would determine whether or not I should devote the remaining years of my life to full-time work for God. This would mean giving up a prosperous business that had meant much to us. It had provided funds to support several missionary projects as well as the local church, and it seemed this support would have to be discontinued if we sold our business.

However, because God is faithful and His Word is true, we are now devoting our full time to Christian service and He has made it possible for us to continue the financial support to God's work without spending time operating a business.

All things *do* work together for good. God directs the affairs of men.

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pectancy that He will complete the good work He started in us. Exchange day will come!

## THE BONDAGE OF CORRUPTION WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR GLORIOUS LIBERTY (v. 21)

The aging process will be done away with; we will have eternal life. In the throes of sickness or physical weakness, one would gladly give a fortune for the return of health. Many have claimed the promise of the quickening Holy Spirit and have been divinely healed through faith in the risen Christ.

But man still has not found the fountain of youth. The hair turns to silver; the step slows down; and he finds himself a captive to the bondage of corruption.

The child of God with the seed of eternal life in him yearns to be free from this bondage. His cry mingles with that of the groaning earth which aches to be free from its thorns and thistles. This freedom will be ours at the coming of Christ for His Church, for He purchased it with His own blood and has overcome death, hell, and the grave.

What a day that will be when we awaken "in His likeness," with all corruptness of the flesh forever past!

A Spirit-filled Christian testified that as he suffered with pneumonia, he seemed to leave this life.

He awakened to find himself suddenly set free from the bondage of time. As he willed himself at a certain destination, he found no time or space barriers. He apparently was given a brief foretaste of what it will mean to be set free from the bondage of corruption.

Child of God with that worn and tired body, take courage; the body of corruption will soon be exchanged for glorious liberty!

## PAIN WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY (vv. 22, 23)

Pain is the result of sickness. There will be no sickness or crying in heaven. There will be no nights of pain, for there is no night there. There will be no worn-out hearts, lungs, or kidneys, for we shall have new spiritual bodies made in the likeness of His glorified body. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Yes, all suffering, waiting, vanity, corruption, and pain will be over when we see Jesus. Awaiting each redeemed child of God will be glory, manifestation, fulfilled hope, liberty, and a new body. What an exchange!

But the promise of exchange day is only to the believer. Those who have rejected Christ will suffer eternally as they are banished from the presence of God.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Friend, let God have His way in your life now. Come to Jesus today while He offers pardon. Then you too can participate in the glorious events of that great exchange day!

## SEEKING AND SAVING THE SINNER

Sunday School Lesson for March 2, 1969

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 19:1-10

A PROCESSION OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE was in progress—Jesus was en route to Jerusalem and Calvary to fulfill the supreme purpose for which He came into the world. Yet this procession was not important enough to hinder Jesus from stopping to save a soul!

### THE CHARACTER OF ZACCHEUS

Any Jew who was a tax collector for Rome was bitterly hated by his countrymen and considered a traitor. The fact that Zaccheus was "the chief among the publicans" made it all the worse.

Furthermore, "he was rich." This probably means he repaid the hatred of his countrymen by cheating them and he had obtained his wealth at their expense.

### THE CURIOSITY OF ZACCHEUS

1. *His desire.* "And he sought to see Jesus who he was." What made him, of all people, desire to see Jesus? Was it only curiosity? Was it the long-working of conscience? Was it a yearning, hidden deep in his heart, to live a better life?

2. *His handicap.* Zaccheus' desire was commendable,

### WORTH IT ALL



but there were serious obstacles in the way. "Because he was little of stature" he could neither press through the crowd to a point of vantage, nor peer over the heads of those in front of him. Since he was a despised publican, no one would make room for him.

3. *His action.* "He ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him." There is much we can learn from this little man:

a. *Satan tries in various ways to hinder men from getting through to God.* But all the powers of hell cannot stop the man who is wholehearted (Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 5:6).

b. *Our lives may count for God in spite of natural limitations.* Over and over in the world's history men have risen above terrible handicaps, capitalized on calamities, and made great contributions to the world; so how much more possible is it for a Christian to rise above natural limitations!

Are we fretting because of limitations—past and present? "My strength is made perfect in weakness" is God's answer. "Let the weak say, I am strong" is God's command. Let us respond with, "Amen. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

### THE CALLING OF ZACCHEUS

"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him." What made Jesus look up into the tree in which Zaccheus was perched? Was He drawn by the "reach" in the hungry heart of the publican?

Jesus said, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down." Now was the time for instant response, and respond Zaccheus did! Likewise, every sinner who would receive the Saviour and every Christian who needs divine help must "come down" from pride, self-esteem, and self-sufficiency and bow humbly at the feet of Jesus.

"For today I must abide at thy house." The King of kings invited Himself to the home of a sinful publican! Yet how typical of the amazing grace of God! Whatever we may say about Zaccheus' seeking Christ, the fact is that Christ was seeking Zaccheus (Luke 19:10). God seeks us (John 4:23); the Holy Spirit woos us (Revelation 22:17); and Christ Himself stands at the door of our hearts (Revelation 3:20).

### THE CONVERSION OF ZACCHEUS

When did the conversion really take place? And what are the evidences of his conversion? Zaccheus was evidently guilty of dishonesty against his fellowmen. Christ did not command him to make restitution, but his intention to do so seems to have been the natural and spontaneous impulse of a heart moved and melted by Christ's redeeming love.

Dr. F. B. Meyer, on the first night of one of the great Keswick conventions, said to the people, "Remember, you will get no blessing here as long as bills are not paid at home." We are told there was not a single postal money order left in Keswick the next day!

### THE COMMENDATION OF ZACCHEUS

The Pharisees criticized Christ for honoring one whom they considered beneath them. Christ met their objection by saying, in effect, "Zaccheus was a sinner; but now salvation is come to his house." Yes, Zaccheus was a sinner indeed, but this made possible his salvation, "for the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## HEALED OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

I ENJOY READING THE *Evangel*, especially the healing testimonies. This is because I too have felt the touch of the Master's hand. God has completely healed me of Parkinson's disease.

Most of my life I had poor health, but in January 1965 it became much worse. An encephalogram showed the brain was disturbed. During the next 18 months I was examined by 10 doctors, most of them specialists. Each made tests and gave treatments, only to admit they could not help me.

In July 1966 I went to the 11th doctor, a fine internist. My symptoms were well advanced: brain impairment, loss of equilibrium, damage to the optic nerve, drooling, and weakness in my right hand (later I lost the use of it). I also had a speech impediment and sometimes could not talk for stammering. My memory was almost completely gone; I could not even repeat the Lord's Prayer. The doctor diagnosed my illness as Parkinson's disease.

In the next 16 months I took every known medication for Parkinson's. Each one was effective for a while, and then the disease would rage out of control again.

Then in October 1967 I was half-carried to the altar at Southside Assembly and Pastor Zink anointed me with oil. The deacons and congregation joined him in prayer for my healing. I was so ill I remember little of this. But the Lord saw and heard and He soon answered.

The next several days as I prayed, fasted, read my Bible, and sang songs of praise, one by one the Parkinson symptoms disappeared. Five or six days later I got out of bed and with awe exclaimed, "Why, I'm healed!" And I was.

Although I was emaciated, the muscles which had begun to wither became unusually strong. I regained my normal weight. I had lived on narcotics and sleeping pills for years, but now I needed no such thing—not even an aspirin.

Formerly I had savage headaches, but since God healed

me I have not had the slightest headache. The Lord healed my right arm also. It had been badly burned by a Parkinson fall on our space heater. The doctor said this third-degree burn would require a skin graft, but this was not necessary.

My eyesight has returned to the vision I had in 1956 and is still improving. My right hand, once useless, is now the stronger of the two. I drive our truck, use the power mower, trim the shrubbery, and do my own laundry and shopping. Not only has my memory returned, but I am memorizing whole chapters of Scripture.

When the Lord healed me of Parkinson's disease, He also healed me of chronic colitis, kidney and bladder trouble, an enlarged heart and a heart condition (confirmed by the clinic), high blood pressure, and chronically weak lungs.

All praise, honor, and glory to a great, omnipotent yet gentle and loving God who heard my cry and healed me.—Mrs. Carl Mosher, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Dale C. Zink, Southside Assembly, Jacksonville, Fla.)

## GOITER DISAPPEARS

OUR GOD IS A GREAT GOD. He healed me of a goiter so surgery was unnecessary.

In September 1967 a doctor told me I had a goiter and would have to have an operation. My husband was at sea at the time, so I told the doctor to delay further plans until his return.

In the meantime, Brother Dana Craig came to minister at Middletown Assembly, the first Sunday in October. He knew nothing of my illness, or even my name, but he called me to the altar for prayer. God healed me; the swelling was gone the next morning.

When I went for X rays on Tuesday, the doctor could find no sign of a goiter. I praise God for my healing.—Mrs. Frank Campbell, Newport, R.I.

(Endorsed by Pastor Dana O. Craig, Assembly of God, Middletown, R.I., who writes: "Sister Campbell is an outstanding singer and has been our song leader for several months.")

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America can no longer ignore its poor. The sands of apathy in which we have buried our heads have been blown away by the winds of hunger and desperation.



# CALLOUSED OR COMPASSIONATE?

By DOLORES S. DOUGLAS

**D**URING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION of the 18th century, many of the poor people were starving. When told that the poor had no bread, Marie Antionette disinterestedly declared, "Give them cake to eat."

Poverty is not new. Jesus said the poor would be with us always, and the Bible has much to say about the poor. "For the needy shall not always be forgotten..." (Psalm 9:18). "Blessed is he that considereth the poor..." (Psalm 41:1). "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper" (Psalm 72:12).

The poor of America are crying out today for recognition of their needs. This cry has become so demanding that it has ruptured the membranes of our tidy, comfortable little worlds.

Politicians and other officials have tended to soft-pedal the reality of these gaping pockets of poverty across our land. Others have used the poor for their own selfish ends.

As Christians, how should all of this affect us? What shall we give these poor? More money to the United

Fund? Extra change for the kettle on the corner? An increase in our missionary giving?

Perhaps, and then, feeling smug in our generosity, we return to our comfortable homes where the wall-to-wall carpet is being replaced, a color TV is on order, new clothes are being purchased, and parties being planned.

God's Word condemns us if we are hearers and not doers of His commands. It condemns us as hypocrites when we look upon the suffering of our fellowman and do nothing about it.

America can no longer ignore its poor. The sands of apathy in which we have buried our heads have been blown away by the winds of hunger and desperation.

Shame on the Church, for she has adopted the Laodicean attitude and declared, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing..." (Revelation 3:17). But often the spiritually and physically poor are outside the doors of the church, barred from entering and sharing what we possess.

We have been satisfied to sidestep the church's responsibility of caring for the poor. These tasks have been designated to secular groups, organizations, and state agencies. The church's motto seems to be: "Let these get involved, but not us!"

Our era is one of "don't-get-involved!" In church we sing about throwing out the lifeline to someone drifting away. While these words are meant in a spiritual sense, they can also be taken physically.

There's a Macedonian cry today to cross racial barriers, economic barriers, religious barriers, and social barriers. In order to do this we must cross the streets, the freeways, the paths, and the hollows.

An article in a Christian magazine recently created quite a stir over its report on conversions of hippies. One person wrote the editor indignantly protesting that *his* Christ did not get down in the gutter and wallow in filth.

Let me say that *my* Christ would not wallow in filth to enjoy it, but He would stoop to every gutter in this world to lift up those who have fallen there! If Christ had kept aloof from the filth and debris of sin, there would have been no Mary Magdalene, no Peter, and no Paul, and most certainly we would have been left to die in our sins and degradation.

But thank God for Jesus Christ who stooped to lift up the fallen, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to heal the sick. He was the world's foremost exponent of involvement with humanity!

We need to search our hearts as Christian citizens of the United States; for when we sing *Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*, He may lead us into the slums or across the tracks.

When we become involved in humanity and its problems, we need not ask, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?" (Matthew 25:44). For the words of Jesus will remind us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these... ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Which will it be—the calloused unconcern of a Marie Antionette for needy humanity, or the love of Christ made real through active involvement in the needs of others—needs for wholeness of body, soul, and spirit?

Lord, search our hearts.



## DOWN TO EARTH

THE ENGLISH WORD *humble* can be traced back to the Latin word *humus*, meaning "earth." So the exhortation, "Humble thyself," can well be paraphrased, "Come down to earth!"

Ungodly pride and abnormal self-esteem have never been a blessing to anyone. Instead, they impart a false perspective of life and cause the proud doer to float along on an unreal cloud of his own self-importance—until some crisis occurs. Then he is forced to tragically tumble earthward without the least shred of a parachute!

In beautiful contrast there is One who willingly came down to earth in the form of man. In His humility as a Servant, He washed the grime from the feet of His disciples, mingled His blood with the dust of Calvary, and for the space of three days and nights permitted His body to be imprisoned in the bosom of the earth. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth" (Philippians 2:9, 10).

Our Heavenly Father asks His children to have the same attitude Christ had.

—F. HELEN JARVIS in *Gospel Herald*

## NO ROOM FOR ENVY

ALMOST EVERY DAY LAST SUMMER three neighbor boys raced across our unfenced lawn with the same one always in the lead. One day as they lay panting on the grass, I asked the smallest boy, who was always the tail-ender, if it wasn't discouraging to race against his older brother.

"Not at all. He's the fastest runner on the block," the child said with obvious pride. Then he added, "But I'm the bestest cartwheel-turner, and Joe there can throw a ball farther than any of us."

Silently, I prayed that my little neighbor would always take pride in the accomplishments of others while thanking God for his own special set of talents.

If one has confidence in the talents God has given

him, he will not be jealous of another's abilities. If I am in the place God wants me to be, I will not envy the position or possessions of another.

When we walk as God has called us, we are satisfied with the role that we fill. If our lives are full of His love we have no room for envy.

—MRS. A. L. CLARKE

## TRYING TOO HARD

MY NEW ASSIGNMENT in the post office involved learning to operate a package-tying machine. I had never seen one before, and my first attempts were wretched. Packages of letters were too loosely tied, twine broke frequently, and the machine seemed to be all tangled inside.

Each time this happened it necessitated the removal of the snarled twine, rethreading, readjustment, and starting all over again. I felt very conspicuous in my confusion as other workers assisted manually or with oral instruction. I thought at first the machine was defective; but after using other machines with the same results, I was convinced I was at fault, not the machine. I wondered what I was doing wrong.

Finally someone said, "You are trying to help the machine, and it needs no help. Just place the package of letters on the machine in the correct manner and let the *machine* do the work." After I learned to do this, I had no more trouble.

Sometimes our lives become a mixed-up mess as we *try* so hard and *trust* so little to become "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed..." (2 Timothy 2:15). We may, in our eagerness to succeed, try to "take over" from God and do His work without His approval. We offer to do, give, and go when God may be trying to tell us to trust, obey, and stay.

If we give our lives fully to God and take our hands off, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us and make us what He wants us to be.

—ELWIN P. COLBY

## TOO BUSY TO PRAY

PEOPLE OFFER MANY EXCUSES for not spending more time in prayer. The most frequent is that they are "too busy."

"By the time I fixed breakfast and got the children off to school, the day had become so hectic that I forgot to pray. Tomorrow I'll have more time."

"I'm a salesman. I must keep up with the competition. I don't have an extra minute. Someday I'll have time to pray."

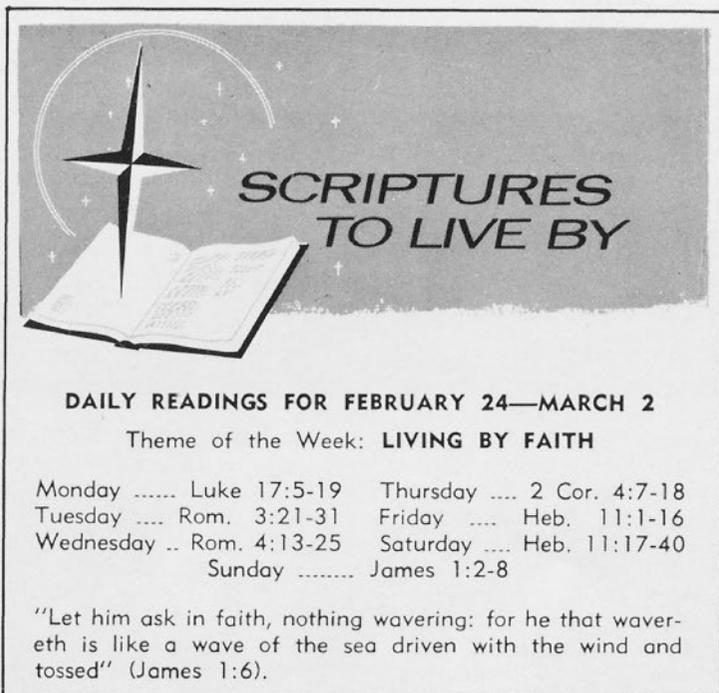
"I used to pray in the morning. Now I sleep that extra 15 minutes. There are so many activities at school that I really need the rest. It's rush, rush, rush."

"I just cannot find time for prayer in the morning. The boss is a stickler for punctuality. I'm too busy to pray at the office. And when I come home, I'm too weary to even think straight. When I get a promotion, I'll have time for prayer."

Surely we are no busier than Christ was. He was so busy in His ministry that sometimes He did not have time to eat. But He *did* have time to pray.

When we meet Him face to face, how will our excuses sound in His presence?

—BEVERLY ANN HOFFEDITZ



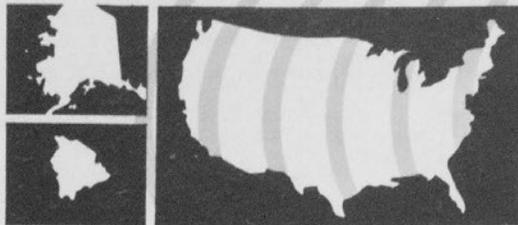
**SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 2**

Theme of the Week: **LIVING BY FAITH**

Monday .....	Luke 17:5-19	Thursday ....	2 Cor. 4:7-18
Tuesday ....	Rom. 3:21-31	Friday ....	Heb. 11:1-16
Wednesday ..	Rom. 4:13-25	Saturday ....	Heb. 11:17-40
Sunday .....	James 1:2-8		

"Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (James 1:6).



# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS



Chapel of the Deaf in Elizabeth, N.J. Croft Pentz is pastor.

## SPEED-THE-LIGHT HELPS CHAPEL OF THE DEAF

ELIZABETH, N.J.—Thank God for Speed-the-Light. During the past seven years STL provided a total of \$1,512.77 toward our building. This summer we were in need of a new furnace for the entire building. Again STL gave us \$550.

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Speed-the-Light came to the rescue. We received \$363 for this project.

Still later, new wiring had to be installed in the building. This was a necessity. Again, STL came through with the sum of \$200. All these funds were available through money returned to the district by STL for home missions buildings.

So we praise God for Speed-the-Light, a blessing without which we could not have progressed to this point of success in the Kingdom. —CROFT M. PENTZ

## INDIAN EVANGELIST PRESENTS CHALLENGE OF HIS PEOPLE

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—I was invited by the missions committee of the Glad Tidings Church here to be a member of their missions convention team, a job that I enjoy. I felt impressed to present the American Indian Bible Institute to the people, and it pleased the Lord to speak to their hearts. They responded with a very generous monthly pledge for this proj-

ect. President Ramsey of the school later informed me that it was the largest monthly pledge received. I am rejoicing that God is moving among the Indian people in a time of domestic unrest. I have found the Indian challenge is well received by the people to whom I have ministered. Their response is most rewarding.

—JOHN MCPHERSON

## First Assemblies Indian Minister Pioneers Deaf Work on Reservation

SHIPROCK, N. MEX.—Albert Buck is the first American Indian in the Assemblies of God to pioneer a deaf work. Brother Buck is a graduate of the American Bible Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., and served during his schooling as assistant to Laverne Heath, minister to the deaf in First Assembly in Phoenix. He also holds credentials with the New Mexico District.

Brother Buck writes: "That deaf convention in Springfield, Mo., (1968) was so inspiring it renewed my calling. Two years ago God placed upon my heart a burden for the deaf; but I ignored it, making excuses until I became miserable. One night in prayer I said, 'God, I can't do it; I don't know the signs.'

"But God spoke to my heart, 'What are you going to do about the deaf in your home area? And that question kept ringing over and over in my soul until I said, 'Yes, Lord, I'll do it.'"

Since then, God has taught and guided Albert Buck and blessed his ministry. Although income is small and there are many trials, he says:

"I know my Father will pro-



vide. I do enjoy working for Him among the deaf Indians. Please pray for this work on the reservation and also outside of it.

"The nearest town is 30 miles from here. So far, I have located 25 to 30 Indian deaf; and last summer I had the opportunity to lead these deaf to the Lord. The other day I found another deaf girl who had a deaf brother. I pray God will help me to win them to Jesus too. My deaf uncle, who attended the Washington College for the Deaf, had never been saved. Last June he gave his heart to the Lord. I praise God for the power He gives us to help another person find Jesus."

## 35 INDIANS ACCEPT CHRIST IN NORTH CAROLINA REVIVAL

LUMBERTON, N.C.—November was a wonderful month for West Park Assembly. On November 2 the Christ's Ambassadors sponsored our annual CA banquet in Pembroke, N.C., with all the other churches cooperating. There were 110 present.

Guest of honor was Mayor Early Maynor of Pembroke. Hubert Morris, district CA president, challenged the young people to accept Christ or rededicate themselves to His service.

The next night, Brother Morris was guest speaker at the annual homecoming for Willards Chapel at Rowland, N.C. This was followed by a week of special services at Willards Chapel with Brother and Sister Morris during which 35 accepted Christ, three

were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several testified to healing. A number of first-timers accepted the Lord.

On November 28, 29 we took a number of our CA's to the district convention. With the largest number of registered delegates, we became the first Indian church to receive the coveted attendance award.

During the Christmas holidays, West Park Assembly and Willards Chapel presented a Christmas program at the prison camp in Lumberton. Our young people also conducted a house-to-house visitation campaign, leaving literature and witnessing.

—R. W. BUCHANAN  
Missionary at West Park  
Indian Assembly

## Elaine Drake Cheerfully Serves

BUCKSPORT, MAINE—Elaine Drake, a member of Calvary Pentecostal Assembly, Bucksport, Me., writes: "I was born with very little eyesight. At the age of 10 I entered Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston, Mass. There I learned braille and how to substitute hands and mind for sight.

"Eighteen years ago I accepted Christ as my Saviour. I enjoy my salvation and participate in all the church activities.

"Two years ago the Lord called me to teach. The Sunday school

superintendent ordered me a braille Sunday school quarterly for the teen-age class. I find teaching them a rewarding and enriching experience.

"We are saved to serve. A handicap is no excuse for idleness. God has a job for every Christian to do. He will supply the grace if we supply the will."

**Elaine Drake studies the braille "Adult Student" as she prepares to teach.**



## "WE SEE GOD WORKING ON ONE SOUL AT A TIME"

KANEOHE, HAWAII—Although we are not seeing a revival in great numbers, we do see God working upon one soul at a time.

Recently four adults were saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost—which totals 14 saved or filled with the Spirit in a matter of months.

We are believing for a church building of our own, either rented or bought. We are also in real need of a bus for our people who are beyond walking distance.

—BERNICE S. PROCTER

## In Alaska's Frozen Winter

### Ice Hauled for Water Baptismal Service

POINT HOPE, ALASKA—God is blessing His work among the Eskimo people here at Point Hope 5,000 miles north of Los Angeles. Evangelist Lavonne Ferren came for a week of services and several young converts were added to our CA group.

This week three of our Eskimo friends kindly hauled blocks of ice for our water baptismal service. One brought 600 pounds of ice by

dog sled. The others used snow vehicles. The ice was melted down for use in baptizing the converts. (Once melted, there is a problem to keep it from freezing again while waiting for the baptismal service to begin.)

We need a snow vehicle of our own for hauling ice. Please pray God will provide it. Our water supply is a problem. In summer we haul it by tractor. One month our

tractor was broken down waiting for parts to come by mail, and it cost us \$66 for five drums of water!

Will you remember this work in prayer? We have a radio broadcast Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings (from 8 p.m. to midnight) in addition to the regular church services.

—FRED AND JUNE CRUSE

## HAWAII REVIVAL HELPS YOUTH

LIHUE, KAUAI, HAWAII—A remarkable move of God among the young people of the church at Kohala is reported in evangelistic meetings conducted by William E. Ashpole. Pastor Likie Fukui rejoices over the results: "Two Mormon boys accepted Christ; many were refilled with the Holy Spirit; 20 or more were in attendance each night of the revival."

This is a home missions work. Pastor Fukui is treasurer of the Hawaii District of the Assemblies of God.

## In Deaf Ministry

### Slides Useful in Evangelism

ALEXANDRIA, LA.—Home missionaries Dorothy Scott and Joanne Lambert have been working in the Louisiana District since January 1967. With the help and leading of the Lord they were able to begin two churches for the deaf—one in Baton Rouge, the other in New Orleans—both in hearing churches. Two hearing people who learned the language of signs from these missionaries are now in charge of these new churches.

There are over 6,000 deaf peo-

ple in Louisiana who need to receive the full gospel. Recently Sisters Scott and Lambert itinerated through the district to acquaint churches with this need. The slide projector provided by the district has been a great blessing in their services.

These faithful workers are praying more doors will open for them to begin deaf churches. They hope eventually to have a camp for the deaf in the Louisiana District each summer.

**L. O. Waldon, superintendent of the Louisiana District, presents a slide projector for deaf work to Dorothy Scott and Joanne Lambert.**



## FROM HERE AND THERE

KAYENTA, ARIZ.—Our new mission at Dennehotso is progressing wonderfully. We have had as many as 42 in services. Most of these people walk to church because the roads are too poor for a truck. We have been holding services in a hogan until now. An unsaved man offered us the use of his house for services. It has electricity, which will be turned on this week with a \$20 deposit. The house is small for a church, but we thank the Lord for it and the electricity.

—BERT AND VIOLET PARKER

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Bible College here is expanding its educational program for the deaf. Beginning with the 1968-69 school year CBC—School for the Deaf offered advanced instruction with the addition of a third-year curriculum. Psychology (including psychology of deafness) and Narrative and Audio-Visual Techniques are two of several new courses offered.

There are 12 deaf students enrolled. Two are from foreign countries.

CBC also offers three new courses for hearing students interested in deaf ministry: Psychology of Deafness, Preaching

with Signs, and Interpreting for the Deaf.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—John Swank, director of the Phoenix Teen Challenge Center, is grateful for the prayers of interested friends while he was so ill. He is much better now and able to assume his duties.

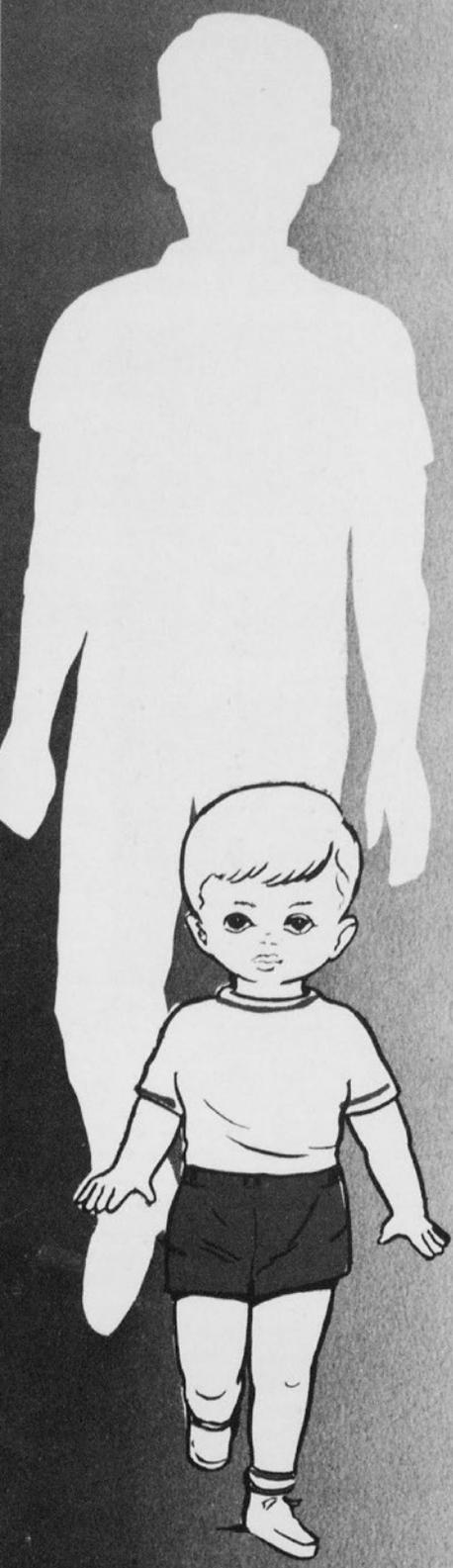
The center faces an urgent problem. The building they are now renting needs repairs, but they do not wish to spend money repairing a building that might be sold at any time. They need permanent quarters immediately.

Also, the center needs more financial support so they may be able to hire a woman to supervise the Women's Center. Your prayers that God will undertake for these needs will be appreciated.

WOOD, S. DAK.—God blessed our one-week revival in December with the Long Evangelistic Team of Aberdeen, S. Dak. God's Spirit moved on many hearts. Indians who never before went to an altar stepped out for God and prayed earnestly. This was very encouraging.

The ministry both in Word and song was a great uplift to all the Christians who attended the revival.

—JOHN BENNETT



## Winter Retreat Aids Collegians

BAILEY, COLO.—Almost 100 young persons (professional people and college students) gathered at a beautiful mountain lodge here for five days of intensive Bible study, Christian fellowship, and snow skiing.

The first such winter retreat was in 1965 under the leadership of two Pentecostal laymen: Kenny Lane, of Denver, Colo., and John Wagliardo of Michigan City, Ind. Each winter since then there has been this time of Christian fellowship and learning.

Such men as Maurice Cadwalder, Klaude Kendrick, and William Pickthorn have been guest speakers. This year George M. Flattery, Assemblies of God missionary and president of International Corres-

pondence Institute, was the speaker.

The entire morning of each day was used to discuss the Bible and the Christian life. Dr. Flattery taught on the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Assemblies of God couples and collegians came from Texas, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Colorado to enjoy the retreat. There were also many evangelical Christians from other denominations present.

The afternoons were spent on the ski slopes. Meeting fellow-Christians, participating in dynamic Bible study, skiing, and "getting away from it all" did much to build the Christian lives of those attending the retreat.

### WILLIAM E. KIRSCHKE ELECTED TO NSSA POSITION

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—William E. Kirschke, national secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God, was elected vice-president of the Denominational Executive Secretaries Commission of the National Sunday School Association at its recent annual meeting.

In addition to the usual duties of this office, Brother Kirschke

will also serve as a member of the Trends Committee and a member of the NSSA board.

The commission serves through the year with scheduled business and seminar sessions held in conjunction with the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Sunday School Association conventions.

MERCER, MO.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Gary Ellsworth of Kirksville, Mo.

One elderly man and 11 young people sought God for salvation, and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit. One lady was healed of an allergy and now can eat whatever she wants.

The entire church was greatly blessed by these services, and new people have come into the church as a result.

—Ralph Gothard, pastor

DURANT, FLA.—The Pleasant Grove Assembly of God here recently concluded a successful children's crusade with Evangelist

Victor Etienne of St. Paul, Minn., and his dummy Terry.

The attendance was very good. Many responded to the invitations to accept Christ.

Denise Bryant received Terry's "little brother" as first prize for bringing a total of 108 visitors—an all-time record for the church.

—H. L. Wallace, pastor

HYATTSVILLE, MD.—Faith Tabernacle here recently concluded a successful series of meetings with Evangelist Karl Wooster of Atlanta, Ga.

Many were saved, including some first-time visitors, as the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of the people.

—B. M. Slye, pastor

CLOVIS, N. MEX.—Special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Lance of Mexia, Tex., continued for six weeks at First Assembly of God here.

Over 90 persons were saved or reclaimed, and at least 60 were filled with the Holy Spirit, including people of many denominations.

Several persons came from outside the state to be prayed for. A man who had been unable to walk without a cane, and then only with much pain, was healed. A woman in a wheelchair was also touched so that she was able to walk.

The crowds increased until the building was full almost every night of the last two weeks. The services those weeks lasted until midnight or later nearly every night with many young people seeking the Lord in the church's new prayer room.

—Melvin Sasse, pastor

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LYONS, NEBR.—Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek of Nebraska City, Nebr., recently held a successful series of meetings at the Assembly of God here.

Six persons were saved, four were reclaimed, and seven were healed.

Informal discussions with emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit were held each morning.

—Nathan H. Lutes, pastor

### EVANGEL CIRCULATION AT NEW HIGH

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Circulation of *The Pentecostal Evangel* reached a new high in December, 1968, with an average paid distribution of 201,512 weekly. The previous high was 197,844.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

OHIO WEST CENTRAL SECTIONAL PRAYER CONFERENCE—Feb. 24, 25; Dayton, Ohio, Bethel Temple. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman will be the featured speaker. Terry Diehl is the prayer conference leader.—Charles Anderson, host pastor

### WITH CHRIST

ALLEN F. CARR, 81, Big Spring, Tex., departed to be forever with Christ on July 3, 1968. Brother Carr, a member of the West Texas District, was ordained in 1912 under M. M. Pinson, one of the founders of the Assemblies of God. He evangelized and pastored 11 churches in Texas, Missouri, and New Mexico. In 1964, at the 50th anniversary of the Assemblies of God, he was honored with a gold medallion for half a century of faithful minis-

terial service. He is survived by his wife Pauline Virgie, three daughters, and two sons.

ESKER TURNER, 55, Knoxville, Tenn., went to be with the Lord on January 2, 1969. Brother Turner was ordained by the Tennessee District in 1948. He served as an evangelist for several years and then pastored various churches in the Knoxville area. He is survived by his wife Eva, two sons, and three daughters.

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## CALIFORNIA CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES TO THE LORD

FRESNO, CALIF.—Dedication services were recently conducted for the new Highway City Assembly here. W. O. Vickery, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California-Nevada District, brought the message at the dedication.

The new building with over 8,000 square feet of floor space has an auditorium which will seat 256. Self-rising conventional opera seats, red carpeting, and mahogany paneling enhance the interior of

the auditorium which also features a choir loft and baptistry.

Valued at over \$150,000, the building also contains a pastor's study, nursery facilities, Sunday school office, 12 Sunday school rooms, a multipurpose hall, kitchen, and living quarters for missionaries and evangelists. Total cost of construction was \$44,000 since the church served as its own contractor.

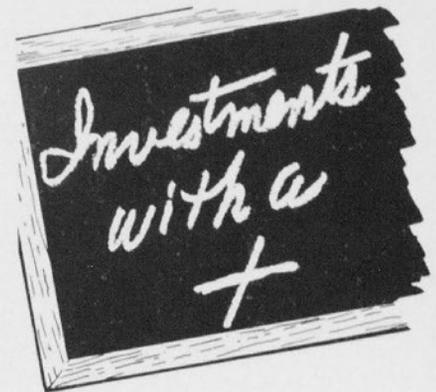
E. M. McKim has served as pastor for seven years.



## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	John & Faith Stallings	Frank Martin
Ariz.	Phoenix	Northwest	Mar. 2-16	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Joseph E. Dube
	Winkelman	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 9	Ernie Rogers	Duane Graf
Ark.	Dover	Pleasant Grove	Mar. 2-16	Dennis Thrasher	Jerry Patton
	Malvern	Glen Rose	Mar. 2-16	Hoyt Ming	James Dodd Jr.
Calif.	Bakersfield	Niles	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Franks Party	Jack Countryman
	Keyes	A/G Tab.	Mar. 5—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	J. D. Smith
	Placerville	First	Mar. 2-Apr. 13	Ernie Rogers	Curtis Myers
	San Pablo	Calvary	Mar. 5-16	S. B. Douglass	J. S. Murrell
Fla.	Brandon	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Irving & Mrs. Howard	J. R. Hardt
	Jacksonville	Riverside	Feb. 26-Mar. 2	Lyman Richardson	Hubert Wilder
	New Smyrna Beach	A/G	Mar. 4-9	Dave & Jan Olshevski	James Boettner
	Plant City	First	Mar. 5-16	Don & Sharon Parker	J. W. Jordan
	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Doug & Judy Maners	Harold Tyus
	Winter Haven	East Side	Mar. 2-16	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	A. A. Rowan
GA.	Columbus	Evangel	Mar. 2—	Richard Ronisvalle	James Hennesy
	LaGrange	First	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	David L. Grant	Jesse Ray
	Vidalia	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 9	Billy & Cherie Cotton	John Rayburn
Ill.	Abingdon	First	Mar. 5-16	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Thurman Strange
	Atlanta	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	E. A. Manley	E. C. Cunningham
	Danville	First	Mar. 5-16	Ben & Joye Brumback	Gordon Nelson
	Harvey	Calvary	Feb. 26—	Desmond Evans	T. G. Morrow
	Jerseyville	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Roland D. Hastie
	Nashville	Friendly	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Wallace & Carol Joice	Willis F. Wilson
	Olive Branch	Trinity	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Ruth E. Reece	Billy D. Heady
	Robinson	First	Feb. 11-23	Wallace & Carol Joice	Harry Melvin Jr.
Kans.	Arkansas City	A/G	Feb. 26—	Moses Copeland	Clifford Barnes
	Eudora	A/G	Feb. 12—	J. B. Woolums	Willis Hankey
	Lawrence	First	Mar. 5-16	Glen Shinn	Darrel Madsen
La.	W. Monroe	First	Mar. 5-16	Bob Larson	Lowell Ashbrook
	W. Monroe	Luna	Mar. 2-14	Darrell & Mrs. Pilcher	M. Leonard Sapp
	Winnfield	First	Mar. 2—	E. R. Winter	W. F. Harrell
Md.	Beltsville	Good Tidings	Mar. 4-16	W. W. Martin	G. J. Slye Sr.
	Midlothian	Trinity	Feb. 26-Mar. 9	George & Evelyn Butrin	Rufus Richendrfer
Mich.	Portage	Bethlehem	Mar. 4-9	Paul & Ilene Anderson	Elvin Switzer
	Rogers City	Faith	Mar. 4-16	Wesley Wibley	Robert H. Cilke
Minn.	Granite Falls	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 4—	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	James Hagemeister
	Minneapolis	Brooklyn Cntr.	Feb. 26-Mar. 2	The Tanner Team	Amos Levang
Miss.	Biloxi	Victory Temple	Mar. 4-9	Doug & Judy Maners	D. Sterling Chapman
Mo.	Bourbon	First	Feb. 9-Mar. 9	Lloyd & Rebecca Middleton	Bill Popejoy
	E. Prairie	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Eddie Swartout	T. Dale Pollard
	Jefferson City	First	Mar. 2-16	Dan & Marty Womack	Norman Brewer
	Kansas City	Sheffield	Feb. 23-Mar. 2	Phil Hastie Team	John Thompson
	Nevada	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Paul E. Morris	Albert A. Watkins
Mont.	Circle	Faith	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Roy L. Fischer
N.J.	Irvington	Calvary Temple	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Lindell & Mrs. Lummer	John Deegan
N. Mex.	Alamogordo	First	Feb. 26—	Tommy & Esther Lance	Tommy Crider
Ohio	Lima	First	Feb. 26-Mar. 9	R. J. Pasquale	T. E. Hartshorn
	Mentor	A/G	Feb. 18-Mar. 2	David A. Lewis	George Cover
	Vermilion	First	Mar. 5-16	David L. Grant	Jerry M. Hall
Okla.	Claremore	Verdigris	Feb. 23-28	J. G. Hall	Royce Peterson
	Letha	A/G	Feb. 23—	Hazel Burns	L. G. Martin
Oreg.	Vale	A/G	Mar. 4-16	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Don Shover
Pa.	Bedford	The Village Ch.	Mar. 2-7	James L. Snyder	David L. Hardt
S.C.	Columbia	Central	Feb. 23-Mar. 2	R. S. Peterson	Glen D. Miller
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 4-16	William Caldwell	Andrew Teuber
Tenn.	Knoxville	Woodlawn	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Gene & Heather Burgess	J. L. Schaffer
Tex.	Garland	Calvary Tab.	Mar. 2-16	Fred Carrington	W. A. Edwards
	Grapevine	A/G	Mar. 1-7	Howard & Barbara Young	Daniel Mosier
	Houston	Heights	Mar. 5-16	The Singing Lunsfords	Kenneth Barney
	Moody	First	Feb. 23-28	Howard & Barbara Young	Robert A. Hill
	Pleasanton	First	Mar. 4-16	Mike & Linda Murdock	Jim Pinkston
	Universal City	Calvary Temple	Mar. 3-10	Dave E. & Mrs. Laughlin	Elvy J. Adams
Va.	Arlington	Calvary Gospel Ch.	Mar. 4-9	The Singing Kolenda Family	Chas. L. Mooney
	Catlett	A/G	Feb. 21-23	The Singing Kolenda Family	Paul Walters
Wash.	Davenport	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 26-Mar. 9	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Donald Dalan
	Seattle	White Center	Mar. 1-15	John Irish Smith	Robert Tangen

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# HOW I FOUND CHRIST

By CHARLES H. SPURGEON

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN DESPAIR  
TO THIS DAY HAD IT NOT  
BEEN FOR THE GOODNESS OF GOD  
IN SENDING A SNOWSTORM.

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN, I was in the most fearful distress of mind for about five years. If any human being felt more of the terror of God's law, I can indeed pity and sympathize with him.

I thought the sun was blotted out of my sky—that I had sinned so against God that there was no hope for me. I prayed—the Lord knows how I prayed; but I never had a glimpse of an answer that I know of. I searched the Scriptures; the promises were more alarming than the threatenings!

The secret of my distress was this: *I did not know the gospel.* I was in a Christian land and I had Christian parents, but I did not fully understand the freeness and simplicity of the gospel.

I attended all the places of worship in the town where I lived, but I honestly believe that I did not hear the gospel fully preached. I do not blame the men, however. One man preached the divine sovereignty. I could hear him with pleasure; but what was that to a poor sinner who wished to know what he should do to be saved? There was another admirable man who always preached about the Law; but what was the use of plowing up ground that needed to be sown? Another was a great practical preacher. I heard him, but it was very much like a commanding officer teaching the maneuvers of war to men without feet. What could I do? All his exhortations were lost on me.

I knew it was said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," but I did not know what it was to believe on Christ.

I might have been still in darkness and despair to this day had it not been for the goodness of God in sending a snowstorm one Sunday morning when I was going to a place of worship. When I could go no farther, I turned down a passageway and came to a little Primitive Methodist chapel. In that chapel there may have been a dozen or 15 people. The minister did not show up; he was snowed in, I suppose. A poor man who was a shoemaker by trade (or perhaps a tailor) went up in the pulpit to preach.

This man was not well educated. He was obliged to stick to his text for the simple reason that he had nothing else to say. The text was, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

He did not even pronounce the words correctly, but that did not matter. There was, I thought, a gleam of hope for me in the text. He said:

"My dear friends, this is a very simple text indeed.

It says, 'Look!' Now that does not take a deal of effort. It ain't lifting your foot or your finger; it is just 'look.' Well, a man need not be worth a thousand a year to look. You may be the biggest fool and yet you can look. Anyone can look; a child can look.

"Then it says, 'Look unto me.' Many of you are looking to yourselves. No use looking there. You'll not find comfort in yourselves. Some look to God the Father. No, look to Him bye and bye. Jesus Christ says, 'Look unto me.'

"Some of you say, 'I must wait the Spirit's moving.' You have no business doing that just now. Look to Christ. It says, 'Look unto me.'"

Then the good man followed up his text in this way: "Look unto me; I am hanging on the cross. Look! I am dead and buried. Look unto me; I rise again. Look unto me; I ascend; I am sitting at the Father's right hand. Oh, look to me! Look to me!"

When he had gotten about that far, and managed to spin it out 10 times or so, he was at the end of his tether. Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present, he knew I was a stranger. He said, "Young man, you look very miserable." Well, I did, but I was not accustomed to having remarks on my personal appearance made from the pulpit. However, he had struck a good blow. He continued: "And you will always be miserable—miserable in life and miserable in death—if you do not obey my text. But if you obey now, this moment you will be saved."

Then he shouted, as only a Primitive Methodist can shout, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ!"

I did *look*. There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness had passed away, and that moment I saw the sun. I could have risen and sung with the most enthusiastic of them of the precious blood of Christ and the simple faith which looks to Him alone. Why had not someone told me that before: *Trust Christ, and you shall be saved.*

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Young Charles Spurgeon grew up to be the most famous preacher in London. The closing words of his last sermon were: "These 40 years and more have I served Him, blessed be His name! And I have had nothing but love from Him. I would be glad to continue another 40 years in the same dear service here below, if so it pleased Him. His service is life, peace, and joy. Oh, that you would enter in at once! God help you to enlist under the banner of Jesus this very day!"